ORDER OF WORSHIP

Virtual Worship Service
9:00 a.m.
8:55 – Five-Minute Countdown
Song – Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah
Welcome – Glen Metheny
Song – More than Conquerors
Scripture Reading & Prayer – Asher Patten
Song – 'Tis Midnight, and on Olive's Brow
Communion & Offering – Todd Patten
Song – Cornerstone
"Shattered to Pieces" (Psalm 74) – Noel Whitlock
Shepherd's Prayer – Barry Rucker

ACCOUNTING JOB POSTING

College Church is looking to hire an Accounting Director. Applicants are preferred to have a bachelor's degree in accounting and/or work experience in bookkeeping. This is a part-time position of 30 hours per week. Everyone interested should contact **Bryan Burks** (bburks@harding.edu) or **Nick McNabb** (nick.collegechurch@gmail.com).

THE SCOOP

Honoring our Graduates: First, we are going to recognize each senior on Sunday, May 24, following our worship service on Facebook Live stream. Second, we will show our tribute video. Third, we will honor the Class of 2020 with a drive-thru Celebration from 2:00-3:30 p.m. in the East College Church parking lot. Please make plans to drive by to celebrate with these seniors!

Congratulations to 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, Andrew Strachan, Josie Thomas, & Davis Welch.** Please note, we have added Andrew Strachan to our list. See Brent Wilhite with any questions.



LAST WEEK

5/10/2020:
Worship—virtual service / Bible Classes —dismissed
Children's Worship — dismissed
Worship p.m. —dismissed / Worship 7:15 p.m. —dismissed

FINANCES

Budget for 5/10/2020.....$45,500.00
Giving for 5/10/2020.....$51,338.75
Budget through Week 37.....$1,744,250.00
Giving through Week 37.....$1,755,641.94

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May 17, 2020

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Intentionally connected to God, His Word, His world, and to each other.

Facebook Live streaming at 9:00 a.m.; through week of May 24

Tentative Plans for Reopening College Church

This Sunday, May 17, will be the tenth Lord's Day in a row that College church has used streaming for the morning "assembly." Thank God for technology, but we are missing each other. With David we can say, "I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord!'" (Psalm 122:1 – ESV).

The elders have spent many hours in committee meetings, regular and specially called meetings, telephone conversations, informal discussions, consultation with other congregations, and prayerful meditation on how to deal with these unusual circumstances.

COVID-19 has baffled world leaders, governors, renowned scientists, medical doctors and educators. No one knows what's coming next, so all planning is tentative. We can now better understand the phrase, "If the Lord wills, we will live and do this or that" (James 4:15).

We do know that any reopening will be gradual and cautious as we take counsel from our own medical advisors (Drs. Jim Citty, Mike Justus, and Richard Duke), government officials, our own members, and the Lord.

How will we conduct the reopened public worship? Planning is underway with many options to consider. We may need multiple small services on Sunday. We will need stricter seating arrangements. We will probably need to wear masks. We will need to use a different method for serving communion and taking the collection. Classes will probably not open until later.

We may need to enter and exit the building differently than before and limit visiting before and after services. These and many other details are pending. When we open, our custodial staff will make every effort to sanitize the auditorium, pews, restrooms, water fountains, etc. before and after each service.

The elders have special concerns for the more vulnerable among us. I am one of these because of age and health. Those like me will be encouraged to continue worshipping at home for a while. Anyone, regardless of age, can carry the virus unknowingly. I don't want to transmit the coronavirus to anyone, but especially not to a child whose whole future lies ahead or a senior who is at risk.

The elders will attempt to keep the congregation informed at least ten days prior to major changes. We seek wisdom from above and solicit your prayers as we move forward.

Howard W. Norton

GORDON AND HOWARD: STILL PREACHING AFTER ALL THESE YEARS

In Romans 10:15 Paul asks, "And how shall they preach unless they are sent?" For the apostle, being sent meant walking, for contemporary missionaries it often means flying, and in our pandemic age it includes "Zooming."

