

MAY 18, 2025

9:00 AM ORDER OF WORSHIP

Song Leader
Tom Ritchie

Jesus Is All the World to Me
Fairest Lord Jesus
As The Deer

Faith Story & Prayer
Caleb Ingram

The Power of the Cross
Jesus Paid It All

Communion
Sam Sawyer

Thank You, Lord

Jesus Loves Me
Children's Worship Dismissed

He Keeps Me Singing

"Who is Jesus?"

Jordan Guy

A Hill Called Mount Calvary

Announcements
Nick McNabb

Shepherd's Prayer
Rick Harper

THE CONNECTION.

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

OUR NEWEST DEACONS: JOINING AN ANCIENT AND HONORABLE BIBLICAL ORDER

When Moses pondered how best to lead the Israelites after their exodus from Egypt, his father-in-law, Jethro, offered him sage advice. He told Moses that his leadership could be more effective if he had help with a team composed of "capable men from all the people---men who fear God, trustworthy men . . ." (Exodus 18:21).

Millennia later, when the leaders of the church in Jerusalem struggled with how best to attend to widows being overlooked, the apostles imitated the pattern used by Moses. They appointed men "known to be full of the Spirit and wisdom" to take care of the recognized deficiency. (Acts 6:3) Those men were servants with a defined purpose. We call them deacons.

Deacons are men worthy of respect. They embrace the "deep truths of the faith" (1 Timothy 3:9).

They are second-mile servants.

College Church elders in each of the twelve congregational ministries are responsible for identifying men with talents that match the needs in those areas of service. Once a suitable candidate has been evaluated, the congregation has the opportunity to assist with the vetting procedure. It may appear that men selected as deacons are recommended for a "promotion." In reality, they are given added responsibility with a clear objective for a delineated need.

Recently, with congregational approval, two men completed the selection process and have agreed to help address specific objectives in Family Ministry.

Jerrold Williams will serve as a deacon for the College Church Youth Group. He, his wife, Brandi, and their children, Baylor and Judson, frequently open their home to senior high school students and will be the hosts for Huddle Group in 2025-26. Jerrod's career as an educator has equipped him to deal with concerns in the lives of youth group members.

Michael Crouch has agreed to help with the expanding Adult Education Committee. Already his background in research, analytics and philanthropy has proven helpful in evaluating possibilities for coordinated Bible study in adult classes. He and his wife, Sarah, are the parents of Elizabeth, Lily, and Peter.



The Chair of Family Ministry, Brad Francis, was quick to offer his support: "Both Jerrod and Michael have servant hearts and were actively involved in the Family Ministry before their appointment as deacons. We are excited about their ongoing roles, and the elders in Family Ministry look forward to working with them."

Mike Justus



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DEACON NOMINATION

The Shepherds would like to present for your consideration **John Wright** as a deacon for this congregation. John has been nominated to assist **Bryan Burks** in the Shepherding Groups Ministry. He is a faithful member of the College Church and willing to serve in this area. If you believe there is a scriptural reason he should not be considered for this role, please contact one of the Shepherds at College Church within the next two weeks.

SHEPHERDING GROUPS

Sam Billingsley's new shepherding group will meet THIS Sunday, May 18, in Room 121, following Bible class, for lunch and fellowship.

Larry Long's new shepherding group will meet THIS Sunday, May 18, in Room 100, following Bible class, for a potluck.

Jim Gurchiek's new shepherding group will meet Sunday, June 1, in Room 100, following Bible class.

David Bang's new shepherding group will meet Sunday, June 1, in Room 121, following Bible class for a potluck.

PRAYERS, PRAISE & SYMPATHY

Lee Bost; Cherie Bradley rehab South Campus Room 417; **Wayne Milner; Edna Nichols; Gary Smith**, rehab South Campus Room 200; **Bea Vajgart**, Joy Jernigan, aunt of **Heather Rollins**.

Reed Green, son of **Nathan & Mackenzie Green**, was baptized Wednesday, May 14, by his father. Address: 7 Allison Ct.

James Mackey, husband of **Joni**, passed away May 15. There will be a private family service. Please keep this family in your prayers.

AREA-WIDE VBS

Registration is now open for VBS 2025: Egypt: Joseph's Journey from Prison to Palace. VBS will be June 15-18, from 6:00-8:00 p.m., at College Church in collaboration with Downtown, Cloverdale, Searcy and West Side churches. Visit our website, or [click here](#) to register your children ages 3-entering 6th grade. There will be an adult class provided each night with babysitting available. We also need an abundance of volunteers! If you are a 7th grader or older, we'd love to have your help! Register at the same site to be a tribe leader or to help in a class, the kitchen or the nursery.

