ORDER OF WORSHIP

9:00 a.m.

Worship Service

Song Leader – Barry Rucker

Welcome – Mike James

Song – Still

Prayer – Stan Valentine

Song – His Grace Reaches Me

Communion & Offering – Leslie McGalliard

Song – Lord, Reign In Me

Scripture Reading – Hebrews 12:3-11 – Matt Francis

"Running with Holiness" – Noel Whitlock

Song – More Holiness Give Me

Shepherd's Prayer – Brad Francis

WEDDING SHOWER

There will be a "walk-through" wedding shower honoring Megan Thomas & Blane Handy, son of Roy & Kim Handy (members at Westside) on Sunday, August 16, 2:00-3:30 p.m. at Doorframes, located downtown at 208 N. Spring. They are registered at Wal-Mart, Target and Doorframes. Gift early to Doorframes please.

LAST WEEK

8/2/2020:

Worship— 240 / Bible Classes —dismissed

Children's Worship — dismissed

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

FINANCES

Budget for 8/2/2020.....$52,250.00

Giving for 8/2/2020.....$46,115.83

Budget through Week 49.....$2,310,500.00

Giving through Week 49.....$2,279,851.33

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Bulletin Deadline - NOON, THURSDAYS

August 9, 2020

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

Jim Gurchiek is the Principal of McRae Elementary in Searcy. We asked him to share some thoughts on facing the school year in the middle of a pandemic. This is the first in a series of three articles offering the perspectives of Christians who are current or former educational professionals.

Back to School: Who Do You Trust?

The approach of a normal school year brings feeling of excitement and nervousness. This is not a normal new school year, and parents, especially those of kindergarten children, are understandably beyond nervous about the education and safety of their children.

The key factor in all of this is Trust.

First, I hope parents will engage with school administrators and trust them to take all necessary precautions to keep our children, teachers, and staff safe. As a principal who is also a parent, I can tell you that my colleagues at McRrae are preparing daily to achieve this goal.

Even more importantly, as a Christian, I hope we will trust in God during this school year. Proverbs 3:5 tells us to trust in Him and not lean on our own understanding. At times our anxiety can overwhelm us, but let us remember the power of prayer: "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God" (Philippians 4:6).

As a school administrator, the greatest power I have is the knowledge that God has control over the forces that create anxiety (Matt. 6:25ff). If I strive to do His will, to love Him first and teach my children to love Him, He will always be with me. That knowledge frees my mind to do my job without excessive worry.

I love what Moses said to the Israelites in his final address. He knew they were worried about crossing the Jordan without him into an unknown land. He tells them to be strong and courageous, for God will never leave or forsake them (Deut. 31: 8).

As educators, parents, and students, we stand on the banks of our own Jordan, and despite our best leadership we cannot be certain of what lies ahead. So let's begin this school year with the courage and strength that comes from knowing God will never leave or forsake us.

"And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard [our] hearts and [our] minds in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 4:7).

Jim Gurchiek

PRAYER & PRAISE

Prayers: Alison Bell's mother, **Alice Bell**, is in UH; **Louise Ganus** is in the Crossing; **Pat Howe's** son-in-law, Chris Jobes, has COVID-19; **Joe Hurd; Mary Reed** has moved into The Crossing 404B.

Sympathy:
Meredith Boutell's mother, Donna, passed away Wednesday, August 5. Services were Saturday, August 8, in DeWitt, AR.

Ernie Clifton's sister, Ruth Alexander, passed away Monday, August 3, in Oklahoma. Services were Thursday in Marietta, Oklahoma.

Emmie Mercer's father, Mark Davin, passed away on Monday, August 3, in Alabama. Services were Saturday, August 8, in Pennsylvania.

Jimmy Allen passed away Wednesday, August 5. There will be a memorial Tuesday, August 11, 3:00 p.m., in the College Church auditorium. If attending, please enter through the Welcome Center entrance and remember to wear a face mask. Cards may be sent to his children at:

Jimmy (Anita) Allen
40 Old Louisquisset
Pike Unit 702
North Smithfield, RI 02896

Mike (Cheryl) Allen
2887 Sutton Oaks Lane
Vienna, VA 22181

Cindy (Jeff) Payne
2806 Crystal Falls Dr
Garland, TX 75044

Birth:
Jim & Cindy Gurchiek are the proud grandparents of Samuel James Clark, born August 2, to Erin & Bradey Clark. **Tom & Patsy Howard** are the proud great-grandparents, and **Mabel Carpenter** is the proud great-great-grandmother. Samuel weighed 9 lbs. 1 oz.

HIS HOUSE NEEDS

His House is in need of towels and wash rags.

DIRECTORY UPDATE

Moved out of town: Brenda Jenkins, c/o Andrew Yarbrough, 534 Westminster Ave, Melbourne, FL 32935.

Moved in town: Alison Bell, 906 Golfview Drive; Sammy **& Sandra Thompson**, 134 River Oaks Commons.

THANK YOU

Thank you for the continued thoughts, prayers and other acts of kindness shown throughout dad's illness and passing. We are thankful for our College Church family.

Norman & Tonia Hale

WEDDING SHOWER

Please join us for a bridal shower honoring **Alison Bell**, bride elect of **Ronald Johnson**, Saturday, August 22, from 2:00-3:30 p.m., at the College church, room 121. Men and women are invited. Selections: The Boutique and Walmart. Gifts may be left at the church building in advance or brought to the shower. Please remember that face masks MUST be worn by anyone 10 years or older at all times while inside the building, and we ask you to observe social distancing guidelines at all times. In lieu of gifts, please consider making a donation to College Church His House.

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Jim & Sally Behel, will be celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Saturday, August 8. Their son, **Alex Behel**, is inviting those who know them to send cards to this address: 8 Blue Ridge Drive.

PRAYERS FOR SCHOOLS

Want to join your friends and neighbors in prayer on behalf of our schools as they open in perilous times? The group "Prayers for White County Schools" is offering an opportunity to do that on Sunday, August 16, between 7:30-8:30 p.m. The idea is to get together with people in your neighborhood in focused prayer. No complicated process, just agreeing to meet in someone's home or yard, speaking of which, yard signs are available to promote the event. Please see the group's Facebook page for more information https://www.facebook.com/whitecountyschools/

