OCTOBER 24, 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

How Great is Our God

Welcome
Michael Claxton

Song Medley
Victory in Jesus
Shout to the North
Had It Not Been the Lord

Prayer
Keith Cronk | Ed Higginbotham

1 Corinthians 15:50-58
Rocky Stone | Ed Higginbotham

Jesus, Keep Me Near The Cross

Communion & Offering
Brad Francis | Byron Howell

I Will Rise
Children's Worship Dismissed

"God Has Won the Victory"
Noel Whitlock

Faith Is the Victory

Shepherd's Prayer
Bryan Burks | Jim Citty

5 PM Order of Worship on back

THE DISCIPLING LIFE OF ALAN HARDISON

Do you know about our new Discipling Ministry? It's already at work, and in the coming weeks you'll hear more about it. Until then, let ministry member **Alan Hardison** give you a sense of its vision.

In 2019, after 34 years of serving a church in Belle Fourche, South Dakota, that Alan and **Debra**, his wife, helped plant, they moved to Searcy to be close to the families of their three married children, all Harding graduates who remained in the area. It took one visit to decide College Church was the place for them.

Alan was more than ready to use the same evangelistic methods that he had learned planting and growing a church. Collectively those techniques can be described as "discipling," a biblical concept that has never disappeared but is enjoying a resurgence.

Alan offers this succinct definition of "discipling": "making a disciple of someone who will make a disciple." In other words, "it grows out of the conviction that we all are part of the great commission. And the key question is 'How can I use my situation to tell others about Jesus.'"

Here is Alan's situation: He is retired ("I've got time!"). His son-in-law, Vance Bow, and daughter Rachel founded and run Searcy's Maple House, a non-profit that is a house church and benevolence center, providing everything from free showers to community gardening to after-school tutoring.

So Alan volunteered. He meets, talks with, and regularly befriends the visitors to Maple House, including the homeless. And he eventually shares Jesus.

He likes to tell the story of Lisa Proctor, who came to Maple House for a free shower, stayed for a lesson about baptism, and got curious. She was soon baptized and now, transported by the Hardisons, attends both College Church and Maple House, where she also prepares the Sunday meal.


Alan Hardison

Alan says she has shown a great "spiritual hunger" to grow in the faith. He helped make her a disciple, and now is training her to make disciples. She will soon accompany him to a Bible study with a new friend.

"Everyone has a story," Alan says; "now Lisa can use hers to share Jesus with others.

Alan's discipling life often takes him outside church walls. Now it's brought him to a new ministry, which is poised to spread the good news to friends outside our walls.

SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE

In August the elders decided to make two Sunday morning services available when Harding University began classes. After several weeks of two services, the elders believe that we can better provide a welcoming, friendly, Bible-based, Christ-focused, energetic, and edifying worship service for everyone if we go back to one Sunday morning service.

Effective October 31, we will have one Sunday morning worship service. The service time will be from 9:00-10:00 a.m. Bible classes will run from 10:15-11:00 a.m.

During the pandemic, you as a congregation have been flexible as we have made every effort to provide a safe and edifying worship experience for everyone, and we are most grateful. It is a privilege to serve as your shepherds.

DIRECTORY UPDATE

Moved out of town

Carolyn Kenney, c/o Mike & Laurie Lee, 6900 Gap Point Circle, Sherwood, 72120.

Moved in town

Harry & Cheryl Riggs, 2315 Nassau Lane.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS

Don't forget to set your clocks back on Sunday, November 7.

PRAYERS, PRAISE & SYMPATHY

Prayers:

Bettye Alley is under hospice care at her daughter's home. Visitors welcome but please call first (368-0833); **Adam Dunning** is undergoing cancer treatments; **Helen Jarrett** had a stroke; **Jean Minor** is in UH3307; Lindsey Farley, daughter of **Lisa Farley**.

Praise:

Linda Wilson received her final chemo treatment on Wednesday, October 20.

Birth:

Todd & Debbie Gentry would like to announce the arrival of a new granddaughter, Theodora Kate Gentry. She was born Monday, October 18, to Chase & Kelsie Gentry. She weighed 7 pounds.

