

OCTOBER 5, 2025

9:00 AM ORDER OF WORSHIP

Song Leader
Todd Miller

Just a Little Talk with Jesus
Our God, He Is Alive
In Christ Alone
His Grace Reaches Me

Scripture & Prayer
Jordan Guy

Amazing Grace

Communion & Contribution
Mike Justus

Purer In Heart O God

Firm Foundation
Children's Worship Dismissed

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Introduction of Speaker
Noel Whitlock

"A License to Be Holy"
Keith Stanglin

Victory In Jesus

Announcements
Darren Mathews

Elder Nominations
Jim Carr

Shepherd's Prayer
Jeff Montgomery

THE CONNECTION.

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

THE ELDERSHIP AND GOD'S "TRUSTWORTHY MESSAGE"

Living on the island of Crete, Titus found himself in a challenging situation. The apostle Paul, his mentor, had asked him to appoint elders. Influenced by pagan thinking and behavior, Cretans had the reputation for being dishonest and immoral. The Christians, who had left that lifestyle, were vulnerable to such pervasive cultural pressures. They needed shepherds.

Paul specifically instructed Titus to choose men who held "... firmly to the trustworthy message as it has been taught, so that [they] can encourage others by sound doctrine and refute those who oppose it" (Titus 1:9).

That admonition remains relevant for the selection of elders at College Church of Christ and is crucial for leadership into the future. Our shepherds bear responsibility to confront those who attempt to pry loose their firm hold on the message that God breathed, Jesus lived, and the Spirit continues to encourage. Any distraction that loosens an elder's grip on that message increases the risk that his fellow believers will let go of their own commitment.

Elders must speak the "trustworthy message" with clarity, reclaiming its language that has been hijacked by culture. They must remind the congregation that God is Sovereign. He is faithful to his promises, and he expects us to be faithful to him. Sin has consequences, and repentance precedes forgiveness. Grace is available to everyone who believes the "Good News" and is baptized. Anxiety is useless. Modesty is a virtue. Life is eternal, but destination is a choice. There are absolutes. Right is always right, and God's Word is the final word.

Shepherds must convince us that this world is not our home. Our citizenship is in Heaven, and our allegiance is to that Kingdom regardless of the rise and fall of global governments. Even our money reminds us that "In God We Trust."

Elders should set the course for the congregation, holding steady the rudder of the "trustworthy message" with both hands to ensure that we do not drift into the hazardous shoals of pride and self-sufficiency (Hebrews 2:1).

Shepherds must be wise as serpents and gentle as doves with vigilant eyes watching for wolves in sheep's clothing. They must be discerning about what they teach for they will give account to God (James 3:1). Likewise, those of us who help choose elders must know and value the essential qualities that make them worthy of serving.

The responsibilities of a shepherd may seem daunting, but if a man "... sets his heart on being an overseer, he desires a noble task" (1 Timothy 3:1).

Michael Justus



For more on this subject, see **Tom Alexander's** [online piece](#).



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DIGITAL TRANSITION & DIRECTORY UPDATE

We know the recent digital changes have come with some hiccups—you're not alone. For help, check out our [resources](#). Still stuck? Reach out to the church office or fill out [this form](#) for a one-on-one walkthrough.

Giving Update: If you haven't switched your online giving from Abundant to the College Church of Christ app, please do so now.

Church Directory Tip: Having trouble staying signed in? Download the Instant Church Directory app directly from your app store. Use your email to log in, enter the code sent to you, and choose "Keep me signed in."

Add Your Photo: Only 25% of members have uploaded theirs. Once logged in, tap the three lines (top left) then "Edit My Family" to upload your picture.

Let's make this transition smoother together.

SIMPLE SUPPER

Join us Wednesday, October 8, in Room 121, for Simple Supper. To ensure we have the right amount of food, RSVP using [this link](#) by THIS Sunday, October 5. The meal will be pizza and salad.

GANUS GROUP

The **Charles Ganus** Shepherding Group will have a potluck THIS Sunday, October 5, following Bible Class in Room 100.

PRAYERS & SYMPATHY

Cleve Brooks, The Springs; **George Brown**; **Kent Giboney**, UH 3411; **Louise Jackson**; **Kenneth Mills**; **Edna Nichols**; **Laveda Perdue**; **Harriett Raley**; **Danny R. Wood**; **Dennis Yecke**.

Lorene Smith passed away September 27. Services were Friday at Powell Funeral Home. Lorene was in **Roy Barnes** Shepherding Group.

Alison Johnson, wife of **Ronald Johnson** and daughter of **Alice Bell**, passed away September 29. There will be a private family burial. There will be a public visitation on Sunday, October 12, 1:00 p.m., in the College Church Family Room, followed by a memorial at 2:00 p.m., in the Auditorium. Alison was in **Darren Mathews'** Shepherding Group. The church will be providing a meal for the family prior to the visitation. If you would like to volunteer to help, please text **Laurie Walker**.

