

AUGUST 9, 2026

THE CONNECTION.

9:00 AM ORDER OF WORSHIP

Song Leader
Todd Miller/Brandon Lowe

Standing On the Promises

O Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Goodness of God

Salvation Belongs to Our God

Scripture Reading
Kent Jones

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Communion & Contribution
Patrick Brown

Thank You, Lord

How Sweet, How Heavenly
Children's Worship Dismissed

Wonderful Words of Life

"CORE: No Assumptions"
Jordan Guy

Step by Step

Announcements
Dan Newsom

Shepherd's Prayer
Sam Billingsley

TERRY'S BAPTISM

Amid the clamor of 3,000 responses to the first gospel sermon (Acts 2), some man, or woman, became the first person there to "go down into the water" (Acts 8:38). Being "first" is unimportant, but being that single human soul coming out of the water as a new creature in Christ was momentous. It still is.

Terry Herrera grew up in Judsonia and Searcy. Her parents divorced when she was five. When her father remarried, she became one of 12 children, with parents who were not Christians. The children rode church buses a few times for special events—the extent of Terry's religious experience.

As an adult she raised six children from two marriages, working when she could. During those years, she would get this feeling, "like God talking to you." She tried various churches, including ours, but couldn't stick with any. That voice never stopped, though. In 2025 she began volunteering at His House.

That's where **Alan & Deb Hardison** met Terry, folding clothes. They noticed her doing little extra things for clients, like watching their kids while they shopped: "I know how they feel," Terry says, "because I came from that. There were times in my life when we had nothing."

Terry also came to Caring and Sharing, where she heard Alan lead devotionals. On March 26th of this year, while at His House, she asked him for a Bible study, because "he was a friendly man."

Joined by Deb, they went to the church building that day. The Hardisons talked about what sin is and what it does to us. They talked about Jesus as the Son of God, and about obeying the gospel.

Terry said, "I need to be baptized."

With office staff as witnesses, Alan took Terry's confession and baptized her. "It felt strange," she says of the immersion; "like I was cleansed." Afterwards there were hugs. "You are a new person in Christ," Deb said. Alan asked her how she felt; Terry answered, "Happy!"

Five months later the Hardisons and Terry still meet for a weekly study when possible. Terry attends worship and the Faith's Foundation Bible class with her former husband, Ricardo. "People are nice, not stuck up." She still works at His House, and, with Ricardo, also helps at several other food banks. Knowing the road may be rough, she says, "I don't take life for granted anymore."

Someday, when we meet our Discipling3000 goal, Terry may be counted among that massive number. We know, however, that a "rejoicing in heaven" (Luke 15:7) will have greeted each baptism of each repentant soul along the way. Such is God's measure of the worth of an individual life.



NEW MEMBERS

We would like to extend a warm welcome to our newest members, **Ethan & Christin Wood** and their son, Shepherd. Ethan is the grandson of **Danny & Sue Ann Wood**. They will be in Jeff Montgomery's Shepherding Group.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE CLASSES

Our individual Wednesday Night Bible Classes will resume THIS Wednesday, August 12.

TUESDAY LADIES' BIBLE CLASS

Tuesday Morning Ladies' Bible Class starts on August 18. We will be studying the book *Women Opening the Word: ABCs of a Godly Heart*, by Casandra Martin. The books will be available in class for \$20. The study will last two semesters. If you feel you cannot afford to purchase a book, please take one anyway.

Hope to see you on Tuesday, August 18, in Room 100, at 9:30 a.m. Invite your relatives, friends and neighbors!

PRAYERS

Kenna Aldrich, Oakdale 105; **Sarah Ard**; **Janice Blankenship**; **Nancy Dart**, The Springs 29, visitors encouraged; **Mary Diles**, St. Vincents, 4025; **Ken Sallee**, The Crossing 214B; **Linda Wilson**; **Lucy Younger**, Springhill Baptist.

ADOPT-A-COLLEGE-STUDENT PROGRAM

Please consider signing up to "adopt" a college student. This is an intergenerational ministry in which members connect with students to provide a home away from home. This program is a blessing to both students and members. As school approaches next week, we are needing more families to adopt new students. If you don't have a current "adopted" student and would like to take part, please fill out [this form](#). **Johnny** will reach out to you when there is a match. Thanks!

SCHOOL SUPPLY DISTRIBUTION 2026

At our annual school supply distribution on August 5, we were blessed to serve 125 families and distribute 259 backpacks with school supplies, free library books, and a Bible to each of our guest families—and to share a meal with them. It is truly a blessing to watch so many College Church members of all ages come together and give our guests a warm welcome and serve these families in our community in such a positive way. The excitement was readily evident as we wished our guest families a happy and successful school year and were rewarded with smiles, thanks, and even a few hugs thrown in! Thanks to all who participated in any way to help bring this event about. You helped plant the seeds of faith in their hearts. Please continue to keep these families in your prayers and intentionally pray that these children and their parents will be presented with continued opportunities to be nurtured by and grow in the Gospel.

BE OUR GUEST

As we prepare for a full house next week in worship, please consider these three ways to welcome our guests:

- In the Parking Lot: Would you consider traveling in fewer vehicles and/or parking a little farther from the building to allow our guests to have a closer spot?
- At Your Seat: Would you consider scooting to the inside aisle and/or moving to a seat toward the front, reserving the outside aisle and back rows for our guests?
- As a Tour Guide: Would you consider helping our guests find their way around the building, especially to the auditorium and Bible class?

