SEPTEMBER 19, 2021

THE CONNECTION.

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

8:45 | 11:00 AM ORDER OF WORSHIP

Song Leader
Chris Randolph

Welcome
Nick McNabb

Song Medley:
Highest Place
All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name
You Are the Song That I Sing

I Will Call Upon the Lord

Prayer
Andrew Baker | Steven Valentine

2 Timothy 3:14-17
Isaac Baker | LJ Valentine

Night, with Ebon Pinion

Communion & Offering
Jim Gurchiek | Bob Reely

Wonderful Words of Life
Children's Worship Dismissed

"You Can't Trust the Bible" (Pt.2)
Noel Whitlock

He Paid a Debt

Shepherd's Prayer
Bryan Burks | Sam Billingsley

5 PM Order of Worship on back

JUNIOR HIGH TEACHERS: TALENT SCOUTS FOR JESUS

These dudes had muscles on their muscles. Flexing and stretching, they walked jauntily around the stage, warming up for their performance at our school assembly. I looked down at my pitiful right bicep and realized the only thing I regularly lifted of any weight was a Tootsie Pop. The so-called Power Team spent an hour tearing New York City-size phonebooks in half and bending six-foot-long steel rebar over their heads.

More importantly, they used their demonstrations to talk about the strength of the Lord in their lives. I was amazed! I had never really thought of strength as a talent, but I figured that if a guy can bend a bar over his head for the Lord, a lot of other things not normally considered talents can be used for the Lord's glory, too.

Young people are at a time in their lives when they are discovering many things about themselves, including their gifts and abilities. A teacher is, in some ways, a talent scout who helps them explore these unknowns.

When I noticed special abilities in students, I sat down with them and helped them recognize that they have a gift from God. Many neither see their talent for the special blessing that it is, nor understand their responsibility to develop it fully—and let God use it for His glory.

My job was to reinforce what Jesus taught in the parable of the talents (Matthew 25:14-30). Though "talents" means "money" in the text, the point remains: our Lord wants all we have to be available in His service.

English hymn writer Frances Havergal captures this idea beautifully in "Take My Life and Let It Be," which reads in part:

Take my hands and let them move
At the impulse of thy love.
Take my feet and let them be
Swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice and let me sing
Always, only for my King.
Take my lips and let them be
Filled with messages from Thee.

Take my love, my Lord, I pour
At Thy feet its treasure store.
Take myself and I will be
Ever, only, all for Thee.

And while junior high students may never bend steel or tear a phonebook in half, they can, with encouragement from their talent-scout teachers, begin serving God in their own unique ways.

Trey Reely, Riverview, Ret.

HARDING LECTURESHIP

You are invited to Harding's Annual Bible Lectureship, September 26 through September 29. The theme this year is fitting: "Courageous Faith in Troubled Times: A Study of the Book of Daniel." See the full schedule of over 100 speakers at **harding.edu/lectureship.**

YOUTH GROUP UPDATES

John Stone will be leading the Sr. High class on Sunday mornings.

The Sophomore and Junior Huddle groups have combined. They meet at **Ty & Sheena Swindle's** home, 178 Triple M Rd.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

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.

LADS TO LEADERS

Lads to Leaders (L2L) is the oldest and largest leadership training program used by the churches of Christ today. The goal of L2L is to provide year-round leadership training tools that can be adapted to individual congregational needs. Pre-K through 12th grade kids are eligible. **Trey Reely** is the director of L2L at College Church. He will have an informational meeting on Sunday, September 26, 3:30 p.m., in Room 100.

PRAYER & SYMPATHY

Sympathy:
We are saddened at the passing of Joe Johnson, husband of Terry Johnson, father of Joni Day, grandfather of Julia Hartis, and grandfather of Emma and Lynlee, on Friday, September 17. Arrangements are pending.

Prayers:
Bettye Alley is under hospice care at her daughter's home. Visitors welcome but please call first (368-0833).

Sandra Boaz will have knee replacement surgery Monday, September 20.

Lindsey Farley, daughter of Lisa Farley, is in UAMS.

Mary Woody is in UH 2310.

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

WEDNESDAY NIGHT

On Wednesday, September 22, these Life-Stage Groups will meet to process the material on "People Matter," shared the week before by Jared Cox.

