NOVEMBER 8, 2026

THE CONNECTION.

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

9:00 AM ORDER OF WORSHIP

Song Leader
Todd Miller

My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

When We All Get to Heaven

We Are the Body of Christ

Hymn of Heaven

James 2:1-13
Levi Cullum

Prayer
Bryan Burks

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Communion & Contribution
Michael Claxton

Be With Me, Lord

Magnificat
Children's Worship Dismissed

The Glory-Land Way

"Seat of Honor"
Jordan Guy

What the Lord Has Done In Me

Announcements
Dan Newsom

Shepherd's Prayer
Don Hood

Uncle Doug's Sheep Station

Second in a series of articles by recently appointed elders discussing their path to the eldership.

During my childhood in Australia, my family regularly attended services and Sunday School at the local Methodist church. My dad even served as a trustee for a while, though as a kid, I had no clue what that job actually involved! Or if it related at all to being an elder.

After I was baptized, I didn't really have examples of church elders to look up to. Over time, as we worked toward establishing an eldership in our congregation, I began teaching a series of classes on the topic and invited visiting speakers to share their own insights whenever possible.

That learning process was important for my understanding of the eldership. However, my very first look at what it means to be a shepherd came from my Uncle Doug. He ran a sheep station back home, and I used to spend weeks of my school holidays out on his property. Watching him care for those sheep left a lasting impression on me.

I still remember him rounding them up for treatment so they'd stay healthy and safe from injury. Once, he waded right into a mud hole to pull out a stuck sheep, brought it back home, cleaned it up, and gently rubbed its legs until the circulation returned. Another time, while driving across the property, I spotted a sheep lying on the ground and ran to alert Uncle Doug—he raced back immediately to get the animal safely on its feet.

When it was time to load the sheep onto trucks, he didn't hesitate to jump right into the middle of the "mob," grab a struggling sheep, and even give it mouth-to-nose resuscitation! And during droughts, we had to keep diesel engines running non-stop to pump underground water into the troughs, which meant making refueling trips at all hours of the day and night. I actually got assigned the 3:00 A.M. shift when I was visiting!

Looking back, even before I became an adult Christian, those moments with my uncle showed me a good deal of what shepherding is about: genuine care, deep compassion, quick action, and a readiness to jump right in whenever help is needed.



When we placed our membership at College Church in 1999, I finally got to see elders in action and observe all the different ways they lovingly cared for the congregation.

Connecting all these experiences together grew a desire in my heart to serve as a shepherd myself. I feel so incredibly blessed and grateful that God has guided me to this role in His perfect timing.

Keith Cronk

WINTER COAT DRIVE

Our Winter Coat Drive is Saturday, November 14, and we are in need of volunteers for both Friday setup and Saturday's event.

Volunteers are greatly needed for Friday from 11:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. and Saturday from 8:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. You do not have to stay the entire time—help is welcome whenever you're available! Breakfast will be served to Saturday volunteers at 8:15 a.m.

We are also still collecting clean, gently used or new coats and hoodies in the barrels in the Welcome Center. **Click here** to sign up.

Kid's sizes currently needed:

Boys: newborn-Size 7/8

Girls: newborn-3T; Size 7 and up

NEW SONG

We will be singing a new song this Sunday. **Click here** to listen.

A RIDE FOR ELLEN WALKER

Ellen is still in Searcy recovering and could use help with Sunday morning rides to church and physical therapy rides on Mondays and Thursdays at noon. She would also enjoy visits or coffee with College Church members. She is staying at 706 N. Pear Street and can be reached at 903-283-6479.

PRAYERS, PRAISE & SYMPATHY

Kenna Aldrich, The Blossoms 116; **Sarah Ard**; **Ruth Anne Barnes**; **Deanna Brooks; Nan Calhoun; Paul Collom**, UH 1429; **Mary Diles; Barbara Garnett**, The Crossings 401; **Arthur Mock**; **Nancy Patterson**, South Campus 401; **Bill Pratt; Evie Spann; Wanda Spears; Susan Stone; Stan Valentine; Ellen Walker.**

Dee & Evie Spann would like to announce the birth of a new great-grandson, Griffin Michael Stroud, born to Alex & Megan Stroud on October 22. Griffin weighed 6 pounds 9 ounces.

Eloise Muncy, mother of **Zac Muncy**, passed away November 2. Visitation will be Monday, November 9, 5:00-7:00 p.m. at Roller Daniel Funeral Home. There will be a memorial on Tuesday, November 10, 11:00 a.m. in the College Church Auditorium. The church will be providing a meal following the service. If you would like to volunteer to help, please text **Laurie Walker** (501-593-5168). Eloise was in **Jim Gurchiek's** Shepherding Group.

