ORDER OF WORSHIP

8:00 a.m.
Worship Service

Song Leader – Steven Yeakley

Welcome – Glen Metheny

Song – Give Thanks / Thank You, Lord

Prayer – Edwin Hendrix

Song – How Deep the Father's Love

Communion & Offering – Greg Brooks

Song – More than Conquerors

Scripture – 1 Corinthians 10:11-13 – Josh Brooks

"The Way of Escape" – Noel Whitlock

Song – Great is Thy Faithfulness

Shepherd's Prayer – Gene Luna

LAST WEEK

9/13/2020:

8:00 Worship— 261 / 11:00 Worship — 268

Bible Classes —dismissed / Children's Worship — dismissed

Worship p.m. —dismissed / Worship 7:15 p.m. —dismissed

FINANCES

Budget for 9/13/2020.....$45,352.00

Giving for 9/13/2020.....$41,490.00

Budget through Week 2.....$96,852.00

Giving through Week 2.....$91,227.09

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Bulletin Deadline - NOON, THURSDAYS

September 20, 2020

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

Advice from C. S. Lewis*

C.S. Lewis lived through some rough experiences. His mother died when he was only a boy. He was wounded fighting in World War I, sheltered children from Nazi bombs during World War II, and lost his beloved wife to cancer late in life. Interestingly, he also lived through the Spanish flu pandemic of 1918, an event that has special significance for us a century later.

What would C.S. Lewis say about our current circumstances?

I think his first bit of advice would be to refrain from immersing ourselves obsessively in the feverish news cycle that clamors for our attention with daily accounts of COVID numbers and political violence. Long before social media and twenty-four hour news, Lewis wrote that he thought it was a mistake to pay too much attention to the news because it breeds "an incurable taste for vulgarity and sensationalism." Additionally, he observed that most of what one hears in the news today will, in a few years, turn out "to have been false in emphasis and interpretation, if not in fact as well" (*Surprised by Joy*).

Of course, Lewis is not saying that all news is bad or useless. We must be aware of our surroundings and engage with the very real struggles that exist. However, fear (whether news-induced or otherwise) cripples our ability to do that. In "On Living in an Atomic Age," Lewis suggests some positive behaviors for dealing with this fear. He is addressing a social anxiety of his own day, but its application to our present concerns should be obvious:

"The first action . . . is to pull ourselves together. If we are going to be destroyed by an atomic bomb, let that bomb, when it comes, find us doing sensible and human things -- praying, working, teaching, reading, listening to music, bathing the children, playing tennis, chatting to our friends -- not huddled together like frightened sheep and thinking about bombs. They may break our bodies (a microbe can do that) but they need not dominate our minds."

I trust that his passing reference to microbes is not lost on any of us. May the LORD give us the faith to take this good advice, cast our fears on Him, and receive the peace that passes understanding.

Larry Hunt

*Lewis was one of the 20th century's greatest Christian writers. Dr. Hunt teaches a course on his works at HU.

DISASTER RELIEF

Lord willing, another disaster relief team will go to central Louisiana, from Sep 24-27. Our team members are all set, but we need your prayers, and a bit more funding. If you would like to contribute to this effort, please bring your funds to the church office before the 24th. Gift cards to Walmart, Home Depot, Kroger, and Lowe's are also needed. The gift cards are used to help struggling families.

Sam, Scott and Chris

PRAYER & PRAISE

Prayers:

Jerome Barnes had surgery Tuesday and remains in ICU at St. Vincent Hospital; **Opal Bailey** is in UH South Campus rehab 425 following a fall; **Mary Reed** is home under hospice care, visitors encouraged; former member, Julie Daughety, health concerns.

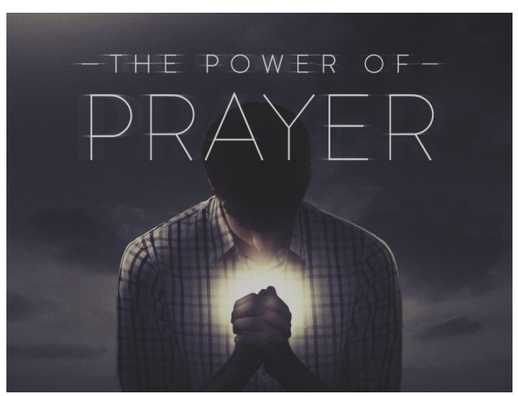
Birth:

Bob & Dana Evans wish to announce the birth of their newest grandson, Caleb Joshua Evans, born June 17, to Josh & Daphne Evans of Cabot, AR.

Keith & Stella Kreh wish to announce the birth of their 12th grandchild, Ezra James Kreh, born September 12, to Matt & Jaella Kreh in Pocatello, Idaho. Ezra continues to be in NICU but is improving daily. Please continue to keep him and the family in your prayers.

Deaths:

Gale Hanna's mother, Dorothy Hanna, passed away Thursday, September 11, in Luxora, AR. Funeral services were in Blytheville, AR.



