ORDER OF WORSHIP

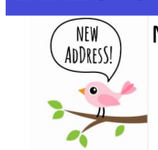
Virtual Worship Service
9:00 a.m.

8:55 – Five Minute Countdown
Welcome – Glen Metheny
Song – On Zion's Glorious Summit
Prayer – Dylan Stirrup
Song – Jesus is Lord
Scripture – Psalm 124:1-8 – Isaac Baker
Song – Had it Not Been the Lord
"A Call to Remember"– Noel Whitlock
Song – Lamb of God
Communion – Andrew Baker
Shepherd's Prayer – David Cole

HONORING OUR GRADUATES

Honoring Our Graduates: As you know, their senior year has been cut short and many student activities cancelled. As a result, we are inviting you to celebrate our seniors by showering them with cards & gift cards. Mail them or drop them by the church office. 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.

DIRECTORY UPDATE



Moved in town: **James & Michelle Gowen**, 703 River Oaks Blvd;
Annabelle Moser, 801 S Benton Ave, Apt 3301.

LAST WEEK

4/19/2020:
Worship—virtual service / Bible Classes —dismissed
Children's Worship — dismissed
Worship p.m. —dismissed / Worship 7:15 p.m. —dismissed

FINANCES

Budget for 4/19/2020.....$45,500.00
Giving for 4/19/2020.....$37,945.62
Budget through Week 34.....$1,555,500.00
Giving through Week 34.....$1,579,199.01

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The Real Enemy Is Fear

One of the most fondly remembered and encouraging stories of the Bible is that of David and Goliath. My mother read the story to me long before I was old enough to fully grasp all of the meaning there is in it.

Over the years that have transpired since then, my love for David and my desire to be like him have never wavered. But I have learned that there are many kinds of Goliaths in this world, some even more sinister and threatening than the one David faced.

At first, I was so focused on the physical confrontation that I missed the most important lesson of the spiritual confrontation.

When David tells king Saul that he is willing to fight Goliath, Saul says that if he's going to have any chance at all, he needs to wear his armor.

Now remember, Saul was a very big guy. According to 1 Samuel 9:2, he was "without equal among the Israelites—a *head taller than any of the others*." David, trying to wear Saul's armor, would be like me trying to wear a suit made for Shaquille O'Neal.

David tries on Saul's armor and realizes a **Great Truth**: "This armor isn't going to save me. I don't have a chance against this guy, and if God doesn't help me, *I'm going to die out there!*" He takes his sling, a few stones, and goes to fight what appears to be a hopeless battle. The outcome is not just a victory over a vastly superior *physical* enemy, but a victory over an even more vastly superior *spiritual* enemy—Fear.

As Disciples of Jesus, we are faced with fighting a vastly superior *physical* enemy: Covid-19. But we also face an even more vastly superior *spiritual* enemy—Fear! David doesn't go to war without *physical* weapons—he takes his sling and stones. But he also takes a far more powerful *spiritual weapon*—his trust in God.

In our fight against the *physical* enemy, Covid-19, we take our *physical* weapons: social distancing, face masks, testing, staying home, and avoiding groups of more than six. But if we don't take our *spiritual weapon*—trust in God—we don't stand a chance of victory over an even more vastly superior *spiritual* enemy—Fear.

"Fear not!" Jesus said.

John W. Smith

SUNDAY MORNING PUPPET SHOWS

When the pandemic forced College Church to stream Sunday morning services, Heather Rollins immediately thought, "Why not videos for kids on Sunday, too?"

As a volunteer in Children's worship, Heather was in charge of producing the puppet shows, so she already had scripts. Two of her daughters, Makayela and Maddie, were veteran performers for puppet shows in Lads-to-Leaders as well as Children's worship, so she had the actors. And after Kerri Behel agreed to let her take the puppets home, she was all set to start broadcasting.

So for the last seven Sundays, children in our congregation have been treated to a 3-6 minute program designed to entertain while it teaches biblical stories and values. Her daughters have a blast acting out the scripts, and Heather edits and posts the videos on Facebook (links to the videos are included in Nick McNabb's Sunday updates).



Heather, Maddie, Makayela and friends

In these days of separation, Heather says, it's a way to "bring a bit of the building home to kids" who are missing the place where they have been nurtured by their extended church family.

That same motive also led her to produce a video for her Wednesday nursery class.

Both sets of videos have elicited appreciative comments from parents and "shares" on Facebook. Believing they are making a difference, the Rollins Home Video Production Company plans on broadcasting as long as we need them.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Kerri Behel would like to assure everyone that we WILL be honoring the babies born this year and their families! Baby Sunday will be held in January. Additionally, our teacher appreciation reception will be held later than normal. Dates TBA.

PRAYER & PRAISE

Louise Ganus is in the Crossing.

Eddie & Amy Myers are the proud grandparents of Oliver Kyle Myers, born April 20, 2020 to Ean & Sophie Myers. The proud great-grandparents are **Don & Cindy Wood** and **Edwin & Mary Myers**. He weighed 8 pounds 11 ounces.

CARPENTER'S KIDS

Registration for Carpenter's Kids for the 2020-2021 school year is open. It is a preschool program for children age 2 (before August 1) through pre-kindergarten, that meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:30-12:30. The cost is $50 to register and $255 per semester. Please go to our website, carpenters-kids.org, download a registration form, and, at your earliest convenience, send it to the church office with the $50 registration fee.

ELDERS MEETING SUMMARY FOR APRIL 2020

This month the elders:

- Prayed for specific needs in the church family;
- Prayed specifically for God to bring more young families and children to the congregation and to help us reach the lost, locally and around the world;
- Held the first virtual meetings of the elders on Zoom;
- Approved continuing the procedures in place for streaming services and keeping the congregation informed of the plans approximately 10 days in advance;
- Approved continuing online worship through April 26;
- Discussed procedures for services in the future as circumstances continue to unfold;
- Were encouraged to hold ministry breakout sessions via virtual meetings;
- Heard a report from McNabb on service opportunities that were continuing despite sheltering-in-place restrictions;
- Heard reports that contributions were running approximately $7,000 behind budgeted expectations and discussed the long-term budgetary implications;
- Approved the ministry reorganization plan and elder assignments proposed by the Ministry Reorganization Committee;
- Approved staff assignment changes that moved McNabb to the Administrative minister and Yeakley to the Involvement and Benevolence ministry;
- Learned that the process of assigning elders to the Shepherding Groups was nearly finished;
- Learned that Candice Moore had been added to the Communication committee;
- Were updated on the changes being made to improve the broadcast worship services;
- Approved changes in the schedule for the Great Commission Sunday collection that postponed the application process by several weeks;
- Approved in principle the plan for the Save Searcy Ministry program;
- Commended Bangs for his effective leadership as chair of the elders during this difficult time.

WEDDING SHOWERS

Please join us in celebrating the wedding shower of **Halle Maddox** and Grant Smith on Sunday, 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.