ELDER SELECTION TIMELINE

October 5 - Names Presented

October 12 - Objections Due

October 26 - Installation

FALL ON THE FARM

Everyone is invited to join us Sunday, October 26, 3:00-5:30 p.m., at the home of **Matthew & Chloe Martin**, 1546 Highway 167 North, in Bradford. We will have a chili cook-off, hot dogs, hayrides, corn hole tournament, inflatables, animals, Posh Potty and more. Bring your lawn chairs and best pot of chili to share! There will also be a devo and singing. Everyone is invited, and all small groups are encouraged to attend. There will be a bus for seniors leaving from the Welcome Center at 1:45 p.m. [Click here to RSVP](#). A 5:00 p.m. service will be held at the building that evening.

WINTER COAT DRIVE

The date for the Winter Coat Drive is Saturday, October 18. We are collecting coats and hoodies in the barrels in the Welcome Center. Please bring your clean and gently used or new coats and hoodies as soon as possible. We will need around 50 church members to help at the coat drive; [click here to sign up](#).

FAITHBUILDERS & LAUNCHING ADULTS

The Faithbuilders and Launching Adults Bible Classes will have a potluck lunch, THIS Sunday, October 5, following Bible Class in Room 121.

CCYG

Mother-Daughter Night, Teen Center, October 5, 6:00 p.m.-7:45 p.m.

Hayride & Cookout, Jones/Burchfield's Farm, October 19, 5:00 p.m.

SEARCHERS BIBLE CLASS

Join **Drew Clothier** on Sunday mornings in Room 102 for a class on *Israel Going into Exile*, covering Daniel, Ezra, Esther, and Nehemiah.

GREAT COMMISSION SUNDAY

Starting THIS Sunday, October 5, children of all ages are invited to bring loose change or bills to the front of the stage during worship, just before being dismissed to Children's Worship. This weekly collection will continue through October 19 as part of our Great Commission Sunday effort. All children are encouraged to participate, even if they don't attend Children's Worship. Funds raised will support scholarships for Camp Tahkodah and help care for kids at the Jochebed Children's Home.

CHANGE FOR CHILDREN

It's time to turn in your change cans that support Children's Home, Inc. If you have any cans at home, please return them by Friday, October 3. This church family always responds so generously, and the Children's Home, Inc. will be greatly blessed by your donations.

FAMILY CONCERNS

Briarwood: **Ellen Brown** 104

Providence: **Harold Norwood** 316 Providence Memory Care: **Beverly Blickenstaff**; 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, grandson of **Darren & Kim Mathews**, return of cancer; Jason Roberson, son of **Gary & Shauna Vodehnal**

WEDDING SHOWER

You are invited to a wedding shower honoring **Rochelle Reese**, bride-elect of **Theo Westbrook**, THIS Sunday, October 5, 1:00-2:30 p.m., at the Campus Rock House, 802 E Market. Theo is the son of Tim & Anessa Westbrook, nephew of **Kevin & Tianna Tripp** and grandson of **Ann Hobby**. Rochelle is the daughter of Marcus & Diane Reese and the granddaughter of **John & Beth Reese**. [Click here](#) to view their registry.

AREA SHOWERS

You are invited to a wedding shower honoring Erin Graves, bride-elect of Jake Dugger, on Sunday, October 12, 1:30-3:00 p.m., 171 Virginia Way. Jake is the grandson of **Fran Dugger** and the nephew of **Todd & Marcie Miller**. They are registered on Amazon.

You are invited to a baby shower honoring Northside Church of Christ members Karleigh & Harley Halliburton on Saturday, October 18, 10:00 a.m., at the Beebe Northside Church of Christ. Karleigh is the daughter of **Richard & Cyndi Denney** and the granddaughter of **Billie Boustead**. They are registered on Amazon. It's a boy!

SPARROW'S PROMISE

Join Sparrow's Promise for the 25th Annual Max Clark Memorial Golf Tournament on Friday, October 17. Whether you're a golfer or just want to show your support, you're welcome to take part. For registration or sponsorship info, contact Beth Light at director@sparrowspromise.org.

5:00 PM WORSHIP

Song Leader

David Cole

Welcome

Greg Brooks

The Steadfast Love of the Lord

I Know Who Holds Tomorrow

He Knows Just What I Need

Because He Lives

Prayer

Don Hood

Will Your Anchor Hold

Scripture Reading

Jake Baxley

Master, the Tempest Is Raging

"Great Storms need Great Faith"

Noel Whitlock

He Is Able

Be With Me, Lord

Lord's Supper in Room 100

Closing Prayer

Pat Howe

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 9/28/25

Budget for 9/28/2025 - \$52,194.00

Giving for 9/28/2025 - \$46,250.13

Budget - Week 4 - \$214,576.50

Giving - Week 4 - \$196,525.57

ATTENDANCE 9/28/25

9:00 AM Worship - 1250

Bible Class - 925

Children's Worship - 50

5:00 PM Worship - lectureship

Sunday Small Groups - 53

WE'D LIKE TO HEAR FROM YOU!

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Bath towels



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