As longtime missionaries, **Gordon Hogan** and **Howard Norton** have done their share of walking and flying. Born into a family of preachers, Howard and wife Jane caught the missions bug in college and spent 16 years with a team in Brazil, then over three years in Honduras where Howard headed up a preaching school.

Gordon Hogan, his late wife Jane, and family began their missionary lives 60 years ago in Pakistan, but over time he worked in multiple countries in Asia, including 25 years in Singapore, with visits to Australia, and New Zealand.

Unsurprisingly, these two retirees from Harding have never stopped bringing the gospel to other lands. Since the pandemic began, Howard has used Zoom to deliver sermons and Bible lessons in Portuguese to congregations in Sao Paulo and Novo Hamburgo, Brazil. And most recently he spoke to a Bible class in Manaus—a city on the banks of the Amazon River, at the edge of the great rain forest.

Last Saturday evening at 8 p.m. Searcy time, Gordon was preaching a sermon via Zoom to the Southeastern Church of Christ on Sunday morning, Melbourne, Australia time. The title of his sermon was "Our Opportunity to Change the World"—a fitting way to sum up the motive driving both men and their families for six decades of mission work.



Thanks to technology, Howard, Gordon, and other dedicated preachers can meet the challenge of the great commission even during a pandemic. It's natural that God would provide such a way because, as Gordon reminded his audience 12,000 miles away last Sunday, "we are not just challenged to change the world, we're commanded to do it."

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.

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.



WEDDING

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Olyon Freeman request the pleasure of your presence at the marriage of their daughter Carlee Mae Freeman to **Carson Grant Gentry**, son of **Todd & Debbie Gentry**, on Saturday May 23 at 7:30 p.m. at Sabrina Cedars, 325 County Rd. 321, Abilene, Tx. 79606.

DRIVE-THRU BRIDAL SHOWERS

All are welcome to attend a drive-thru bridal shower for Ann-Marie Gurchiek and Billy Sullivan, daughter of **Jim & Cindy Gurchiek**, Sunday, May 31, at the EAST (Welcome Center) awning of the College church building, 2:00 - 3:30 p.m. They are registered at The Boutique, Bed, Bath & Beyond, and Amazon.

You are invited to a Cards and Congratulations drive-thru Bridal Shower at the WEST awning of the College church building for **Anna Walker** and Levi Bogus on May 31 from 2:00 - 3:30 p.m. Anna is the daughter of **Joe & Laurie Walker** and the granddaughter of **Carolyn Priest**. You may drop off cards and gifts early at the church office.

THANK YOU

Thank you for the love and care you have shown my family during this sad time of lonesomeness. The time mom was in comfort care until her passing was extremely difficult, and we appreciate so very much the prayers, kind words, flowers and food that the church provided. We find comfort in Mom's Christian walk and know we will be reunited some day! **Hester** Family

Thank you to everyone for the cards and phone calls, but most importantly prayers, during my recent brain surgery. I am home and sheltering in. No visitors or deliveries of food or other gifts, please.

Mary Brown

Thank you for all the prayers, calls and cards regarding the passing of my mother. "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God". 2 Corinthians 1:3-4 (ESV)

Jim Gurchiek

Thank you to the congregation for the thoughts, prayers and botanical gift on the death of Debbie's father. We are blessed by the care that emanates from members of the College Church.

Tom and Debbie Ritchie

PRAYER & PRAISE

Sympathy:

Jean Whalen, mother of **Kathy Adams**, passed away Sunday, May 10, in Chicago.

Lavonne Randolph's brother-in-law, Steve Wallace, passed away Monday, May 11, in Louisville, Kentucky.

Susan Stone's niece's two-year-old daughter passed away after a drowning accident Monday, May 11.

Prayers:

Carol Burchfield is in South Campus rehab 417; **Louise Ganus** is in the Crossing.