

MAY 17, 2026

9:00 AM ORDER OF WORSHIP

Song Leader
Todd Miller

I Will Sing the Wondrous
Story

My Hope is Built on Nothing
Less

Heavenly Sunlight
In Christ Alone

**Scripture Reading &
Prayer**
Kenneth Mills

Highly Exalted

Communion & Contribution
Tye Clothier

Highest Place

Salvation Belongs to Our God
Children's Worship Dismissed

Hear, O Israel

**"Deuteronomy: Don't Do-It-
All-Over-Again"**
Jordan Guy

Break My Heart

Announcements
Chris Mitchell

Shepherd's Prayer
Paul Pollard

THE CONNECTION.

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

CHRISTIANS AND THE OLD TESTAMENT

Does your daily Bible reading transition to scanning when you get to the nine chapters of genealogies in I Chronicles? Did you wince when Jordan preached from Leviticus, with its litany of regulations?

If this was all we knew of the Old Testament (OT), we might conclude that it is irrelevant to Christians today. However, the OT lays the very foundation for understanding the New Testament (NT), including the person and mission of Jesus Christ.

The OT introduces us to the absolute holiness of God and the importance of honoring Him. Without this sense of God's awe-inspiring nature, the message of the NT would lose much of its meaning.

In fact, NT writers considered the OT as vitally instructive by quoting or referring to 341 OT passages. The OT emphasizes the importance of godly living, including how we ought to treat other people, (Ps. 15, 37:1-9). We see love and devotion in the book of Ruth. The Psalms give us words with which to praise God (Ps. 8-9:2, 19). David gives voice to repentance when we are weighed down by guilt (Ps. 51). In short, the moral framework of the NT derives in large part from the OT.

Jesus himself connects his own teaching with OT Scriptures, which, he says, "testified about him" (Jn 5:39). In fact, he came to "fulfill the Law and prophets" (Matt 5:17). Paul describes the Old Law as a "guardian," or "custodian" until Christ came that we might be justified by faith (Gal 3:23-24). It foreshadowed but fell short of the New Covenant under Christ (Heb 10:1). In fact, most of Hebrews describes the superiority of Jesus and the New Covenant over the OT Law.

For example, only the high priest was allowed to enter the Most Holy Place in the temple. Sinful humans could not approach God without repeated animal sacrifices. When Christ was crucified, the veil separating the Most Holy Place from the Holy Place was torn in two, symbolizing our access to God through Jesus, who became the ultimate sacrifice.

We would not know the full significance of what Jesus did on the cross without the OT, which, beginning with Genesis, unfolds God's plan for humanity that culminates with His son's resurrection.

Jordan's current sermon series encourages us to study the OT, as does Paul: "For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope" (Rom 15:4).

David Cole



David & Barbara Cole

LOVE TO SING?

Join us on Sunday, May 24, at 10:30 a.m., for a special Singing and Praise class led by **Brandon Lowe**. This class will be part of the Faithful Families Bible class and will meet in room 233-234. We'd love for you to be there!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Vacation Bible School is right around the corner! From June 14-17, our children will travel back to ancient Rome to learn about Paul and the Underground Church—no time machine required.

Registration is now open on the College Church app! Whether you're signing up a child (ages 3 through 6th grade) or volunteering to help, we'd love for you to register as soon as possible. The earlier you sign up, the easier it is on our amazing volunteer team!



5TH SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP POTLUCK

Join us for a time of food and fellowship following Bible Class on Sunday, May 31. We invite everyone to stay and share a meal together. Please bring a main dish and a side dish or dessert. Drinks will be provided.

PRAYERS, PRAISE & SYMPATHY

Sara Billingsley, UH ICU, **Janice Blankenship**; **Dale Brown**, The Springs Rehab; **Rita Brown**; **Bert Leonard**, The Crossing Rehab 401; **Bill Pratt**; **Ken Sallee**, The Crossing 403A, visitors encouraged; **Wanda Spears**, South Campus 420, visitors encouraged.

Nelson & Jackie Ruscin would like to announce the arrival of a new grandson, Henry Wayne. He was born May 5 to Amanda & Derek Ruscin in Springdale, AR. Proud great aunt and uncle are **Rick & Susan Harper**.

Former member Jack Thomas passed away May 12. There will be a visitation on Monday, May 18, 12:30 p.m., in the College Church Auditorium, followed by a funeral at 2:00 p.m., also in the Auditorium. The church will be providing a meal for the family prior to the service. If you would like to volunteer to help, please text **Laurie Walker**.