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Sunday, November 22:
NO Children's Worship
Service 9:00 a.m.
Bible Class 10:30 a.m.
Service 5:00 p.m.

November 23:
Bulletin deadline at noon for November 29 bulletin

November 25-27:
Church office closed

Wednesday, November 25:
Area-wide service at West Side Church of Christ 6:30 p.m.
NO Bible Classes

Sunday, November 29:
NO Children's Worship
Service 9:00 a.m.
Bible Class 10:30 a.m.
Service 5:00 p.m.

FAITHBUILDERS BIBLE CLASS

Tom Howard will be presenting a series of lessons from the Book of James for the Faithbuilders Bible Class in November. The class meets in Room 100.

SUPPORTING KINGDOM GROWTH: CONSTRUCTION HAS BEGUN!

Construction officially began at College Church on November 4! Here's what to expect:

Phase 1—Underway: Work on the southwest corner includes a new stairwell for balcony access, men's restrooms on both floors, and a communion preparation room. The southwest entrance/exit is now closed.

Phase 2—Late this year or early next year: Work on the southeast corner will add another stairwell for balcony access, women's restrooms on both floors, and more space to move through the lobby.

Phase 3—Spring and Summer: Lobby and auditorium improvements will include opening up the lobby, balcony updates (improved circulation), a new multimedia booth, chairs, carpet, and paint.

We'll keep you informed as work progresses, including any additional closures or changes to building access. Thank you for your patience and flexibility during this exciting season of Supporting Kingdom Growth!

CCYG

On Sunday, November 15, we 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 good food, along with great fellowship and plenty of fun.

Our our annual Friendsgiving on November 18 in the Teen Center. No huddle or small group that night. Teens are encouraged to bring their friends!

FAMILY CONCERNS

Briarwood: **Ellen Brown** 104
The Blossoms: **Rick Boutell** 508
The Crossing: **Ken Sallee**, 214B
Ongoing Prayer Requests: **Fannie Amy**; **Karyl Bailey; Cary Calhoun; David Davis**; **Gary Smith**; David Mathews, grandson of **Darren & Kim Mathews**

LADS TO LEADERS

Registration is now open for families who would like to participate in the 2027 Lads to Leaders Convention, March 25–28. Please register by December 13, 2026. Click here to register, or contact **Heather Rollins** with questions.

SUPPORT HIS HOUSE

College Church member **Dr. Larry Hunt's** novel, *Sweet River Fool,* has been adapted into a 20-minute film. The premiere benefits His House and takes place at the Rialto THIS Sunday, November 8, from 7:00–8:00 p.m. Admission is one can of food or $5, with all donations going to His House.

BABY SHOWER

All are invited to a baby shower celebrating Tim & Anna Carr Roncal, Sunday, November 22, 2:00-4:00 p.m. at Wild Sweet William's. Anna is the daughter of **Jim & Susan Carr** and the niece of **Steve & Pam Celsor.** She is registered at babylist.com and Sassy Stitch. Come by and welcome Anna and family back to Searcy. It's a girl!

50TH ANNIVERSARY

Join us THIS Sunday, November 8, from 1:00–2:30 p.m. at Midnight Oil Coffeehouse for a come-and-go celebration honoring **Doug & Pam Carpenter's** 50th wedding anniversary, hosted by their sons, Heath and Harrison. Coffee and cake will be served. No gifts, please.

5:00 PM WORSHIP

Song Leader
David Cole

Welcome
Dan Newsom

The Steadfast Love of the Lord

O the Depth and the Riches

Prayer
David Anguish

Majesty

His Grace Reaches Me

Sing to Me of Heaven

Luke 6:43-45
Rocky Stone

"Be Merciful" (Part 2)
Noel Whitlock

My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

No Tears in Heaven
Lord's Supper in Room 100

Closing Prayer
Ben Caylor

HIS HOUSE

Donation Requests:

Pots and pans

Children's clothes

Men's small and medium underwear

Men's white socks

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 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 11/1/26

Budget for 11/1/2026 - $58,000.00
Giving for 11/1/2026 - $51,594.78
Budget - Week 9 - $481,400.00
Giving - Week 9 - $431,901.59

ATTENDANCE 11/1/26

9:00 AM Worship - 1009
Bible Class - 812
Children's Worship - 36
5:00 PM Worship - 222
Sunday Small Groups - 98

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.