5:00 P.M. ORDER OF WORSHIP

Song Leader – Jim Randolph
Welcome – Harry Riggs
Song – God Holds the Future in His Hands
Song – God Is Love
Song – God Will Take Care of You
Prayer – Don Wood
Song – Love for All
Scripture Reading – Hebrews 12:4-11 – Ron Price
"The Purpose of God's Discipline" – Noel Whitlock
Song – How Deep the Father's Love
Lord's Supper in Room 100
Song – God Be in My Head
Closing Prayer – Howard Norton

FINANCES 7/25/2021

Budget for 7/25/2021.....$45,352.00
Giving for 7/25/2021.....$37,596.67
Budget through Week 46.....$2,199,182.00
Giving through Week 46.....$2,234,770.01

ATTENDANCE 7/25/2021

9:00 a.m. Worship — 779
Bible Classes — 556 / Children's Worship — 51
5:00 p.m. Worship — 209 / 7:15 p.m. Worship — dismissed
Livestream Worshippers — 122

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August 1, 2021

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Providence: Preparing for an Adventure

Over the course of my life, I've learned some things about God's providence: (1) He has always prepared me for the work He wanted me to do, (2) He wants me to trust Him by giving myself totally to the work, and, (3) if I am open to His presence, life can be a wonderful adventure.

I grew up in a small Wisconsin town, where, with high hopes, my parents started the city's very first church of Christ in the local legion hall. For two years, our family life was a whirl of activity as we tried to plant that church. The membership grew to five families, but eventually they moved away. Despite the disappointment, I still remember the hopefulness that week after week my father modeled to his six children. He taught us to trust God even when it's hard.

Twenty years later, my husband, **Todd**, and I set out (with our first two sons) to plant our first church. I was scared to death! All I saw was uncertainty, yet Todd was sure that this was the sweet will of God. It was one of the most spiritually exhilarating seasons of our lives. God provided for our spiritual, financial and emotional well-being.

Looking back on those intense experiences, I can see how God had prepared my heart in advance to walk in faith. I now look with anticipation to where God may be directing me, knowing that He will supply what is necessary to do His will.

That sense of trust brought Todd and me to the Rock House ministry, and for the last fifteen years has allowed us to cross paths with thousands of college students who have a desire to plant churches, lead youth groups, preach, or disciple those that do not know Him. Each student has gifts that can help grow the kingdom of God. Each has a story.

God asks only that our ministry invest in these young people. Whether it's someone who is supremely talented or deeply wounded, the return on our investment is two-fold. It equips the students to be the hands and feet of God, and deepens our own sense of God's presence.

What ministry has God prepared for you? Look carefully on your path. God's adventure awaits you there.

Debbie Gentry

SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE 2021

It's not too late to give a donation to the school supply drive. In lieu of donated supplies, we have pre-ordered supply packets and are accepting check and cash donations marked “School Supply Drive.” If you want to give online, please choose “Children’s Outreach” under the fund tab and then complete your donation by August 1st if possible.

If you have questions, you may contact the church office or **Doug Langston** at 501-230-3164.



If you would like to help the night of the event, please sign-up Sunday morning in the Welcome Center. If you have any questions about helping out, you may contact **Steven Yeakley** at the church office.

SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE PREP

Volunteers of all ages are needed in Room 100 on Monday, August 2, 1:00 p.m. to help prepare the backpacks for our school supply giveaway. If you are interested in helping, please be at the building at 1:00 ready to work together to make this a great event. We hope to see you there!



9:00 A.M. ORDER OF WORSHIP

Song Leader – Chris Randolph
Welcome – Dan Newsom
Song Medley – How Great Thou Art
Love Lifted Me
Blessed Be the Lord God Almighty
How Great Is Our God
Prayer – Jared Cox
Scripture – 1 Peter 5:6-7 – Byron Howell
Song – Above All
Communion & Offering – David Cole
Song – Thank You, Lord
Children’s Worship Dismissed
“Provides All We Need”– Noel Whitlock
Song – Thank You, Lord!
Shepherd’s Prayer – Sam Billingsley



McKinlee Bailey and friend, Hannah, try and stay cool while watching *Prince of Egypt*.



