ORDER OF WORSHIP

Virtual Worship Service
9:00 a.m.

8:55 – Five Minute Countdown
Song – Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah!
Welcome – Dan Newsom
Song – Beautiful One
Prayer – Andy Justus
Scripture – 2 Corinthians 8:1-5 – David Daugherty
Song – Fairest Lord Jesus / What a Friend we have in Jesus
Communion – John Richard Duke
Song – Living Hope
"The Myth of Ownership"– Noel Whitlock
Shepherd's Prayer – Jeff Montgomery

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.

LAST WEEK

4/26/2020:
Worship—virtual service / Bible Classes —dismissed
Children's Worship — dismissed
Worship p.m. —dismissed / Worship 7:15 p.m. —dismissed

FINANCES

Budget for 4/26/2020.....$45,500.00
Giving for 4/26/2020.....$36,407.18
Budget through Week 35.....$1,646,500.00
Giving through Week 35.....$1,661,678.68

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Getting Better Together

"Discipleship" has been defined many different ways. This past week at the Annual Disciple-Making Forum (online), Sierra Leone evangelist, Shodankeh Johnson, said it this way: "Discipleship is 'getting better together'." He continued, "Take out a sheet of paper. Write down one area of life you need to get better in. Grab a friend. Then, get better together."

Here are some other important insights from the Disciple Making Forum:

- Brooke Hempell of *Barna Group* shared that church attendance and regular Bible reading among American Christians plummeted over the past twelve months. Meanwhile, church attendance online and downloaded religious podcasts increased. How can we reconcile these apparently contradictory statistics? Christians are becoming consumers—absorbing biblical content and attending to a form of worship without contributing physical presence nor entering into genuine relationships.
- Discipleship author, Bill Hull, said, "The church is making disciples. The question is *what kind* of disciples are we making? Good ones or poor ones?" He continued, "There's no command for non-Christians to go to church, but there are commands for Christians to go into the world. Moreover, due to Covid-19, the church has no choice but to be in the world now."
- Joanne Kraft, founder of *Discipleship for Women*, said many women over the years have given her bits and pieces of wisdom, but she longed for one woman to come alongside her to disciple her. At a local religious college, freshmen are paired with seniors to help guide them. She asks, "What if everyone had someone ahead of them to show the way?"

This month we have an opportunity to *get better together*. Dr. Carl Williamson is offering to coach 250 College Church families (and representatives from other Searcy churches) to make disciples of 250 Searcy community families by building genuine relationships through goods and the gospel. If you want to participate, sign up on our website at "Mission: Love Searcy":

What does signing up mean? You want to be an active participant in this mission.

Will you have to lead a Bible study? Not necessarily. Discipleship takes many forms.

What if you're already involved in a CC ministry? This is not a new ministry but *a renewed purpose*. We are asking, "How can we learn to better use our ministries to disciple others?"

Imagine a day when discipleship will no longer have to be defined, because everyone and their neighbor will be a disciple and a disciple-maker. Now, let's go out and make this dream a reality.

Jordan Guy

CHRISTMAS IN APRIL

In a COVID collaboration last weekend, Rock House partnered with **Angie Adams** to deliver children's snacks to 160 Searcy families.

It was an extension of the Rock House "Holiday Gift Outreach," which every December brings together College Church members with area families who could use some help in buying gifts for their children. **Todd & Debbie Gentry** see this program as a way not only to help others but also as a means as a means for church members to connect with the community.

"Buying presents is a start," says Debbie, "but what we hope happens is a relationship that will lead people to Christ."

Angie had money left over from the March School Lunch outreach, and offered it to Rock House for this effort. "That money was donated to help children," she told Debbie; "let's use it for that."

According to the Gentrys, the volunteers who delivered the bags were well received. In some cases, they heard heartfelt thanks from harried parents for providing momentary relief in the struggle with restless youngsters.

Only time will tell the lasting effects of the weekend visits, but let us pray that after the Pringles and granola bars have been consumed, the goodwill lingers, and with it stronger relationships that produce greater receptivity to the Good News that connects us all.



Doorman **David Cole** ready to accept donations to Rock House snack bags—and hand out communion sets!

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.

BABY BOY SHOWER

We want to celebrate the upcoming birth of a baby boy to Brady & Erin Clark, daughter of **Jim & Cindy Gurchiek**. Please join us for a drive-through baby shower on Sunday, May 17, 1:30-3 p.m., at the home of Bode & Brenda Teague, 119 Black Oak Place. They are registered at Amazon and Walmart.



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.

WINSTON REED TO RETIRE

Winston Reed, College Church accountant since 2011, will leave that position at the end of August 2020.

Born in Alabama and educated at David Lipscomb, Winston spent 40 years in the accounting profession before "retiring" to Searcy. Summing up his nine years as a staff member, he declares simply, "it was a great job working with great people."

His colleagues reciprocate the appreciation. His "quirky sense of humor," as **Allison Ham** calls it, comes up often: "Winston is always good for jokes," **Steven Yeakley** quips, "and some of them are even funny." But Steven, recovering from serious surgery, is quick to mention also Winston's touching concern for his health.

Noel Whitlock singles out his integrity. **Carisse Randolph** cites his helpfulness. **Nick McNabb** praises his "servant spirit" in the office, and **Kerri Behel** calls him a "great example" of "caring for loved ones."

Brent Wilhite pays this significant tribute: He "is a source of joy."

Winston has no post-career plans beyond spending more time with his wife, Mary, and enjoying visits with his adult children, Mary Alice Brooks and Ryan, and their families.

A search for his replacement, headed by **Bryan Burks**, will begin immediately.



PRAYER & PRAISE

Baptism:

We rejoice! **Natalie Randolph** was baptized Thursday, April 30, by her father, **Chris Randolph**.

Sympathy:

Charlene Leamons, mother of **Ranan Hester**, passed away Saturday, April 25, one day after her 86th birthday. A graveside service will be held on Friday, May 1, 1:30 PM at the Copeland Ridge Cemetery in Arkadelphia.

Lurty Houff, father of **Debbie Ritchie**, passed away Wednesday, April 29, in Virginia. Services are pending at this time.

Daniel Thomason's father, Gary Thomason, passed away Tuesday, April 28. Family services were Friday in Bald Knob.

Prayers:

Louise Ganus is in the Crossing.

Mary Brown, wife of **Jim Brown**, is scheduled to enter St Vincent North, in Sherwood, May 4, for 2 days of tests. On May 6 they plan to remove a tumor between her skull and brain. She requests your prayers for healing.

Annie Behel, daughter of **Alex & Kerri Behel**, will have shoulder surgery at Arkansas Children's Hospital on Thursday, May 7.