OCTOBER 11, 2026

9:00 AM ORDER OF WORSHIP

THE CONNECTION.

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

Song Leader
Todd Miller

Our God, He Is Alive

It Is Well With My Soul

Gratitude

Living Hope

Scripture Reading & Prayer
Morris Seawel

Ten Thousand Angels

Communion & Contribution
Sam Bills

Great Are You Lord

You Are My All in All
Children's Worship Dismissed

As The Deer

"Over-Committed: 1-2 Kings"
Jordan Guy

Nearer, My God, to Thee

Announcements
Dan Newsom

Shepherd's Prayer
Sherrill Bennett

BECAUSE THEY ASK

I was first asked to serve as an elder for the Northern Hills Church of Christ in western South Dakota around 2008. I was honored by the request, yet fearful of the responsibility, because it involved the challenge of dealing with people of all kinds in all sorts of tough situations. Needing guidance, I called the elder I knew best: my father.

I grew up observing how important people were to Harold Hardison. He really did treat others as if they were made in the image of God. I learned from him what it meant to go the extra mile in order to help a person in need. I cherish the childhood memory of dad handing all the money in his billfold to a hard luck school janitor, no questions asked.

I witnessed his agony when he had to hold people accountable for not living the life God had planned for them. I also saw the support he received in difficult times from my mother, and, consequently, realized the importance of having a God-fearing wife beside me.

The greatest influence from my father was his love of God's Word. It was his lodestar for living. I recall fondly a conversation I had with him when he was in his 80's. He commented on how his love of reading God's word had increased even at his elderly age.

In South Dakota or Searcy, the biggest challenge in dealing with people is to help them see others and circumstances through the eyes of Jesus. Life is not all black and white, and God wants elders to be able to live in those gray areas as shepherds of the flock, calling on His wisdom to make decisions that will lead His sheep closer to Him. When you yield to His will in this role, the challenge becomes a blessing.

At the end of that 2008 call to my father, after hearing him talk about being an elder, and recalling his steady example, I asked, "Why did you agree to serve?" His response was simple: "Because they asked." He let me know that when my grandfather, and before him, my great-grandfather, were asked that same question, their answer had also been "because they asked."



So I agreed to serve then, and have done so now, appreciating the trust shown in me by College Church. I pray my service will honor the memory of my ancestors and give glory to the Father of all.

Alan Hardison

SHEPHERDING GROUPS

The **Keith Cronk, Sherrill Bennett\Eddie Cloer** Shepherding groups, along with the **Jim Gowen\David Burks** group, will meet in Room 121 for a potluck THIS Sunday, October 11, following Bible classes.

The **Jim Adams/Steve Baber** Shepherding group will meet in Room 100 for a meal Sunday, October 25, following Bible classes.

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.

GCS SUNDAY

Start saving your change! On Sunday, October 18, children of all ages are invited to bring loose change or bills to the front of the stage during worship, just before they are dismissed to Children's Worship. All children are encouraged to participate, even if they don't attend Children's Worship.

PRAYERS

Kenna Aldrich, The Blossoms 116; **Sarah Ard**; **Karyl Bailey; Lola Crouch; Mary Diles**; **Barbara Garnett**, The Crossings 401; **Ken Sallee**, The Crossing 214B; **Evelyn Spann**; **Wanda Spears**; **Ellen Walker.**

FALL ON THE LAWN

Join us Sunday, October 18, from 4:00–6:00 p.m. at Heritage Park, across the street from the church, for an afternoon of fall fun and fellowship! We'll have hot dogs, corn-hole, a bounce house, a devotional, singing, and our chili cook-off—but we need plenty of chili! Bring your best pot to share, and a prize will be awarded to the winning chili. **Click here to RSVP.**

If you already RSVP'd and said you were not bringing chili, you can still change your response and sign up to bring a pot. Bring your lawn chairs or blankets, and enjoy the evening with us!

Please note: Our regular 5:00 p.m. service will still be held at the church building that evening.