Trey & Ronda Reely, Chris & Jana Mitchell and **Taylor Guy** take on the heat and watch the outdoor movie with their children.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY INTERN



The children's ministry is taking applications for an intern for this school year. Please email your resume to **Kerri Behel** at behelfamily@yahoo.com by August 29.

JR. HIGH|SR. HIGH UPDATE

August marks both the end of summer and the beginning of the school year. We are grateful that **Will & Falon Francis** have served as interim youth ministers the past couple of months. Hopefully, you have shared time with them.

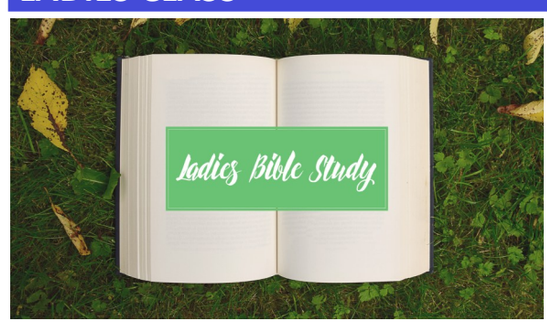
We have taken to heart the input offered by many of you in the evaluation of candidates for youth ministry positions. Your insights have helped to guide the process. A number of candidates with varying degrees of experience have submitted resumes. Review and consideration of applications are underway.



We appreciate your concern and trust that you and your family continue to include this search process in your private prayers.

Family Ministry Elders

LADIES CLASS



Tuesday Morning Ladies Class will resume on September 14, 9:30 a.m., in Room 100. All women are invited.

NEW MEMBERS

Donnie & Leah Miller: Many of us already know Donnie & Leah Miller. Donnie was the president of what is now the area Regions Bank here in Searcy. He and Leah enjoy the proximity of their son Mike, who lives in Little Rock, where he and wife Carrie are raising two daughters – Carolyne (11) and Samantha (7). Besides playing golf and listening to music, Donnie & Leah love spending time with their granddaughters. They both grew up in Judsonia and they have been doing the "Bibles-for-Babies" ministry for years. Donnie & Leah celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 4.



DOMESTIC MISSIONARY VISIT

On Sunday, August 15, Evan Todachine and his family will attend the evening service at College Church. He works with the Salt River Church of Christ in Mesa, Arizona. We are one of his supporting churches. Evan, of Navajo descent, is involved in outreach to several Native American tribes. After services he will give a report to the Domestic Missions Committee in Room 121 (off the Family Room). Interested College Church members may meet Evan, his wife Crystal, and their three children (Faith, Kenley, and Ramey), and, if they like, stay for the report.

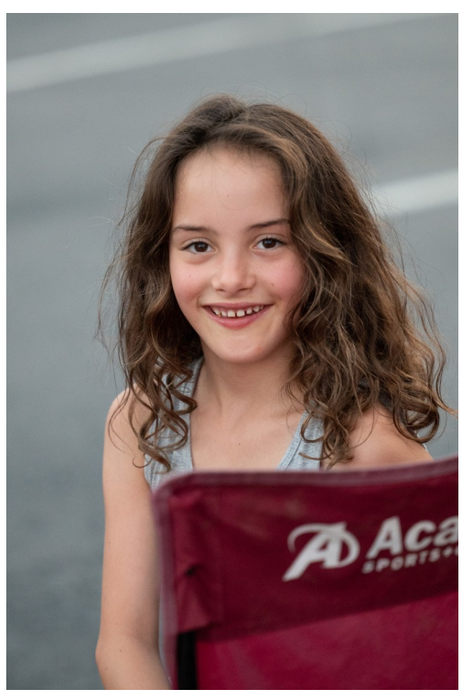
COMMUNION DELIVERY AVAILABLE

If you are unable to attend worship services and would like communion delivered to you, don't hesitate to contact your Shepherding Group elder or the church office. We would be happy to bring communion supplies to your home.





Debbie Gentry passes out popcorn.



Rose Morris takes a break from the popcorn to smile for the camera.





David & Barbara Cole, Steven & Shelly Yeakley and **Mike & Julie Rush** sit together to watch the film.



Zearl Watson enjoys the movie theater popcorn while watching *Overcomer*.

