

AUGUST 23, 2026

9:00 AM ORDER OF WORSHIP

Song Leader Will Francis

Hymn of Heaven
A Shield About Me
We Shall Assemble
Do Not Fear

Faith Story & Prayer James Rosengartner

Jesus Is Lord

Communion & Contribution Kevin Trip

On Bended Knee
You Are My All in All
Children's Worship Dismissed

Let the Beauty of Jesus Be
Seen

"Be Our Guest-A Welcoming Church" Jordan Guy

Come Share The Lord

Announcements Michael Claxton

Shepherd's Prayer Greg Brooks

THE CONNECTION.

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

THE WILSONS: ONLINE AND IN LIFE

Like the Cutlers of South Dakota, **Clarence** and **Patty Wilson**, long time members of College Church, worship online now.

In 2017, while serving communion in the auditorium one Sunday, Clarence was overwhelmed with a sudden loss of strength. He could hardly stand or hold the trays. The episode led to a diagnosis of post-polio syndrome, an untreatable condition afflicting some childhood polio victims in later life, resulting in gradual weakening of muscle function. Water therapy and limited activity would delay but not stop the loss of mobility.

Never one to say "woe is me," Clarence continued his role as deacon, taking communion to shut-ins for as long as possible. It was not surprising that he carried on despite increasing weakness and fatigue. He had been knocked down before.

Born in Honey Grove, Texas, Clarence graduated from Oklahoma Christian, got a Master's in Theology from Harding grad school, and ended up in Nigeria, where he was missionary, government school teacher, and co-founder of the School of Biblical Studies. There he met Patty, a Harding nursing school grad on a mission trip, and soon married her. Clarence calls her the "perfect wife" for him, and the couple formed an effective team for the kingdom: she ministered to Nigerian bodies, Clarence to their souls. He says, "When we got married in 1991, we thought we'd spend the rest of our lives in Nigeria." But a medical emergency in Patty's family forced them to return to her home near Searcy in 1993.

That was the first blow.

Unable to find work in his academic expertise, he took a job in maintenance at Harding. "It was very disappointing," Clarence remembers, but, undeterred, he worked his way up to a satisfying desk job in accounts payable. The third disappointment came when he saw that College Church, awash in experienced preachers and teachers, seemingly had no need for his expertise.

It was Patty who opened a new door. Her work at a nursing home made her aware of elderly church members who could not attend worship. She suggested to Clarence that he could take the Lord's Supper to them and others in that situation. Using a portable communion set bought by Patty, Clarence plunged into the ministry, and a few years later was made deacon in charge of it.

Three knockdowns, no surrender. Because, as he says, "God was always there," blessing him somehow. The post-polio syndrome was no different.



The Wilsons

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SHEPHERDING GROUP

Sam Billingsley & Don Hood's Shepherding Group will meet in Room 121 for a taco/nacho bar on Sunday, August 30, following Bible class.

SIMPLE SUPPER

Join us in Room 121 on Wednesday, September 2, for Simple Supper. To ensure we have the right amount of food, RSVP using [this link](#) by Sunday August 30.

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.

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.

THANK YOU

From **Harry & Cheryl Riggs**

We appreciate the many prayers and kind words of concern for Cheryl's daughter, Amy, offered since her cancer diagnosis and since she recently has been put on Hospice care. We would ask that the future focus of prayers on her behalf be that she does not linger long and that she would have an easy passing.

PRAYERS & SYMPATHY

Kenna Aldrich, The Blossoms 116; **Sarah Ard**; **Janice Blankenship**; **Nancy Dart**, The Springs 29, visitors encouraged; **Ken Sallee**, The Crossing 214B; **Linda Wilson**; Renee Berry, daughter-in-law of **JB & Wanda Berry**; Scott Berry, son of **Patricia Berry** and brother of **Trish Price**.

Sympathy is extended to the family of **David Brooker**. David, husband of **Dixie** and father of **Blair Brooker** and **Cheryl Simmons**, passed away August 14. Services were August 21. David was in **Darren Mathews & Charles Underwood's** Shepherding Group.

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.

DATING & ENGAGED SMALL GROUP

The Dating and Engaged Couples Small Group is back! This small group meets on just 5 minutes from Harding's campus in the home of **John & Tia Stone** on Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30 p.m., at 2 River Ridge Rd. Topics covered include communication, finances, expectations, making decisions, intimacy, resolving conflict, in-laws, balancing work and family, and much more! All are welcome!