FOREIGN MISSIONS

There will be a Foreign Missions Committee meeting in Room 232, THIS Sunday, October 11, at 3:00 p.m.

FAMILY CONCERNS

Briarwood: **Ellen Brown** 104
Providence: **Harold Norwood** 316
Providence Memory Care: **Beverly Blickenstaff**
The Blossoms: **Rick Boutell** 508
The Crossing: **Eloise Muncy** 211B
Ongoing Prayer Requests: **Fannie Amy**; **David Davis**; **Gary Smith**; David Mathews, grandson of **Darren & Kim Mathews**

WOMEN'S DAY

Registration is open for Women's Day on Saturday, October 17, from 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. in the Family Room, with a light breakfast beginning at 8:30 a.m. This year's theme is "Welcome Home! Hospitality: The Everyday Ministry." Speakers include **Clarissa Chase, Sarah Crouch, Megan Glaze, Melodie Mauney**, and **Ann Ware**. **Registration is free,** childcare is provided, and friends and neighbors are welcome!

NEW ELDER ARTICLES

Today begins a series of six front-page articles, each by one of our most recently appointed elders, who tell their "faith stories," the life path that led them to this vital role. The five other articles will follow at intervals of roughly three weeks. Readers of these pieces might want to revisit Tom Alexander's excellent discussion of the eldership on the church web site. **Click here to access it.**

LOCAL EVANGELISM

The Local Evangelism Ministry reminds everyone that October is "Meet Your Neighbor" month. Please take time to meet four neighbors and share with them Jordan's card question that seems most suitable to you.

CHANGE FOR CHILDREN

It's time to turn in your change cans that support Children's Home, Inc. If you have any cans at home, please return them by THIS Sunday, October 11. This church family always responds so generously, and the Children's Home, Inc. will be greatly blessed by your donations.

BUILD A BETTER BRAIN

Dr. Cody Sipe, professor in Harding's Physical Therapy program and an expert in exercise and healthy aging, will present "Build a Better Brain: Practical Strategies for Improving Brain Health and Fitness" in Room 100 on Thursday, October 22, from 4:00–5:00 p.m. Hosted by the Seniors Ministry, this event is open to all church members.

HST AUDIT PROGRAM

College Church is part of the Harding School of Theology Church Audit Program. College Church members may audit select classes in the spring for just $75 per class. If you are interested, please click this **LINK for more information**. Click **here to see a list of classes** offered.

BABY SHOWER

All are invited to a baby shower honoring **Lyric Pinner** on Saturday, October 24 from 1:00-3:00 p.m. in Room 121. Lyric is the daughter of **Brent & Christina Pinner**. She is registered at babylist and Sassy Stitch. It's a girl!

AREA SHOWER

All are invited to a wedding shower for Downtown members Hannah Diles and Stone Nix on Sunday, October 18 from 2:00-3:30 p.m. in the coffee lobby at Downtown Church of Christ, 900 North Main Street, Searcy, AR. Hannah is the granddaughter of **Jim & Mona Diles**. The couple is registered at Amazon and Target, and registry information is available zola.com.

5:00 PM WORSHIP

Song Leader
Kent Giboney

Welcome
Dan Newsom

Glory For Me

Jesus, Lover of My Soul

Grace Greater Than Our Sin

Prayer
John Reese

Amazing Grace

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

O the Depths and the Riches

John 8:1-11
Don Hood

"Abundant Grace" (Part 1)
Noel Whitlock

Wonderful Grace of Jesus

Softly Now the Light of Day
Lord's Supper in Room 100

Closing Prayer
Mike Caldwell

HIS HOUSE

Donation Requests:

Grocery bags

Children's clothes

Men's small and medium underwear

Men's white socks

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 10/4/26

Budget for 10/4/2026 - $58,000.00
Giving for 10/4/2026 - $59,228.94
Budget - Week 5 - $272,600.00
Giving - Week 5 - $246,044.79

ATTENDANCE 10/4/26

9:00 AM Worship - 801
Bible Class - 687
Children's Worship - 28
5:00 PM Worship - 227
Sunday Small Groups - 118

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.