

NOVEMBER 16, 2025

9:00 AM ORDER OF WORSHIP

Song Leader
Todd Miller

When We All Get to Heaven
Heavenly Sunlight
Only A Holy God
The Greatest Commands

Faith Story & Prayer
Scott Diles

And Can It Be

Communion & Contribution
Ronald Johnson

Hosanna! You're my King

Faithful Love
Children's Worship Dismissed

Lead Me To Some Soul
Today

**"Always Having a Bible
Study"**
Jordan Guy

Break My Heart

Announcements
Chris Mitchell

Shepherd's Prayer
Steve Baber

THE CONNECTION.

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

TEACHING BOETHIUS ON THE IMAGINATION

Boethius was a Christian philosopher. I regularly teach his *Consolation of Philosophy* as part of my literature classes because of something fascinating he wrote about the imagination.

He said imagining is a kind of knowing. Most of us don't think of imagination this way. Usually, we associate it with making stuff up, not with learning and knowing, but I believe Boethius was right. Allow me to demonstrate.

I love the Okefenokee Swamp. I love hearing bull gators bellowing, unseen, in the early morning mists. I love the cypress trees with Spanish moss hanging down and swaying in a breeze. (If you look up into those cypress trees, you might see a barred owl staring back at you.) I love the smooth, black water, which so perfectly mirrors the sky that it can make a turtle at the surface of the water by your boat appear to be floating in the clouds. The water lilies, with their beautiful white flowers, were fascinating to me as a kid because water just rolls off of them, like beads of mercury.

Of course, there are also things about the swamp that I don't like: mosquitoes in my ear, gnats in my eyes, muggy summer heat, and terrible lightning storms. On the whole, however, it is one of my favorite places on earth.

Now notice what your imagination has done, particularly if you have not been to the Okefenokee. I did not give you a video or a photo of the swamp. I gave you words on a page. Your eyes saw only little black letters, but your imagination turned them into images conveying real knowledge about the swamp, knowledge that you may not have had before. And that is what Boethius meant. Literature, from Homer to Tolkien, can give us real knowledge through our imagination.

"Tolkien?" someone might object. "But Middle Earth is not real."

True. There is no Middle Earth. Sam never really "broke his back and heart" out of love for Mr. Frodo as he carried him up Mount Doom. But love is real. And so are courage, loyalty, and hope. When I read about Sam, exhausted but determined to help his beloved friend, it is my imagination that helps me understand these beautiful realities better, realities that have their ultimate source in God himself, and it does so by presenting them in a way that no other sort of knowledge does.

Larry Hunt



Third in a series on teaching literature as discipling.
December's finale: **Kathy Dillion**.

SHEPHERDING GROUPS

Glen Metheny & Rick Harper's Shepherding Groups will meet for a potluck in Room 121, THIS Sunday, November 16, following Bible class.

Norm Stone's Shepherding Group will meet for a potluck in Room 100, THIS Sunday, November 16, following Bible class.

Jim Adams & Steve Baber's Shepherding Group will meet for pizza at the home of Steve & Kaye Baber, 14 Blue Ridge Drive, THIS Sunday, November 16, following Bible class.

David Cole's Shepherding Group will meet for pizza at the home of David & Barbara Cole, 35 White Oak Circle, THIS Sunday, November 16, following Bible class.

POTENTIAL PLANS

If you missed our recent congregational meeting when the potential building plans were discussed in detail, you can still catch up! Watch the video presentation and view the PowerPoint slides by [using this link](#), find it on our website under "Resources," or in the app on the homepage. We encourage your feedback—please share your thoughts with Dr. Burks or any of our elders as we prayerfully plan for the future of College Church.

CHRISTMAS CONNECTIONS

We will once again be connecting with 15 families from Caring and Sharing to help provide Christmas gifts for any of them who would like assistance. Following Bible classes on Sunday, November 16, we will have a sign-up table in the Welcome Center for those who want to partner with a family. Please consider taking part!

PRAYERS & PRAISE

Lee Bost; Cleve Brooks, The Springs; **Betty Brown; Katherine Boone; David Camp; Robbie Dunning; Barbara Garnett; Louise Jackson; Kim Lancaster; Ted Lloyd**, South Campus, rehab; **Edna Nichols; Glen Olree**, home on hospice; **Edwina Pace; Laveda Perdue; Harriett Raley; Danny R. Wood; Dennis Yecke**; Edward Myers, brother of **Edwin Myers**.

Jonathan, Cheryl, and Taylor White are happy to announce a new granddaughter and niece Juniper (Juni) Wren, born to Carson and Kayley White of Sanford, Florida. Juni was born Oct. 28 weighing 7lbs, 11oz. If anyone knows a way to bring Florida closer, please let them know!

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

November 24:

Bulletin deadline at noon for November 30 bulletin

November 26-28:

Church office closed

Sunday, November 23:

NO Children's Worship

Wednesday, November 26:

Area-wide service at West Side Church of Christ 6:30 p.m.

NO Bible Classes

Sunday, November 30:

NO Children's Worship

Service 9:00 a.m.

Bible Class 10:30 a.m.

Service 5:00 p.m.

