

AUGUST 16, 2026

9:00 AM ORDER OF WORSHIP

Song Leader
Todd Miller

The Joy of the Lord
Our God, He Is Alive
Behold Our God
Magnificat

Scripture & Prayer
Johnny Noble

How Deep the Father's
Love

**Communion &
Contribution**
Kyle City

Thank You, Lord

My Hope is Built on
Nothing Less
Children's Worship Dismissed

The Greatest Commands

**"Missionaries with a
Cause"**
Jordan Guy

Living Hope

Announcements
Garison Money

Shepherd's Prayer
Rick Harper

THE CONNECTION.

INTENTIONALLY CONNECTED TO GOD,
HIS WORD, HIS WORLD AND EACH OTHER.

THE CUTLERS: ONLINE AND IN LIFE

On Sunday, June 21st at College Church, as **LJ Valentine** closed his Bible and walked from the lectern, having just read the morning scripture, Kay Cutler exclaimed to her husband, David, "Wow! LJ has grown up since we saw him last! He did a great job!"

The young man did not hear her praise—no one there did—because when she said it, she and David were in Brookings, South Dakota, watching on television.

So LJ, other members—meet the Cutlers, your brother and sister in Christ.

Products of the upper Midwest, David and Kay met when she was in college and were married. When they moved to Brookings in 1997, Kay had a Ph. D. in Child Development and Family Relationships. She began teaching at South Dakota State University. David worked in construction. They joined the tiny Brookings Church of Christ, where for two decades they were active in several ministries.

Then, in 2020, came the double whammy of the pandemic and Kay's multiple autoimmune issues, eventually resulting in their decision to worship online. With no streaming at Brookings, they searched until they found College Church.

Since then, they have been faithful online participants each Sunday. They sing with us, partake of the supper with us, and pray with us. After worship, David (B.A. in Bible, HU) leads a study that has, they feel, strengthened their relationship.

Even at a distance, the couple experiences a sense of fellowship. They can name dozens of our members, rejoice in births and baptisms, and savor every announced potluck, to the point of sharing this running joke: "Think we can make it to Searcy for that?" Her online contact with College Church led Kay to volunteer as a WBS teacher, and her fellowship now extends to her students in the U.S. and other countries.

But what about Brookings? It is a small, isolated, and struggling congregation of about 20. Its aging membership is saddled with a modest, hard-to-access building. The absence of even one couple would be felt. And theirs was.

But though physically absent from services, Kay and David did not abandon their home congregation. With a handful of like-minded souls, they began planning its revival.

This group reached out to College Church and our Domestic Missions Committee for ideas. They researched church growth material, consulted with Heritage 21, a brotherhood organization dedicated to helping small churches, and explored fundraising possibilities. David developed several options for renovation of the building.

Because their current preacher wants to retire, they're now seeking Sunday morning speakers to fill in until a permanent preacher can be found.

The whole congregation has welcomed these efforts yet has been slow to endorse elements of their plan, leaving Brookings in limbo. Despite the present indecision, the Cutlers are not giving up on their committee's plan.



The Cutlers

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CONGRATULATIONS

The elders want to recognize **Noel Whitlock** as he completes his twentieth year of ministry at the College church. Noel served as pulpit minister for sixteen years and has been senior involvement minister for the past four years. The elders appreciate Noel's dedication to the College church and to his ministries, as evidenced in his tenure here. His servant heart is evident in his preaching, teaching, visiting, encouraging, and engaging with our members. Please join us as we congratulate Noel, and acknowledge him and Lael as valued members of the College church family.

SHEPHERDING GROUP

Richard Duke's Shepherding Group will meet in Room 121 for a potluck on Sunday, August 23, following Bible class.

ARE YOU FULLY PREPARED?

During **Jordan's** sermon this Sunday, he will ask everyone to take a simple two-question anonymous survey, asking: (1) "As of today, do you feel fully prepared to be a missionary in Searcy?" and (2) "How prepared do you feel on a scale of 0% to 100%?" Please, go ahead and take this quick anonymous survey right now by [clicking on this link](#) or by scanning the QR Code below. We are aiming for full participation, and Jordan plans to reveal the overall results (no names are being collected) next Sunday morning during his sermon.



PRAYERS, PRAISE & SYMPATHY

Kenna Aldrich, The Blossoms 116; **Sarah Ard**; **Janice Blankenship**; **Nancy Dart**, The Springs 29, visitors encouraged; **Ken Sallee**, The Crossing 214B; **Linda Wilson**; Joshua Peck, grandson of **Patty Barrett**.

Kirk & Linda Castleman would like to announce the birth of a great-granddaughter, Jessie Blake Deister, to Collin & Megan Deister. Jessie was born July 31 and weighed 7 pounds 6 ounces.

