

NOVEMBER 30, 2025

9:00 AM ORDER OF WORSHIP

Song Leader
Tom Ritchie

Glorify Thy Name

Father of Mercies

Father and Friend, Thy
Light, Thy Love

Dear Lord and Father of
Mankind

Scripture & Prayer
David Anguish

The Power of the Cross

Communion & Contribution
Nick McNabb

Holy, Holy Holy!

Thank You, Lord

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

"Trust God's 'Yes!'"
John Reese

Still

Announcements
Darren Mathews

Shepherd's Prayer
Jim Adams

THE CONNECTION.

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

THE HIS-HOUSE EMERGENCY SESSIONS

Wednesday, November 5th: His House isn't supposed to be open, yet at 4:30 p.m. a line of cars stretches from the front of the building around to Turner Street, spilling into the north parking lot of College Church. Why?

The Causal Chain: The federal government shuts down. SNAP benefits withheld nationwide. Searcy mayor calls for local churches to help feed low wage earners who work until 5:00 p.m. **Andrew Baker** tells **Noel Whitlock**, who convenes a meeting with Andrew and the His-House leadership.

Decision: Open His House on Wednesday at 5:00 p.m. for at least two weeks. Now.

Plan: Get extra supplies from Arkansas Food Bank, seek donations; mobilize HH workers and other volunteers to prepare and distribute food; announce the special event on Facebook. Pray.

Outcome: The bad: not enough food for everyone. The good: 122 families served.

On Wednesday, November 12th, a later starting time and shorter line results in a smooth operation. In back of HH, in-line recipients with children are given a kiddie gift box. In front, cars are directed to one of two stations, where drivers are greeted, checked in, and given cart-loads of food.

The carts emerge from an impressive assembly line inside, prepared hours in advance. Volunteers push full carts out and wheel empty carts back through the open doors, resulting in a clang of metal on metal that competes with shouted instructions and murmured conversation among the dozen or so helpers on hand. Vehicles get loaded with food in roughly 30 seconds.

Then it's over. The government reopens. His House resumes its regular schedule. In the aftermath, HH team member **Pat Howe** reflects on the emergency sessions and the general work of the ministry.

First, there is the dependable generosity of church members and the Searcy community. In "widow's-mite" fashion, a nearly indigent member gives \$100 to the effort. And one day a stranger walks into the church office, hands **Allison Ham** a thousand dollars in cash, "for His House," and walks out. "I'd have been happy to give her a receipt," says Pat.

Then there's the frustration involved in working with large groups of disadvantaged folks. How do you separate those in real need from the opportunists? Pat's unscientific but common sense opinion, based on long experience, is that scattered among honest people in need are many hustlers. He says it, pauses, then adds: "And I'm good with that." In other words, he's willing to be taken advantage of in order to help the truly needy.

What others do is "on them." As followers of Jesus, we heed his admonition to a rich man: "When you give a feast, invite the poor . . . You will be blessed because they cannot repay you . . ." (Luke 14:13-14a).

His-House volunteers know we are all poor in God's loving sight. None of us can repay Him. So we "pay it forward" under the Divine plan, believing we "will be repaid at the resurrection of the just" (Luke 14:14b).

SIMPLE SUPPER

Join us for Simple Supper in Room 121, on Wednesday, December 3. To ensure we have the right amount of food, RSVP [using this link](#) by THIS Sunday, November 30.

FOREIGN MISSIONS COMMITTEE

There will be a Foreign Missions Committee meeting in Room 225, on Sunday, December 7, 3:30 p.m.

POTENTIAL PLANS

If you missed our recent congregational meeting when the potential building plans were discussed in detail, you can still catch up! Watch the video presentation and view the PowerPoint slides by [using this link](#), find it on our website under "Resources," or in the app on the homepage. We encourage your feedback—please share your thoughts with Dr. Burks or any of our elders as we prayerfully plan for the future of College Church.

AUDIO BIBLE PROJECT

Only 100 chapters left. If you have recorded a chapter, team up with someone who has not. Show your partner how simple it is or record together. We want every voice at College Church included. Bible class teachers and small group leaders, grab 5 to 10 chapters for your group. The goal is December 1. Questions? Contact the church office. To participate,

- (1) Take a paper from the wall in the auditorium by the stage;
- (2) [Sign up using this link](#) or on the CC App for the chapter you selected;
- (3) [Record your chapter using this link](#) or on the CC App or by coming to the church building during office hours to record with assistance.

Let's finish strong!

SENIOR DINNER

Mark your calendars for our upcoming Christmas Dinner on Friday, December 5, 5:15 p.m., in the Family Room. The meat will be catered, but please bring sides and desserts. Entertainment will be provided by The Sounds of Christmas at Benson Auditorium.