THANK YOU FROM PAT HOWE

On behalf of His House, I want to thank all those who, for the last two Wednesday evenings, helped us distribute food to Searcy citizens whose SNAP benefits had been withheld. Dozens of volunteers, including regular HH workers, donated time, and several people donated money to buy extra food—part of a city-wide effort to meet this emergency. Please continue to pray for our ministry because even as we rejoice that benefits have been restored, the needs of the population we serve are ongoing.

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; 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**

MORE THANK YOUS

From the College Rock House:

A Big Thank-You to all of you who helped sort, hang and donate to our winter coat drive this season! We served around 70 families with many children including several different rehab programs and gave out 375 breakfasts.

We also had several Bible studies and many prayers with these families. Thanks again for all you do for this ministry!

From the Valentine Family:

Thank you very much for all the love and compassion shown to us after the passing of our mother, **Dolores**. We sincerely appreciate all the food that was brought to us, the lovely meal provided for our family on the day of the funeral, the plant sent to us and all of the cards, letters and visits.

AUDIO BIBLE PROJECT

Just 390 Chapters Left: This week we want to highlight a special person in our lives. Please choose a chapter to read in honor of someone you love. We especially want to invite those who have not contributed a chapter to do so this week. The goal to complete this project is Dec 1st. To participate,

- (1) Take a paper from the wall in the auditorium by the stage;
- (2) [Sign up using this link](#) or on the CC App for the chapter you selected;
- (3) [Record your chapter using this link](#) or on the CC App or by coming to the church building during office hours to record with assistance.

If you have any questions, contact the church office. Anyone interested in Leviticus, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, 1-2 Chronicles, or Nehemiah? There are plenty of chapters just waiting for you.

STUDENT MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

My name is **Nathan Thomas**, and I'm a sophomore Film and Media Production/Theological Studies double major from Blythe, California.

I love reading books, playing the piano, playing chess, and making movies. One day I hope to start my own film-and-television studio that makes media for all audiences from a Christian worldview. I am excited about a movie I shot in the summer and am just beginning to edit. I'm using AI in the film process to create some robot visual effects.

One of my favorite College Ministry memories is going to one of the game nights and having a blast playing foosball with a few friends. Sometimes it's the little things! I am super grateful for the College Ministry, especially the home Bible study I attend at the **Supratmans'** house. We're very tight knit and it's a wonderful time to be encouraged in the Lord.



CCYG

The Youth Group will have its annual Friendsgiving on Wednesday, November 19, 6:30 p.m., in the Teen Center.

LADS TO LEADERS

It's time for Lads-to-Leaders sign-ups. Please do this ASAP so we can get the early bird discount! If you have any questions, contact **Trey Reely** or **Heather Rollins**. [Click here to sign up.](#)

WEDDING

Theodore Westbrook and **Rochelle Reese** would like to invite College Church to their wedding! If you are a member of our congregation and are able then you are invited to attend. The ceremony will be on Saturday, December 13, 1:30 p.m., in the College Church Auditorium with a reception to follow. The couple would like to request any member attending to RSVP by emailing theo.westbrook@collegechurchofchrist.org or by texting Theo at 501-593-1934.

95TH BIRTHDAY

November 30 is **Doris Harris'** 95th birthday! Cards are appreciated as she celebrates this special milestone. Address: 3012 E Moore Ave #21

AREA BABY SHOWERS

You are invited to a baby shower honoring Natalie & Dylan Stirrup THIS Sunday, November 16, 1:30-3:00 p.m., 74 Norfolk Drive, Maumelle. Natalie is the daughter of **Noel & Lael Whitlock**. They are registered at Babylist, Target and Amazon. It's a boy!

You are invited to a baby shower honoring Bailey & Jacob Farr THIS Saturday, November 15, 2:00-3:30 p.m., in Room 121 at College Church. Bailey is the daughter of Living Way members David & Judy Hall and the niece of **Norman & Tonia Hale**. They are registered at Target & Amazon. It's a boy!

5:00 PM WORSHIP

Song Leader
Will Fitzhugh

Welcome
Chris Mitchell

Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah
Sing Hallelujah to the Lord
I Will Call Upon The Lord

Prayer
David Anguish

On Bended Knee

As The Deer

Days of Elijah

Matthew 20:29-34
Elijah Gibson

**"Lord, Let Our Eyes Be
Opened"**
Noel Whitlock

Jesus Let Us Come to Know
You

How Great Is Our God
Lord's Supper in Room 102

Closing Prayer
James Ard



HIS HOUSE

Donation Requests:

Queen sheets & blankets
Towels
Pots & pans
Walmart bags

SERVICE TIMES

Sunday Morning

7:15 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 SH and JH Meeting

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

7:15 PM Chinese Church in Heritage | Room 210

FINANCES FOR 11/9/25

Budget for 11/9/2025 - \$57,994.50

Giving for 11/9/2025 - \$53,478.54

Budget - Week 10 - \$539,341.50

Giving - Week 10 - \$524,867.40

ATTENDANCE 11/9/25

9:00 AM Worship - 1057

Bible Class - 763

Children's Worship - 43

5:00 PM Worship - 256

Sunday Small Groups - 83

WE'D LIKE TO HEAR FROM YOU!

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