9:00 A.M. ORDER OF WORSHIP

Song Leader – Barry Rucker
Welcome – Michael Claxton
Song – He Has Made Me Glad
Song – Redeemed! How I Love to Proclaim It
Song – Blessed Assurance
Prayer – Kent Giboney
Song – In Christ Alone
Communion & Offering – Steven Yeakley
Scripture – Philippians 4:1, 4-7 – Kennedy Barden
Song – Ancient Words
"Joy in Christ" – Jordan Guy
Song – The Joy of the Lord
Shepherd's Prayer – Mike James

5:00 P.M. ORDER OF WORSHIP

Song Leader – Jim Randolph
Welcome – Greg Brooks
Song – Watchman, Tell Us of the Night
Song – O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
Prayer – Brett Watson
Song – To Us a Child of Hope Is Born
Scripture – Luke 2:1-14 – Eddie Cloer
"How One Christian Looks at Christmas" – Bill Pratt
Song – Angels from the Realms of Glory
(Lord's Supper is served in Room 100)
Prayer – Sherrill Bennett

LAST WEEK

12/6/2020:
9:00 Worship— 318
Bible Classes —251/ Children's Worship — dismissed
Worship 5:00 p.m. — 86/ Worship 7:15 p.m. —dismissed

FINANCES

Budget for 12/6/2020.....$51,500.00
Giving for 12/6/2020.....$62,099.43
Budget through Week 14.....$659,520.00
Giving through Week 14.....$625,051.15

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December 13, 2020

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Intentionally connected to God, His Word, His world, and to each other.

The Greatest Gift

In this season it is easy to get caught up looking for the perfect gift to give someone or, less virtuously, to be thinking about the perfect gift to receive on Christmas. I suppose it's just human nature.

From childhood, I remember gifts like a basketball, an electric football game, an Erector set, and my high school letter jacket. Each was thrilling and much appreciated as a great gift at the time.

I now tell people that the best Christmas gift I have received was nearly 18 years old when I first saw it. Or should I say "her." Donna, my wife, was born on December 24, Christmas Eve, and her mother and I agree that she was, and is, the best Christmas gift that could ever be given or received. She's a gift I am thankful for every day.

But on another level, we must know that the "best-ever" Christmas gift was not given under a tree.

It was given on a tree.

- For God so loved the world that he **gave** his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life (John 3:16).
- For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the **gift** of God (Ephesians 2:8).
- For the wages of sin is death, but the **gift** of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord (Romans 6:23).
- Be faithful, even to the point of death, and I will **give** you life as your victor's crown (Revelation 2:10b).
- And in their prayers for you their hearts will go out to you, because of the surpassing grace God has **given** you. Thanks be to God for his indescribable **gift**! (II Corinthians 9:14-15).
- I became a servant of this gospel by the gift of God's grace **given** me through the working of his power (Ephesians 3:7).
- But to each one of us grace has been **given** as Christ apportioned it (Ephesians 4:7).
- Every good and perfect **gift** is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows (James 1:17).

The Son. Grace. Salvation. Eternal Life. Thanks be to God for his indescribable gifts, indeed!

Larry Long

BAPTISM

We rejoice! **Peyton Morris**, son of **Luke & Emily Morris**, was baptized Saturday, December 5, by his father.



PRAYER & PRAISE

Prayers:
Ernie Clifton; Sarah Cobb; Johnice Hearn is in UH South Campus rehab; **Carolyn Kenney**; **Edwin Myers**; **LaNelle Stamps**; **Lael Whitlock.**

CARING & SHARING

Our weekly Caring and Sharing meal is postponed until after the first of the year.

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

There will be ONE 9:00 a.m. service through January 10. Bible class will be at 10:15 a.m.

Wednesday, December 23: NO Bible class
Sunday, December 27: ONE 9:00 a.m. service; NO Bible class
Wednesday, December 30: NO Bible class

Due to the holidays, there will not be a church bulletin on December 27 and January 3.



BABY SUNDAY

We will have Baby Sunday on January 3 to pray for our children born in 2019-2020. If you would like for your child to be included, but have not been contacted, please email **Kerri Behel** at behelfamily@yahoo.com.



