ORDER OF WORSHIP

8:00 a.m.
Worship Service

Song Leader – Harold Valentine

Welcome – Mike James

Video

Song – We Shall Assemble/Redeemed

Prayer – Dale Brown

Scripture – Matthew 13:31-34 – Mills Bryant

Song – Hallelujah! What a Savior

Communion & Offering – Harley Halliburton

Song – Our God, He is Alive

"So Little Among So Many" – Noel Whitlock

Song – He is Able

Shepherd's Prayer – Richard Duke

LAST WEEK

9/27/2020:

8:00 Worship— 222 / 11:00 Worship — 217

Bible Classes —dismissed / Children's Worship — dismissed

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

FINANCES

Budget for 9/27/2020.....$45,352.00

Giving for 9/27/2020.....$39,808.93

Budget through Week 4.....$187,556.00

Giving through Week 4 .....$171,571.84

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Bulletin Deadline - NOON, THURSDAYS

October 4, 2020

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Vision for the Road Ahead Update

The report from the Vision-for-the-Road-Ahead Committee for 2019-2024 was presented to the elders in June of 2019 and approved in July. We are now in the process of asking each ministry involved to look at what has been done during this first 18 months so that we can report those results to the congregation. We're also asking all ministries to prioritize what they feel should be an emphasis for the following year.

In spite of a worldwide pandemic, I am encouraged by what has already been accomplished. For example, we have adopted our mission statement and publicized the fact that we are intentionally connected to God, His word, His World, and to each other. We have also adopted the core beliefs, values and commitments that undergird or flow from our mission. Realizing the need to better inform and inspire the entire congregation, we are launching a campaign to publicize major components of the "Vision" plan.

We have also begun our disciple-making initiative, which was one of the major themes of our report. Our goal is to intentionally involve all members of the College Church in evangelism in an intimate way. We have also reached out with our ministry of discipling university students to empower them to live with confidence in God's word. Our 11:00 a.m. service, specifically oriented to students during this pandemic, is a good example of this effort.

We have selected new elders, and they are now actually a part of our work at the College church. We have reorganized our ministry system under five categories: Evangelism, Edification, Involvement & Benevolence, University & Community Outreach, and Stewardship. There are 12 ministries that operate under these five headings.

We have also reshaped the Today bulletin, and efforts are underway to help strengthen communication approaches in all areas and platforms.

I am looking forward to getting reports from all ministries and then sharing with the entire congregation the specifics about what has been done and what we intend to focus on during the next year.

We're grateful for every member and your vision for the road ahead. You'll be hearing more about major facets of our collective vision in the coming months.

David Burks, for the Committee

GREAT COMMISSION SUNDAY

Great Commission Sunday (October 25) is only three weeks away! Since the beginning of GCS, we have raised almost $2 million dollars for good works that go beyond our fiscal budget. We again have the privilege of making a collective expression of faith. GCS is not a day when we ask, “How much can we do?” but instead, “How much can God do?” This year’s goal is $142,500. The works are worthy, and it is faith that will see them done.

THANK YOU

To our College Church family: Thank you so much for your prayers and expressions of sympathy following the death of Byron’s mother. The plant we received was beautiful. The cards and calls were thoughtful reminders of the value of Christian friends during times like these.

Love, **Byron & Jeanette Howell**

Thank you seems very little to say when you lose your wife. But hopefully these two words fully express the way kindness and caring were shown to me and my family on the passing of **Mary**, my wife.

Winston Reed

HIS HOUSE NEEDS

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

BRIDAL SHOWER

Please join us for a bridal shower honoring Holly Pettijohn and Weston Burks on Sunday, October 18, 2:00-3:30 p.m., at the home of **Debbie Gentry**. Weston is the son of **Bryan & Laura Burks**, grandson of **David & Leah Burks**, **Carol & Herman Hendon** and the great-grandchild of **Anna Carter**. This will be a covid friendly in-person shower, but the couple will greet outdoor drive-thru guests at 3:00 p.m. They are registered at The Boutique, Target, Bed, Bath & Beyond, Amazon and Zola. Gifts early please.

EVENING SERVICE

Our 5:00 p.m. service will resume tonight, October 4. We are hoping to be able to live-stream the service on Facebook as well. As with the morning assembly, face masks and social distancing will be required.

PRAYER & PRAISE

Prayers:

Opal Bailey is in UH South Campus Rehab 425 following a fall; **Jerome Barnes** is home under hospice care; **Sylvia Bond**, sister of **Jim Citty** mother of **Leah Barber** and cousin of **Judy Clark**, is in UH ICU following a heart attack; **Mary Bridges** is in UAMS for a stem cell transplant; Ezra Kreh, new grandson of **Keith & Stella Kreh**, is home; Julie Daughety, former member, has health concerns. Her mailing address: 15505 Sandstone Terrace, Oklahoma City, OK 73170.

Sympathy:

Letha Reynolds passed away Wednesday, September 30. The funeral will be Monday, October 5, 2:00 p.m., at Searcy McEuen Funeral Home. Visitation and graveside service will be for family only. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Sparrow’s Promise.

Lloyd Deal passed away Thursday, September 24. at the age of 87. He had been in an assisted living facility for a year. His wife, Barbara, passed away October 4, 2015, just a few days short of their 61st anniversary. Lloyd had the distinction of being the longest-supported missionary by the College Church, a partnership which extended to nearly 50 years. Beginning in Iowa in the 1960s and expanding into the upper midwest, Deal later spent several years participating in short-term missions efforts in Kenya, before concluding his active career directing a correspondence course ministry from Edmond. OK. We have received no word on a memorial service.

DIRECTORY UPDATE

Moved in town: Darrell & Kay Mathews, 603 Pin Oak.

Moved out of town: Loryn McCaughan, 27600 NE 46th Street, Camas, WA 98607.

WINTER COAT DRIVE

Our Coat Drive will be on Saturday, November 14, at College Church. We are currently collecting new and gently used coats. We offer coats to the parents as well as the children in our community. Please drop off your coats in the barrels in the Welcome Center.



FAMILY CONCERNS

Briarwood Nursing & Rehab: **Ellen Brown** 104.
The House of Three: LR: **Bill Diles**.
The Crossing at Riverside: **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**.

CHILDREN'S HOMES, INC.

Children's Homes, Inc. is seeking families interested in providing Foster Care in their homes. We are in particular need of families willing to care for older children (school age) and siblings, but families interested in helping a child of any age should attend. The Zoom meetings will give you details on what is required to become a foster family and will answer any questions you might have. You may attend either meeting:

Tuesday, October 20th from 6:30 – 7:30 pm

OR

Saturday, October 24th from 1:00 – 2:00 pm

If you are interested, email Lori Vandagriff at lori@childrenshomes.org or call our Searcy office at 501-268-4330 and let us know which date you would like to attend. We can then send you the link to joining us from your own home. Please give prayerful consideration to join us in the ministry of caring for abused and neglected children.