

AUGUST 24, 2025

## 9:00 AM ORDER OF WORSHIP

**Song Leader**  
Will Francis

My Hope is Built on Nothing  
Less

Days of Elijah

Goodness of God

Still

**Ministry Scripture**  
Theo Westbrook

**Prayer**  
Larry Long

Just As I Am, I Come Broken

**Communion & Contribution**  
Will Fitzhugh

Jesus Let Us Come To Know  
You

There's a Stirring  
*Children's Worship Dismissed*

Seek Ye First

"What is YOUR Calling?"  
Jordan Guy

Light the Fire

**Announcements**  
Nick McNabb

**Shepherd's Prayer**  
Rick Harper

# THE CONNECTION.

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

## MODELING, NURTURING AND NUDGING: HOW MISSIONARIES ARE MADE

What do the Bybee, Hogan, Hobby, Merritt, Norton, Reese, Westbrook, and Woodroof families have in common? They are a few from our church family with second or third generation family members who are serving, or have served, full-time in the mission field!

Since children of missionaries are those most likely to serve as missionaries, the influence of those parents seems clear. Their kids were nurtured in an atmosphere of godly service and saw the missionary life modeled by their parents. The effect of that training was a gradual "nudge" toward the mission field.

To cite one instance, **Theo Westbrook** and his fiancé, Rochelle Reese, are preparing to enter missionary service in a few years. Both of them had missionary models in their parents and grandparents, and grew up surrounded by a loving and nurturing network of family and friends.

Other College Church parents and leaders are doing what the Westbrooks did. For example, **Greg** and **Deana Brooks** took their children, **Josh** and **Katelyn**, to Guatemala with the Health Talents team. Todd Miller modeled mission service with the youth team that went to Kayenta, AZ; **Grant** and **Kayla Fitzhugh** with the Hawaii team of university students.

Other examples abound. Our congregation is blessed with Christians who want to carry on the tradition of fulfilling God's "great commission."

The Great Commission Sunday special offering (Oct. 19) is one way we help them do that! Our GCS funds helped Theo obtain language and cultural training overseas. The Guatemala, Kayenta, and Hawaii groups all received assistance from our short-term campaign support fund. Thanks to GCS funding, **John** and **Beth Reese** will be hosting a retreat for children of missionaries, helping them adjust to life in the U.S.

Another person helped by GCS, **Rocky Stone**, just made his fourth trip to Zambia. His family and **Dr. Richard Duke**, leader of WestReach, modeled mission service for him. Now he does the modeling: his grandfather, father, brother and sister have also been to Zambia. All the while, Rocky was being nudged toward full-time mission work.



When our children begin modeling the very things we as a church family have modeled for them, we can see God's kingdom grow. When we create an environment that encourages our family to be Spirit-led and Word-fed, God is glorified. Nudge on! D3 is happening!

**Rick Harper**  
Director, GCS

## COLLEGE CHURCH DIGITAL TRANSITION

We're moving to one seamless digital platform — the College Church of Christ App — now available on your smartphone in the Apple App Store & Google Play Store. The app is also available on your smart TV via Roku and Amazon Fire TV. This will be your place for livestreams, events, sermons, giving, and now our **online church directory!** The Church Life app is no longer accessible, and Abundant Giving will end on September 7. Please download the new app today, get ready to set up your directory account, and transfer your giving. Need help? [Click here](#) for resources to help make the transition or contact the church office.

## NEW MEMBER

We're excited to welcome **Rachael Denney** and her daughter, Marley—a third grader—as well as Rachael's niece, **Taylor Denney**, to our church family! They're part of Jim Carr's Shepherding Group, and we're so glad to have them with us.

## SIMPLE SUPPER

Join us Wednesday, September 3, in Room 121, for Simple Supper. To ensure we have the right amount of food, RSVP using [this link](#) by Sunday, August 31. We will have BBQ.

## CHURCH OFFICE

The church office will be closed on Monday, September 1, in observance of Labor Day.

## PRAYERS & PRAISE

**Alison Johnson; Cleve Brooks**, The Springs; **George Brown; Denton Kernodle; Kent Giboney**, surgery Tuesday; **Tom Holaday; Edwin Myers; Edna Nichols; Shannon Spears; Gary Smith**, South Campus Rehab 421; **Danny R. Wood; Winfred Wright; Dennis Yecke**.

**Mark & Roxi Crews** would like to announce the arrival of a new grandson, Declan Luke Crews, born to Jonathan & Raya, on August 13. Proud aunt and uncle are **Meagan & Andy Justus**, cousins are Bonnie and Annabelle, and big brother is Mark.

**Bob & Debbie Roper** would like to announce the arrival of a new great-grandson. Joseph Milas Franklin Bracher was born August 20, in Michigan. He weighed 7 pounds and 2 ounces.

## GREAT COMMISSION SUNDAY: OCT 19

The following ministries have been approved for participation in our GCS offering in October. Please join us in prayer for this special day.