Families of children Birth-PreK - Room 100

Families of children in Elementary School - Room 236

Families of Teenagers - Room 201

College Students/Adults - Family Room

Grandparents - Room 233-234



SHOWERS

Hayden Mathews

You are invited to celebrate the upcoming wedding of Pniel Schneider, bride-elect of **Hayden Mathews**, son of **Darren & Kim Mathews**, grandson of **Darrell & Kay Mathews** and **Gary & Ruth Anne Barnes**, on Thursday, September 23. Because the couple currently lives in Israel, we are showering them in a non-traditional way. We are giving them a money tree. Money can be mailed to Darren Mathews, 115 Black Oak. Please make checks payable to Darren. If you prefer, you can contact Melody Benton, **Susan Carr**, **Cheryl Finley** or **Shera Henderson** for Hayden's CashApp or Venmo information.

Anna Thomas

You are invited to celebrate the upcoming wedding of **Anna Thomas**, daughter of **Reid & Kem Thomas**, bride-elect of Caden Miller, brother of **Falan & Will Francis** and nephew of **Kyle & Camie Citty**, on Sunday, October 3, 1:30-3:00 p.m., at the home of **Jenny Citty**, 5 Burr Oak Court. The couple is registered at The Boutique, Doorframes, Soiree Gifts, and theknot.com. Gifts early, please.

NEW MEMBERS' CLASS

College Church will have a New Members' class Sunday, September 19, 8:45 a.m.-11:00 a.m., in Room 227. All recent new members are invited. This is an excellent opportunity to ask questions and learn about working with our ministries and worshiping at College Church. If you have any questions, contact **Steven Yeakley** 501-473-0218.

THANK YOU

from **Suzanne Casey** and family

Your loving acts of kindness have helped my family and me through a very difficult time. Your caring concern for us eased the pain we experienced at the passing of our beloved mother. Thank you. We have been comforted by you.

from Debbie Isom

Thank you for letting us use your building for Danny's memorial. Thank you for the wonderful meal afterwards and for all those who helped prepare it and clean up. I pray I can give back to others as I have been given.

CREATIVE CONNECTIONS

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.

INTERGENERATIONAL BIBLE STUDY

The Intergenerational Bible Study for women of all ages, including college students, will resume Wednesday, October 6, 5:30 p.m., at the home of Kay Gowen. Covid vaccines are required due to the fact that many in the group are older and taking every precaution not to be exposed or to expose others. Following an hour of Bible study, we will gather at the table to spend time together. We would be thrilled to have you bring a snack supper and join us!

NAME TAGS

The Involvement Ministry would like to encourage all our members to wear their name tags when attending church services and class. If you need a name tag, please call the church office.

CHINESE MINISTRY

The Chinese ministry is hosting a Mid-Autumn Festival. All are invited to join us for the celebration. We will have a knowledge competition with prizes. Come enjoy Chinese food, learn how to make mooncakes and lanterns, and enjoy a fun evening of cross-cultural experiences on Saturday, September 18, 4:30 p.m.-7 p.m., in the Family Room. Tickets are $3/per person.

5 PM ORDER OF WORSHIP

Song Leader
David Anguish

Welcome
Greg Brooks

We Will Glorify

Wonderful Words of Life

How Shall the Young Secure Their Hearts?

Prayer
Jim Gowen

How Firm a Foundation

"Our View of God's Word"
Noel Whitlock

Jesus Loves Me

Lord's Supper in Room 100

Jesus, Let Us Come to Know You

Closing Prayer
Don Hood

HIS HOUSE

Donation Requests:
Towels
Coffee Pots
Skillets
Sauce Pans
Silverware

SERVICE TIMES

Sunday
8:45 AM Worship | 10:00 AM Bible Class | 11:00 AM Worship

Wednesday
4:00 PM Early Bird Bible Class
5:30 PM Mabee Bldg Rm 101
7:00 PM Convicted Series Family Room
7:00 PM SH Meeting in Homes | JH Meeting in Building

FINANCES

Budget for 9/12/2021 - $47,088.00
Giving for 9/12/2021 - $45,222.64
Budget through Week 2 - $99,406.00
Giving through Week 2 - $105,339.71

ATTENDANCE 9/12/21

8:45 Worship - 565
11:00 Worship - 151
Bible Class - 535
Children's Worship - 38
5:00 Worship - 191
Sunday PM - Small Groups Meeting
Livestream Worship - 126

WE'D LIKE TO HEAR FROM YOU!

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