5:00 P.M. ORDER OF WORSHIP

Song Leader – Harold Valentine
Welcome – Noel Whitlock
Song – O How He Loves You and Me
Song – On Zion's Glorious Summit
Prayer – Evan Todachine
Song – Jesus, The Very Thought Of Thee
Song – Blessed Assurance
Scripture Reading – Hebrews 12:25-29 – Bill Hollaway
"Our God is a Consuming Fire" – Noel Whitlock
Song – In Christ Alone
Lord's Supper in Room 100
Ashton Stone – This World is Not My Home
Closing Prayer – Bryan Burks

FINANCES 8/8/2021

Budget for 8/8/2021.....$45,352.00
Giving for 8/8/2021.....$63,382.82
Budget through Week 48.....$2,296,034.00
Giving through Week 48.....$2,340,895.10

ATTENDANCE 8/8/2021

9:00 a.m. Worship — 582
Bible Classes — 494 / Children's Worship — 42
5:00 p.m. Worship — 190
Livestream Worshippers — 155

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August 15, 2021

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

Now is The Time of the Lord's Favor!

"We urge you not to receive the Father's grace in vain—For He says, 'In the time of My favor I heard you, and in the day of salvation I helped you.' I tell you, now is the time of the Lord's favor, now is the day of salvation . . . having nothing, yet possessing everything!'" (2 Cor. 6:1-10).

Paul understood that in all situations, we have the Lord's favor because the promise of the Messiah's coming has been fulfilled and His abiding presence is with us always. Paul strove to make the most of every single opportunity, whether free or in prison, in peaceful seas or in shipwrecks, because he grasped that we have been given everything—now and forever, even in adversity.

So despite the challenges of Covid 19, Black Fungus, extended lockdown, persecution, earthquakes, the poisonous air of wildfires, stay-at-home advisories, and most recently, cyclonic rains and floods—the saints can continue to reign with their King here!

In our absence last year, Milan, one of the brothers in our present field, despite months of lock-down, illness, and financial struggle, led eight neighbors to the Savior!

The lockdown in our city, which began while some were visiting back in their hometowns, has given them extra time to share the love of the Savior. By His grace, through phone calls and on-line apps, saints have been able to have daily fellowship and share the good news with family, friends and neighbors.

In the last few weeks, we were blessed to see the results of this activity. The lockdown permitted us to go out at certain times only to shop for groceries, but recently we deviated slightly toward the lake to witness Michael's sister, Manisha, be immersed into the Messiah!

The Master always gives us opportunities to encourage one another and to help others to know Him, no matter the situation. Now truly is the time of His favor—because He is with us!

During last year's season of waiting and now this year back in Asia, Teresa, the kids, and I are very thankful for the College church's encouragement and kindness. May we continue to serve Him faithfully in this time of the Lord's favor. Truly, He hears us and helps us!

Craig Phillips

Craig, the son-in-law of **Eddie & Susan Cloer**, sent this report in July.

NEW MEMBER

Anne Greenway is one of our newest members, having moved to Searcy from Brookfield, Missouri. She has four children and 10 grandchildren. Anne has had quite a career. She has been a doctor, teacher, researcher, and most recently a forensic pathologist. Her latest "adventure" has been waiting to unpack her furniture, which still has not completely arrived in Searcy. Despite this inconvenience, she receives daily comfort from her faithful little dog named Toby.





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.

9:00 A.M. ORDER OF WORSHIP

Song Leader – Will Francis
Song – Our God, He is Alive
Welcome – Michael Claxton
Song – I Am A Sheep
Song – No Other Gods
Prayer – Steve Cooper
Scripture – Ecclesiastes 4:9-12 – Bob Evans
Song – Jesus is Lord
Communion & Offering – Tom Alexander
Song – We're Marching to Zion
Children's Worship Dismissed
"Fellowship: No Longer Strangers in the Pews"
Noel Whitlock
Song – A Common Love
Shepherd's Prayer – Jeff Montgomery



Above: **Ava Plank** (left) and **Ella Plank** (right)



Above: **Keith & Reet Cronk**



From left to right: **Anna Grace Glenn**, **Mattie Watson**, **Ella Page** and **Katherine Hewett**

Below: visitors Lily (left) and big sister Elizabeth Crouch (right)



Below: **Steven Yeakley** and great-nephew Peter



CONVICTED: A CHRISTIAN RESPONSE TO A CULTURAL SHIFT

Wednesday Nights | August 18-December 8 | 7:00 p.m.

The world continues to send a loud message that it has all the answers to life's greatest questions and issues. As people of God, we know that is not true. Therefore, this semester we will take a step toward taking a stand for the hearts and minds of the people in our congregation and community.

The format for this series will include seven keynote speakers, each addressing an area of culture where Christian voices need to be heard. Each presentation will be Wednesdays in the Family Room, 7:00 p.m. In addition, we will have Life Stage Groups that will meet the week after each keynote to process the material shared the week before.

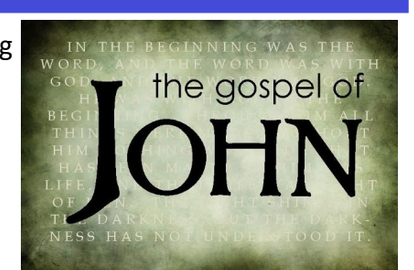
All children's Wednesday night classes will resume Wednesday, August 18.

For more information, including a full schedule for this series, please visit the website below.
https://www.collegechurchofchrist.org/convicted



THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

Paul Pollard is teaching a conversational Bible study discussing the gospel of John. The class will start Wednesday, August 18, 7:00 p.m. in Room 232.



