5:00 P.M. ORDER OF WORSHIP

Song Leader – Harold Valentine
Welcome – Howard Norton
Song – He Lives
Prayer – Larry Long
Song – Let the Beauty of Jesus Be Seen
Song – A Beautiful Life
"Equipped To Do The Lord's Will" – Noel Whitlock
Song – Take My Life, and Let it Be
Lord's Supper in Room 100
Song – O For a Faith that Will Not Shrink
Closing Prayer – Ed McMullen

FINANCES 8/29/2021

Budget for 8/29/2021.....,$45,343.00
Giving for 8/29/2021.....$45,367.61
Budget through Week 51.....$2,432,081.00
Giving through Week 51.....$2,460,219.38

ATTENDANCE 8/29/2021

8:45 a.m. Worship — 615 | 11:00 a.m. Worship — 165
Bible Classes — 610 | Children's Worship — 34
5:00 p.m. Worship — 170
Livestream Worshippers — 145

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September 5, 2021

COLLEGE CHURCH of CHRIST

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

Debt Retirement: Finishing What You Start

One of my favorite books in the Old Testament is about a construction project. And about finishing what you start.

Prompted by God, Nehemiah had a passion to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem. The Book of Nehemiah recounts how the project was completed in an amazing 52 days! It had been "accomplished with the help of God" (Neh. 6:16).

Back in 2006, God prompted the elders of this congregation to produce the "Vision for the Road Ahead." Out of this strategic plan came the desire for more facilities to serve our community and church family. Additions included the Family Room, Welcome Center, expanded kitchen, church offices, new classrooms, the Rock House, the new His House, and increased parking.

For more than a decade, the new facilities have served thousands of people involved in key ministries: Caring and Sharing, Carpenter's Kids, Youth Ministry, Original Rock House, and Bible classes. Like Nehemiah, we believe the project was "accomplished with the help of God."

Nehemiah faced hardships and dangers in rebuilding the Jerusalem wall, but when it was finished, the celebration could begin immediately. Our rebuilding left us with the burden of a $3 million debt. Construction was over but there was still work to do.

So we held successive five-year campaigns in which our generous members paid off most of the debt. Even after ten years, with some debt remaining, many of you continued to give. This past month, with the help of God, the final debt payment was made.

Now we can celebrate! Our elders are planning a celebration-Sunday lunch for later this year when it is safer to get together. More information will follow soon.

Without the debt and related interest, we can now spend more on other ministries, service to our community, support of missionaries, and the spiritual needs of our church family.

It is good to finish what you start. Nehemiah and the people finished the wall. The College church planned, built, and borrowed with faith that God would enable its members eventually to pay it off.

He helped us finish what we started. We are excited to see what He prompts us to start next, while again like Nehemiah, we say in gratitude, "We will not neglect the House of our God" (Neh. 10:39).

Bryan Burks

ELDERS MEETING SUMMARY FOR JULY 2021

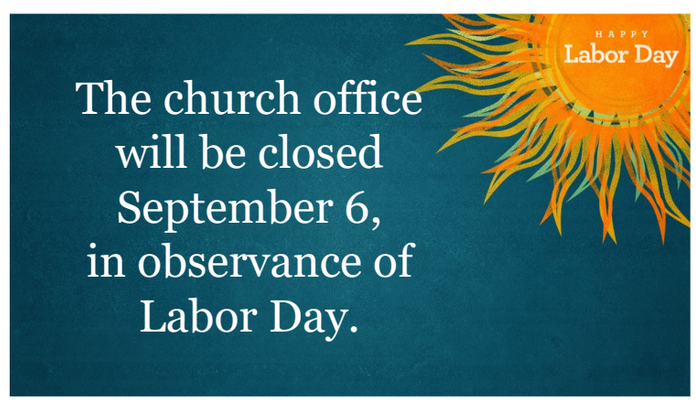
This month the elders

- Prayed for specific needs in the church family;
- Prayed to ask God to help us reach the lost, locally and around the world, and to thank God for our young families and their children and to ask Him to send us more;
- Held both virtual and in-person meetings of the elders;
- Discussed suggestions on visiting new members to welcome them to the congregation;
- Approved
  - ◊ Reinstating the Covid-19 task force;
  - ◊ The proposed 2021-2022 budget;
  - ◊ Returning to two services on August 22;
  - ◊ In principle a new Wednesday evening class schedule;
  - ◊ Changes in ministers' retirement funding;
  - ◊ Changes in ministers' time away Sunday absences policy;
  - ◊ Mallory Prior as the service intern (CIA) for College Outreach;
  - ◊ In principle the recommendations for the GCS distributions with a total goal of $210,000;
  - ◊ A congregational statement from the Covid-19 Task Force;
- Received clarification that full-time for ministers means averaging 40 hours of work per week and that any departure from specific employment stipulations must be approved by the Finance and Administration ministry;
- Heard a proposal to invite Robert and Kerry Cox (and their wives) to tell the story of how their congregation makes disciples and has planted three churches;
- Learned that Rick and Susan Watson will be moving by the end of the month and that there would be a reception on August 29 to honor them;
- Received confirmation of building debt being paid off on August 26 and discussed having a celebratory meal later in the fall;
- Learned that the Worship Ministry was assigning elders to lead the communion service throughout the semester and was developing protocols for the worship services.



