ORDER OF WORSHIP

9:00 a.m.

Worship Service

Song Leader – Al Frazier

Welcome – Glen Metheny

Song – Living Hope

Song – Be With Me, Lord

Prayer – Steven Yeakley

Scripture Reading – Ephesians 2:11-18 – Jalen Montgomery

Song – All To Us

Communion & Offering – Greg Brooks

Song – A Common Love

"The Strength of Our Unity" – Noel Whitlock

Song – They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love

Shepherd's Prayer – David Collins

LAST WEEK

6/21/2020:
Worship—181

FINANCES

Budget for 6/14/2020.....$45,500.00
Giving for 6/14/2020.....$40,681.60
Budget through Week 42.....$1,978,500.00
Giving through Week 42.....$1,974,481.79

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Budget for 6/21/2020.....$45,500.00
Giving for 6/21/2020.....$33,880.35
Budget through Week 43.....$2,024,000.00
Giving through Week 43.....$2,008,362.14

CONTACT INFORMATION

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June 28, 2020

COLLEGE
CHURCH OF CHRIST

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

Christ Removed Barriers

"To object to any child of God participating in the service on account of . . . his color or race, is to object to Jesus Christ and to cast him from our association. It is a fearful thing to do." –David Lipscomb, 1907

Clearly, iconic church leader David Lipscomb had a significant enough problem with racism that he wrote about it. Fast forward a few decades to the Civil Rights era. Renowned African-American preacher Marshall Keeble had a successful career preaching to diverse audiences, but he still endured violence and threats from white supremacists. Resistance to integration was strong even in churches. In 1953, Billy Graham's head usher resigned in anger when Graham decided to remove the ropes designed to segregate his audiences, and Dr. King himself made the astute observation that "the most segregated hour of Christian America is eleven o'clock on Sunday morning."

Of course, racism is nothing new. From cover-to-cover the Bible is a story of man's continuous struggle with other men made in the image of God. Even today, one could argue that racism is one of the greatest elephants-in-the-room within the Christian community.

How can the church address brothers and sisters who speak or act in a racist manner? First, the Christian community must not remain silent in the presence of subtle racism and bias. This includes passive-aggressive comments, snarky remarks, or innuendo intended to demean people of another race. Our silence enables those who engage in this sinful behavior, and this is unacceptable.

Second, we cannot make the familiar flimsy excuses for the behavior: "He just can't help himself." "That's just how she grew up" and so on. Excuses compromise their salvation.

And third, at a certain point, the only acceptable action is confrontation. Obviously, as Christians, we should confront this sin with love and a "spirit of gentleness" (Galatians 6:1). However, the bottom line is that when we allow these seeds of bigotry to harden our hearts, we open the door to disrespecting people made in God's image.

We want all of our brothers and sisters to feel safe and accepted as they build their relationships with the Body of Christ. After all, Christ lived and sacrificed for all of us. Ephesians 2:14 reminds us that Jesus became "our peace" and broke down the "wall" that separated us, making us "all one in Christ" (Galatians 3:28). Let's continue to follow His example.

Jonathan Friar
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PRAYER & PRAISE

Baptisms:
We Rejoice! **Riley Rodgers** & **Zack Rodgers** were baptized at College church by their father, **Jason Rodgers**, Wednesday, June 24.



Sympathy:
David Riding's sister passed away Thursday, June 25, in Shreveport.

Prayers:
Bill Bradley is in UH1303; **Louise Ganus** is in the Crossing; **Norman Hale's** dad is at Unity South campus; **Joe Hurd** is recovering in Georgia from surgery on his ankle following a fall; **Eva Myer's** daughter, Melinda, is in ICU in Atlanta following a knee replacement; **Karen Tillman** is in rehab at Oakdale recovering from back surgery.

GREAT COMMISSION SUNDAY

Missions and Ministry application for our GCS Blessed to Be a Blessing special offering are now available. The deadline for applications is July 19 and a list of those approved for participation will be presented to the congregation in early August. Applications are available online at https://www.collegechurchofchrist.org/great-commission.

COLLEGE CLASS

College students and Friends: Please join us for the Original Rock House backyard devo every Sunday night 7:00-8:00 p.m., snacks included.



HIS HOUSE

His House will reopen to the public Monday, June 29, and is in need of summer clothes and small household items.

THANK YOU

I wish to express great appreciation for all who assisted in my move to Harding Place. Also a thank you to those who sent cards and calls expressing a wish for this to be a good experience for me. I am very satisfied here. May God bless all of you.

Carolyn Kenney

SHOWERS

Please join us for a bridal shower honoring **Emily Giboney**, bride-elect of Hunter Lively, on Sunday, June 28, 2:30-4:00 p.m. at the home of **Jeanne Burks**, 913 Golf View Dr. Emily is the daughter of **Keith & Michal Giboney** and the granddaughter of **Kent & Carol Giboney**. This will NOT be a drive-thru shower. Please use discretion regarding COVID19 guidelines. Selections: The Boutique, Target, Amazon, and Bed Bath & Beyond. Gifts early please.

Ladies are invited to a bridal shower honoring Marcie Master, the bride of Andrew White, on Sunday, June 28, 1:00-2:30 p.m. at the home of **Kellee Blickenstaff,** 107 Aqua Marine Drive. Marcie is the daughter of **Melissa & Robert Master** and the granddaughter of **Marcie & Ted Lloyd**. This will NOT be a drive-thru shower. Please use discretion regarding COVID19 guidelines. Selections: The Boutique (268-3434), Amazon, and Target. Gifts early, please.

You are invited to a bridal shower for Janessa Johnson, bride-elect of **Jacob Stewart**, Sunday, June 28, 2:00-4:00 p.m. at the Cloverdale church pavilion. She is the daughter of Keith & Renee Johnson, and he is the son of **Jake & Darlene Stewart**. Selections: Bed, Bath, & Beyond, Target & Walmart.

SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

This year's school supply drive and distribution will be part of the CommUnity of Caring drive-through event on Saturday, August 1. As a result, we will be taking only monetary donations. You can donate through the church office by cash or check, or through the on-line giving link and noting in the "Other" designation that this donation is for the "School Supply Drive." If you have any questions about this year's event, please contact **Doug Langston** at 501-230-3164.



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).



Reminder:
The church office will be closed Friday, July 3, in observance of Independence Day.