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 (Kona-Ice included), 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 4 - Pizza in the Park - Berryhill Park
- June 11 - Karl McLarty - Family Room
- June 18 - Area-Wide VBS
- June 25 - Devin Swindle - Family Room
- July 2 - Food Packing Service Project - Family Room
- July 9 - Jesse Robertson - Family Room
- July 16 - Kent Jobe - Family Room
- July 23 - Steve Cloer - Family Room
- July 30 - Closing Celebration - Heritage Park (HU)

CYBER SAFETY FOR PARENTS

Join expert **John Stone** for a practical workshop on keeping kids safe online. Learn tools, strategies, and how to talk with your kids about digital life.

THIS Sunday, May 18 – 10:30 a.m.

We'll discuss ways to foster open communication, encourage safe internet habits, and find a healthy balance with screen time.

CHINESE CHURCH

Erin, our Friday night ESL lead teacher, is stepping down as she prepares for a new baby. We're looking for someone to lead the class via Zoom, Fridays 7–8 PM. The group (about 15 students, mostly from China) is studying Acts. If interested, contact **Henry Li** at henry.lihl@gmail.com.

BEREA CLASS

Starting June 8, **Steve Atkins** will lead a 7-week Sunday series for the Berea Bible class: *How to Read the Old Testament Well*. Discover how the Old Testament's context and message deepen our understanding of the New Testament. All are welcome!

GIBONEY RECEPTION

Join us THIS Sunday, May 18, for a reception honoring **Eric & Rachel Giboney** and their children. The reception will take place in the Family Room immediately following Bible classes.

FAMILY CONCERNS

Briarwood: **Ellen Brown** 104

The Blossoms: **Rick Boutell** 518

Providence: **Carolyn Kenney** 308; **Harold Norwood** 316

Providence Memory Care: **Beverly Blickenstaff**; **David Lawyer**; Maydean Jones, mother of **Rhonda Landis**

The Crossing: **Maxine Morton** 204A; **Eloise Muncy** 115B

The Springs: **Alice Bell**

Ongoing Prayer Requests: **Brian Altmiller**; **Fannie Amy**; **Brian Harrington**; **Gary Smith**; Amy Qualls, daughter of **Cheryl Riggs**; **Shannon Spears**; Jason Roberson, son of **Gary & Shauna Vodehnal**

LADS TO LEADERS

Recognitions and Awards

Families from College Church attended the Lads to Leaders Convention in Little Rock from April 18-20. For the next few weeks we will list those who won awards.

Good Samaritan Bronze is for those who went the extra mile in completing projects that show the love of Jesus: Abby Guy, Ezra Guy, Iris Guy, Ava Mitchell, Easton Mitchell, and Kage Mitchell.

Abby Guy, John Laing, Jordan Laing, Rose Morris, Maddie Rollins, and Micah Rollins submitted art at the convention and were recognized for high achievement.

These students recited books of the Bible: James Dunning, Jeremiah Hood, David Ingram, Jordan Laing, Faith Lovell, Easton Mitchell, Kage Mitchell, Charlie Morris, Kylie Morris, Lilly Morris, McKenzie Morris, Peyton Morris, and Rose Morris.

AREA SHOWER

All are invited to a wedding shower honoring Skyler Albright, bride-elect of Tyler Alleman on Sunday, June 1, 2:00-3:30 p.m., in the Cloverdale Small Fellowship Room. Skyler is the daughter of Cloverdale member Nancy Choate. They are registered at Doorframes, Target, Amazon and theknot.com.

5:00 PM WORSHIP

Song Leader
Kent Giboney

Welcome
Chris Mitchell

Take Time To Be Holy
Guide Me, O Thou Great
Jehovah

There Stands a Rock

Prayer
Milo Hadwin

All the Way My Savior Leads Me
Standing On the Promises

Joshua 1:6-9
Gale Hanna

"Redeeming Bad Decisions"
Kenneth Mills

'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus
This World Is Not My Home
Lord's Supper in Room 100

Closing Prayer
James Gantt



HIS HOUSE

Donation Requests:

Towels
Toasters
Egg cartons

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 Intergeneration Study | 8 Franklin Circle
6:30 PM Jude in Room 236
6:30 PM Make a Difference in Room 226
6:30 PM Textual Bible Class in The Family Room
6:30 PM 23:6ers in Room 102
6:30 PM Men's Bible Class Room 121
6:30 PM Women's Bible Class Room 234
6:30 PM SH and JH Meeting
7:15 PM Chinese Church in Heritage Room 210

Thursday

5:00 PM Discipleship Bible Study in Room 100

FINANCES FOR 5/11/25

Budget for 5/11/2025 - \$48,947.50
Giving for 5/11/2025 - \$69,621.20
Budget - Week 34 - \$1,872,244.10
Giving - Week 34 - \$1,954,302.93

ATTENDANCE 5/11/25

9:00 Worship - 1133
Bible Class - 799
Children's Worship - 58
Live-Stream Worship - 84
5:00 Worship - 192
Sunday Small Groups - 17

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