SEPTEMBER 26, 2021

THE CONNECTION.

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

8:45 | 11:00 AM ORDER OF WORSHIP

Song Leader
Will Francis

Welcome
Michael Claxton

Song Medley:
Days of Elijah
A Wonderful Savior
As the Deer Pants for the Water
A Shield About Me

Prayer
Kris Citty | Nicky Boyd

James 1:13-18
JR Duke | Brandt Jean

Why Did My Savior Come to Earth?

Communion & Offering
Mike Justus | Jim Citty

All to Us
Children's Worship Dismissed

"I Just Want You to be Happy"
Noel Whitlock

All Things Are Ready

Shepherd's Prayer
Fred Jewell | Byron Howell

CHRIST IN THE COLLEGE CLASSROOM: CONFIDENCE

My kids. That's how I refer to them, but the college students I teach are really adults. They can vote, get married, or serve in the military, and—for the first time in their lives—they don't actually have to be "in school."

Now they must choose—everything from a major to church attendance to their values. They are Timothies sent out into a more complex, even dangerous world. They are passionate, energetic, and optimistic, but many lack confidence. Rates of anxiety and depression are skyrocketing on college campuses across this country. Even here at a Christian university, they sit in my office and worry.

I see them three times a week and sometimes only for a single semester, so what can I arm them with as I send them out? At the very least, I hope I can give them what Harding helped give me: confidence.

I teach history, and secular colleagues have asked me "How can you be a historian and still believe in all that?" "All that" means Christianity, and at 18 the question would have thrown me.

But at 23 it did not intimidate me at all, because my time as a Harding student introduced me to men and women of incredible faith and brilliance who equipped me to be confident in the historical accuracy of the Bible and the reasonableness of faith.

Furthermore, these mentors were part of an environment that gradually revealed Jesus himself more clearly to me. In the flesh He had supreme confidence in who He was. He had a clear sense of His mission and trusted God to see Him through. In fact, the New Testament reveals Him to be the engine and goal of all history (Eph. 1:8-10).

How could such knowledge not inspire confidence in who we are as His followers? As Paul reminded Timothy, God did not give us a spirit of fear. Instead, we can have confidence in Him who gave us Jesus (II Tim. 1:7ff).

As a college history teacher, I want to help students gain this kind of confidence. I want to have a role in forming graduates who know Christ's place in history. Like me, I want them to dare the world to try to tell us that faith is for the foolish.

Kim Laing, Harding University



NOEL'S NOTES

from **Noel Whitlock**

Great Commission Sunday, October 17, is only three weeks away. Since its inception (October 18, 2009), this generous church family has raised over two million dollars for good works that go beyond our fiscal budget. This year's GCS goal is $197,500. We are blessed to partner with our brothers and sisters to encourage their teaching and serving.Our theme, “Blessed to be a Blessing,” is a reminder of how much our heavenly Father has enriched our lives so we can share His love with others.

Beginning this Sunday, our children will be invited to bring their change to the stage a few minutes before our live streaming begins. Be sure to collect any loose change or small bills to give to one of the kids this Sunday. Monies raised will be used to provide rice for Jochebed’s Hope in Indonesia.

Keep a look out each Sunday for a GCS postcard that will provide more information about one of the ministries in our GCS special offering. VBS is highlighted this week.

PRAYER & SYMPATHY

Baptism:
We rejoice! Janet Carroll was baptized into Christ on Friday, September 24, by Noel Whitlock.

Birth:
Daniel & Elizabeth Thomason announce the birth of a boy, Ford Garrett Thomason. He was born Wednesday, September 22. Proud siblings are Seth, Finn, and Hattie Claire. Proud grandparents are Arthur & Sheri Shearin. He weighed 7 pounds 5 ounces.

Sympathy:
Ralph Theobald, father of Bill Theobald passed away Thursday, September 16.

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

Anna Carter, mother of Joan Palmer and Carol Hendon, is home recovering from hip replacement surgery.

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

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.

CANCELLED CLASSES & SERVICE

The following are cancelled so that members can attend Harding Lectureship:

Evening services Sunday, September 26

Ladies Bible class on Tuesday, September 28

Bible classes Wednesday, September 29

CONNECTIONS CLASS

Join the Connections class Sunday mornings in Room 225 as we begin a study of Romans. The class is discussion-based and led by Rigel Page, Drew Clothier, and Allen Hewett. Our goal is to connect with one another and build deeper relationships, while connecting to God. All ages are welcome.

SHOWERS

Anna Thomas & Caden Miller

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.

Julia Ballinger & Easton Eads

You are invited to celebrate the upcoming wedding of Julia Ballinger, daughter of Scott & Leah Ballinger, bride-elect of **Easton Eads**, son of **Gary & Laura Eads**, on Sunday, October 10, 2:00-3:30 p.m., at the home of **Lori Sloan**, 23 Harding Drive. The couple is registered at The Boutique, Bed Bath & Beyond, Amazon, and Target.

THANK YOU

from **Johnice Hearn** and family

This has been a difficult time, but you have been so much comfort. Thank you for the cards, food, phone calls, donations, and words of kindness. God bless the College Church!

from Rick & Susan Watson

Thank you for all of your kindness over the years that we have been with College Church. We covet your prayers during this time of change and our move. We will miss you all!

AREA SHOWERS

Abby Jacobs & Payton Campbell

You are invited to celebrate the upcoming wedding of Abbey Jacobs, granddaughter of Rosebud members Michael & Shelly Lincoln, bride-elect of Payton Campbell, son of Downtown members Jeffrey & Laura Campbell, Sunday, October 10, 1:00-3:00 p.m., 39 Harding Drive. The couple is registered at Amazon, Anthropologie, Bed Bath & Beyond, and Target.

NEW MEMBERS

John & Jennifer Wright

John & Jennifer moved to Searcy from Prosper, Texas. They have been visiting Searcy for years and always thought it would be a great place to live. John is the Senior Operations manager with Philips Healthcare, and Jennifer is an Administrative Assistant for the College of Pharmacy at Harding. Welcome!

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!

WRAPPED CANDY

Please bring bags of wrapped candy to the Welcome Center for our upcoming Fall Family Festival on October 24.

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.

CHANGE FOR CHILDREN

Change-for-Children cans that support Children's Home, Inc. are due by October 8. Please specify 'Change for Children' on checks. Checks may also be mailed to Children's Home Inc., 5515 Walcott Rd, Paragould, AR 72450.

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

HIS HOUSE

Donation Requests:
Towels
Coffee Pots
Skillets
Sauce Pans

SERVICE TIMES

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

Sunday Evening
5:00 PM 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 Adults | The Gospel of John-Room 232
7:00 PM Cradle Roll - 6th grade
7:00 PM SH Meeting in Homes | JH Meeting in Building

FINANCES

Budget for 9/19/2021 - $47,088.00
Giving for 9/19/2021 - $45,253.62
Budget through Week 3 - $146,494.00
Giving through Week 3 - $150,593.33

ATTENDANCE 9/19/21

8:45 Worship - 550
11:00 Worship - 134
Bible Class - 520
Children's Worship - 32
5:00 Worship - 188
Sunday PM - Many Small Groups Meeting
Livestream Worship - 122

WE'D LIKE TO HEAR FROM YOU!

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COLLEGE CHURCH of CHRIST

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