ORDER OF WORSHIP

9:00 a.m.

Worship Service

Song Leader – Harold Valentine

Welcome – Roy Barnes

Song – Sing On

Prayer – Dale Brown

Scripture Reading – Colossians 1:9-14 – James Howard

Song – Come Share the Lord

Communion & Offering – Eddie Cloer

Song – A Shield About Me

Running with Endurance – Noel Whitlock

Song – When All of God's Singers Get Home

Shepherd's Prayer – Darren Mathews

JOB OPPORTUNITY

Children's Homes Inc. is looking for a caseworker for their foster care office in Searcy. The campus in Paragould is also looking for a caseworker and administrative assistant. If interested, please contact paul.schandevel@childrenshomes.org or can call the Searcy office at 501-268-4330.

LAST WEEK

7/26/2020:

Worship—168 / Bible Classes —dismissed

Children's Worship — dismissed

Worship p.m. —dismissed / Worship 7:15 p.m. —dismissed

FINANCES

Budget for 7/26/2020.....$45,500.00

Giving for 7/26/2020.....$28,560.60

Budget through Week 48.....$2,258,250.00

Giving through Week 48.....$2,233,735.50

CONTACT INFORMATION

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August 2, 2020

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Henry Li: Going into All the World

Some College Church folks already know Henry Li, but the rest of you need to meet this Christian who came to America because he wants to spread the gospel to the world.

Henry was baptized in the Beijing church in 2011, and eventually decided to pursue a graduate degree at the LOGOS Seminary near Los Angeles, where later this year he will receive a Master of Divinity degree.

He has been in Searcy for the last month on a graduate internship. It is the result of a conversation Henry had with **Ed Higginbotham** during an earlier visit to Harding. Ed has supervised his internship by connecting him with College Church ministry leaders and others, who have given Henry a crash course in local ministry and evangelism, Searcy style.

"Searcy is the Jerusalem of the church in America," Henry gushes; "you have so many wise preachers and missionaries. Now I know better how to put my knowledge to good use in the world."

Henry is interested in pursuing the evangelistic possibilities of online worship and fellowship. The Chinese church, which he attends, has zoom sessions that include participants from Italy, Austria, Canada, and Belarus, and he marvels at how something preached online may be heard by an Italian Christian who then passes it along to someone the speaker will never meet.

Henry's wife, Julie, and their two children, Sarah (13) and Harper (7) have been with him during the internship. He and Julie love the freedom of America, especially when it comes to the education of their daughters.

Those opportunities and what he describes as the overwhelming hospitality of Americans, especially in Searcy, tempt the Li's to make the USA their permanent home, but strong family ties beckon from China. That decision will come later.

Henry and Julie had another decision to make recently. As COVID cases surge nationwide, their children's school back in California asked them to choose physical or online classes this fall. It is the world we live in now. Strange new forces disrupt lives and threaten dreams.

But the Li family is also part of this world. And their presence and purpose in America should remind us that God is still changing lives, and that His dream of salvation is alive in people all over this benighted globe.



Back: L to R: Sarah, Julie, Henry; Front: Harper

BRENDA SAYS GOOD-BYE

Brenda Jenkins, longtime member of College Church and Harding employee, is retiring and moving to Florida to be close to family.

As a "dish-room" worker at Harding, she received a Distinguished Christian Service Award in 2007, and near the end of her tenure, got a surprise visit from University President **Bruce McLarty**, who brought a plaque commemorating her 40 years of service. The broad smile on her face when she recalls that visit makes clear how much it meant.

In fact, that smile symbolizes Brenda's legacy at both the university and church. In its way, it expresses the joyful gratitude summed up in her familiar mantra, often uttered as an answer to the question "How are you?"

"My cup is full and running over!"

Brenda has approached her life—a life more challenging than most of us can imagine—with joyful gratitude. She knows she's had lots of help from kind people along the way.

That's where the notes come from. They're what she's most famous for. Yes, many people write notes; it's a routine of civilized life. Brenda's explanation for hers seems typical enough: they are, she says, "a way to let people know I am thinking of them."

One suspects, however, that with her smiling eyes, Brenda has discerned buried existential consequences in the steady stream of birthday wishes, thank-yous, and encouragement—as many as 10 notes a week for decades.

Out of the blue, those notes tell others in an unsteady scrawl but with transparent grace: "I am aware of you and you matter." And so many recipients write return notes that say, beneath whatever surface message they convey, "Now we know you are here—and you matter."

Thus God's blessings flow through her to us and back again.

Brenda says she will miss the singing at College Church. When asked if she wants to say anything else to her fellow church members, she hesitates.

"Will you miss them?"

Her face breaks into that smile: "Yes!" she says, laughing: "Tell them 'I'll miss you!'"



Brenda with friend **Lynn England**

BRENDA'S GOODBYE NOTE

Dear College Church of Christ family, I have been at College church for a while. I have enjoyed being here. Lord willing my family is coming in a few weeks to move me to Melbourne, Florida, to be with them, my brother and his wife.

BIBLE STUDY

If you are attending **John W. Smith's** Tuesday night Bible study, please enter through the west doors. The class is being recorded. You may request a copy of the CD through the church office.

HIS HOUSE NEEDS

His House is in need of wash rags, towels and box fans.

CHANGE FOR CHILDREN

The goal for 2020 is $300,000. College Church ranked in the top 10 contributors for 2019. Let's do it again! There are 3 ways to contribute:

- Coin cans: there are a few remaining in the front of the auditorium
- Checks: mail to: Children's Homes Inc., 5515 Walcott Rd., Paragould, AR 72450 (specify: College Church Change for Children)
- Call: Cindy Barnett at 870-239-4031 ext 127

DIRECTORY UPDATE

Moved in town: Lance & Carree Garfield, 1033 Bent Tree Lane; **Woody & Linda Wilson**, 2300 Saxony Blvd.

Temporary address change: Laveda Perdue, C/O Rachel Smith, 16835 Hunters Point Dr, Dallas, TX 75248.



PRAYER & PRAISE

Prayers:

Louise Ganus is in the Crossing; **Joe Hurd.**

CORRECTION

In last week's article on Young at Heart, we had the wrong email address for **Tracy Bailey**. If you want to help her with her ministry to widows, please contact her at this address: txmom2hm@hotmail.com.