SALUTING OUR AUDIO-VISUAL TEAM

As the two-part bulletin series on our livestreaming ministry concludes, we want to thank the members of our audio-visual team, who enhance what we—and our online participants—see and hear during Sunday worship. **Dave Daughety**, **Richard Denny**, and **Sid Tate** take turns operating the sound system, and Josh Picker works PowerPoint. Theirs is an important role, and they could use more volunteers. Contact Dave Daughety if you are interested in joining the rotation.

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**; Jason Roberson, son of **Sauna Vodehnal**

THE WILSONS, CONTINUED

True, its onset in 2017 hastened his retirement and forced a largely homebound existence—but still no giving up. The Wilsons' Sunday mornings are spent in front of the television, where they participate as fully as they can in the worship service. Then, instead of an afternoon of delivering communion, Clarence sits at his computer, discussing the sermon or other biblical topics with a host of Internet friends, many of whom take part because of him. Each Sunday he sends them a link to the livestream.

But it's not just Sunday. His online presence is a seven-day-a-week commitment. He has continued his role as World Bible School teacher and coordinator. Many of his other contacts are friends and colleagues from Nigeria, including a young pupil he baptized in 1983 who is now a grandfather seeking advice on church planting. Clarence qualifies as a technology nerd. He can talk religious software and databases all day, and his computer skills make him valuable to others around the world.

Life online has helped the Wilsons come full circle. All those years ago, Clarence and Patty had been torn from a work and people they loved. Now, with his faithful partner nearby, he can point to his computer, which he likens to an office door through which fellow Christians and seekers may come for counsel, and say, "I consider myself a missionary to Nigeria, living in America."

ARE YOU FULLY PREPARED?

As we prepare to go as a church into the mission field of Searcy this fall, we need to assess our current preparedness. Please take 30 seconds right now to complete this anonymous survey, answering these three questions: Are you fully prepared? How prepared are you? What would it take to feel fully prepared? You can [click on this link](#) or scan the QR code. We are aiming for 500 responses this week as Jordan prepares to preach on "Fully Prepared" next week, and reveal the results. We have 101 responses so far.



WHAT IS THE GREATEST NEED IN THE WORLD TODAY?

Please take 30 seconds to answer this question for yourself by [clicking on this link](#) or by scanning the QR code. Then, ask one person the same question and fill out the link again with their answer. You can give the evangelism cards provided at the church building or simply ask the question and then complete the form on your contact's behalf. We are aiming for 500 responses before moving on to the next survey question for the community. We have 35 responses so far.



MESSAGE FROM THE FITZHUGHS

Hi College Church Family! We wanted to thank you for the messages checking in on us after the recent hurricane. We are all good—the storms were much worse on Big Island than they were on Oahu where we are. We so appreciate how many of you let us know you are praying for us regularly; it means more than you know. We are slowly settling in here, but we certainly miss and love you all (including the students who just returned!). We're excited to see what the Lord does in and through y'all in Searcy this year. Blessings and aloha, The Fitzhughs

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.

THANK YOU

From **Mary, Eddie, and Amy Myers**; Pat & Melanie Malone

Our family is incredibly grateful for the love you have shown us after the passing of **Edwin**. From the prayers, calls, texts, and cards, to the food, flowers, donations, and visits, you have been the hands and feet of Jesus.

From **Ellen Walker**

I'm writing to say thank you to all of you who have prayed for me and served me in such kind and generous ways during the last 20+ months. I also want to ask you to please continue to pray as I will have bone-graft surgery on my leg Wednesday the 26th. This is the next step in my healing process. It's such a blessing to be a part of a family who prays together.

5:00 PM WORSHIP

Song Leader
Jason White

Welcome
Kenneth Mills

Come, Let Us Worship and Bow
Down

Come, Let Us All Unite To Sing

Come, Thou Fount of Every
Blessing

Prayer
Dan Newsom

Boundless Love

His Grace Reaches Me

Amazing Grace

Faithful Love

"Abundant Love" (Part 2)
Noel Whitlock

And Can It Be

We're Marching to Zion
Lord's Supper in Room 100

Closing Prayer
Kage Mitchell

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 8/16/26

Budget for 8/16/2026 - \$52,194.00

Giving for 8/16/2026 - \$51,199.42

Budget - Week 49 - \$2,679,306.04

Giving - Week 49 - \$2,565,535.07

ATTENDANCE 8/16/26

9:00 AM Worship - 1254

Bible Class - 1044

Children's Worship - 56

5:00 PM Worship - 246

Sunday Small Groups - 104

WE'D LIKE TO HEAR FROM YOU!

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Grocery bags

Men's underwear and socks

Hand and bath towels

Children's clothes



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