HOLIDAY GIFT OUTREACH



Thank you for your generosity to our annual Holiday Gift Outreach. Please be sure to deliver your gifts Sunday, December 13, or arrange a convenient time with your family. This year through your love and generous spirits, 71 families, involving 215 children, will have a wonderful Christmas. Thank you for being a blessing to our Searcy Community. May God be Glorified!

HIS HOUSE



His House needs blankets and towels.

OFFICE HOURS

The church office will be closed Thursday, December 24-Friday, January 1.





Looking for a unique way to serve our community and children in foster care?

The Sharing Shoppe on the Searcy square offers affordable prices on clothing, toys, furniture, household items and more! The environment will make your heart burst with joy as you serve in this way.

You can become a volunteer that sorts and stocks donations so that others can save! :) The commitment is four hours a week plus a three hour weekend shift once a month. We would love to add you to this ministry!

THANK YOU

Our family would like to thank everyone who reached out to us during and after **Tex's** bypass surgery. We were overwhelmed at the response from you. From your text messages, to your phone calls and to the cards you sent. Your concern and your prayers meant so much to us. May God bless all of you.

Tex, Jacque & family

The Celsor family would like to thank everyone for all the prayers, phone calls, cards, texts and emails we received from the church family concerning the passing of our mother. It was a great comfort to us.

Steve Celsor

The family of **Doris Biggerstaff** would like to thank everyone for their prayers and kind and loving words. The beautiful floral arrangement and cards were so greatly appreciated during our time of grief.

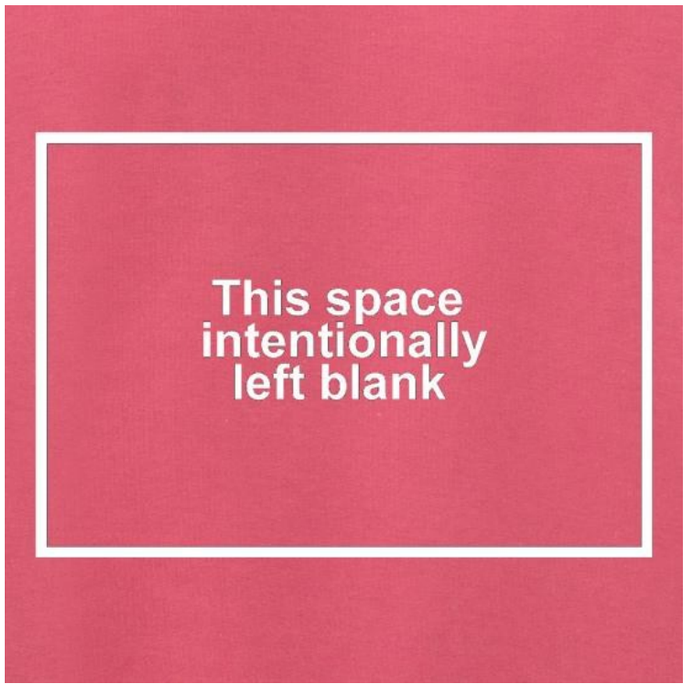
Linda Hickerson & family

Thank you very much for the flowers you provided for my dad's funeral. It was thoughtful and meant a lot. We are thankful for our College Church family.

Tim & Anessa Westbrook

FAMILY CONCERNS

Briarwood Nursing & Rehab: **Ellen Brown** 104.
The House of Three: LR: **Bill Diles**.
The Crossing at Riverside: **Mable Carpenter** 309; **Louise Ganus**; **Eloise Muncy** 212B; **Margaret Parker** 212A; **Joe Hurd's** mother, Patsy Hurd 216A; **Sharon Manor's** father, Harvie Reynolds 105; **Sharon Manor's** mother, Opal Reynolds 114; **Danny & Mike Wood's** mother, Frances Wood 115A.
Oakdale: **Carolyn Boutell** 117; **Rick Boutell** 117.
Providence: **Laura Smith** 308.
Searcy Healthcare: **Clarene Keesling** 82.
Hickory Heights: LR: **Larry Heusel**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