SMALL GROUPS-CHECK THEM OUT

Are you interested in joining a Sunday night small group Bible study? Here are several that have room to grow. Call the leaders named below with any questions including starting dates.

Phil Dixon 501-827-0166 and **Sam Billingsley** 501-207-2457
Men, women, couples and singles of all ages welcome. This group is primarily adults with out young children.

Charles Ganus 501-593-8949
Men, women, couples and singles of all ages welcome. This group is primarily adults with out young children.

Betty Goyne 501-593-0821
This group is for women of all ages. They meet at the church building on Wednesday mornings.

Nathan Green 225-331-0426
Men, women, couples, singles and children of all ages welcome.

Greg Laing 501-368-0886
Men, women, couples, singles and children of all ages welcome.

Steven Yeakley 501-473-0218
Men, women, couples, singles and children of all ages welcome.



DISCOVERY BIBLE STUDY

Discovery Bible Study is a simple study method that relies on the Bible itself, rather than a study guide or expert leader. DBS is simply reading a Bible passage and responding to a series of questions with a small group of people and committing to obey and share what you have learned. All men and women are invited to see how powerful this simple method can be! We meet on Thursdays at the College Church in Room 233-234. The class is hosted by:



Steven Yeakley 501-473-0218
Paul Pollard 501-230-1443
Alan Hardison 605-892-5796



Nick McNabb sings songs with the little kids at Praise & Popsicles.



Claire Citty (left) and friend Emery Wilson (right) enjoy their ice cream.

Grady Page (left) and Bible class friend Glavin Smith (right) take a break from their popsicles to smile for the camera.



FAMILY CONCERNS

Briarwood Nursing & Rehab: **Ellen Brown** 104.
Hickory Heights: LR: **Larry Heusel.**
Oakdale: **Rick Boutell** 117.
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.

CDL DRIVERS NEEDED

Harding Place
RETIREMENT LIVING

Our Transportation ministry is in need of CDL drivers who are available to pick up members at Harding Place on Sunday mornings. Drivers are needed for both 1st and 2nd service. If interested, please call **Mike Caldwell** 501-281-7307.

SENIORS MINISTRY

Our next ESP Meeting will be Thursday, August 19, 4:00 p.m., in Room 100. The topic will be "How To Make Living At Home Easier". The presenter will be a representative from White River Area Agency on Aging. There will be good snacks and good fellowship! I hope this will be of interest and helpful to several of you.



PRAYER & PRAISE

Prayer: James Hearn is under hospice care at home; **Mary Woody** has been moved to The Crossing for continued physical therapy.

Sympathy: Richard Thorson, father of **Linda Olree**, passed away Tuesday, August 10, in Oklahoma. Due to current conditions, services will not be held at this time.

Billy Parker, father of **Pam Frazier**, passed away Saturday, August 7. Services were Tuesday, August 10, in Kennett, Missouri.

Laura Smith, mother of **Gary Smith**, passed away Monday, August 9. There will be a private-family service in St. Ann, Missouri.



Barbara Statom, wife of **Tom Statom**, passed away Friday, August 6. Services were Thursday, August 12.

The family of Rosemary Burcham, mother of **Suzanne Casey**, has decided to postpone the memorial service scheduled for Sunday, August 15, due to the increasing numbers of COVID in Kennett, Missouri and especially among the Kennett church members.

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.



BRIDAL SHOWER



You are invited to a wedding shower celebrating **Alina Westbrook**, daughter of **Tim & Anessa Westbrook,** granddaughter of **Ken & Ann Hobby** and niece of **Tianna Tripp**, and bride-elect of Blake Stout, on Sunday, August 22, 2:00-3:30 p.m., at the home of **Cheri Ramsey**, 611 King Ave. The couple is registered at The Boutique, Amazon, Dillard's, Doorframes and Bed Bath & Beyond. Gifts early please, to Harding Academy.

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.

HIS HOUSE

His House is our outreach to people in our community. Many volunteers are committed to serve in the name of Jesus by helping to feed, clothe and provide essential items for families and to attempt to satisfy their spiritual needs by teaching them about the love and hope available to them in Jesus. His House welcomes donations from members. Currently they are in need of fans, towels and pots & pans.

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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.

THANK YOU

Once again, the body of Christ has come together in the College and Downtown congregations to provide and distribute backpacks full of school supplies to around 325 excited, smiling students. We contacted, passed Bibles to, prayed over, and invited over 130 families to worship with us! Many thanks to all who provided funds for supplies, helped stuff and prepared backpacks and to-go meals, registered families, set up and took down tables, passed out meals, backpacks, and Bibles to our guests. Your generosity and giving of your time is greatly appreciated. Having said all that, now the real work begins as we covet your vigilant prayers that God may give an increase to His kingdom as a result of our contact and follow-up efforts. Again, thanks to all who helped in any way and to God be the glory!

Doug Langston & Kerri Behel

We deeply appreciate all of your acts of kindness and expressions of sympathy in the loss of our wife and mother, **Patsy Howard**. Thank you for your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. We are blessed to be part of such a loving church family.

Tom Howard
Jim & Cindy Gurchiek
David & Beth Collins

Thanks to everyone who sent cards and emails after the prolonged illness and recent death of my oldest sister Patsy Runyans in Atlanta. Your expressions of love are much appreciated and show the true heart of this body of believers. May God bless you all.

Paul Pollard

Thank you