

AUGUST 2, 2026

9:00 AM ORDER OF WORSHIP

Song Leader
Tom Ritchie

Rise Up, O Men of God

We Will Glorify

Where Cross the Crowded
Ways

Near to the Heart of God

Scripture Reading
Chris Reynolds

Prayer
J.B. Berry

The Power of the Cross

Communion & Contribution
Tom Howard

Be Still and Know

Jesus Loves Me
Children's Worship Dismissed

Let Every Heart Rejoice and
Sing

**"Romans 8: From
Condemnation to Life"**
Paul Pollard

Here in This Place

Announcements
Kenneth Mills

**Promotion Sunday Bibles
& Shepherd's Prayer**
Charles Ganus

THE CONNECTION.

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

EL SALVADOR, FAMILIES, AND A BEGINNING

The photograph of a "traditional" mission team often includes preachers, teachers and healthcare professionals. In contrast, our team to El Salvador was composed of parents and their children in search of opportunities for service and outreach.

So it seemed a good omen when, at the airport, we were greeted with a huge sign that read, "El Salvador: Family Friendly." The slogan actually describes an initiative to improve the health and safety of young children, evidenced by well-staffed health clinics.

However, it was an orphanage and an island that captured our hearts.

For three days, our team rocked the babies of single, teenage mothers, engaged winsome toddlers, and played pick-up soccer games with older residents that rivaled the intensity of World Cup finals. Our families left the orphanage, having affirmed and befriended those who headed back to their dormitories. Both groups parted with the hope of reunion.

The final two days required transportation by boat. From a distance, the dense mangrove trees offered an illusion of paradise, but upon arrival, the island revealed an impoverished landscape. The comforts and conveniences we consider necessities were luxuries for those who lived there. That awareness triggered a wave of compassion and concern as powerful as the Pacific waves pounding the coast, but equally powerful was our encounter with a fisherman and his wife who graciously prepared lunch for their visiting strangers.

Their insistence on a walking tour of the island revealed deep pride in their homeland, and their unrestrained laughter and sincere humility were as generous as the food at their table. The only empty chair at that table was reserved for Jesus, who was waiting to be invited.

The question to be answered remains: "Did we make a difference?"

The week in El Salvador was a season for planting. Relationships took root. Families from College Church of Christ began to clarify a vision for outreach,

and that vision now belongs not only to parents but also to their children.

We left with an open invitation to return, and we look forward to a trip in the near future, equipped to support young families and prepared to invite them to join the family of God.

THE TEAM TO EL SALVADOR



PROMOTION SUNDAY

THIS Sunday, August 2, our Bible classes will celebrate Promotion Sunday! Children ages 2 years through 5th grade will move up to their new Bible classes. We look forward to welcoming everyone as we begin a new year of learning and growing together in God's Word!

BE THE WELCOME THAT MAKES THE DIFFERENCE!

On Wednesday, August 5, we'll be welcoming local families for our annual School Supply & Backpack Giveaway. Thanks to the generous donations from previous years, we have all the school supplies we need—so this year, we're asking for your presence, not your presents!

We need smiling faces to greet families, help them feel at home, and show them the love of Christ. If you've signed up to help, please plan to arrive 10–15 minutes before your scheduled volunteer time. Please also be praying that God uses this evening to bless our community and plant seeds of faith. If you can serve, sign up in your Bible class.

EARLY BIRD CLASS

There will be NO Early Bird Class THIS Wednesday, August 5, due to the School Supply Drive.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE CLASSES

Our individual Wednesday Night Bible Classes will resume on Wednesday, August 12.

PRAYERS & SYMPATHY

Kenna Aldrich, Oakdale 105; **Sarah Ard**; **Janice Blankenship**; **Nancy Dart**, The Springs 29, visitors encouraged; **Ken Sallee**, The Crossing 214B; **Linda Wilson**, chemo treatments.

Barbara Barnes, mother of **Roy Barnes**, passed away on Sunday, July 26. Barbara was in **Tom Alexander** and **John Reese's** Shepherding Group. Services were held on Saturday, August 1, at College Church.

NEW MEMBER

We would like to extend a warm welcome to our newest member, **Dan Peacock**. He is the executive site director at Timothy Hill Ranch. Dan will be in **Jeff Montgomery's** Shepherding Group.

UKRAINE HUMANITARIAN BUCKET DRIVE - THANK YOU!

To date, College Church has contributed more than 300 filled buckets! Life Resources International wants to thank everyone who shopped, donated, filled buckets, and shared in this wonderful opportunity to give. A special thank-you goes to **Ann Ware**, who voluntarily used the cash donations from many members, purchased supplies in bulk, and—with a little help from friends—filled well over 50 buckets herself. And she's still filling buckets. There is still time to participate. Contributions may be made through the church office with the notation "LRI/Ukraine Buckets." All funds received will be used to purchase additional bulk supplies and fill more buckets.