Dee Carson, wife of **Joe Carson**, passed away on August 8. There will be a Celebration of Life with light snacks as we share stories and memories on Friday, September 4, in the Family Room, at 2:00 p.m. Dee was in **Sam Billingsley & Don Hood's** Shepherding Group.

Former member Budd Hebert passed away December 25. There will be a memorial on Saturday, August 22, 2:00 p.m., in the Auditorium, followed by a visitation at 3:00-4:00 p.m., in the Family Room. The church will be providing a meal for the family prior to the memorial. If you would like to volunteer, please text **Laurie Walker**.

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. 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!

BE OUR GUEST

Please be aware that the downstairs right section is reserved for our college students each Sunday. We want to make sure they feel welcomed and valued!

As we prepare for a full house THIS Sunday, please help us make our guests feel welcome! Consider parking a little farther from the building, leaving the most accessible seats open for visitors, and helping guests find their way to worship and Bible classes. These small acts of hospitality can make a big difference as we welcome others to College Church!

DEACON RECOMMENDATION

The College Church of Christ elders recommend **Jared Boyd** to serve as a deacon in Administration and Finance. Jared will continue serving in Security, Lord's Army, and Vehicle Maintenance. He and his wife, **Amber**, have four children: **Savanna**, **Rebecca**, **Makenna**, and **Marcus**. If you know of any biblical reason Jared should not serve, please submit it in writing to me or any elder by August 23.

COLLEGE MINISTRY WELCOME MEAL

The College Ministry will have a lunch for our incoming **college students** in the Family Room THIS 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).

FOREIGN MISSIONS

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

A SALUTE TO LIVESTREAMERS

This week and next, the bulletin features articles on people who benefit from our online worship services. It is appropriate, therefore, to acknowledge those members whose tech expertise and volunteer spirit make our livestreaming possible. **Charles Moore** and **Blair Brooker** share broadcast responsibility for worship services, and Charles has been stalwart in operating livestreams of funerals. As these articles will show, their labor has been instrumental in strengthening the body of Christ. Thank you, brothers!

SINGING & PRAYER

After a summer hiatus, **Brandon Lowe's** Wednesday evening Singing-and-Prayer class has resumed. Join him each midweek service in Room 100 at 6:30 p.m. for an uplifting hour of worship and fellowship.

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 THIS Tuesday, August 18, in Room 100, at 9:30 a.m. Invite your relatives, friends and neighbors!

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 **Sauna Vodehnal**

THANK YOU

From **Kirk & Linda Castleman**

We so appreciate the love and concern that was bestowed on us during Kirk's stay in the hospital and rehab. Your calls, cards, amazing food, prayers, and visits made his time there tolerable. We are blessed.

BABY SHOWER

You are invited to a baby shower celebrating **Adrian & Jared Cooper**, Sunday, August 30, from 2:00-4:00 p.m., at The Venue, 2225 W Beebe Capps Expy. Jared is the son of **Steve & Cindi Cooper**. They are registered at Amazon and Sassy Stitch.

WORLD BIBLE SCHOOL

World Bible School is excited to share its part in God's story at an upcoming benefit dinner for the organization in Searcy. Set for Tuesday, September 8, at 6:30 p.m., the dinner will be held in the Founders Room of the American Heritage Building on Harding's campus. The theme will be "One Savior. One Message. One Mission." Come and bring others to hear about what's new with WBS. Please RSVP by Tuesday, September 1 at rsvp@worldbibleschool.net or 1-800-311-2006. All are welcome and invited to attend.

AREA SHOWER

You are invited to a bridal shower honoring Claire Farley, bride-elect of Justus Williams, on Sunday, August 16, 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.

5:00 PM WORSHIP

Song Leader
Kent Giboney

Welcome
Chris Mitchell

Years I Spent in Vanity
Father, Hear the Prayer We Offer

Prayer
Larry Cox

Come, Let Us All Unite To Sing
Love Lifted Me

Hark! The Gentle Voice

Ephesians 3:14-19
Ned Boaz

The Love of God

"Abundant Love" (Part 1)
Noel Whitlock

Faithful Love

Savior, Grant Me Rest and Peace
Lord's Supper in Room 100

Closing Prayer
Ben Caylor

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 8/9/26

Budget for 8/9/2026 - \$57,994.50

Giving for 8/9/2026 - \$46,443.59

Budget - Week 48 - \$2,627,112.04

Giving - Week 48 - \$2,514,335.65

ATTENDANCE 8/9/26

9:00 AM Worship - 745

Bible Class - 608

Children's Worship - 29

5:00 PM Worship - 275

Sunday Small Groups - 66

WE'D LIKE TO HEAR FROM YOU!

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HIS HOUSE

Donation Requests:

Diapers, size 5

Grocery bags

Men's underwear and socks

Hand and bath towels

Children's clothes



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

