NOVEMBER 7, 2021

THE CONNECTION.

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

9:00 ORDER OF WORSHIP

Song Leader
Steven Yeakley

The Battle Belongs to the Lord

Welcome
Nick McNabb

Song Medley
All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name
A Shield About Me
You Are My All in All
My Only Hope is You

Prayer
Alan Hardison

As the Deer

Communion & Offering
Norm Stone

In Christ Alone
Children's Worship Dismissed

Psalm 19:7-14
Jonathan Friar

Sermon Series-Connected to the Word
"What the Bible Provides"
Noel Whitlock

Firm Foundation

Shepherd's Prayer
Jim Gurchiek

5 PM Order of Worship on back

CONNECTING TO THE WORD IN THE WORKPLACE

As one treasures up God's Word in the heart, it emerges unexpectedly in times and places with comfort for those under trial. As a practicing attorney and a student of the Word, I have experienced the beauty and efficacy of that power in my work time and time again. Let me relate one such incident:

The family resemblance became obvious as mother and daughter bravely smiled through their tears. Their (grand)son was in trouble, and they needed legal advice. Although trust usually precedes disclosure of painful family circumstances, they were pouring out their hearts to me, a total stranger, with whom they had not yet established any trust relationship.

After relating the details of the boy's plight, his grandmother quoted a familiar scripture: "'I know God does not test us beyond what we can endure . . .." Her voice trailed off, and I spoke up, "But sometimes, it seems like He overestimates our ability to endure." Both broke anew into tears, and this time the daughter spoke, "That's exactly what we discussed this morning before coming to see you. I'm not sure I have the faith to see this through."

I replied, "Do you remember the man who asked the Lord to heal his son? Jesus told him that all things are possible for him who believes. Do you remember what the man answered?"

The boy's mother nodded, "'I believe; help my unbelief.' That's where we ended our discussion before coming in."

A brief conversation exchanging scripture changed the relationship and built a bridge of trust where only a client relationship had been expected. God's Spirit and His Word plumb the depths of the heart, opening us up to see each other with new eyes, to reveal our common plight, to share what is on our hearts, and to build relationships that are deep and, potentially, everlasting.

"The word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart." Hebrews 4:12 (NIV)

Paul Love

DEACON APPOINTMENT

Please remember if you have any scriptural reason **Alan Hardison** should not serve as a deacon for the College Church to turn those into **Charles Ganus** by Sunday, November 7.

ELDERS & YOUTH

The elders of College Church would like to invite the youth group, 7th - 12th grades, to a lunch and fellowship, on Sunday, November 14, at the home of **Ryan & Amy Koch**, 171 Virginia Way, after the morning services and bible classes. Lunch will begin at 12:00 p.m. Following lunch, we will have fellowship and lawn games available for some friendly competition. Transportation will be provided to and from the Koch's house. The bus will leave after class and return to College Church at 2:15 p.m.

DIRECTORY PHOTO

Please consider updating your picture for the online church directory. This can easily be done in the CHURCH LIFE app on your phone by doing the following:

- Locate yourself in the directory
- Click the pencil icon
- Click on the current photo
- Upload or take a new photo

Once the new photo has been submitted, the church office will finish the process.

Another option is to email your picture to the church office at ccoc@collegechurchofchrist.org.

PRAYERS

Prayers:

Bettye Alley is under hospice care at her daughter's home. Visitors welcome but please call first (368-0833); **Adam Dunning** cancer treatments; Lindsey Farley, daughter of **Lisa Farley**.

Sympathy:

Louise Simpson, wife of **J A Simpson** and mom of former member Jay Simpson, passed away on Monday, November 1. Graveside services will be Saturday, November 6, 11:00 a.m., at Randolph Memorial Gardens in Pocahontas, AR. Louise was a member of **David Lawyer's** Shepherding Group. Click here for the obituary.

Reuben Reed, brother-in-law of **Lavonne Randolph**, uncle of **Chris Randolph** passed away Friday, October 29. Services were in Missouri.

