NOVEMBER 15, 2026

THE CONNECTION.

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

9:00 AM ORDER OF WORSHIP

Song Leader
Todd Miller

Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah

Heavenly Sunlight

O Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Goodness of God

Acts 18:24-28
Paul Love

Prayer
Henry Li

Worthy is the Lamb

Communion & Contribution
Gene Luna

Jesus, Let Us Come to Know You

Standing On the Promises
Children's Worship Dismissed

Lord, We Come Before Thee Now

"A-Polishing Apollos!"
Colton Waller

Trust and Obey

Announcements
Garison Money

Shepherd's Prayer
John Reese

The Women of Pod 4

At the last Ministry Fair, **Deb Hardison** and **Pam Bangs** decided to leave their comfort zones and sign up for the Jail Ministry.

Both recently retired women had long been involved in sharing the Gospel, but with more free time, Pam saw the ministry as "another opportunity" to teach women and, as Deb adds, "make a difference in their lives." So, as part of a team of four, they eventually paid their first visit to White County Jail.

Neither knew what to expect. Deb describes the security protocols of being "wanded" for contraband, surrendering phones and keys, retaining only their Bibles and study material. Pam says her initial apprehensiveness was heightened by "sounds of heavy doors closing and locking, the maze of hallways, and the stale smell."

The women's section of the jail is divided into "pods," or separate living quarters. Deb and Pam's team was initially assigned to Pod 3, where few of the 25 women in the large communal area wanted to study, so they moved to the laundry room. At least in the smaller space they escaped the chaos of the full pod, and after three weeks had adjusted to the routine.

Then **Jeff Montgomery** assigned their team to Pod 4—maximum security. What might have terrified them before now seemed like an opportunity. Yes, the prisoners in this pod had committed more serious crimes, but the population was smaller (only 5-10 women) and could elicit more focused study.

The response of the Pod 4 group has delighted the team: "They love to sing and to choose hymns. They read, comment, and ask questions about the lesson. Most study independently and some submit written responses that amaze us. One woman has been baptized!"

Deb and Pam have bonded with these women. Pam says, "they honestly express their feelings about jail and do not deny their bad actions. They show concern for people they've hurt." Deb is encouraged to see inmates talk about the struggle to control anger or forgive others.

The experience has also yielded new insights into what these inmates have lost. They have so little in jail—no books, only brief periods in the fresh air, nothing to do. To pass the time, Deb says, "They make dice out of toilet paper, toothpaste and candy wrappers." More distressing, Pam recalls, are the "difficult moments when they speak of missing their children." She also shares this perhaps most striking expression of what is lost in jail: "One night when we gave the women their piece of study paper, they all immediately put it over their face and took a deep breath. When asked why, they said, 'It smells like the free world!'"



Pam and Debra

That Pam—and Deb—understand the pathos of that moment says a lot about how well they've managed to step outside their comfort zones. Clearly, they see the women in Pod 4 as human beings, not prisoners. To that point, Deb cites this scripture as a motivation for choosing the jail ministry: "Remember those in prison as if you were their fellow prisoners" (Heb. 13:3).

It's a remarkable call for Christians to have empathy for an ignored or despised group of people, in imitation of the divine empathy that brought Jesus to the prison house of this world. Thank God for the Jail Ministry, for Deb, Pam, their team, and the women of Pod 4.

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.

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Elders & Wives

THIS Sunday, November 15, our youth group will host the elders and their wives for an Intergenerational Dinner in Room 100 immediately following the 5:00 p.m. worship service. We're looking forward to an evening of good food, great fellowship, and plenty of fun!

Friendsgiving

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

PRAYERS & SYMPATHY

Kenna Aldrich, The Blossoms 116; **Sarah Ard**; **Deanna Brooks**, South Campus 406; **Nan Calhoun; Paul Collom**, UH 1429; **Lisa Edelhuber; Bobbye Forbes; Barbara Garnett**, The Crossings 401; **Herman Hendon**; **Garlin Massey,** UH 1301; **Arthur Mock**; **Nancy Patterson**, South Campus 401; **Bill Pratt; Evie Spann; Wanda Spears; Stan Valentine; Ellen Walker.**

Former member Betty Goyne passed away November 4. Services will be December 28, in Abilene, Texas at the Hillcrest Church of Christ. Condolences may be sent to her children at 3026 Edgemont Dr, Abilene, TX 79605.

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
His House closed

November 25-27:
Church office closed
His House closed

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

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

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!

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!

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**, South Campus 200; David Mathews, grandson of **Darren & Kim Mathews**

THANK YOUS

From **Zac Muncy**

On behalf of my entire family, we thank you for all of the cards, flowers, memorials, statements of encouragement, and many other blessings bestowed upon us at the passing of my mother, Eloise Muncy. We also thank **Cheryl Camp** and **Laurie Walker** and all of the members who put their hearts and souls into ministering tomy family with a wonderful meal after the service. And thank you to **Noel Whitlock**, **Allison Ham,** and **Nick McNabb** for all of their help with the service. We love our church family and have been honored by you.

From the Weavers, Dennisons, **Hackers** & **Beth James**

Our heartfelt thanks to you for the love shown at the passing of Beckie Weaver. We know she had moved away several years ago, but you treated her and us like we were still your own, and we so much appreciate that. Thank you for lunch and thank you to the Barnabas class for the treats for the visitation. It was a wonderful celebration of Beckie's life!

5:00 PM WORSHIP

Song Leader
Daniel Bennett

Welcome
Chris Mitchell

Praise Him! Praise Him!

Crown Him with Many Crowns

Prayer
Larry Cox

On Zion's Glorious Summit

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Be With Me, Lord

Matthew 5:33-37
Mike Coker

"Can I Take You at Your Word?" (Part 1)
Noel Whitlock

My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

I Love to Tell the Story
Lord's Supper in Room 100

Closing Prayer
Tyler Wingard

HIS HOUSE

Donation Requests:

Pots and pans

Children's clothes

Ladies' small and medium underwear

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 11/8/26

Budget for 11/8/2026 - *
Giving for 11/8/2026 - *
Budget - Week 10 - *
Giving - Week 10 - *
*No data due to staff vacation–will update next week.

ATTENDANCE 11/1/26

9:00 AM Worship - 1144
Bible Class - 815
Children's Worship - 25
5:00 PM Worship - 233
Sunday Small Groups - 122

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.