OCTOBER 10, 2021

THE CONNECTION.

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

8:45 | 11:00 AM ORDER OF WORSHIP

Song Leader
Steven Yeakley

Our God, He Is Alive

Welcome
Michael Claxton

The Joy of the Lord

He Has Made Me Glad

Prayer
Michael Burchfield | Tim Hacker

1 Peter 1:22-25
Joseph Burchfield | Tim Hacker

More Precious Than Silver

Communion & Offering
David Collins | Jim Adams

We Have Heard the Joyful Sound
Children's Worship Dismissed

Sermon Series-The Devil's Favorite Lies
"There is No Good News"
Noel Whitlock

Mighty to Save

Shepherd's Prayer
David Cole | Richard Duke

5 PM Order of Worship on back

GREET ONE ANOTHER: THE WELCOMING MINISTRY

If you haven't thought lately about the biblical principle of greeting, or welcoming, revisit I Corinthians 16:5-20. In it Paul speaks much of personal greetings and seems proud of the welcoming spirit of area congregations. The College Church tries to uphold this biblical model in its own Welcoming Ministry.

Headed previously by **Reggie Reynolds** and **Danny Wood**, the ministry is now under the leadership of **Jeff Montgomery**, and its aim is simple: to make members and visitors alike feel they are wanted here.

As Jeff puts it, "The elders want to add active people to God's kingdom in this place, and our ministry is the front-door by which they can enter. We want that door to open on a friendly, approachable group of people."

Long time greeter **Martha Hodges** illustrates it this way, "What if you visited another congregation looking forward to worship and fellowship—and no one even spoke to you? But what if you were greeted in the parking lot, at the door, and in the auditorium? Would it make a difference in your attitude?"

Jeff and his team realize they have a big job, made harder by the pandemic. The ministry needs more greeters and is in the process of adding workers to handle Sunday morning traffic at multiple entrances. Jeff is looking for members willing to invest the time and effort, not just to say hello but also to offer information and help. "For example," he says, "connecting a new family to the right class for their children can be hugely significant in whether they become plugged in or not."

New Welcome-Ministry workers will be joining a core of loyal veterans whose smiling enthusiasm has brightened the Sundays of many visitors. One of those mainstays is **Morris Seawel**, who calls it "an honor and privilege to be a greeter at College Church."

For Morris it is also a pleasure: "We see many of our friends, but it is especially nice to meet visitors." He urges everyone to "keep an eye out for people you don't know. You might make a new friend."

Or help make a new Christian. To paraphrase Hebrews 13:2, "Do not forget to welcome strangers, for by doing so, some have opened the door to redemption for a sinner."

SHOWERS

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.

Anna Bristo & Kohl Blickenstaff

You are invited to a bridal shower honoring Anna Bristo, bride-elect of **Kohl Blickenstaff**, son of **Kyle & Kellee Blickenstaff**, grandson of **Wayne & Beverly Blickenstaff** and **Jim & Maralyn Citty**, on Sunday, October 24, 1:30-3:30 p.m., at the home of Beth Davis, 105 Clair Cove. The couple is registered at theknot.com. Early gifts can be dropped off in the church office.

AREA SHOWER

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.

WE NEED CANDY

We needs lots of candy for our upcoming Fall Family Festival on Sunday, October 24. Please bring bags of wrapped candy to the Welcome Center before October 24.

PRAYER & SYMPATHY

Prayers:

Bettye Alley is under hospice care at her daughter's home. Visitors welcome but please call first (368-0833); **Mike James** is under hospice care at home; **Carolyn Kenney** had a stroke and is in UH South Rehab; **Lee Smith;** Annette Caceres, daughter of **George & Barbara Brown**, has injuries from a fall; Lindsey Farley, daughter of **Lisa Farley**; Clodine Jordan, mother of **Wilt Martin**, is in The Crossing rehab following a fall and broken arm.

