ORDER OF WORSHIP

Virtual Worship Service
9:00 a.m.

8:55 – Five Minute Countdown
Welcome – Mike James
Song – How Great is Our God
Prayer – Kris Citty
Song – All to Us
Scripture – 1 Peter 1:3-5 – Charlie Collins
Song – Living Hope
"For Whom did Jesus Taste Death?"– Noel Whitlock
Song – When I Survey the Wondrous Cross
Communion – David Collins
Shepherd's Prayer – Howard Norton

HONORING OUR GRADUATES

We invite the church to do something very special for our high school seniors. As you know their senior year has been cut short and many student activities have been cancelled. To celebrate our seniors, we hope you will shower our seniors with cards & gift cards. You are welcome to send cards to those you know and those you do not know. If you don't have a student's address, please write the student's name on the card and drop it by the church office in our mail slot just inside the welcome center. **Brent Wilhite** will distributed the cards for you. For your convenience, here is a list of the Senior Class of 2020: **Julianne Baker, Caroline Citty, Blane Eaken, TJ Hester, Carter Jones, Hayden Koch, Anna Lewis, Rebecca Lynn, Lucy Mackey, Jalen Montgomery, David Perkins, Natalie Randolph, Kyle Shanachilubwa, Stone Sheffield, Ben Sloan, Parker Smith, Rachel Story, Josie Thomas, & Davis Welch**. See Brent Wilhite with any questions.

LAST WEEK

4/12/2020:
Worship—virtual service / Bible Classes —dismissed
Children's Worship — dismissed
Worship p.m. —dismissed / Worship 7:15 p.m. —dismissed

FINANCES

Budget for 4/12/2020.....$45,500.00
Giving for 4/12/2020.....$37,945.62
Budget through Week 33.....$1,555,500.00
Giving through Week 33.....$1,579,199.01

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April 19, 2020

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Better Together

When management of COVID-19 called for social separation, I was reminded of a story told by Stu Weber in his book, *Locking Arms*.

Weber, who won three bronze stars as a Green Beret in Vietnam, described his physical training at the US Army Ranger School. He recalled a day when his unit reported for a morning run in full uniform with helmets, boots, rifles and packs. The instructions were clear. "You go out together. You stick together. You work as a unit. And you come in together."

The southern Georgia sun was merciless that day, and fatigue soon took its toll. Up ahead in the column, Weber spotted something wrong in the formation. A guy named Sanderson was pumping his legs, but he was visibly out of sync with the rhythm of the run. Weber wondered if anyone else had noticed.

Without missing a step, the Ranger next to Sanderson reached over and took his rifle. The Ranger on his left took his helmet. For a few minutes Sanderson seemed to recover before again starting to fade. Immediately, two soldiers behind him lifted the pack from his shoulders, each one taking one of the straps in his free hand.

Sanderson squared his shoulders and summoned his remaining strength. The platoon pressed on and finished its run intact. Weber wrote, "We left together. We returned together. And all of us were stronger for it."

As the church, we, too, are better together, functioning as a unit. If I falter, others share my load. If I fall, someone lifts me up. If I am overwhelmed, those beside me close the ranks.

For more than a month, College church has been running a bit out of sync, but ironically, we are finding a new rhythm. Streamed worship services, online giving, Zoom Bible classes and daily email messages have kept us intact. Congregational outreach has been energized with personal responsibility. Families have rediscovered the serendipity of innovation. Through it all, information technology has provided the link to keep us connected.

I suspect if we were talking with the apostle Paul, he would remind us that it takes more than a virus to disconnect us from each other or from our Father. According to him, nothing "in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Michael Justus

ROCK HOUSE LAST WEEK: EASTER LUNCHES FOR THE ELDERLY!

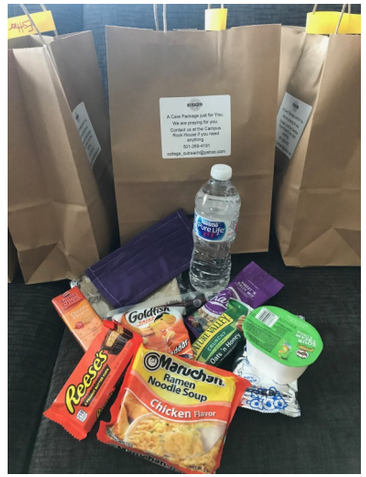


Faye Pate of Searcy proudly displays her newly arrived lunch from Rock House.



Wayne & Alice Ann Kellar are happy recipients of Easter lunch.

ROCK HOUSE THIS WEEK: STUDENT CARE PACKAGES!



The 65 HU students still on campus received snacks and the practical gift of a homemade mask!



Dressed like Spring personified, Rock House volunteer **Connie White** makes her rounds.

LETTERS FOR AMBER GUYGER

The Rock House is currently collecting letters for Amber Guyger. They must be on white notebook paper or white copy paper only. Place them in the Original Rock House mailbox on the porch and the staff will mail them.



PRAYER & PRAISE

Louise Ganus is in the Crossing.

CLASS OPPORTUNITIES

An eight-week, online class called “Studies to Make Disciples” begins on Monday, April 20, at 7 P.M. A second section of the class starts on Tuesday the 21st, also at 7. Each section will be limited to 8 participants. Those interested should contact the church office (501-268-7156) or Steven Yeakley (501-473-0218), and come by the church office any morning next week from 8-12 to pick up a book. Come learn from an evangelistic series that has already trained 20 College Church members (adults, HU students, and teens)!



WEDDING SHOWERS

Please join us in celebrating the wedding shower of **Halle Maddox** and Grant Smith on April 26, 1-3:30 p.m. at the home of **Amy Koch**, 171 Virginia Way. In lieu of the traditional wedding shower, we are hosting a drive-through shower. Gifts purchased ahead of time can be sent to the Koch’s house, or you can drive through and deliver your gift to the bride and groom that day. Halle and Grant are registered at The Boutique, Target, and Amazon. Halle is the daughter of **Brian & Amy Maddox**, granddaughter of **David & Genny Lawyer**.

We want to celebrate the upcoming wedding of **Carlee Freeman** and **Carson Gentry**, son of **Debbie & Todd Gentry**. Please join us for a drive-through and front-porch wedding shower, on Sunday, April 26, 1-3:00 p.m., at the home of **Patty Ganus**, 14 Silver Oak Dr. Gifts can be purchased by phone at the Boutique ‘268-3434’, online at Dillards, Target & Zola. Gifts early please, if convenient.