

APRIL 26, 2026

9:00 AM ORDER OF WORSHIP

Song Leader
Todd Miller

We're Marching to Zion
'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus
Still

Magnificat

Faith Story & Prayer
Kent Giboney

Why Did My Savior Come to
Earth?

Communion & Contribution
Kris Citty

Pledge Card Sunday
Bryan Burks

Faithful Love

How Sweet, How Heavenly
Children's Worship Dismissed

Seek Ye First

**"1 Corinthians: Unity in the
Body"**

Jordan Guy

Restore My Soul

Announcements
Grant Fitzhugh

Shepherd's Prayer
Glen Metheny

THE CONNECTION.

INTENTIONALLY CONNECTED TO GOD,
HIS WORD, HIS WORLD AND EACH OTHER.

MY WEI STORY

In 1996 I bought my first computer—and felt a little guilty spending all that money. I didn't even really know what I could do with it. Then a man asked me, "Do you want to use your computer to teach others about Christ?"

That's when I learned about the World English Institute (WEI), and by 1997 I was teaching online lessons. After 29 years and 2200 students, I am still at it, part of an international online evangelistic effort that includes World Bible School (WBS), many other Christian non-profits and congregations—and thousands of individual Christians.

WEI founder Dick Ady believes the Lord led him to the insight that all the world wants English (for education and jobs). So why not offer free English lessons using the Bible? He wrote a series of lessons combining grammar and Bible stories. He created a website, built a small administrative team, advertised on Google, and sought volunteer teachers.

I am one of over 700 current teachers who serve thousands of students in 201 countries. The computer program "teaches" and grades the grammar. What I do is say a little more to students about their answers to the "thought" questions, trying to expand their Bible knowledge. And I encourage them!

Encouragement and kindness are so important because these students come from totally different cultures and often face terrible circumstances. I taught a young woman from Rwanda whose family barely survived the 1994 genocide. Now she is a Christian and works in a bank. I've gotten close to students like her and some still write me.

A few years ago WEI asked me to be an "administrator," which means in part promoting the organization, but mainly helping new teachers adjust to the job, and aiding all teachers I supervise in solving problems. I'm honored to be trusted with these responsibilities, and they have led to some adventures.

Once a teacher, Kim, called me to say she had a student in Rwanda who wanted to be baptized. I said, "No problem, we'll get someone right away." It took 54 days!

The student, Daniel, lived in the district of Kilgali, but we couldn't be sure exactly where at first. So I started contacting potential helpers, including **John Reese**, **Barbara Kee**, and a Rwandan living in Nashville, TN—nine people in all. After several dead-ends, we found a man who knew a man who lived an hour from Daniel. This man finally baptized him.

It was a wonderful lesson about God's providence.

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TEACHER APPRECIATION

We're asking Children's Bible class teachers and assistants to please stop by the Children's Worship Center on Sunday, April 26, 8:30-11:30 a.m., to pick up breakfast and a small token of our appreciation. Your time, effort, and love have made a meaningful impact on the lives of our young people, and we are truly grateful for your service in God's Kingdom.

COLLEGE SENIORS

During Bible class on April 26, the College Ministry will be honoring 60 seniors and praying over them as they go throughout the world. If you would like to join our Bible class to celebrate a senior, we would love for you to come! Anyone is also welcome to drop off a card for any student(s) that morning, as they will each have a gift bag set up around the family room.

CCYG SENIOR SUNDAY

Our Senior Sunday will be May 3. On that day we will celebrate our graduating high school seniors. We will honor them during and following worship that morning and have a reception in the Family Room following Bible class. We ask the church family to bless these students with notes of encouragement, gift cards, or something special. There are laundry baskets set up in the Welcome Center for depositing your gifts.

Class of 2026: Kennedie Behel, Allison Grace Boutell, Savanna Boyd, Claire Citty, Jenna Coker, Ava Ellis, Alexis Gibson, Hannah Howell, Tristyn Mahanay, Abigail Morgan, Ellie Morgan, Anna Olree, Anna Stone.

PRAYERS, PRAISE & SYMPATHY

Janice Blankenship; Dale Brown, The Springs Rehab; **Rita Brown; Barbara Faith**, The Crossing; **Bill Pratt; Ken Sallee** UH 2321; **Wanda Spears**, Unity Health LTAC 3405.

