

AUGUST 10, 2025

9:00 AM ORDER OF WORSHIP

Song Leader
Charlie Collins

Shine, Jesus Shine

Standing On the Promises

Surround Us, Lord/Peace
Perfect Peace

Favorite Scripture
Doug Glenn

Prayer
Ethan Thomas

I Am a Sheep

Faithful Love

Communion & Contribution
Dee Span

Wonderful, Merciful Savior

Step by Step
Children's Worship Dismissed

Tell Me the Story of Jesus

"Jesus, Gospel, & Church:
The Summer in Summary"
Jordan Guy

Remind Me, O Lord

Announcements
Chris Mitchell

Prayer of Blessing for
2nd Graders
Jim Gowen

Shepherd's Prayer
Jim Gowen

THE CONNECTION.

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

THE SENIORS MINISTRY SUMMER DINNER: AN INVITATION

This weekend's Summer Dinner (Friday, August 8th) marks the end of **Harry Riggs'** 9th year as Director of the Seniors Ministry.

He assumed leadership in 2016, after a career as preacher, Bible teacher, and fundraiser for Christian organizations. He initiated programs for the elderly based on a vision of helping them cope with the challenges of aging and encouraging them to "keep on keeping on" in the Lord's work.

Harry's annual series, "Empowering Seniors Program (ESP)," features speakers on "coping" topics ranging from the medical, like this summer's "Brain and Balance" test with Dr. Cody Sipe of Harding's Physical Therapy Department, to the spiritual, as in advice on grandparenting from a Christian perspective by Kay Gowen.

But coping with old age requires more than solid medical or even spiritual advice. Like everyone else, Seniors need connection, but their stage of life presents barriers to it. That's where the ministry's three annual dinners come in: "We have 500 seniors (65 and older) in this congregation," Harry says; "many of them can be lonely—they've lost mates, are away from their families—these dinners provide meaningful fellowship."

A small sampling of regular participants in the ministry echoes Harry's comment. **John** and **Donna Prysock** attend Senior events faithfully, and John, with sly self-deprecation, explains why: "We geezers have a hard time going out and meeting people. These events connect you to others in your age group."

Martha Hodges, another veteran of the ministry, now 91, puts it bluntly: "Everyone should do something, accomplish something. Being with others helps you help them!"

Danny Crow exemplifies Martha's call to action and John's sense of reward: "I 'haul' Seniors to doctor's appointments, and I took **Bill Spears** so many times that he became a friend I see every week!" He and wife **Bernetta** feel "blessed" to be involved with the group, perhaps because, to quote John P. again, "it makes them better Christians."

Harry is expecting 200 people at the Summer Dinner, his budget year's final event. But he's arranging more ESPs and three more dinners in the coming months. He invites new Seniors to join in: "It's a rich fellowship. I think they would find enjoyment and encouragement."

By the way, if you're 65 or older and reading this before 5:30 P. M. on Friday, you can still make the Summer Dinner in the Family Room. Martha Hodges would like to see you there.



The 2024 Spring Dinner

SHEPHERDING GROUPS

Norm & Susan Stone will host a potluck for Norm's Shepherding Group on Saturday, August 9, at their home: 903 Golf View Drive. Please watch for an upcoming email with more details.

Roy Barnes' shepherding group will meet at the home of **David & Brenda Allen**, 206 River Bend on Sunday, August 17, 12:00 p.m. Sandwiches, chips, drinks and dessert will be provided. Please RSVP right away, with how many from your family will attend. We want to know how much to prepare. Text **Brenda Allen** (501-281-1279) or **Donna Brown** (501-207-3825).

PAUL POLLARD'S CLASS

Paul Pollard's Wednesday night class will begin on August 20 at 6:30 p.m., in Room 236. Titled "What happened to the Church?", it will be a conversation about the Christian church and its leaders from the 2nd to the 4th centuries. The first class will be taught by **John Reese**, well known for his work with churches of Christ around the world, and past President of the World Bible School.

FAITHBUILDERS CLASS

Mike Justus will be teaching a series of lessons titled "You've Got A Friend" for the Faithbuilders Bible Class on Sunday mornings during the month of August.

