OCTOBER 3, 2021

THE CONNECTION.

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

8:45 | 11:00 AM ORDER OF WORSHIP

Song Leader
Tom Ritchie

Welcome
Kenneth Mills

Come, Let Us All Unite To Sing

God Moves in a Mysterious Way

Prayer
Zac Muncy | Mac Madden

Ephesians 6:10-13
Zac Muncy | Mac Madden

How Deep the Father's Love

Communion & Offering
Bryan Burks | Tom Alexander

Holy Ground
Children's Worship Dismissed

"My Way is the Best Way"
Noel Whitlock

Had it Not Been the Lord

Shepherd's Prayer
Gordon Hogan | Howard Norton

5 PM Order of Worship on back

THREE CHEERS FOR LECTURESHIPS

Harding University has just completed its 98th Annual Bible Lectureship. What a marvelous event! I had the privilege of directing twelve of these spiritual feasts. **Martha Hodges** was my able assistant in several of them and did most of the heavy lifting. They were hard work, but we had fun.

But of course lectureships provide so much more. People come from across the nation and from distant lands to recharge their spiritual batteries and experience the thrill of great lectures, classes, reporting, and news of opportunities to serve the Lord.

Some of those present are like parched earth. They work in difficult places under discouraging circumstances. Sometimes they are wondering whether they should give up or keep on working for Jesus. The lectureship lifts their spirits and strengthens their determination to hang on and keep trying.

This year's lectureship focused on the courage of Daniel and applied lessons from his life to our present chaotic situation. Each speaker referenced one or more harrowing experiences in the life of Daniel, described his faithfulness in the face of death, and urged us to imitate Daniel's example of courage in our own times. Besides keynote lectures, the lectureship featured a full menu of classes to help attendees with daily challenges and opportunities at home, in the church, and in their own walk with the Lord.

The 98th Annual Bible Lectureship peaked on Wednesday evening with a masterpiece presentation by Bruce McLarty. When he stepped to the pulpit, a mighty roar of appreciation and a standing ovation almost blew the roof off the Benson Auditorium.

His lecture was one of the best I've ever heard and made the final night a mountaintop experience for all weary souls—many of whom would soon be returning to their work "in difficult places under discouraging circumstances." But they will go with an invincible bounce in their steps and a song in their hearts.

It's hard to believe, but some people—even elders and ministers—don't appreciate lectureships. I happen to love them. I believe they make a vital contribution to the well-being of our brotherhood. This particular lectureship reminded us that "God did not give us a spirit of timidity [or 'cowardice'], but a spirit of power, of love, and of self-discipline" (II Tim. 1:7 NIV).

Howard W. Norton

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.

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.

TRANSITIONS CLASS

Join the Transitions class Sunday mornings in Room 210. The class is for Graduate students and young professionals and led by **Keith Cronk**.

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 sack supper and join us!

PRAYER & SYMPATHY

Prayers:
Bettye Alley is under hospice care at her daughter's home. Visitors welcome but please call first (368-0833); Lindsey Farley, daughter of **Lisa Farley**; **Carol Isom**; **Mike James**; **John Simpson**; **Lee Smith**; **Mary Woody** is in Unity Health South Campus Rehab.

Sympathy:
Dan Davidson's mother, Margaret Davidson, passed away Saturday, September 25. Services are pending and will be in Hawaii.

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

GREAT COMMISSION SUNDAY

We are now two weeks away from another opportunity to live out the phrase, Blessed To Be A Blessing, through Great Commission Sunday special offering. You may have noticed a common theme with many of the ministries put before you this year. Connections!

Healing Hands and Gospel Chariot are connected through our support for Machona and World Bible School; Great Cities of Columbia is connected through Baxter Institute in Honduras. And you, our church family, can connect with each of these ministries through your prayers and generous support.

May God guide you as you consider how you and your family can bless others through this giving opportunity; and may God multiply these gifts and grow His kingdom.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT

Wednesday, October 6, in the Family Room, Kevin Klein will speak on Romans 12:9-21. He will be discussing the topic "Instruments of Peace." Kevin is a Harding University History professor.

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.

AREA SHOWERS

Abbey 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 & Katherine Boone

John grew up in St. Joseph, Michigan while **Katherine** was raised in Searcy. John has spent the past three years working at Harding's Library in the Health Science and Graduate Studies sections. Prior to that, he worked for years at the front desk of the Heritage Hotel. Katherine is in her first year as a graduate student in the Speech Language Pathology program at Harding. Katherine loves to quilt, and John enjoys genealogy work.

EMPOWERING SENIORS PROGRAM

The Seniors Ministry will host a special ESP event on Thursday, October 7, at 4:00 p.m., in Room 100. **Dan Newsom**, former head of Searcy's Social Security Office, will be speaking on "Social Security, Medicare and You." He will discuss Medicare Parts A & B and things to look out for in supplemental and drug plans (Parts F & D). Anyone who is nearing retirement or already retired and interested in learning more about this is welcome to attend. There will be a Q & A time.

WRAPPED CANDY

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

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS

NA is a nonprofit fellowship of men and women for whom drugs had become a major problem. There is a group that meets weekly on Thursdays, 7:15 p.m., at His House.

DIRECTORY UPDATE

Moved: **Jordan & Taylor Guy**, 120 Meadow Brook Drive

THANK YOU

From Terry Johnson, Joni Day and Van Johnson

We would like to thank you for the many acts of kindness shown to our family in the illness and passing of **Joe**. The food, love, and prayers for us were greatly appreciated. May God bless each of you.

From College Church

We want to thank **Ann Harrington** and **Sheena Swindle** for organizing child care during the lectureship. And thanks to **Jan Milner,** who hosted a brunch for minister's wives. Both are important services College church is privileged to supply.

5 PM ORDER OF WORSHIP

Song Leader
John Stone

Welcome
Kenneth Mills

Hear O, Israel

To Canaan's Land

I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord

Prayer
JB Berry

Build Your Kingdom Here

"Our View of God's Church"
Noel Whitlock

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus
Lord's Supper in Room 100

Closing Song
Ashton Stone

Seek Ye First

Closing Prayer
Jonathan Friar

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 in Room 100
5:30 PM Mabee Bldg in Room 101
7:00 PM Convicted Series in the Family Room
7:00 PM The Gospel of John in Room 232
7:00 PM Cradle Roll - 6th grade
7:00 PM SH Meeting in Homes | JH Meeting in Building

FINANCES

Budget for 9/26/2021 - $47,088.00
Giving for 9/26/2021 - $36,177.76
Budget through Week 4 - $193,582.00
Giving through Week 4 - $186,771.09

ATTENDANCE 9/26/21

8:45 Worship - 722
11:00 Worship - 179
Bible Class - 644
Children's Worship - 42
5:00 Worship - dismissed
Sunday PM - Many Small Groups Meeting
Live stream Worship - 125

WE'D LIKE TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Office Hours - 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday
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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.