

NOVEMBER 2, 2025

9:00 AM ORDER OF WORSHIP

Song Leader
Todd Miller

My Hope is Built on Nothing
Less

He Gave Me A Song

Living Hope

How Deep the Father's Love

Favorite Scripture & Prayer
Noah Hix

When I Survey the Wondrous
Cross

Communion & Contribution
Don Hood

Thank You, Lord

Give Me the Bible
Children's Worship Dismissed

Ancient Words

"The People of the Book"
Jordan Guy

We Praise Thee, O God

Announcements
Michael Claxton

Shepherd's Prayer
David Burks

THE CONNECTION.

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

THE DATING-AND-ENGAGED COUPLES MINISTRY

The Dating-and-Engaged Couples Ministry has a long history in the College Church. For many years, this group met during the Sunday morning Bible class hour and, at various points, was led by Dwight and Barbie Smith, Larry and Donna Long, and David and Beth Collins.

Tia and I started helping the Collinses around 2016, then took it over around 2022. In 2023, we thought we might be able to reach more couples by changing the format. We moved the class to a Wednesday night small group setting, and it has been a very positive experience.

The group meets in our home every Wednesday night at 6:30. We cover topics such as conflict resolution, communication, decision-making, work-life balance, finances, intimacy, and the five love languages. We also have a few guest speakers and panels to help with specific topics, including a newly married panel, a young parents panel, and an in-law panel.

We typically have around 12-15 couples and follow a one-year curriculum, but couples are always invited to come back the following year (and some do). New couples are welcome to join at any point during the school year.

College Church members Matt and Alyssa Higgins have joined us in this ministry, and the four of us try to provide a weekly home-cooked meal that follows a theme. A few examples include "Love and Lasagna," "Flapjacks and Finance," and "In-laws and Ice Cream." The meals led to the idea of creating a small-group cookbook featuring all the recipes from the meals we had throughout the year and a few other family favorites. It makes a great wedding gift!

We believe this ministry is important to every couple. We've been going through this curriculum for the past decade, and it's been such a blessing in our marriage. We discuss some pretty serious topics, but we have a lot of fun together too!

A former small group couple recently wrote us and said, "This small group provided a wonderful sense of community. Being in a committed relationship was sometimes hard to balance with the rigors of college life, but it was so uplifting to spend time with others who were going through the same thing. This group

helped us have important conversations surrounding marriage and how to serve God while navigating them."

We would love to talk to any dating or engaged couple in the congregation about joining us in this ministry.

John & Tia Stone



SHEPHERDING GROUPS

Jim Gurchiek's Shepherding Group will meet for a potluck in Room 121, THIS Sunday, November 2, following Bible class.

Sherrill Bennett & Eddie Cloer's Shepherding Group will meet for a potluck in Room 121, on Sunday, November 9, following Bible class.

Byron Howell's Shepherding Grop will meet for a finger food potluck in Room 100, on Sunday, November 9, following Bible class.

Glen Metheny & Rick Harper's Shepherding Groups will meet for a potluck in Room 121, on Sunday, November 16, following Bible class.

CCYG

Sunday, November 9, our youth group will have our Intergenerational Dinner with the elders and their wives. We'll meet in Room 100 immediately after the 5:00 p.m. worship to serve our guests some good food with some great fellowship and fun mixed in. We should be done around 7:30 p.m., and we ask teens to wear Sunday morning attire as we serve & mingle.

COLLEGE MINISTRY

The College Ministry is hosting a game night in the Family Room for the Seniors Ministry on Sunday, November 9, 6:00-8:00 p.m. All members 55 and up are invited to come and enjoy a meal, devotional, games and fellowship. Hope to see you there!

All are welcome to join the College Ministry students for a Night of Prayer in the Family Room, on Friday, November 14, 7:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m.

