DECEMBER 8, 2019

COLLEGE
CHURCH OF CHRIST



Worship Service
9:00 a.m.

Song Service—Chris Randolph
Welcome & Family News—Jeff Morgan
Song Medley
Prayer—Don Hood
Scripture Reading—Slade Hickmon
Revelation 19:1, 6-7
Song—"Shout Hallelujah"
"Outburst of Happiness!"—
Noel Whitlock
Song #655—"There's A Fountain Free"
Song—"How Beautiful"
Lord's Supper & Offering—Mike James
Song—"I Am Mine No More"
Song—"Covenant of Love"
Shepherd's Prayer—David Bangs

Worship Service
5:00 p.m.

Song Service—Ben Barker
& Levi Huddleston
"Peace/Shalom"—
Michael Krupka & John Lim
Scripture Readings—
Alex Townsend & Hayden Bailey
Prayers—Dakota Endsley
& Naman Pope

7:15 p.m. Worship Service

Song Service—Patterson Morgan
Lord's Supper—Kennedy Barden
"Peace"—Grant Fitzhugh
Scripture Reading—Tyler Leslie
Prayers—Jaren Gwinn
& Victor Cisneros

NEW HERE?

For your convenience, training rooms are located in the back of the auditorium. An attended nursery is located on the east side of the building.
Children's Worship is dismissed until January 12.

DEVOTIONAL MESSAGE—Noel Whitlock

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Matthew 5:3, ESV

I'm thankful Jesus did not say, "Blessed are the righteous," because that would leave me out. "None is righteous, no, not one" (Romans 3:10). Jesus spoke a parable intended for those "who trusted in themselves that they were righteous." It was about two men, a Pharisee who believed his piety would save him, and a tax-collector who humbly prayed, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner!" (Luke 18:9-14). Blessed are those who confess their spiritual destitution before God.

Oswald Chambers wrote, "The bedrock in Jesus Christ's kingdom is poverty, not possession; not decisions for Jesus Christ, but a sense of absolute futility— 'I cannot begin to do it.' Then Jesus says— 'Blessed are you.' That is the entrance, and it does take us a long while to believe we are poor! The knowledge of our own poverty brings us to the moral frontier where Jesus Christ works" (*My Utmost for His Highest*).

"God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble" (James 4:7). Humble yourself before God, confess your unrighteousness, and the kingdom of heaven will be yours.

ALBANIA EARTHQUAKE RELIEF

If you would like to help with a contribution to assist the Tirana Church of Christ with its earthquake relief efforts, checks can be made out to College Church of Christ with a notation "For Albanian Relief."

PRAYER & PRAISES

PRAYER CONCERNS

Louise Ganus remains in rehab at The Crossing at Riverside 408; **Norman Hale Jr.** is home following a fall; **Fred Jewell** has been diagnosed with a form of cancer, non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, which is treatable; **Barbara A. Kee** remains under hospice care; **Harry Olree** is in The Crossing at Riverside 410.

NEW ARRIVAL

Eddie & Susan Cloer are happy to announce the birth of their granddaughter, Jasmine Francis Phillips, born to Teresa & Craig Phillips in Pokhara, Nepal, on Sunday, November 24. She weighed 7 lb. 4 oz.

Cliff & Debbie Ganus are happy to announce the birth of a granddaughter, Anna Grace Ganus, born to Landon & Cassie Ganus, on Monday, Dec 2. She weighed 6 lb. 14 oz.

SYMPATHY

Gilbert Plummer, father of **Mike Plummer**, passed away Sunday, December 1 in Massillon, Ohio.

Rosa Pugh passed away Monday, December 2. The family is small and not planning on a service. She will be buried in Batesville.

Doris Rousseau, mother of **Winston Reed**, passed away Tuesday, Dec 3, in Huntsville, Alabama. A memorial service will be held today in Huntsville.

Susan Harper and **Jackie Ruscin's** father, Wayne Bolding, passed away Wednesday, December 4. Funeral services will be today, at 2 p.m., at the Highway Church of Christ in Judsonia.