Sympathy:

Taunya Yaeger passed away Monday, October 11. Visitation will be at College Church in the Family Room, Saturday, October 30, 1:00 p.m., followed by a memorial at 2:00 p.m. Taunya was a member of **John Baines'** shepherding group.

Paul Pollard's sister-in-law, Joanne Pollard, passed away Friday, October 15. Services will be Saturday, October 23, in Atlanta.

David Mayes's mother, Carole Mayes, passed away Wednesday, October 20. Services were Friday, October 20, in Beebe. **Click here for her obituary.**

THANK YOU

From **Rebecca Goodman:**

Thank you sincerely for sharing our sorrow. Your kindness is deeply appreciated and will always be remembered.

From **John Baines,** Sarah Plath, Justin Baines, **Emily Shelton, Ann Wright** and families:

Thank you for your generous outpouring of love to our family during the time of **Donna's** illness and passing. Your prayers, encouraging words, cards, texts, singing, hugs and wonderful food have been a tremendous blessing to each of us!

WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT

From Richard & JoAnn Smith

Richard & JoAnn are delighted to announce the upcoming marriage of their daughter, Jaime Smith, to Mustafa Tareq, on November 4. The couple is registered at Pampered Chef, Pottery Barn, and Walmart.

BRIDAL SHOWERS

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.

Carissa Smith & Cole Watson

You are invited to a bridal shower honoring Carissa Smith, bride-elect of Cole Watson, son of **Michael & April Watson,** grandson of **Jack & Karen Watson**, on Sunday, November 7, 2:00-3:30 p.m., College Church Room 121. The couple is registered at Amazon, Crate & Barrel, and Walmart. Early gifts can be dropped off at the home of **Tracy Bailey**, 3141 W. Country Club, or in the church office.

AREA BABY SHOWER

Jessica & Paden Timms

You are invited to a baby shower celebrating Highway church members Paden & Jessica Timms, Sunday, November 7, from 2:00-4:00 p.m., at the home of Downtown member Heidi Wornock, 42 Jamestown Drive. Jessica is the granddaughter of **Suanne Walker**. Paden is the son of **Tony & Katrina Timms**. The couple is registered at Amazon, Target, and Walmart. It's a boy!

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** 303; **Louise Ganus**; **Jean Minor** 213; **Eloise Muncy** 115B; **Joe Hurd's** mother, Patsy Hurd 208A; **Sharon Manor's** mother, Opal Reynolds 114

FALL CARNIVAL

We invite you to our Family Fall Festival, Sunday, October 24, 2:00-4:00 p.m., at The Original Rock House parking lot and yard. We will have Trunk or Treat and lots of games for the kiddos! If you would like to volunteer to run a game or have a trunk, please contact **Melissa Posey** or **Hayley Howard**.

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 by October 24.

COAT DRIVE

Our Coat Drive will be on Saturday, November 13, 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 clean coats in the barrels in the Welcome Center. We always need men's and women's Large and XL sizes. Thank you for your generosity each year with this ministry!

HOLIDAY GIFT OUTREACH

Our Holiday Gift Outreach Program will begin with the coat drive. We will have families available to adopt beginning Sunday, November 14 in the Welcome Center.

5 PM ORDER OF WORSHIP

Song Leader
Jim Randolph

Welcome
Greg Brooks

O Worship the King

Harvest Time

O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

Prayer
Milo Hadwin

O the Things We May Do

Luke 16:1-13
Mike Rush

"Trying to Serve Two Masters"
Noel Whitlock

I Gave My Life For Thee
Lord's Supper in Room 100

Let The Lower Lights Be Burning

Closing Prayer
JB Myers

HIS HOUSE

Donation Requests:
Coffee Pots
Towels
Silverware

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 10/17/2021 - $47,088.00
Giving for 10/17/2021 - $60,800.37
Budget through Week 7 - $340,077.00
Giving through Week 7 - $359,202.22

ATTENDANCE 10/10/21

8:45 Worship - 673
11:00 Worship - 146
Bible Class - 708
Children's Worship - 30
5:00 Worship - 190
Sunday PM - Many Small Groups Meeting
Live-Stream Worship - 97

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.