PRAYERS, PRAISE & SYMPATHY

Lee Bost; Cleve Brooks, The Springs; **Robbie Dunning; Barbara Garnett; Kent Giboney**, home; **Louise Jackson; Kim Lancaster; Ted Lloyd**, South Campus, rehab, visitors encouraged; **Wayne Milner; Edna Nichols**, UH1420; **Glen Olree**, home on hospice; **Edwina Pace; Laveda Perdue; Harriett Raley; Leah Walton; Danny R. Wood; Dennis Yecke**.

WEI student, Happiness Jeremiah, in Nigeria, was baptized October 27, after studying with **Marcella Bailey**. We praise God for her wonderful decision!

Brian & Amy Maddox would like to announce the arrival of a new granddaughter, Laramie Jo Maddox. She was born October 10, to Reid & Caitlyn Maddox. Proud great-grandmother is **Genny Lawyer**.

Evelyn Jackson passed away Monday, October 27. Services will be in Houston, Texas.

Dolores Valentine, mother of **Stan Valentine**, passed away Wednesday, October 29. Services are pending. Dolores was in **Larry Long's** Shepherding Group.

FROM RICK HARPER FOR GCS COMMITTEE

Once again, our church family has embraced the GCS call, one that embodies our Discipling 3000 vision.

Our 2025 request totaled \$221,000, \$5,000 of which was for our contingency fund to address requests that arrive throughout the year. The balance of \$216,000 was for identified GCS ministries and our short-term campaign funds.

The initial count of GCS gifts showed a total of \$213,848 received. Another \$5,000 from the Discipleship Ministry was made available for Zambia and the Loki Bible translations. In short, as of today almost \$219,000 in GCS funds will soon be distributed to our designated ministries. Apart from that total, separate gifts of \$4,000 to Westreach and \$500 to Life Resources have arrived. So we can meet our GCS budget and still have sufficient contingency funds to address post-offering requests.

Thank you for your generosity and for having a burden on your heart for those who are lost, hurting and our campaigners who dream of serving!

FAMILY CONCERNS

Briarwood: **Ellen Brown** 104

Providence: **Harold Norwood** 316

Providence Memory Care: **Beverly Blickenstaff**; Maydean Jones, mother of **Rhonda Landis**

The Crossing: **Rick Boutell** 308; **Maxine Morton** 204A; **Eloise Muncy** 115B
The Springs: **Alice Bell**

Ongoing Prayer Requests: **Brian Altmiller; Fannie Amy; Gary Smith**; Amy Qualls, daughter of **Cheryl Riggs; Shannon Spears**; David Mathews, grandson of **Darren & Kim Mathews**, return of cancer; Jason Roberson, son of **Gary & Shauna Vodehnal**

DAYLIGHT SAVING

Don't forget to set your clocks back THIS Saturday, November 1. We will see you at 9:00 a.m. THIS Sunday!

JAMAICA HURRICANE RELIEF

Earlier this week, Hurricane Melissa struck Jamaica, causing major damage and disrupting countless lives. As a church family, we are committed to supporting those affected.

The College Church Disaster Relief Ministry has already sent \$10,000 to aid recovery efforts. These funds will help to repair homes and supply food, water, and other essentials to those in greatest need.

If you'd like to give, please make checks payable to College Church of Christ with "Disaster Relief" in the memo, or donate through the College Church app. Every dollar goes directly to relief work in Jamaica.

We're partnering with Chris Fong (a recent Harding graduate) and Gladwyn Kiddoe (director of the Jamaica School of Preaching), who are leading on-site efforts.

Please keep the people of Jamaica, Chris, Gladwyn, and all relief workers in your prayers. May God strengthen them and bring hope to those affected. Thank you for your compassion and generosity.