We rejoice! Hao Ming Yan and Nie Fuxian were baptized in Beijing by brother Shi Wei.

Sharon Manor, wife of **Dale Manor**, passed away April 23 in Tucson, Arizona. Services are pending at this time. Dale has requested no phone calls. His email is dmanor@harding.edu.

Herbie King, brother of **Charlann Reely**, passed away April 19 in Okeechobee, Florida. Services are pending.

John Morgan, brother of **Paul Morgan**, passed away April 17 in Sherwood. Services are pending.

WESTREACH 2026 CAMPAIGN

The College Church has sponsored annual medical and evangelistic campaigns to Zambia since 2000. Due to several circumstances, including the war in the Middle East, this summer's planned WestReach Mission trip has been postponed. Our hope, Lord willing, is to return in 2027. We are grateful for the generous support many have already given toward this mission effort. The mission team plans to apply this year's donations toward next year's trip. However, if anyone would prefer to have their donation returned, please contact the church office. Please continue to keep this mission work in your prayers. It is our prayer that we can continue serving in Zambia and that many will come to know Christ through these efforts.

Richard Duke & John Stone

PLEDGE CARD SUNDAY IS APRIL 26!

We invite everyone to participate in the Supporting-Kingdom-Growth Capital Campaign as we invest in expanded ministry space, increased capacity, and improved safety for future generations. Please bring your completed pledge card to turn in that morning, or [submit it online](#) if you prefer. Thank you for your prayerful consideration and continued generosity in supporting the Lord's work.

SHEPHERDING GROUPS

Richard Duke's Shepherding Group will meet in the Science Building, Room 151, the Preprofessional Health Science Center, for lunch on Sunday, April 26, following Bible class. Park between the Science and Business buildings on Center Street. Plan to bring sandwiches, chips and dip, cookies, and other finger foods. Call Richard with any questions: 501-230-9120.

The Shepherding Groups of **Mike Justus, Brad Francis, and Jeff Montgomery** have POSTPONED their potluck until this summer. The date is pending at this time.

Greg Brooks and **Rick Harper's** Shepherding Group will meet at 513 Live Oak Drive for a "tacos & burritos" meal on Friday, May 8, 6:00 p.m.

MY WEI STORY, CONTINUED

We have an excellent network of brothers and sisters all over the world ready to help. More recently, my student Peter, in South Sudan, became part of a great evangelistic victory. When he told me he wanted to be baptized, I once more became connected to so many concerned Christians who persevered through all the trials of traveling to and in a dangerous country to reach Peter and two others who had professed faith. But—praise God!—when the helpers arrived, all set to baptize a few, they found 13 men ready to be immersed! WEI's records show that in the three years since this small beginning, 8,000 have been baptized and nearly 200 churches planted in South Sudan.

This news was a good way to end my 29th year with WEI.

It hasn't always been easy. I've battled health issues. And in 2022, I lost my husband, David, who for the last years of his life blessed me as a co-volunteer for WEI. Working alone at the computer can be isolating, and many students do drop out. I've seen teachers quit because of that. I try to encourage them to hang on: Jesus had people walk away from him. We are seed planters, and sometimes the soil is rocky. But the waiting list to become students usually remains around 300 people. That means 300 chances to discover hearts with good soil.

What a journey it's been!

I grew up in Hattiesburg, Mississippi, blessed with Christian parents who weathered many storms to raise us and send us to Harding—and that made all the difference. In Searcy I made lifelong friends, had a teaching career, met David, and with him found College Church, where we raised our children, and where I've been a member for 60 years.

In 1997 I just wanted to teach others about Jesus Christ—to be a small part of spreading the Gospel. WEI allowed me that opportunity. My greatest joy is to teach about Jesus to someone who doesn't know him. It's become a passion. I thank God for extending my life so that I can teach more people. I want to continue teaching about Jesus Christ until I'm no longer here.

Lola Crouch

Joyous Update: **Marcella Bailey**, a recent WEI recruit, reports that one of her students, Jamella Salizar of the Philippines, was baptized on January 18. Marcella was a reluctant teacher at first, but quickly realized it was part of God's plan for her. Now she is thrilled to hear Jamella say they are "sisters in Christ," thanks to WEI.

[Click here to visit the WEI website.](#)

SIMPLE SUPPER

Join us in Room 121 on Wednesday, May 6, for Simple Supper. To ensure we have the right amount of food, RSVP using [this link](#) by Sunday May 3.