DRIVERS NEEDED



Seniors Minister, **Harry Riggs**, is looking for more volunteers to drive members (mostly those from the seniors group) to doctor appointments locally and in Little Rock. This ministry requires a lot of willing servants. He is asking for adults of all ages to consider helping with this good service. If you have any questions or are willing to be put on the list, please call Harry at 501-827-5450.

CREATIVE CONNECTIONS

The next women's ministry Creative Connections event, "Cooking Gluten Free" with **Deanna Brooks**, will be Sunday, August 15, 3:00 p.m. in the Family Room. No registration required. Just come and learn some new things to help you as you host family, friends, or church groups.



CARPENTER'S KIDS

Carpenter's Kids preschool is currently accepting students for the 2021-22 school year on a first-come, first-serve basis. Classes for two-year-old through pre-k age meet T/TH from 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Please visit **collegechurchofchrist.org/registration** for a printable form. Drop off the completed form and registration fee at the church office, or mail them to College Church Office, 712 E. Race, Searcy, 72143.

SERVICE TIMES

Worship Schedule

9:00 a.m. | Worship

10:15 a.m. | Bible Class

5:00 p.m. | Worship

HIS HOUSE NEEDS

His House is currently in need of bed sheets (mostly queen) and towels.



FAMILY CONCERNS

Briarwood Nursing & Rehab: Ellen Brown 104.
Hickory Heights: LR: **Larry Heusel.**
Oakdale: Rick Boutell 117.
Providence: Laura Smith Memory Care 45.
The House of Three: LR: **Bill Diles**.
The Crossing at Riverside: Mable Carpenter 309; **Louise Ganus**; **Jean Minor** 213; **Eloise Muncy** 115B; **Joe Hurd's** mother, Patsy Hurd 208A; **Sharon Manor's** mother, Opal Reynolds 114.

GREAT COMMISSION SUNDAY

GCS 2021 is upon us and officially launched Thursday, July 1, with applications due by August 1. Our special offering will take place on Sunday, October 17.

Your GCS committee would like to make a special plea for help in securing a larger number of domestic applicants. We need you to spread the word and encourage those who dream of serving or who have recently begun serving, especially in the domestic mission field.

Applications are available in the Welcome Center and **online**.



WESTREACH DEPARTURE 6 WEEKS AWAY: STILL TIME TO DONATE

The annual medical-missions trip to Western Zambia, known as "WestReach," is set for September 17th-October 1st.

Led by **Dr. Richard Duke**, the ten-member team includes four others with medical training (**Mike Caldwell, Jim Adams, Dave Adams**, and Collette Owens), and five members who will be involved with various aspects of the medical or evangelistic missions: Shannon Adams, **Carol Adams**, **Fannie Amy**, **Norm Stone**, and **Rocky Stone**.

The team will have an intense two weeks: traveling over rough terrain to villages in the region and conducting clinics to provide medicine and treatment for people who don't have access to doctors. Of course, the main goal is to work with existing Zambia churches to preach, teach (including VBS), set up individual Bible studies, and, Lord willing, baptize people—even establish new congregations.

Fundraising is going well, but the trip is expensive for all these volunteers, so if you have not already contributed to one of the members or to the team, please consider doing so by contacting the church office.

The team also requests your continued prayers for a safe and successful trip.

Of special concern is the surge of COVID cases in Africa and around the world that might result in travel restrictions. Team members stress that even if the pandemic prevents a September departure, the trip will be rescheduled tentatively, for Spring of 2022. Your generous donations to WestReach, which helps thousands of people each year, will not be wasted.

Given the longevity of the Zambia mission efforts, our prayers ought to include thanks and praise to Almighty God, whose love has sparked so much fruitful labor in that part of the world.

PRAYER & PRAISE

Prayer: Patsy Howard, wife of **Tom Howard**, mother of **Cindy Gurchiek**, **Beth Collins** and Christy Perry, has been placed on hospice care in her home. Tom asks that there are no phone calls and no visitors at this time; **Mary Woody** is home and would love to see visitors.

Birth: Eric & Rachel Giboney announce the birth of a boy, Enoch Giboney. He was born Wednesday, July 28, and weighed 9 lbs. 4 oz.