PRAYERS

Cleve Brooks, The Springs; **Greg Brooks**; **Betty Brown**; **Katherine Boone**; **Robbie Dunning**; **Ted Lloyd**, home; **Edna Nichols**; **Lisa Proctor**; **Harriett Raley**; **Peggy Shaffer**, UH 3211; **Danny R. Wood**; Edward Myers, brother of **Edwin Myers**.

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Sunday, November 30:

NO Children's Worship

Service 9:00 a.m.

Bible Class 10:30 a.m.

Service 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 21:

NO Children's Worship

Wednesday, December 24:

NO Bible Classes

Sunday, December 28:

NO Bible Classes

NO Children's Worship

TUESDAY, December 30:

Area-Wide Worship 6:30 p.m. at College Church

Wednesday, December 31:

NO Bible Classes

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**

CHINESE CHURCH

The Chinese Ministry has invited Dr. Michael Williams to preach at Cone Chapel on Sunday, December 14, at 7:15 a.m. After the church service we will provide a Chinese style breakfast. All College Church members are invited. We would like to request any member attending to RSVP by emailing henry.li@collegechurchofchrist.org or texting **Henry** at 571-250-9838.

UPPER ELEMENTARY CHRISTMAS

The Upper Elementary (grades 4-6) Christmas party will meet in the Family Room on Sunday, December 14, from 5:00 to 7:15 p.m. We will have a Bible study, snacks, games, a scavenger hunt, and Capture the Santa Hat. The online sign-up form is in your email inbox and/or on the College Church Children's Ministry Facebook page.

NEW MEMBERS

We would like to welcome new members, **Richard & Patty Perkins**. They will be in **Jim Gowen's** Shepherd Group.



Cars line up for the HH emergency distribution (Nov. 12th).



HH "assembly line" stands ready: (L to R) **David Allen, Pam Carpenter, Gary Hill, Kimmie Ham, Allison Ham, Holly Turner, Pat Arnold, Jackson Eads** (Nov. 12th).



Todd Miller (l) and **Steve Celsor** (r) load a vehicle with food (Nov. 12th).

CCYG

Youth Group Christmas party will be in the Teen Center, Sunday, December 7, 6:00 p.m.

LADS TO LEADERS

It's time for Lads-to-Leaders sign-ups. Please do this ASAP so we can get the early bird discount! If you have any questions, contact **Trey Reely** or **Heather Rollins**. [Click here to sign up.](#)

There will be a meeting/practice for all students and their parents who are interested in doing puppets for Lads to Leaders in the 4th grade classroom, Sunday, December 7, from 3:00-3:50 p.m. This is open to students in grades 3-12.

There will also be a meeting for all students and parents interested in Bible Bowl in the 6th grade classroom, Sunday, December 7, from 4:00 to 4:50 p.m.

L2L puppet practice will be in the 4th grade classroom, Sunday, December 14, from 3:00-3:50 p.m.

L2L Bible-Bowl practice will be in the 4th grade classroom, Sunday, December 14, from 3:50-4:45 p.m.

THANK YOU

From family of **Kent Giboney**

Thank this congregation for the countless cards, phone calls, visits and most of all your prayers for him during his nearly two months of hospitalization.

From **John & Katherine Boone**

Thank you for the calls, cards and prayers during my recent back surgery and recovery. We hope to be back with you in a few weeks. Prayers have been answered.

WEDDING

Theodore Westbrook and **Rochelle Reese** would like to invite College Church to their wedding! If you are a member of our congregation and are able, then you are invited to attend. The ceremony will be on Saturday, December 13, 1:30 p.m., in the College Church Auditorium, with a reception to follow. The couple would like to request any member attending to RSVP by emailing theo.westbrook@collegechurchofchrist.org or by texting Theo at 501-593-1934.

5:00 PM WORSHIP

Welcome & Prayer

Harry Riggs

Song Leader

Edwin Myers

In Christ Alone

A Hill Called Mount Calvary

Song Leader

Trey Reely

Praise the Lord

In Heavenly Love Abiding

Prayer

Dale Brown

Song Leader

Jim Randolph

Father of Mercies

We Praise Thee, O God

Psalm 144:9-15

Nathan Anguish

Song Leader

David Anguish

All Things Bright and Beautiful

Can You Count the Stars

Song Leader

John Stone

This World is Not My Home

Great is Thy Faithfulness

"Missed Opportunities"

Robin Pruitt

Song Leader

David Cole

Just for Today

Jesus, Thy Name I Love

Prayer

Noel Whitlock



HIS HOUSE

Donation Requests:

Queen sheets & blankets

Towels

Pots & pans

Walmart bags

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

FINANCES FOR 11/23/25

Budget for 11/23/2025 - \$52,194.00

Giving for 11/23/2025 - \$48,458.54

Budget - Week 12 - \$643,729.51

Giving - Week 12 - \$612,972.45

ATTENDANCE 11/23/25

9:00 AM Worship - 798

Bible Class - 618

Children's Worship - did not meet

5:00 PM Worship - 186

Sunday Small Groups - 72

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.