8:45 | 11:00 A.M. ORDER OF WORSHIP

Song Leader – Tom Ritchie
Welcome – Jeff Morgan
Song – Jesus Let Us Come To Know You
Song – There Is a Habitation
Prayer – John Stone | Rick Spelce
Scripture –2 Corinthians 5:7-10 –JB Berry|Enid Qirjaqi
Song – Hallelujah! What a Savior
Communion & Offering – David Bangs | Richard Duke
Song – We Shall Assemble
Children's Worship Dismissed
"Heaven & Hell Aren't Real" – Noel Whitlock
Song – There's a Great Day Coming
Shepherd's Prayer – Glen Metheny | Richard Duke
Special Announcement – Bryan Burks





Keith Picker does his part to help clean up after the devastating storm.



Steve Atkins works hard to aid in the clean-up efforts.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT CLASSES

Don't forget, we have many options available for your mid-week Bible study and fellowship. **Click here to check them out on our website.**

Wednesday, September 8, we will have Life-Stage Groups that will meet to process the material on anxiety shared the week before by **Todd Patten**.

They will meet in the following rooms:
Families of Children Birth-Pre-K | Room 100
Families of Children in Elementary School | Room 236
Families of Teenager | Room 201
College Students/Adults | Family Room
Grandparents | Room 233-234



JUNIOR & SENIOR HIGH | WEDNESDAY NIGHT STUDIES

Each Wednesday night beginning September 8, our Jr. High ministry will break down into small groups led by **Andrew Baker**. These small groups will take place in the College Church building beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Our 10th – 12th grade students will gather in homes to worship, share in God's word, and fellowship with one another. They have the opportunity to learn godly characteristics enabling them to develop a deeper commitment to our Lord Jesus Christ.

Sophomores:	**Alan & Rachel Hewett** 204 Red Oak Lane
Juniors:	**Ty & Sheena Swindle** 178 Triple M Road
Seniors:	**Jeff & Christy Morgan** 709 Pin Oak Drive



PRAYER & PRAISE

Prayer: Bettye Alley, is under hospice care at her daughter's home. Visitors welcome but please call first (368-0833); **Dana Hanna** is in UAMS; **Aunean Rainwater** recently had a fall but is recovering and would appreciate prayers; **Mary Woody** is no longer at The Crossing. She is temporarily living with her daughter and would be encouraged by hearing from her church family**.**

Services Scheduled: James Hearn's visitation will be Saturday, September 11, 2:00 p.m., in the College Church auditorium. A memorial service will follow the visitation.

Baptisms: We Rejoice! Bible class member Hayden Horton and Easton McEuen were baptized into Christ on Sunday, August 22, by **David Lawyer.**



Sympathy: Wade Jones passed away Friday, August 27. There will only be a private family memorial.

Patsy Spearman, wife of **Frank Spearman**, mother of **Howard Shaw**, passed away Wednesday, September 1. Services will be Friday, September 10, in Marlow, Oklahoma.

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.

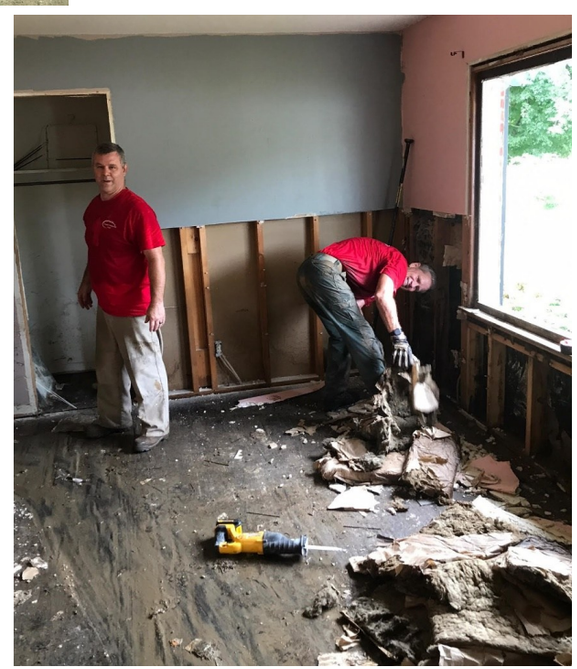
CHANGE FOR CHILDREN

Last call for Change-for-Children cans that support Children's Home, Inc. If you have any cans at home, please return them by September 30. If you would like to fill a can this month, you can pick one up in the front of the auditorium. This church family always responds so generously, and Children's Home, Inc. will be greatly blessed by your donations.