ELDERS MEETING SUMMARY FOR AUGUST 2020

- Prayed for specific needs in the church family;
- Prayed specifically for God to bring more young families and children to the congregation and to help us reach the lost, locally and around the world;
- Held virtual meetings of the elders on Zoom;
- Had a devotional focused on the necessity of Jesus' sacrifice on the cross led by Bruce McLarty;
- Approved a plan to have two morning services at the building beginning on August 23;
- Approved the proposed distribution of Great Commission Sunday funds as recommended by the GCS committee;
- Approved a plan to allow email questions regarding the proposed 2020-21 budget and then have a virtual vote process on that budget;
- Approved the Campus Ministry proposal to have a second service with a focus on college students;
- Honored local law enforcement officers, especially those who are members of the congregation, with the reading of a statement and a prayer at the August 26 elders meeting via Zoom;
- Heard a report that at the first 11:00 a.m. service approximately 240 attended with the majority being college students;
- Approved Amy Carriger as assistant director for Carpenters Kids;
- Asked ad hoc committee chairs to report their activities and current membership to the Steering Committee;
- Heard report on the contributions from the Wanice Beckett estate that went to Life Resources International and general budget fund;
- Asked Task Force to discuss re-opening of Bible classes in the building;
- Commended Barnes for his work as chair for the past four months.

CHANGE FOR CHILDREN

The goal for 2020 is $300,000. College Church ranked in the top 10 contributors for 2019. Let's do it again! There are 3 ways to contribute:

- Coin cans: There are a few remaining in the front of the auditorium.
- Checks: Children's Homes Inc., 5515 Walcott Rd., Paragould, AR 72450.
  (Specify your donation is for College Church Change for Children)
- Phone call: Cindy Barnett at 870-239-4031 ext 127.

The deadline to turn in your coin bank to the church office is TODAY.

THANK YOU

I want to thank **Chris Adams** and the group who came from there to help with the clean-up after Hurricane Laura hit the Alexandria/Pineville area of Louisiana. They were a wonderful group and met a great need of many of our members. Everyone in our congregation had some type of damage and it was difficult for us to do much for others while having to deal with our own problems. Everyone in Alexandria and Pineville were without power, some a day or two and others a week or two. Your workers not only came to help with clean-up but brought their own food so we would not have to prepare food for them. They also brought supplies to leave with those in need.

We are thankful for your elders and congregation for allowing the organization of this group for a very important service in the church.

I understand that some of them returned to Lake Charles for another week or two of service.

We are so very grateful for your service to us and the Lord. May He continue to bless you with wonderful brethren who can meet needs like ours.

With great love and appreciation,
Larry Pasley, preacher
Jackson Street Church of Christ, Alexandria, LA

FAMILY CONCERNS

Briarwood Nursing & Rehab: Ellen Brown 104.
The House of Three: LR: **Bill Diles**.
The Crossing at Riverside: Carl Beavers, Sr.; **Mable Carpenter** 309; **Louise Ganus**; **Eloise Muncy** 317B; **Margaret Parker** 212A; **Melodee Harris'** mother, Leorra Walker 305; **Joe Hurd's** mother, Patsy Hurd 216A; **Joe Jernigan's** mother, Joan Jernigan; **Sharon Manor's** father, Harvie Reynolds 105; **Sharon Manor's** mother, Opal Reynolds 114; **Danny & Mike Wood's** mother, Frances Wood 115A.
Oakdale: Carolyn Boutell 117; **Rick Boutell** 117.
Providence: Lottie Nichols 46A hospice; **Laura Smith** 308.
Searcy Healthcare: Clarene Keesling 82.

BIBLE CLASSES

John W. Smith is teaching a class on the Holy Spirit Tuesdays, 6:00 p.m. in Room 100.

The Wednesday afternoon Early Bird Class will restart on October 14, in Room 100 or the west side of the auditorium, depending on attendance. The class will be respecting health guidelines (mask, social distancing, etc.). The class will meet at 4:00 p.m. and continue the study of the Prison Epistles with **Howard Norton**.

SHOWERS

You are invited to a baby shower for Audrey & Jon Hearn, daughter of **Steve & Cindi Cooper** and **Scott & Laura Hearn**, grandson of **James & Johnice Hearn**, TODAY, in the Family Room from 1:30-3:00 p.m. It's a boy! Audrey is registered at Amazon and Target. Gifts early to College Church please.

Please join us for a bridal shower honoring **Lindsey Simpson**, bride elect of Jordan Robinson, TODAY, 1:30-3:00 p.m. at the home of **Jeanne Burks**, 913 Golf View Dr. Lindsey is the daughter of **Jay & Ruth Simpson** and the granddaughter of **J.A. & Louise Simpson** and **Bob Murdock**. This is an indoor shower so we will adhere to CDC guidelines and require masks. Selections: Walmart, Bed Bath & Beyond, and Amazon. Gifts may be dropped off at the house or at the church office. Gifts early please.



Our joy is complete! After serving as foster-care parents to Robyn for 20 months, **Joshua & Savannah Daigle** will be welcoming her into their sweet family forever. Please come celebrate her story, their new family, and God's goodness and answered prayers. Join us for a drive-by money-tree shower on Sunday, September 27, 2:00-3:30 p.m. at the home of **Kris & Jenny Citty**, 5 Burr Oak Court, Searcy. They are also registered at Walmart and Amazon.

HIS HOUSE NEEDS

His House needs soup pots, towels, and wash cloths.