Let's make this an unforgettable Sunday for all our guests, placing their needs above our own as we worship and serve the Lord together.

FOREIGN MISSIONS

There will be a Foreign Missions Committee meeting in Room 233 on Sunday, August 16, at 3:30 p.m.

COLLEGE MINISTRY WELCOME MEAL

The College Ministry will have a lunch for our incoming **college students** in the Family Room on Sunday, August 16, following Bible class. Due to the number of students expected, we are inviting families involved in our ministry to **bring a dessert** and join us at the meal to connect with the students (Including all elders, staff, Home-Bible-Study leaders, and those who have signed up to adopt a college student).

WEDNESDAY NIGHT VIDEO LESSONS

Beginning THIS Wednesday, August 12, at 6:30 p.m., join us in the Family Room for a 12-week video teaching series featuring Randy Harris, Professor of Spiritual Formation and Theology at Abilene Christian University. Randy will explore Jesus' greatest sermon, The Sermon on the Mount, helping us understand its timeless message and practical application for everyday discipleship.

MAKING A WAY: OUR WILDERNESS TREK



Reactions from members of the youth group who recently participated in Wilderness Trek in New Mexico. It was . . .

a very peaceful disconnect from daily life—**Anna Stone**

a chance to view God's handiwork as far as the eye could see—**Emme Howell**

good conversations and God's glory shining—**Annabelle Justus**
experiencing God in stunning sights, getting to know people better—**Peyton Morris**

trusting God more in hard times—**McClayn Schmitz**

a journey to the summit that pushed us, made us closer to each other and to God—**Ashton Stone**

"I will make a pathway through the wilderness. I will create rivers in the dry wasteland" (Is. 43:19 NLT).

THANK YOU

From **Roy & Barbara Barnes**

We would like to say a heartfelt thanks for all your love and sympathy during the passing of my mother. Every prayer, cards, flowers, plants, texts, messages, visits, calls, emails, gifts of food made with love, and gift cards reminded us we were never alone. We were especially touched by those of you who were able to attend her funeral. The brunch that the women prepared for our family and the presence of the body of Christ meant more than you will ever know. Our love for College Church continues to be a source of joy for us as it was for my parents. We love you all.

AREA SHOWER

You are invited to a bridal shower honoring Claire Farley, bride-elect of Justus Williams, on Sunday, August 9, 2:00-4:00 p.m., 101 Claire Cove. Claire is the daughter of Downtown members Mark & Cristy Farley. They are registered at Doorframes, Amazon, Target, and Walmart.

FAMILY CONCERNS

Briarwood: **Ellen Brown** 104

Providence: **Harold Norwood** 316

Providence Memory Care: **Beverly Blickenstaff**

The Crossing: **Rick Boutell** 308;

Eloise Muncy 211B

The House of Three, 105

Madalyn Drive: **Alice Bell**, visitors encouraged

Ongoing Prayer Requests: **Fannie**

Amy; David Davis; Gary Smith;

David Mathews, grandson of

Darren & Kim Mathews; Amy

Qualls, daughter of **Cheryl Riggs;**

Jason Roberson, son of **Shauna**

Vodehnal

5:00 PM WORSHIP

Song Leader
Brandon Lowe

Welcome
Dan Newsom

We're Marching to Zion

Bind Us Together

Angry Words

Prayer
Demario Rollins

Colossians 3:5-10
Mike Coker

I Want to Be Where You Are

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

The Greatest Commands

"Speaking & Listening"
Noel Whitlock

A Common Love

A Beautiful Life
Lord's Supper in Room 100

Closing Prayer
Josh Brooks

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 Intergenerational Study | Room 226

6:30 PM Women's Bible Class Room 234

6:30 PM 1 & 2 Peter | Paul Pollard | Room 236

6:30 PM Textual Bible Class in The Family Room

6:30 PM Singing & Prayer Class | Room 100

6:30 PM 23:6ers | Room 102

6:30 PM Study on Prayer | Eddie Cloer | Room 226

6:30 PM SH and JH Meeting

6:30 PM Hebrews | Harry Riggs | Harding Place

7:15 PM Chinese Church in Heritage | Room 210

FINANCES FOR 8/2/26

Budget for 8/2/2026 - \$52,194.00

Giving for 8/2/2026 - \$49,348.67

Budget - Week 48 - \$2,569,117.55

Giving - Week 48 - \$2,467,892.06

ATTENDANCE 8/2/26

9:00 AM Worship - 869

Bible Class - 710

Children's Worship - 44

5:00 PM Worship - 238

Sunday Small Groups - 73

WE'D LIKE TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Office Hours - 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday

Closed daily from 12-1 p.m. for lunch

712 East Race Avenue, 72143

ccoc@collegechurchofchrist.org

elders@collegechurchofchrist.org

Office: 501.268.7156

Fax: 501.268.2684

College Outreach: 501.268.4191



HIS HOUSE

Donation Requests:

Diapers, size 5

Grocery bags

Men's underwear and socks

Hand and bath towels

Children's clothes



COLLEGE
CHURCH of CHRIST

If you have a request for the bulletin, please submit all information by noon, Thursday prior to service.