Sympathy:

We are saddened at the passing of **Donna Baines**, wife of **John Baines**, daughter of **Ann Wright**, mother of **Emily Shelton**, sister of **Susan Dillard**, and grandmother of **Titus, Noah** and **Roman Shelton**, on Thursday, October 7. There will be a memorial Saturday, October 16, 10:00 a.m. at College Church followed by a visitation.

Rebecca Goodman's mother, Norma Vincent, passed away Thursday, October 7. Services are pending and will be in Beebe. Rebecca is a member of **Norm Stone's** shepherding group.

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

WEDNESDAY NIGHT

Wednesday, October 13, these Life-Stage Groups will meet to process the material on "Instruments of Peace," shared the week before by **Kevin Klein.**

Families of children Birth-PreK - Room 100

Families of children in Elementary School - Room 236

Families of Teenagers - Room 201

College Students/Adults - Family Room

Grandparents - Room 233-234

THE GENTRY LEGACY

A Stronger Rock House, Improved Outreach to Community

College Church will soon be saying goodbye to **Todd and Debbie Gentry**, who for the last 15 years have led the Original Rock House Ministry on Harding's campus.

The couple has overseen a reshaping and expansion of the ministry's outreach to Harding University students and to the community that make it one of our congregation's most multi-faceted ministries.

Todd had this to say about the move: "After this semester, we will begin a new work at Lakeside Church of Christ in Mansfield, TX. This congregation, one of our church plants, will celebrate 25 years in January. I will return to the pulpit as the lead preaching minister."

"We have loved this church family and the privilege to equip young people through campus ministry. I believe God brought our family here and am grateful for our season of service at College Church. But living in mission means going where He sends, and we feel God is calling us back to Texas."

Debbie adds, "I will miss our ministry to and with students. I feel incredibly humbled that God allowed me to have a sliver of influence in the lives of young women striving to look and live like Jesus. I am forever changed."

Rick Harper, the elder who worked longest with the Gentrys, remembers the "strong personal" nature of their ministry. He thinks of Debbie's Wednesday evening Bible studies for young women and Todd's "mentoring of our campus interns, many of whom have gone on to become influential ministers and leaders."

Rick sums up the impact of the Gentrys on Harding this way: "We will never know the countless hundreds who have received personal counseling from them. Together, and individually, they touched lives one student at a time."

According to Larry Long, another elder who worked with the Gentrys, they were also a key part of our service to the Searcy community through events like Coats for Kids and Holiday Gift Outreach.

Todd and Debbie, who plan to leave for Texas after Harding's graduation in December, will be missed here and, no doubt, be a blessing there. Godspeed.



DIRECTORY UPDATE

Moved in town: **Eddie & Amy Myers**, 3226 Saddlebrook Dr.

THANK YOU

From Dan & Alisa Davidson

Thank you so much for the many cards and words of encouragement after my mother's passing. She was a strong, Christian woman and is getting a much appreciated rest in Abraham's bosom.

GREAT COMMISSION SUNDAY

We are now one week 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.

5 PM ORDER OF WORSHIP

Song Leader
Dale Manor

Welcome
Noel Whitlock

Give Me the Bible

Buried with Christ

Prayer
Harold Valentine

Ancient Words

"The Sinner's Prayer"
Noel Whitlock

Trust and Obey
Lord's Supper in Room 100

Purer in Heart

Closing Prayer
Jackson Montgomery

HIS HOUSE

Donation Requests:
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 10/3/2021 - $52,319.00
Giving for 10/3/2021 - $61,368.87
Budget through Week 5 - $245,901.00
Giving through Week 5 - $248,139.96

ATTENDANCE 10/3/21

8:45 Worship - 600
11:00 Worship - 125
Bible Class - 591
Children's Worship - 30
5:00 Worship - 187
Sunday PM - Many Small Groups Meeting
Live-Stream Worship - 120

WE'D LIKE TO HEAR FROM YOU!

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