PIZZA IN THE PARK

Join us Wednesday, June 3, at 6:30 p.m. as we kick off Summer Wednesday Nights with Pizza in the Park! We'll gather at Heritage Park on Harding University's campus for an evening of food, fellowship, singing, and a devotional. The Kona Ice truck will also be there for everyone to enjoy.

If you plan to eat with us, please register the total number in your group by Sunday, May 31, [using this link](#).

SUMMER WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

Summer is just around the corner! On Wednesday nights in June and July, we will have Summer Wednesday Nights. Events will include two all-church fellowships, five guest speakers, and one night of service! All keynote sessions will be in the Family Room at 6:30 p.m. In addition, we will have classes for all children from four months through teens. It is going to be a great summer!

June 3 - Kickoff (Heritage Park, HU)
June 10 - Justin Bland (Family Room)
June 17 - Area (Wide VBS)
June 24 - Spencer Furby (Family Room)
July 1 - Service Night (Family Room)
July 8 - Evertt Huffard (Family Room)
July 15 - Bruce McLarty (Family Room)
July 22 - Matt Love (Family Room)
July 29 - Closing Celebration (Heritage Park, HU)

LADS TO LEADERS

Families from College Church attended the Lads-to-Leaders Convention in Little Rock on April 3-5, and many of our kids received awards. Over the next few weeks, we will recognize those winners:

Six Bible-Bowl teams represented College Church in answering detailed questions based on the Book of James and First and Second Peter:

Grades 3-4 (1st place): Lily Crouch, Iris Guy, Caylor Grate, Bryant Green.

Grades 5-6 (Finalist): Lincoln Green, John Laing, Faith Lovell, Ava Mitchell.

Grades 7-8 (2nd place): Elizabeth Crouch, Grayson Cullum, Micah Rollins, Easton Mitchell.

Grades 7-8 (Finalist): Reed Green, Ezra Guy, Jeremiah Hood, Trey Lovell.

Grades 9-10 (Finalist): Katelyn Brooks, Jordan Laing, Claire Wang, Micaiah White.

Grades 11-12 (Finalist): Maddie Rollins, Kage Mitchell, Micaiah Meredith, Abby Guy.

These students participated in Oral Bible Reading: James Dunning, Caylor Grate, Bryant Green, John Laing, Liam Reely, Liliann Reely, Grayson Cullum, Jeremiah Hood, Chloe Valentine, Lily Crouch, Elizabeth Crouch, Micah Rollins.

Easton Mitchell was recognized in "Read the Word" for consistently reading his Bible throughout the year.

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**; Molly, great-granddaughter of **Cecil & Laura Tilley**; Jason Roberson, son of **Shauna Vodehnal**

VAN DRIVERS

If you would like to volunteer to drive a van for the Monday Caring-&-Sharing Ministry, please contact **Alan Hardison** at 605-892-5796.

HARDING SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY

College Church is part of the Harding School of Theology Church Audit Program. College Church members may **audit select classes** for just \$75 per class. If you are interested, please click **this LINK** for more information.

BABY SHOWER

All are invited to a baby shower celebrating **Kylie & Dustin Womble** THIS Sunday, May 17, 1:30-3:00 p.m., in Room 121 at College Church. They are registered at babylist.com.

AREA SHOWER

All are invited to a wedding shower honoring McKenna Oliver, bride-elect of Seth Johnson, on Sunday, May 31, 1:30-3:00 p.m. at the home of Highway member Kalen House, 17 Silver Oak Drive. McKenna is the daughter of Highway members David & Malea Oliver and the granddaughter of **Margie Davis**. They are registered at theknot.com and Doorframes. Gifts early, please.

5:00 PM WORSHIP

Song Leader
Will Fitzhugh

Welcome
Chris Mitchell

Firm Foundation
O Worship the King

Prayer
J.B. Berry

There's Not a Friend
Great Are You Lord
Mighty to Save
My Hope is Built on Nothing
Less

John 6:25-29
Ron Price

"There is One Faith" (Part 2)
Noel Whitlock

There's A Fountain Free
The Glory Land Way
Lord's Supper in Room 100

Closing Prayer
Pat Howe



HIS HOUSE

Donation Requests:

Towels
Queen sheets
Fans
Diapers, size 5

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 | Room 211
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 5/10/26

Budget for 5/10/2026 - \$52,194.00
Giving for 5/10/2026 - \$65,414.12
Budget - Week 37 - \$1,931,188.53
Giving - Week 37 - \$1,893,898.97

ATTENDANCE 5/10/26

9:00 AM Worship - 1164
Bible Class - 726
Children's Worship - 46
5:00 PM Worship - 188
Sunday Small Groups - 141

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.