Homes sustained extreme damage from the flash flooding.

Steve Atkins and **Dennis Yecke** rip out dry wall and insulation during clean-up.



DIRECTORY UPDATE

Moved out of town: Rick & Susan Watson, 104 Brittany, Glasgow, KY 42141.



DISASTER RELIEF MINISTRY

A group of members recently returned from Waverly, Tenn, where they assisted in the clean-up efforts following the devastating floods.

In addition to this work, **Sam Billingsley** and **Kent Jones** are currently en route to LaPlace, Louisiana to set-up our shower trailer. It will be set-up in the Church of Christ parking lot for the community to use.

The Disaster Relief ministry needs volunteers to assist in the clean-up efforts in South Louisiana. The type of work at this point does not require any special skills, just a good attitude and servant's heart. If you are interested in volunteering or need more information, contact **Chris Adams** or **Scott Diles**.



From left to right: **Dennis Yecke, Frank Britt**, Alabama resident Sammy Ford, local home owners, **Steve Atkins**, **Scott Diles** and **Keith Picker**.

BABY BOY SHOWER

You are invited to a gift-drop shower celebrating **Elizabeth Thomason**, daughter of **Arthur & Sheri Shearin**, from now until Sunday, September 12. Due to Covid, there will not be a traditional shower. Help us honor this precious baby boy by dropping off your gifts on the table set up in the Welcome Center. The family is registered at Amazon and Target.



THANK YOU

Words cannot express the love we felt from the church family after the loss of Danny. For the meals, hugs, cards, phone calls, texts and, most importantly, prayers, we are grateful. The church carried us through this difficult time, and we want to thank all of you. We ask that you please continue to pray for the family.

Allan & Carole Isom
Stephen & Jeanne Burks
Debbie Isom
Tara Rutledge
Eric & Cindy Isom

AREA WEDDING SHOWER

You are invited to a wedding shower celebrating Sarah Phillips, bride-elect of Ross Eichhorn, son of Downtown church members Rick & Dezra Eichhorn, on Sunday, September 12, 2:00-4:00 p.m., at the home of Jeanette Eichhorn, 186 Deer Trail. The couple is registered at Bed Bath & Beyond, Dillard's, Target, Amazon and the-knot.com. Gifts early, please.



ONE-ON-ONE CONNECTION



All ladies are welcome to register for our One-on-One Connection ministry. The intention of this ministry is to develop a personal relationship between two ladies. Our godly, mature Christian women mentor our younger ladies by calling, texting, emailing or, if comfortable doing so during these Covid times, having socially distanced time together. Registration is now open at online. Deadline to register is September 12. **Click here to register.**

CREATIVE CONNECTIONS | DATE CHANGE

A Creative Connections event is coming your way Sunday, September 19, 2:00 p.m., in the Family Room. **Kay Gowen** will instruct, encourage and inspire any of you who would benefit from being more equipped to worship God in song. No supplies or fees are needed. If you don't need help, please consider joining us to lend support to others as we "sing and make melody in our hearts to the Lord."



HEARTFELT MINISTRIES

Heartfelt is a unique women's ministry. Its mission is to build and deepen the friendships of women of God and their relationship with Jesus. We give encouragement, guidance and support in small groups who meet in one another's homes. Following the principles of Titus 2:3-5, our older women ("Moms") mentor younger women ("Sisters"). These relationships are a great blessing for older and younger women. Sign up to be a Heart Mom or Sister online or pick up a flyer in the Welcome Center.
Click here to sign up online.



ANNUAL BUDGET

September 1, 2021 to August 31, 2022

INCOME:	
Contributions	$2,511,323
Interest and Fees	$47,800
TOTAL INCOME	$2,559,123
EXPENSES:	
Planning, Support & Communication	$400,599
Office, Transportation, Facilities, Financial	
Benevolence	$63,400
Children's Homes, His House, Medical	
Life Resources International	
Caring & Sharing	$12,000
College & Community Outreach	$61,623
Prison & Jail Ministry	$31,252
Communications	$39,350
Discipleship	$5,000
Youth, Family & Education	$223,703
Early Childhood thru Senior High, VBS,	
Carpenter's Kids, Lads to Leaders, Resource Room,	
Faith & Home, Children's Outreach	
Involvement	$33,630
Shepherding Groups, Family, Counseling,	
New Members, Senior Ministry, Fellowship	
Missions	$534,500
Foreign, Domestic, World Bible School	
Worship	$27,061
Worship/Assembly Management	
Salaries & Benefits	$1,127,005
TOTAL EXPENSES:	$2,559,123