HARDING SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY CLASSES

We're excited to share that registration for Harding School of Theology's fall audit courses is now open! Classes begin the week of August 18, so there's less than two weeks to sign up. To see course offerings and to register [click here](#) or contact the HST office at 501-279-4747.

Don't miss this great opportunity to grow in knowledge and faith!

PRAYERS, PRAISE & SYMPATHY

Cleve Brooks The Springs; **George Brown**; **Denton Kernodle** UH1413; **Tom Holaday**; **Kim Lancaster**; **Judy Martin**; **Edwin Myers**; **Edna Nichols**; **Laveda Perdue**; **Mike Wood**; **Winfred Wright**; **Dennis Yecke**.

We rejoice! **Sara Barker**, daughter of **Chris & Micalynn Barker**, was baptized by her dad August 7. Address: 402 Legacy Circle.

Annette Cateres, daughter of **George Brown**, passed away unexpectedly. A private memorial will be held for the family.

Hanna Smith, age 103, mother of **Linda Adams** and great-grandmother of **Savannah Daigle**, passed away August 6. Services will be in Union City, TN.

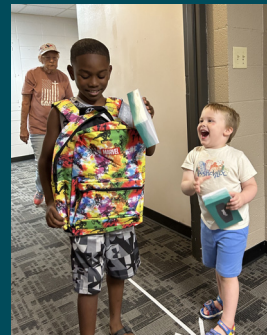
ELDER SELECTION

Beginning on August 31, the elders will be soliciting recommendations for new elders to be appointed this fall. Members of the congregation will be asked to submit the names of men whom they know as faithful Christians and spiritual leaders, committed to God and His church, qualified according to the guidelines in 1 Timothy 3 and Titus 1, and capable of shepherding and guiding the College church. The elders ask that church members be prayerfully considering whom they might nominate when the selection process begins.

SCHOOL SUPPLY DISTRIBUTION 2025

From **Doug Langston**

School Supply Drive 2025 is now in the books. We distributed 324 backpacks filled with school supplies to at least 137 families, as of this writing. Our guest families were warmly welcomed, fed, prayed over, and invited to join our worship assemblies by a whole host of College Church members. You all really showed up and were a blessing to everyone who came through our lines Wednesday evening. As I travelled around the building checking on the various facets of the distribution, I was struck by the joy on the faces of our visiting parents and children alike and marveled at the many meaningful interactions I saw taking place. Thanks to all that served in any capacity of this ministry. You were truly the hands and feet of Jesus! Please continue to pray that those we served will come to know the Good News and be added to the Kingdom of God.



FAMILY CONCERNS

Briarwood: **Ellen Brown** 104

House of Three: **Faye Moore**

Providence: **Carolyn Kenney** 308; **Harold Norwood** 316

Providence Memory Care: **Beverly Blickenstaff**;

David Lawyer; Maydean Jones, mother of **Rhonda Landis**

The Blossoms: **Rick Boutell** 518

The Crossing: **Maxine Morton** 204A; **Eloise Muncy** 115B

The Springs: **Alice Bell**

Ongoing Prayer Requests: **Brian Altmiller**; **Fannie Amy**; **Brian Harrington**;

Gary Smith; Amy Qualls, daughter of **Cheryl Riggs**; **Shannon Spears**; David

Mathews, return of cancer, grandson of **Darren & Kim Mathews**; Jason

Roberson, son of **Gary & Shauna Vodehnal**

WEDNESDAY BIBLE CLASSES

Adult Bible classes will resume THIS Wednesday, August 14:

Early Bird	Room 100	4:00 p.m.	Ed Higginbotham
What Happened to the Church?	Room 236	6:30 p.m.	Paul Pollard
Gospel of Matthew	Family Room	6:30 p.m.	Noel Whitlock
23:6ers	Room 102	6:30 p.m.	David Bangs
Singing & Prayer	Room 100	6:30 p.m.	Jordan Guy

MARITAL ENRICHMENT SEMINAR

Join us Saturday, September 13, from 8:30 a.m.- 2:00 p.m. for a special Marital Enrichment Seminar at College Church of Christ. This free event is designed to encourage and strengthen marriages in every season. We'll explore topics like communication, problem-solving, and spiritual health, with practical tools, engaging activities, and a panel of couples sharing their wisdom. Childcare and lunch will be provided. Sign up today using [this link](#) to ensure that we have enough food and childcare. Don't miss this opportunity to grow together and invest in your marriage!