COLLEGE & COMMUNITY OUTREACH—Todd Gentry

You are encouraged to bring cards for Amber Guyger, the woman convicted of killing Botham Jean, to the church office or Rock House by Sunday, December 15. We will be mailing these to her in Gatesville, TX. Please leave the envelopes open. And please send Christmas or encouragement cards. We loved Botham, and we want Amber to become a follower of God. She seems open to a faith journey. Jesus came as the Prince of Peace. In this season of His birth, let us find the peace that passes understanding.

- Please deliver your Holiday gifts today, or make arrangements with the families.
- Tonight is Student-Led Assembly and Student Supper (Breakfast Foods).
- S'mores & Hot Drinks tomorrow at the Original Rock House. Take a study break and join us 5-6:30.pm.



THE SCOOP—Nick McNabb & Brent Wilhite

- Huddles & Junior High Small Groups will continue through December 18.
- Junior High Christmas Party—Sunday, December 8 @ the Swindle's from 4:30-6:30 p.m. Bring a wrapped $10ish gift.
- Senior High Christmas Party is postponed.
- Teen Leadership Conference is January 18-20, 2020 in Branson, Missouri for any 9-12 grade student interested in going. In order to attend please submit your letter to Nick or Brent & interview with them as soon as possible. More info is available in the Scoop & Bible class. Cost will be $85.

SENIOR SERVANTS—Harry Riggs

I hope all of you had a great Thanksgiving Day and were able to enjoy family and good food! Also, I hope many of you were able to attend the Seniors Christmas Dinner on Friday. Just a reminder that there will not be an ESP meeting in December due to all the end-of-year activities and travels.

SHEPHERDING GROUP NEWS

SG Reely will meet Sunday, December 15, after the morning Bible study, at The Other Alternative in the Heritage Building on Harding's campus. Members are asked to go through the buffet line in the Founders Room and then proceed to Room 207, which has been reserved for our group. For questions, please call Bob Reely: 501-281-7333.

STUDENT SUPPER

Join us tonight, 5 p.m., for our student-led assembly and pancake supper. Resident members please bring any type of breakfast foods.



HOLIDAY GIFT OUTREACH

Stop by the Welcome Center and adopt a family for Christmas. There are 88 families, representing 228 children.



END OF YEAR AREA-WIDE SERVICE

Due to the Christmas holiday falling on a Wednesday, the End-of-Year Area-Wide Service will be Sunday, December 29, at 5:00 p.m. This is an annual event held at College Church with the Cloverdale, Downtown, Foothills, Highway and West Side congregations. This year's worship service will be coordinated by West Side. All are invited to join their brothers and sisters for an evening of praise and fellowship.



THANK YOU

Thank you for the beautiful reception and the gift of the money tree. I have greatly enjoyed serving you! You have blessed me and my family. I will miss all of you! **Julie Daughety**

Thank you for the beautiful flowers, wonderful meal, cards, prayers and your presence in our lives as we navigate the loss of our mom, Donna Gentry. We are so grateful for you all! **Todd & Debbie Gentry**

LAST WEEK

Attendance 11/24/2019: Worship—1030/ Bible Classes—892/ Children's Worship Dismissed/ Worship p.m.—365/ Worship 7:15 p.m.—22
Attendance 12/1/2019: Worship—1026/ Bible Classes—879/ Children's Worship Dismissed/ Worship p.m.—337/ Worship 7:15 p.m. dismissed

FINANCES

Budget for 11/24/19.....$45,500.00
Giving for 11/24/2019.....$45,945.56
Budget through Week 13.....$611,750.00
Giving through Week 13.....$621,237.97

Budget for 12/1/19.....$52,250.00
Giving for 12/1/2019.....$46,733.39
Budget through Week 14.....$664,000.00
Giving through Week 14.....$667,971.36

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Bulletin Deadline - NOON, THURSDAYS

FROM THE COMMUNICATIONS MINISTRY

Today's bulletin looks different because it's part of our ongoing review of how we might improve this weekly communication tool. We've already experimented with some changes; you may have noticed a few more graphics and a less cluttered look. This smaller bulletin is an example of a possible alternative to our current format. Stylistically, you will notice a use of color. The major differences in content include a devotional message replacing Noel's Notes and the removal of some routine weekly information to our website and Facebook page. We want your feedback. Let us know what you like or dislike about this pilot document by contacting Howard Norton at hnorton@harding.edu or John Williams at jwilliams1218@icloud.com.