Baptism:

We Rejoice! **Addison Diles** was baptized Sunday, October 31, by her father, **Scott Diles.**

THANK YOU

Beth James, Cliff, Jessica, Ella Kate & Cora Collins

Thank you to our church family for the love you showed us during **Mike's** illness. We have been shown unmeasurable love through hugs, cards, food, and prayers. We love you all and are so blessed to be part of this congregation.

NEW MEMBERS

Michael, Sarah, Elizabeth, Lily & Peter Crouch

Michael and Sarah Crouch are both Harding graduates. They have three children – Elizabeth (6 years old), Lily (4 years old) and Peter (2 years old). Michael is an adjunct teacher at Harding in the business department. He also works full-time for the Walton Foundation. Sarah is a stay-at-home mom. Michael loves reading while Sarah loves writing. In fact, she had a Christian romance novel published this year. **Steven & Shelley Yeakley** are Sarah's aunt and uncle.

CLOER SHEPHERDING GROUP

The Cloer Shepherding Group is having a Chili & Soup Supper Tuesday Nov. 9 at 5:00 pm. It will be in Room 121 at the church building. Bring chili, soup, dessert, or drink. If needed, contact ecloer@biblecourses.com.

BRIDAL SHOWERS

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.

Carson Swede & Hunter Gowen

You are invited to a bridal shower honoring Carson Swede, bride-elect of **Hunter Gowen**, son of **James & Michelle Gowen**, grandson of **David & Brenda Allen** and **Jim & Kay Gowen**, on Sunday, November 14, 2:00-3:30 p.m., at the home of **Kacy Barden**, 16 Silver Oak Drive. The couple is registered at Door Frames, The Boutique, and www.theknot.com. Gifts early, please.

AREA SHOWERS

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!

Kathryn Wilkins & Vaughn Kypke

You are invited to a bridal shower honoring Kathryn Wilkins, daughter of Dale & Kelly Wilkins, bride-elect of Vaughn Kypke, on Saturday, November 13, 2:00-4:00 p.m., at the home of Becky Bolding, 175 Bolding Ct, Judsonia. The couple is registered at Target, Amazon, Crate & Barrel, Anthropologie, and The Boutique.

Hannah & Austin Harrell

You are invited to a baby shower celebrating Downtown members Austin & Hanna Harrell, Sunday, November 14, 1:00-2:30 p.m., at the home of Bethanie Coleman, 114 Water Oak Dr. Hannah is the daughter of **Darren & Kim Mathews**, and the granddaughter of **Darrell & Kay Mathews** and **Gary & Ruth Ann Barnes**. The couple is registered at www.babylist.com and Sassy Stitch. It's a girl!

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 all sizes of clean coats in the barrels in the Welcome Center.

Coat sizes most needed:

Boys: 10/12, 14/16

Girls: 10/12, 14/16

Adult Men: S, M, L, XL, XXL

Adult Women: S, M, L, XL, XXL

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.

FAMILY CONCERNS

Briarwood Nursing & Rehab: **Ellen Brown** 104

Hickory Heights: LR: **Larry Heusel**

Oakdale: **Rick Boutell** 518

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

5 PM ORDER OF WORSHIP

Song Leader
Clay Pennington

Welcome
J.B. Myers

Glorify Thy Name

Christ We Do All Adore Thee

God Will Take Care of You

Prayer
Machona Monyamane

Trust and Obey

Proverbs 3:1-10
David Anguish

"Can I Really Depend on God?"
Noel Whitlock

Standing on the Promises

Salvation Belongs To Our God
Lord's Supper in Room 100

Closing Prayer
Steve Baber

HIS HOUSE

Donation Requests:
Towels
Pillows
Silverware
Toasters

SERVICE TIMES

Sunday Morning
9:00 AM Worship | 10:15 AM Bible Class

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 10/31/2021 - $47,088.00
Giving for 10/31/2021 - $46,656.23
Budget through Week 9 - $434,253.00
Giving through Week 9 - $447,578.86

ATTENDANCE 10/31/21

9:00 Worship - 706
Bible Class - 714
Children's Worship - 40
5:00 Worship - 171
Sunday PM - Many Small Groups Meeting
Live-Stream Worship - 95

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.