

SEPTEMBER 20, 2026

THE CONNECTION.

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

*God saw all that he had made, and it was very good (Gen. 1:31).
Go from your country, your people . . . to the land I will show you (Gen. 12:1).*

The Land God Showed Them *Brasilia, Brazil*



A panoramic view of Brasilia's Monumental Axis and, in the distance, the National Congress.

It is beautiful how God writes the story of our lives. Brazil is the land where Patricia and I were born and where God first called us to serve. For 14 years, we shared the Gospel in Brasilia, our capitol city, sent and supported by American brothers and sisters to serve our own people.

Then God surprised us, bringing us to Southeast Florida. Today, we serve Brazilians, Americans, and people from many backgrounds. Borders may separate nations, but not God's mission. All people need to know Jesus and His Kingdom.

"Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household" (Eph. 2:19).

-The Liras

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Patricia, Hannah and Junior Lira

SHEPHERDING GROUPS

The **Mike Justus**, **Brad Francis**, and **Bryan Burks** Shepherding groups, along with the **Darren Mathews/Charles Underwood** group, will meet in Room 121 for a potluck on September 27, following Bible classes.

FAMILY WEEKEND SUNDAY

This Sunday Morning we are expecting many guests in worship from Harding's Family Weekend and Lectureship. What if our guests told all their friends that they were treated like kings and queens? Would you make a second-mile effort to greet them in the parking lot or pew, let them have your choice seat on the outside aisle or back row, and personally invite them to your class or guide them to the class of their choosing? This could be one of our best Sundays ever as we join with our guests and members in unity and hospitality before our gracious host, the Lord.

WINTER COAT DRIVE

The date for the Winter Coat Drive is Saturday, November 14. We are collecting coats and hoodies in the barrels in the Welcome Center. Please bring your clean and gently used or new coats and hoodies as soon as possible. We will have a sign-up sheet to help with this event soon.

LADS TO LEADERS

On Sunday, September 27, at 3:30 p.m. in Room 100, we will have our first meeting of the 2026-27 school year. We welcome boys and girls from Pre-K through 12th grade and their parents. Also, if you are a college student who would like to be part of this ministry, you are welcome as well.

PRAYERS & SYMPATHY

Kenna Aldrich, The Blossoms 116; **Sarah Ard**; **Mary Diles**; **Ken Sallee**, The Crossing 214B; **Wanda Spears**; **Ellen Walker**; **Noel Whitlock**.

Beverlee Redding passed away September 6. There will be a memorial on Saturday, September 26, at 11:00 a.m. in the College Church Auditorium. Beverlee was in **Jim Gurchiek's** Shepherding Group. The church will be providing a meal for the family following the service. If you would like to volunteer to help, please text **Laurie Walker**.

Wayne Wright, father of **John Wright**, passed away September 14. Services will be Saturday, October 3, in Texas.

CANCELED CLASSES & SERVICES

The following events are canceled so that members may attend the Harding Inspire Lectureship:

Evening services Sunday, September 20
Ladies Bible class Tuesday, September 22
All Bible classes Wednesday, September 23

ACCESS CONTROL DOORS

Our Access Control System is now in place on the doors at five entrances:

- Teen Center Entrance: east side
- South East Entrance: across from Midnight Oil
- South West Entrance: adjacent to Room 100
- Kids Hallway Entrance: west side under the awning
- North Parking Lot Entrance: close to the kitchen

These doors automatically unlock before worship services, with time built in for our early birds! The doors automatically lock 10 minutes after services begin. Anyone arriving after that should enter through the Welcome Center doors, as per our longstanding policy.

You can exit through these five entrance doors at any time. Motion sensors normally unlock the doors as you approach. If a sensor does not unlock the door, press the green "push-to-exit" button to the left of the door.

All five entrance doors are also connected to our fire safety system and automatically unlock when the fire alarm is activated, allowing everyone to exit.

If you have questions, please contact **Nick McNabb**. Thank you for helping us keep our building welcoming and secure!

THANK YOU

From **Harry & Cheryl Riggs**

We wish to express our heartfelt thanks for all the prayers and expressions of love and support for us offered during the illness and recent passing of our daughter, Amy. We are so blessed to be part of such a loving and caring church family!

