ORDER OF WORSHIP

Virtual Worship Service
9:00 a.m.

8:55 – Five-Minute Countdown
Welcome – Dan Newsom
Song – Majesty
Prayer – Ben Sloan
Song – How Beautiful is the Body of Christ
Communion & Offering – David Perkins
Scripture Reading & Prayer – Psalm 119:97-105 – Stone Sheffield
Song – How Shall the Young Secure Their Hearts?
"What is Your Life?" – Noel Whitlock
Shepherd's Prayer – Brad Francis

Celebrating our 2020 High School Graduates
Senior Recognition – Brent Wilhite
Senior Tribute Video

SENIOR DRIVE-THRU CELEBRATION

Please enter the College Church parking lot on the east side of the building either from Race or Grand St (closest to HU & Subway). We will use this area as a holding lot as needed. Using the parking lot, drive past the playground to the entrance of the northern most parking lot off Turner street. You will see the marked entrance and from there will get directions from our greeters. Exit will occur on the west part of the north lot onto Van Street.

LAST WEEK

5/17/2020:
Worship—virtual service / Bible Classes —dismissed
Children's Worship — dismissed
Worship p.m. —dismissed / Worship 7:15 p.m. —dismissed

FINANCES

Budget for 5/17/2020.....$45,500.00
Giving for 5/17/2020.....$37,031.42
Budget through Week 38.....$1,879,750.00
Giving through Week 38.....$1,792,673.36

CONTACT INFORMATION

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May 24, 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 31

Finding Joy and Peace

"God is the one who makes us patient and cheerful. I pray that he will help you live at peace with each other, as you follow Christ. Then all of you together will praise God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ" (Romans 15:5-6).

Just when we think we have it all together, something comes along and takes away our joy and peace. The economy is going well, our health is good, and the future looks bright. Then along comes a pandemic that shuts down the world economy, US unemployment reaches a level not seen in a lifetime, and we can't even get a haircut.

In Romans 15, the apostle Paul addresses apparent division and selfishness that threatened the joy and peace of the church. He answers those threats by urging his audience to think of others. He encourages the Romans to help the weak, build up their neighbors, and live in harmony with one another.

How did they do those things? By relying on the God who "makes us patient and cheerful."

Today our different problem creates a similar threat.

As we see a glimmer at the end of this tunnel of forced isolation, we may feel another week of lockdown is unendurable. We want to meet with our brothers and sisters now. We want to encourage them and receive their encouragement. Can we resist the frustration or even anger that comes from our strong desire to go back to normal?

Paul's words still apply. If we will focus on the Creator of this universe and let his Spirit fill our souls, we can be at peace. We like to be in control of our own destiny. We want to take charge and restore all we have lost. We have learned, however, in these last few months, that no matter what we want, we cannot get it by our own power and will.

We expect to begin meeting together soon to worship God. He wants that for us and will make it happen. Let's pray fervently that He will also give us the patience to let His will play out.

Until we can come together, let's not lose focus on what's important—helping others and trusting the God of joy and peace.

Sam Billingsley

NOEL'S NOTES

Many thanks to everyone who continues to join us online each Sunday for our Facebook Live worship at 9:00 a.m. I'm particularly grateful for all the men who have come to the building the past eleven weeks to lead our worship, or to manage the technical side of things. College Church is blessed with gifted individuals who are making a difference during these difficult days.

Of course, COVID-19 restrictions forced cancellation of traditional graduation events this year. No banquets, commencement exercises or Senior Sunday at church. So we want to honor our graduates in today's service **and later with** a drive-thru celebration (weather permitting) from 2:00-3:30 p.m., during which you can drop off gifts or just say "congratulations."

I certainly want to congratulate our 2020 graduates: **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, Ben Sloan, Parker Smith, Stone Sheffield, Rachel Story, Josie Thomas, Andrew Strachan and Davis Welch**. We are proud of all 20 of our seniors!

Congratulations is also in order for some other College Church members: **Wil Perkins**, who successfully defended his dissertation in education, and **Greg Brooks, Cliff Ganus III, Jake Stewart, Naomi Valentine** and **Laurie Walker**, who received Staff or Teacher Achievement Awards at Harding University.

Monday, May 25, is Memorial Day, a time to remember those who served in the military, especially those who gave the ultimate sacrifice to defend freedom here and around the world. The freedom we enjoy did not come without a cost. We should never take for granted the liberties we have. Nor should we ever fail to remember those who fought to secure them.

Finally, may we always remember that every blessing we enjoy comes from above. God is the true source of strength for any nation. Without Him, we not only lack the spiritual resources to protect ourselves from our greatest enemy—sin, but fail to gain the greatest freedom—found in Christ.

I hope you enjoy Memorial Day, but take a few moments to give thanks for those who fought for freedom and ask God for His continued care and provision, including an end to the pandemic. Our God is able. More than able!

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.

MEMORIAL DAY

The church office will be closed Monday, May 25, in observance of Memorial Day.



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 church family for the support, thoughts, and prayers after the loss of my dad.

Mike, Wendy & Ava Ellis

Opal Bailey and her entire family would like to express our sincere thank-you for everyone who contributed to her drive-by 102nd party on Saturday. It certainly was a highlight for her, and we all appreciate your love, care, concern and multiple cards for our special mom, grandmother, and great-grandmother. You all are such a blessing to her. We love you all. Opal Bailey and her family

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).

PRAYER & PRAISE

Sympathy:

Wayne Ellis, father of **Mike Ellis**, passed away Tuesday, May 12, in Harrison, AR.

Carree Garfield's mother, Jane Lee, **Mallory Turner's** grandmother, passed away May 17.

Birth:

Paul & Sherry Pollard welcome a new granddaughter, Sophie Marie, born May 20, to Parish & Vera Pollard. She remains in the NICU in LR. She weighed 4 pounds 1 ounce.

Baptism:

We Rejoice! **Ashley Daughety** was baptized Wednesday, May 20, by her father **Dave Daughety**.

Prayers:

Carol Burchfield is in South Campus rehab 417; **Louise Ganus** is in the Crossing; Norman Hale Sr is in Unity Health Critical Care 14 with pneumonia. Mr. Hale is the father of **Norman Hale Jr.**