ADOPT-A-COLLEGE-STUDENT PROGRAM

Please consider signing up to "adopt" a college student. This is an intergenerational ministry in which members connect with students to provide a home away from home. This program is a blessing to both students and members. As school approaches next month, we are needing more families to adopt new students. If you don't have a current "adopted" student and would like to take part, please fill out [this form](#). **Johnny** will reach out to you when there is a match. Thanks!

SPANISH TRANSLATORS

We are looking for volunteers who can help serve as Spanish translators during our School Supply & Backpack Giveaway on Wednesday, August 5. If you are available to assist that evening, please sign up in your Bible Class THIS Sunday or contact Doug Langston. Thank you for using your gifts to help us welcome and serve our community!

SHEPHERDING GROUP MEAL

The **Norm Stone**, **Larry Long** and **David Bangs** Shepherding Groups will meet in Room 121 for a potluck THIS Sunday, August 2, following Bible Class.

SENIORS SUMMER DINNER

Mark your calendars for our upcoming Seniors Summer Dinner on Friday, August 7, at 5:30 p.m., in the Family Room. The theme will be "Celebrating the 250th Anniversary of our Nation!". The program will feature **Dan Newsom** presenting many well known singers and musicians performing patriotic songs. Come for a catered meal and an inspiring evening.

COLLEGE MINISTRY WELCOME MEAL

The College Ministry will have a lunch for our incoming **college students** in the Family Room on Sunday, August 16, following Bible class. Due to the number of students expected, we are inviting families involved in our ministry to **bring a dessert** and join us at the meal to connect with the students (Including all elders, staff, Home-Bible-Study leaders, and those who have signed up to adopt a college student).

WEDNESDAY NIGHT VIDEO LESSONS

Beginning Wednesday, August 12, at 6:30 p.m., join us in the Family Room for a 12-week video teaching series featuring Randy Harris, Professor of Spiritual Formation and Theology at Abilene Christian University. Randy will explore Jesus' greatest sermon, The Sermon on the Mount, helping us understand its timeless message and practical application for everyday discipleship.

COLLEGE CHURCH OF CHRIST AT HIS HOUSE

Today begins an effort in outreach: The first College Church worship service at His House, designed to serve those in our Caring-and-Sharing and His-House ministries (and others in the community) with a smaller, more intimate worship experience, more at their comfort level. This alternative service is part of our Sunday worship, not a separate event. We ask regular members to continue attending the auditorium services and pray for this new outreach.—
Pat Howe

FOREIGN MISSIONS MEETING

There will be a Foreign Missions Committee meeting in Room 233, on Sunday, August 16, at 3:30 p.m.

HEALTHY AGING & LONGEVITY EXPO

Harding University and the College Church Seniors Ministry are hosting a presentation on Healthy Aging & Longevity here in the Family Room on Saturday, August 8, at 9:00 a.m. Several experts will be presenting throughout the morning, with vendors providing demos and samples. No registration is needed. All are welcome.

GCS 2026

Our annual GCS special offering will take place on October 18, 2026. Applications are currently in the entrance foyer, on the auditorium tables on each side of the pulpit, in adult classrooms, [and available online](#). The deadline to submit applications is THIS Sunday, August 2.

HARDING SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY

College Church is part of the Harding School of Theology Church Audit Program. College Church members may [audit select classes](#) for just \$75 per class. If you are interested, please click [this LINK](#) for more information.

FAMILY CONCERNS

Briarwood: **Ellen Brown** 104
Providence: **Harold Norwood** 316
Providence Memory Care: **Beverly Blickenstaff**
The Crossing: **Rick Boutell** 308; **Eloise Muncy** 211B
The House of Three, 105 Madalyn Drive: **Alice Bell**, visitors encouraged
Ongoing Prayer Requests: **Fannie Amy**; **David Davis**; **Gary Smith**; David Mathews, grandson of **Darren & Kim Mathews**; Amy Qualls, daughter of **Cheryl Riggs**; Jason Roberson, son of **Shauna Vodehnal**

5:00 PM WORSHIP

Song Leader

Jason White

Welcome

Greg Brooks

A Shield About Me

O Worship the King

Prayer

Bill McSpadden

We Will Glorify

Goodness of God

You're Worthy of My Praise

Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah

"There is One God" (Part 2)

Noel Whitlock

How Great is Our God

O Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Lord's Supper in Room 100

Closing Prayer

Kage Mitchell

SERVICE TIMES

Sunday Morning

8:15 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 226

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 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 7/26/26

Budget for 7/26/2026 - \$52,194.00

Giving for 7/26/2026 - \$40,599.91

Budget - Week 47 - \$2,516,923.54

Giving - Week 47 - \$2,418,543.39

ATTENDANCE 7/26/26

9:00 AM Worship - 822

Bible Class - 645

Children's Worship - 44

5:00 PM Worship - 252

Sunday Small Groups - 64

WE'D LIKE TO HEAR FROM YOU!

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HIS HOUSE

Donation Requests:

Diapers, size 5

Grocery bags

Men's underwear and socks

Hand and bath towels

Women's socks



COLLEGE
CHURCH of CHRIST

If you have a request for the bulletin, please submit all information by noon, Thursday prior to service.