8:00 A.M. ORDER OF WORSHIP

Song Leader – Will Francis
Welcome – Mike James
Song – Soldiers of Christ Arise
Prayer – Stan Valentine
Scripture – Colossians 2:1-3 – Mike Caldwell
Song – I Need Thee Every Hour
Communion & Offering – Steven Yeakley
Song – Jesus, Let Us Come to Know You
"Hidden Treasure Found in Christ" – Noel Whitlock
Song – My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less
GCS Thank You!!
Shepherd's Prayer – Rick Harper

5:00 P.M. ORDER OF WORSHIP

Song Leader – Clay Pennington
Welcome – Noel Whitlock
Song – When He Comes In Glory
Song – Master The Tempest Is Raging
Prayer – Brad Francis
Song – Ancient Words
Scripture – Hebrews 1:1-4 – David Cole
"Is Anyone Listening" – Noel Whitlock
Song – We Praise Thee, O God
Prayer – Dale Brown

LAST WEEK

10/25/2020:
8:00 Worship— 286 / 11:00 Worship — 236
Bible Classes —274 / Children's Worship — dismissed
Worship p.m. —106 / Worship 7:15 p.m. —dismissed

FINANCES

Budget for 10/25/2020…..$45,352.00
Giving for 10/25/2020…..$44,801.10
Budget through Week 8…..$375,112.00
Giving through Week 8 …..$354,062.98

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November 1, 2020

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CHURCH OF CHRIST

Intentionally connected to God, His Word, His world, and to each other.

Intentionally Connected to God

(First in a series of articles about the mission statement of the college church of Christ)

Intentionally #connected to God, His Word, His world and to each other

All human beings are unintentionally connected to God whether they want to be or not. He is, after all, our Creator. Just as we are connected to our father and mother by birth and bear their DNA throughout life, we are God's offspring and bear his image—an image sullied by our sins. None of us can escape this unsolicited connection to the Almighty God because it was God's idea, not ours.

We are also unintentionally connected to God because he sustains our existence. The Bible says, "[He] himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything" (Acts 17:25 ESV). Only by God's grace does anyone have oxygen to breathe, water to drink, or food to eat. This unintentional connection to God the Sustainer is not based on our feelings about him or our loyalty to him. Jesus taught that God "makes his sun rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust" (Matt. 5:45 ESV).

Although this involuntary connection to God the Creator and Sustainer of our lives is real and universal, it is not the kind of connection we proclaim in our mission statement because we already have it—and praise God for it!

What we long for is an intentional, forever connection to the only true and living God that will last throughout our time on earth and then throughout all eternity. We are seeking a spiritual connection with God that provides salvation, love, joy, peace, hope, and heaven. We are intentionally seeking this connection, not just for ourselves but also for others. This is why we evangelize at home and send missionaries abroad to seek and save the lost.

Adam's sin, and then ours, disconnected us as human beings from God; and the forgiveness of sins through Jesus' sacrificial death reconnects us to God. By believing and willingly surrendering our will daily to Jesus, we can be saved and reunite with the Father. Jesus said, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No man comes to the Father except by me" (John 14:6 ESV).

Our mission at the College Church is to be intentionally connected to God and to persuade others to follow our example.

Howard W. Norton

GCS CONTRIBUTION: $181,585.23! AND MORE TO COME!

As we rejoice over the generosity shown last week, here is a reminder of why we have such a "Mission Sunday":

In 2009, the late Carl Mitchell, College church elder, suggested we begin this annual "Mission Sunday." He wrote a lengthy article that first year to explain why. The following two paragraphs are from that article:

> Because God has made missionary work a whole church responsibility, mission work is not just a church program, but the perennial task of a mission church. After having told his apostles to go into all the world baptizing believers in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, Christ told them to teach new converts to obey all the commandments he had given the apostles. To those who responded he promised to be with them always even to the end of the age (Matt. 28: 18-20).
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> This special contribution is not a burden but a wonderful opportunity to show the measure of our love (2 Peter 3: 9).

Eleven years later, Carl's suggestion continues to bless the world.

Gordon Hogan

PRAYER & PRAISE

Prayers:
Byron Howell is recovering from neck surgery; **Barbara House** has a broken foot; **Edwin Myers** is at St. Vincent hospital; **Susan Watson**.

Deaths:
Please be in prayer for **Austen & Chelsie Grate** with the recent loss of their daughter, Eliza Mae, born October 26, 2020.

Sandy Chase, mother of **Debbie Gentry**, passed away Thursday, October 29. Arrangements are pending at this time.

Joan Jernigan, mother of **Joe Jernigan** and grandmother of **Heather Rollins**, passed away Saturday, October 24. Services were Thursday.

HIS HOUSE NEEDS

His House needs flatware, towels and coffee pots.

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 clean coats in the barrels in the Welcome Center. We are currently working on exactly what sizes are needed. Be watching for an email next week. We always need men's and women's Large and XL sizes.

Thank you for your generosity each year with this ministry!

SHOWERS

You are invited to a wedding shower celebrating Jane Vanderburgh (student member) and Steven Chandler TODAY, 2:00-3:30 p.m., at the home of **Jenny Citty**, 5 Burr Oak Circle. This will be a "stop-by" or "drive-thru" shower. The couple is registered at The Boutique, Target, Belk, and Bed, Bath & Beyond. Gifts early if convenient.

Ladies are invited to a bridal shower honoring **Christina Pinner** and Brett McEuen Sunday, November 15, 2:00-3:30 p.m., in the College Church Family Room. This will be a COVID friendly, in-person shower. Christina is the daughter of Jim and the late Debbie Pinner. The couple is registered at Soiree Gifts and Amazon. Gifts early to the home of **Christy Morgan**, 709 Pin Oak Drive or **Cynthia Cole**, 908 Cedar Street.

You are invited to a wedding shower celebrating Maci Handy (student member) and Daniel Parrish Sunday, November 8, 1:30-3:00 p.m., at the home of Sherry Burkett, 809 Golf View Drive. The couple is registered at The Boutique, Doorframes, Amazon and Target. Gifts early if convenient.

WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT

Together with our parents, **Jay & Ruth Simpson** and Joe & Donna Robinson, **Lindsey Janae Simpson** and Jordan Douglas Robinson invite you to share in our happiness as we are united in marriage on Saturday, November 7, at 4:30 p.m. The ceremony will be outdoors at 171 Triple M Rd., Searcy. Reception will be at Robbins Sanford Grand Hall, 118 N. Spring St. In case of rain, the ceremony will be at Robbins Sanford. Please RSVP at *theknot.com/jordanandlindsey robinson.*

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; **Joe Hurd's** mother, Patsy Hurd 216A; **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.
Hickory Heights: LR: **Larry Heusel**

BIBLE CLASSES

John W. Smith's Tuesday evening class is postponed until January.

The Wednesday afternoon Early Bird Class has resumed 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**.





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