Sparrows Promise	\$35,000
WBS	\$50,000
Camp Tahkodah	\$3,000
Chinese Church	\$25,000
Kerusso Scholarships	\$6,000
Beth Reese, Third Culture Kids Retreat	\$1,000
Great Cities, Hwaez, Peru	\$15,000
Albania, Sokol	\$7,000
John Reese, EIS	\$10,000
Short-Term Campaigns	\$40,000
Istanbul, Widen	\$9,000
WEI, Phone Project	\$10,000
Zambia, Bibles from Jim Adams	\$5,000
Contingency	\$5,000

## HIGGINSON CHURCH OF CHRIST

The Higginson Church of Christ invites everyone to a come-and-go reception celebrating their 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary on Sunday, August 31, from 1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Join them at 301 Walker Road as they give thanks and mark this special milestone together.

## 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 Crossing: **Rick Boutell** 308; **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**

## MIDDLE-SCHOOL YOUTH RALLY

Christweens youth rally for middle-schoolers will take place at the Northside Church of Christ in Harrison on Saturday, September 13. There are four ways to sign up: in the 6<sup>th</sup> grade classroom, by texting Trey Reely at 870-476-4646, by emailing him at reelytrey@gmail.com, or by completing the Google form available on the Children's Ministry Facebook page or in your email inbox.

The deadline to sign up and receive a T-shirt is THIS Sunday, August 24; be sure to include your child's T-shirt size. We will leave from College Church at 7:05 a.m. on the 13<sup>th</sup> and return around 6:20 p.m. Registration, lunch, a T-shirt, and supper are all included.

Please give a firm commitment so we can avoid wasting money on unused spots. Chaperones are welcome—just let **Trey Reely** know if you plan to come.

## 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.

## WORLD BIBLE SCHOOL

World Bible School is excited to share its part in God's story at an upcoming benefit dinner for the organization in Searcy, on Monday, September 8, 6:30 p.m., at Harding University in the Founders Room in the American Heritage Building. The theme will be "Renewing the Church and Reconciling the Lost." Come and bring others to hear about what's new with WBS. Please RSVP by Tuesday, September 2 at [rsvp@worldbibleschool.net](mailto:rsvp@worldbibleschool.net) or 1-800-311-2006. All are welcome and invited to attend.

## THANK YOU

From **Noel & Lael Whitlock**

We would like to say a heartfelt thank all of you for your love and sympathy during the passing of my mother. Every prayer, card, flowers, text message, email and personal sentiment reminded us we were never alone. We were especially touched by those of you who were able to attend her funeral. Your presence meant more than you can know. Our love for College Church continues to be a primary source of joy for us. We love you all.

## CASA TRAINING

For every foster child in the state of Arkansas, a CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) volunteer is also needed as an advocate for them. A caring adult can have a huge impact on the life of a child! The CASA fall training session begins September 11. If you can devote a small amount of time each month, please consider this unique opportunity to serve a child in need! For additional information, contact **Laura Burks** at 501-305-3428 or by email at [wc.casa.director@gmail.com](mailto:wc.casa.director@gmail.com).

## IRON ROSE MINISTRY

Join us Thursday, August 28, from 7:00 p.m.—8:30 p.m. for a come-and-go Treats-and-Eats in the Carr Cafe at Harding Place, supporting Iron Rose Sister Ministries. This mission, led by Michelle J. Goff and backed by College Church through Great Commission Sunday, equips women across the Americas—in English, Spanish, and Portuguese—to grow in faith and connection.

## AREA SHOWERS

You are invited to a wedding shower honoring Lydia Longley, bride-elect of Ty Carger, THIS 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.

You are invited to a wedding shower honoring Downtown member Riley Myers, bride-elect of Caden Chrismon, THIS Sunday, August 24, 1:30-3:00 p.m., at the home of Beth Cox, 37 Harding Drive. Riley is the granddaughter of **JB & Jeanette Myers**. They are registered at [theknot.com](http://theknot.com).

## 5:00 PM WORSHIP

**Song Leader**  
Andrew Richardson

**Welcome**  
Kenneth Mills

Lord, We Come Before Thee  
Now

All Hail the Power of Jesus'  
Name

I Need Thee Every Hour

**Prayer**  
Danny Crow

Praise Him! Praise Him!

Farther Along

Will Your Anchor Hold

"Overcoming Temptation"  
(Pt. 2)

Noel Whitlock

Let Him Have His Way with  
Thee

Yield Not to Temptation

*Lord's Supper in Room 100*

**Closing Prayer**  
Tom Tuggle



## HIS HOUSE

### Donation Requests:

Boy's and girl's clothing  
Dish soap  
Table lamps

## 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 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

6:30 PM Study of David | Harry Riggs | Harding Place

7:15 PM Chinese Church in Heritage | Room 210

### Thursday

5:00 PM Discipleship Bible Study in Room 100

## FINANCES FOR 8/17/25

Budget for 8/17//2025 - \$48,947.50

Giving for 8/17/2025 - \$38,582.19

Budget - Week 46 - \$2,577,904.63

Giving - Week 46 - \$2,655,370.03

## ATTENDANCE 8/17/25

9:00 Worship - 1280

Bible Class - 1088

Children's Worship - 55

5:00 Worship - 270

Sunday Small Groups - 136

## WE'D LIKE TO HEAR FROM YOU!

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