FAMILY CONCERNS

Briarwood: **Ellen Brown** 104; Providence: **Harold Norwood** 316

Providence Memory Care: **Beverly Blickenstaff**

The Crossing: **Rick Boutell** 308; **Eloise Muncy** 103A

The Springs: **Louise Jackson**

The House of Three: **Alice Bell**

Ongoing Prayer Requests: **Fannie Amy**; **David Davis**; **Laveda Perdue**;

Gary Smith; Amy Qualls, daughter of **Cheryl Riggs**; David Mathews,

grandson of **Darren & Kim Mathews**; Molly, great-granddaughter of

Cecil & Laura Tilley; Jason Roberson, son of **Shauna Vodehnal**

THANK YOU

From **Dee & Evie Spann**

We sincerely appreciate and thank you so very much for the prayers, condolences and sweet messages offered in the loss of Dee's brother, Fred Spann. You are all so kind and thoughtful.

BRIDAL SHOWERS

All are invited to a wedding shower honoring Liv Wheeler, bride-elect of **Kage Citty**, on Sunday, April 26, 1:30-3:00 p.m., at the home of **Jeanne Burks**, 913 Golf View Drive. Kage is the son of **Kyle & Camie Citty** and the grandson of **Maralyn Citty**. They are registered at Doorframes and theknot.com. Gifts early, please.

All are invited to participate in a basket wedding shower honoring Anne Louise Smith, bride-elect of **Miles Schmitz**. Gifts can be left in the church office now through May 10. Miles is the son of **Matthew & Mendi Schmitz**. They are registered at theknot.com.

BABY SHOWER

All are invited to a baby shower celebrating **Brady & Emma Miller** on Sunday, May 3, 1:30-3:00 p.m., at the home of **Beth Collins**, 510 E Park Ave. They are registered at babylist.com. Gifts early, please.

AREA SHOWERS

All are invited to a baby shower celebrating Caleb & Claire Cole on Sunday, May 3, 2:00-3:30 p.m., at the home of Down-town member Jim Kopf, 511 East Park Trail. They are registered at babylist.com and Amazon. It's a boy. RSVP to Down-town member Ann-Clayton Beason: 501-278-7391.

5:00 PM WORSHIP

Song Leader
Brandon Lowe

Welcome
Kenneth Mills

Seeking The Lost

Rescue The Perishing

Tell Me the Story of Jesus

Scripture Reading & Prayer
Bob Diles

I Love to Tell the Story

Wonderful Words of Life

Ring Out the Message

Introduction
John Reese

Presentation | Paul Pollard
"World English Institute"

Will You Not Tell It Today?

Send The Light
Lord's Supper in Room 100

Closing Prayer
David Daugherty



HIS HOUSE

Donation Requests:

Men's white & dark socks

Men's small & medium boxer briefs

Women's small & medium underwear

SERVICE TIMES

Sunday Morning

8:15 AM | Chinese Church in Heritage Room 210

9:00 AM Worship

10:30 AM Bible Class

Sunday Evening

5:00 PM Worship

Tuesday

9:30 AM Ladies Class

Midweek

4:00 PM Early-Bird Bible Class in Room 100

5:00 PM Women's Intergenerational Study | 8 Franklin Circle

6:30 PM Women's Bible Class Room 234

6:30 PM "What Happened to the Church?" Paul Pollard | Room 236

6:30 PM Textual Bible Class in The Family Room

6:30 PM Singing & Prayer Class | Room 100

6:30 PM 23:6ers | Room 102

6:30 PM Study on Prayer | Eddie Cloer | Room 226

6:30 PM SH and JH Meeting

6:30 PM Study of David | Harry Riggs | Harding Place

7:15 PM Chinese Church in Heritage | Room 210

FINANCES FOR 4/19/26

Budget for 4/19/2026 - \$52,194.00

Giving for 4/19/2026 - \$53,987.19

Budget - Week 34 - \$1,768,806.03

Giving - Week 34 - \$1,739,266.58

ATTENDANCE 4/19/26

9:00 AM Worship - 972

Bible Class - 800

Children's Worship - 56

5:00 PM Worship - 236

Sunday Small Groups - 136

WE'D LIKE TO HEAR FROM YOU!

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If you have a request for the bulletin, please submit all information by noon, Thursday prior to service.