COLLEGE MINISTRY WELCOME MEAL

The College Ministry will have a lunch in the Family Room on Sunday, August 17, 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).

40-HOUR FAST

Our college ministry is joining with other area campus ministries for a 40-hour fast to seek God first as the school year begins—starting Thursday, August 21, 7:00 p.m. Church members are warmly invited to join us at 6 p.m. for a bring-your-own "last supper" in the Family Room and a time of worship. We'd love if you came to encourage and pray with our students as they dedicate this year to putting God first, or if you would join us for 40 hours of prayer and fasting, even if you don't come to the event.

ADOPT-A-COLLEGE STUDENT PROGRAM

Sign up to "adopt" a college or grad student! This ministry connects students with church members for support and community—a home away from home. With school starting soon, we need more families to join. If you don't currently have a student and want to help, fill out [the form online](#). Grant will contact you when matched.

INTERGENERATIONAL BIBLE STUDY

The Intergenerational Bible Study for women of all ages, including college students, will resume Wednesdays at 5:00 p.m., at the home of **Kay Gowen**. Following an hour of Bible study, we will gather at the table to spend time together. We would be thrilled to have you bring a sack supper and join us!

NEW SINGING & PRAYER CLASS

For those interested in pausing during the week to sing and pray together, join us Wednesday nights in Room 100, at 6:30 p.m. We will take song requests, pray for any needs, and enjoy a time of worship as we sing and pray together.

LADIES BIBLE CLASS

Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible Class will resume on August 19, 9:30 a.m., in Room 100.

GCS 2025

Our annual GCS special offering will take place on October 19, 2025. Applications are available in the foyer, auditorium tables, adult classrooms, and [online](#). Local, domestic, and international efforts are all welcome to apply. The deadline to apply is THIS Sunday, August 10.

CCYG

Don't miss our CCYG Back-to-School Retreat, August 22–24 at Camp Wyldewood. If you are willing to help chaperone this event, please sign up using the link and write "Chaperone" or "Adult" next to your name—mark your calendar and [sign up to save your spot!](#)

ANNIVERSARY

All are invited to celebrate **James & Sarah Ard's** 70th anniversary at Cone Chapel on Saturday, August 23, from 2:00–4:00 p.m. RSVP by August 15 to Nell at 214-701-5683.

AREA SHOWER

You are invited to a wedding shower honoring Lydia Longley, bride-elect of Ty Carger, on Sunday, August 24, 2:00–3:30 p.m., 99 Maggies Lane. Ty is the son of Chad & Jennifer Carger. They are registered at Target, Crate & Barrel and Amazon.

5:00 PM WORSHIP

Song Leader
Kent Giboney

Welcome
Dan Newsom

Thy Word

Come, Let Us All Unite To Sing
Lord, Speak to Me

Prayer
Jim Gowen

Won't It Be Wonderful There
The Love of God

My Hope is Built on Nothing
Less

"How Do You View Life?"
Harry Riggs

I Am Resolved

O Master, Let Me Walk with
Thee

Lord's Supper in Room 100

Closing Prayer
Elijah Gibson



HIS HOUSE

Donation Requests:

Men's white t-shirts
Boy's and girl's clothing
Dish soap



COLLEGE
CHURCH of CHRIST

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 | Dismissed for the summer

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 Singing & Prayer | Room 100
6:30 PM SH and JH Meeting
7:15 PM Chinese Church in Heritage | Room 210

Thursday

5:00 PM Discipleship Bible Study in Room 100

FINANCES FOR 8/3/25

Budget for 8/3//2025 - \$55,746.00
Giving for 8/3/2025 - \$52,595.27
Budget - Week 44 - \$2,480,009.63
Giving - Week 44 - \$2,564,368.30

ATTENDANCE 8/3/25

9:00 Worship - 799
Bible Class - 676
Children's Worship - 58
5:00 Worship - 228
Sunday Small Groups - 78

WE'D LIKE TO HEAR FROM YOU!

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