ELDERS MEETING SUMMARY-AUG 2026

This month the elders

- Prayed for
 - ◇ Specific needs in the church family, including those dealing with grief and difficult health issues;
 - ◇ Those who attended the school supply and backpack distribution event;
 - ◇ The families and children in the congregation, the lost in our community and around the world, and the spiritual and numerical growth of the congregation;
 - ◇ Teachers and students as the new school year begins;
- Were updated on
 - ◇ A letter of resignation from the eldership from **Sam Billingsley**;
 - ◇ The internship in Angola that **Theo & Rochelle Westbrook** participated in;
 - ◇ His House having served 1,198 individuals in July;
 - ◇ The school supply event that served 275 individuals;
 - ◇ The total of 33 baptisms at the jail in June and July;
- Approved
 - ◇ **Bobby Morrow, Abbie Morrow, Sam Bills**, and **Isaac Baker** as College Ministry interns for the upcoming year;
 - ◇ **Jared Boyd** to be considered to serve as a deacon on the Security Team;
 - ◇ The proposed budget of \$2,827,694 for 2026-27;
 - ◇ Moving forward with the building construction using Connell Construction;
 - ◇ The Great Commission Sunday committee recommendations for a total of \$210,550.

GREAT COMMISSION SUNDAY

For the next three Sunday's, GCS will be highlighting the three ministries/ programs receiving the largest share of campaign support in 2026: Health Talents International, Harding's Global Outreach and Mision Para Cristo.

Each of these ministries will have an exhibit in the Family Room, beginning on September 20 with Health Talents International (Guatemalan coffee provided!).

Please stop by to learn more and thank these ministries for the opportunities they provide for our teens, university students and College Church family.

MOONCAKE FESTIVAL

The Chinese Church will celebrate the Mooncake Festival on Saturday, September 26, 5:00-7:00 p.m., at Cone Chapel. We will have performances, Chinese food and mooncake. Our purpose is to reach out to the Asian people in Searcy who share that tradition. All church members are invited to this free event.

FAMILY CONCERNS

Briarwood: **Ellen Brown** 104

Providence: **Harold Norwood** 316

Providence Memory Care: **Beverly Blickenstaff**

The Crossing: **Rick Boutell** 308; **Eloise Muncy** 211B

Ongoing Prayer Requests: **Fannie Amy; Karyl Bailey; David Davis; Gary Smith;** David Mathews, grandson of **Darren & Kim Mathews**

WOMEN'S DAY

Registration for Women's Day is open now! We hope women of all ages will join us on Saturday, October 17, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. in the Family Room. A light breakfast buffet will begin at 8:30 a.m. This year's theme is "Welcome Home! Hospitality: the Everyday Ministry." This year's speakers include **Clarissa Chase, Sarah Crouch, Megan Glaze, Melodie Mauney, and Ann Ware**. Registration is free and can be done [online](#) or in the Welcome Center. Childcare is provided. We will also have a special giveaway and door prizes. Feel free to invite friends and neighbors!

AREA SHOWERS

You are invited to a wedding shower honoring Becca Dugger, bride-elect of Kyle Lane, THIS Sunday, September 20, 1:00-2:30 p.m. at the home of **Kem Thomas**, 9 Silver Oak. Becca is the grand-daughter of **Fran Dugger** and niece of **Marcie Miller**. They are registered at [theknot.com](#).

You are invited to a wedding shower honoring Sydney Turner, bride-elect of Landon Koch, on Saturday, October 3, 10:00-11:30 a.m. at The Venue, A Gathering Place, located at 2225 West Beebe-Capps. Landon is the son of Ryan & Amy Koch and the grandson of Tex & Jacque Massagee. Sydney is the daughter of Downtown members Josh & Jenny Turner and the granddaughter of **James & Kay Gantt**. They are registered at Amazon, Doorframes, Target and [theknot.com](#).

You are invited to a wedding shower honoring Alyse Yates, bride-elect of Tyler Smith, on Sunday, September 27, 1:00-3:00 p.m. at the home of **Donna Brown**, 209 Longview Circle. Alyse is the daughter of West-Side members Dr. Terry & Stacey Yates. Tyler is the son of Dirk Smith and grandson of the late Dwight Smith. They are registered at Doorframes and [theknot.com](#). Gifts early, please.

9:00 AM ORDER OF WORSHIP

Song Leader Todd Miller

He Gave Me A Song
My Hope is Built on Nothing Less
All to Us

What the Lord Has Done In Me

Scripture Reading Chad Strickland

Prayer Howard Morris

Worthy is the Lamb

Communion & Contribution David Burks

Had It Not Been the Lord

Sing and be Happy
Children's Worship Dismissed

To God Be the Glory

"Why Do Bad Things Happen?" Jordan Guy

Goodness of God

Announcements Michael Claxton

Shepherd's Prayer Keith Cronk

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 232

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 9/13/26

Budget for 9/13/2026 - \$52,200.00

Giving for 9/13/2026 - \$49,174.65

Budget - Week 2 - \$110,200.00

Giving - Week 2 - \$103,889.26

ATTENDANCE 9/13/26

9:00 AM Worship - 975

Bible Class - 820

Children's Worship - 58

5:00 PM Worship - 224

Sunday Small Groups - 123

WE'D LIKE TO HEAR FROM YOU!

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HIS HOUSE

Donation Requests:

Grocery bags
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.