ELDERS MEETING SUMMARY OCT 2025

This month the elders

- Prayed for specific needs in the church family;
- Invited **Dee & Evie Spann**, the **Daniel & Emily Stewart** family, and **David & Cheryl Camp** to allow the elders to pray specifically for them;
- Asked God to bless the elders and their families, the elder selection process, our families and children, and our efforts to be evangelistic;
- Were updated on
 - ◇ on the idea of hosting a soul-winning workshop in 2026 by **Paul Love**;
 - ◇ A report from the security team;
 - ◇ The installation of the new elders on October 26;
- Heard reports that
 - ◇ His House served 1105 people in September, about 100 more than last year in the same month;
 - ◇ The Great Commission Sunday contribution is currently \$213,848 with more funds coming in;
 - ◇ Kathy Merritt and her son Jason Kumala will be visiting from Zambia;
- Approved
 - ◇ Presenting the report and recommendations from the Ad Hoc building committee to the congregation on November 2 and following up with a feasibility study regarding the fundraising for the project;
 - ◇ The budget surplus of \$340,000.00 from last year's contributions to be added to the Elders Restricted Fund.

INFORMATIONAL MEETING:

Everyone is invited! The entire congregation is encouraged to attend an informational meeting about the work of the Building Committee over the past six months. Join us in the Auditorium, THIS Sunday, November 2, at 2:00 p.m. for an in-depth presentation that will outline some exciting potential opportunities for the future of the College Church of Christ.

FAITHBUILDERS BIBLE CLASS

Bill Pratt will be presenting a series of lessons in Room 100 titled "What Love is All About" for the Faithbuilders Class, for the month of November. The text will be I Corinthians 13.

SIMPLE SUPPER

Join us for Simple Supper in Room 121, on Wednesday, November 5. To ensure we have the right amount of food, RSVP [using this link](#) by THIS Sunday, November 2. The meal will be sandwiches and chips.

BABY SHOWERS

You are invited to a baby shower honoring Cami & Timothy Weaver on Saturday, November 8, 2:30-4:00 p.m., at Wild Sweet William's. Cami is the daughter of **Reid & Cheryl Simmons**, granddaughter of **David & Dixie Brooker** and the niece of **Blair & Lynette Brooker**. They are registered at Babylist. It's a boy!

You are invited to a baby shower honoring Natalie & Dylan Stirrup on Sunday, November 16, 1:30-3:00 p.m., 74 Norfolk Drive, Maumelle. Natalie is the daughter of **Noel & Lael Whitlock**. They are registered at Babylist, Target and Amazon. It's a boy!

5:00 PM WORSHIP

Song Leader

Andrew Richardson

Welcome

Greg Brooks

Let Every Heart Rejoice and Sing

How Sweet, How Heavenly
Purer In Heart O God

Prayer

Mike Justus

We Will Glorify

Love One Another

James 1:26-27

Bob Roper

**"Words that Bless & Words
that Curse"**

Noel Whitlock

Father God

Take The Name Of Jesus With
You

Lord's Supper in Room 100

Closing Prayer

Caleb Bennett



HIS HOUSE

Donation Requests:

Queen sheets & blankets

Towels

Pots & pans

SERVICE TIMES

Sunday Morning

7:15 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 Intergeneration Study | 8 Franklin Circle

6:30 PM Women's Bible Class Room 234

6:30 PM "What Happened to the Church?" Paul Pollard | Room 236

6:30 PM Textual Bible Class in The Family Room

6:30 PM 23:6ers | Room 102

6:30 PM SH and JH Meeting

6:30 PM Study of David | Harry Riggs | Harding Place

7:15 PM Chinese Church in Heritage | Room 210

Thursday

5:00 PM Discipleship Bible Study in Room 100

FINANCES FOR 10/26/25

Budget for 10/26/2025 - \$52,194.00

Giving for 10/26/2025 - \$34,549.85

Budget - Week 8 - \$429,153.01

Giving - Week 8 - \$393,503.96

ATTENDANCE 10/26/25

9:00 AM Worship - 1014

Bible Class - 646

Children's Worship - 60

5:00 PM Worship - 234

Sunday Small Groups - 16

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.