

SEPTEMBER 21, 2025

9:00 AM ORDER OF WORSHIP

Song Leader
Todd Miller

Heavenly Sunlight

Standing on The Promises

Goodness of God

The Greatest Commands

Scripture & Prayer

Jake Stewart

And Can It Be

When I Survey the Wondrous
Cross

Communion & Contribution

Ed Wilson

Had It Not Been the Lord

Children's Worship Dismissed

Lord, Reign In Me

How Great Is Our God

"Worldview Test: Eyes to See"

Jordan Guy

Open My Heart

Announcements

Noel Whitlock

**Introducing the College
Ministry Interns**

Grant Fitzhugh

Shepherd's Prayer

Darren Mathews

THE CONNECTION.

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

TEACHING TENNYSON AS DISCIPLESHIP

When students have the courage to admit that they are wrestling with spiritual doubts, I point them to a writer who has been there long before. As a young man, Alfred Tennyson lost his best college friend Arthur, who died of a stroke at 22. The poet was devastated and spent years working through his grief in poetry.

In 1850, Tennyson married, was appointed Poet Laureate, and published *In Memoriam*, a collection of verses charting the course of his mourning. The work was a favorite of Queen Victoria, who turned to it often a decade later when her husband passed away suddenly. It's famous for the line, "Tis better to have loved and lost, / than never to have loved at all."

Few can endure traumatic loss without some questions for God, and in poem # 96, Tennyson shares how well-meaning friends have noticed his struggle and warned him that "doubt is devil born." That's when he reminds himself that his friend Arthur had doubts, too. But he faced them with courage and hard work.

Using the metaphor of a lyre that is out of tune, the poet says that his pal didn't give up on his discordant faith—he "stroved to make it true." Through persistent searching, he "beat his music out." In other words, Arthur didn't just sit and wait for God to clear his doubts. He labored with patient study and prayer to seek truth.

We're told he was "perplexed in faith but pure in deeds"—reminding readers that uncertainties don't have to stop us from obedience, and that perhaps the best way back to faith is through service to others.

In his best-known line, Tennyson makes the bold claim that "There lives more faith in honest doubt, / Believe me, than in half the creeds." While it sounds provocative, the key word is "honest." Unlike the sneering doubter who only wants to poke holes in the faith of others, "honest doubt" genuinely wants answers and is ready to invest in the search. As Jesus put it, "Seek and you shall find."

Tennyson concludes that after fighting for his belief, Arthur "came at length / To find a stronger faith his own." The student who doubts may have an inherited faith that must be made personal. Such seekers, the poet promises, will find that God is present in their darkest moments.



Michael Claxton

First in a series of articles by four College Church members and teachers in the HU English Department. Michael will be followed in coming months by **Greg Laing**, **Larry Hunt**, and **Kathy Dillion**, all sharing their use of literature to disciple students.

DIGITAL TRANSITION

We know the recent digital transition has brought some frustrations, and we want you to know you're not alone. We are here to help.

If you need guidance, please [click here](#) for all our available resources. If those don't resolve your concern, you can always reach out to the church office. We'll be more than happy to assist.

Prefer online help? Fill out [this form](#), and we'll contact you to set up a time to walk you through it.

Most of all, please know that we are committed to supporting you in every way we can.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

We are aware that many users are unable to “stay signed in” when accessing the church directory through the College Church of Christ app. To provide a more reliable option, we encourage you to download the Instant Church Directory app directly to your smartphone.

Search for Instant Church Directory and install the app. Once it's installed, enter your email address and the code sent to your email. Be sure to select “Keep me signed in” when prompted. After that, you'll have the Instant Church Directory app ready to use on your phone.

We're missing photos for most of our members. Only about 20% are in so far.

Once you're logged in, tap the three lines in the top left corner of your screen, then select “Edit My Family” to upload your photo.

ONLINE GIVING

If you haven't switched your online giving to the College Church of Christ app from Abundant, please do so immediately. For assistance, you can check out our [helpful resources](#) or contact the church office.

TUESDAY LADIES CLASS

Tuesday morning's Ladies Bible Class will meet in room 121 on Tuesday, September 23. This is for one week only.

PRAYERS, PRAISE & SYMPATHY

Cleve Brooks, The Springs; **George Brown**, Unity Health 1420; **Kent Giboney**, Unity Health 3302, no visitors; **Louise Jackson**; **Alison Johnson**, Unity Health, no visitors; **Edna Nichols**, home; **Harriett Raley**; **Danny R. Wood**; **Dennis Yecke**.

Marcus & Tiffany Binns announce the birth of a baby boy, Eli Michael Binns. He was born Sunday, September 13. Proud big sister is Evelyn. He weighed 7 pounds 3 ounces.

Ronnie & Angie Harlow would like to announce the arrival of a new granddaughter, Sutton Kay Jones, born to Brittan and JoJo Jones of Searcy on September 8. She weighed 7 pounds. Proud aunt is **Mileigh Harlow**.

MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT RESOURCES

[Click to view](#) Marriage Enrichment Resources from all three sessions: Communication, Problem-Solving, and Spiritual Health, as well as other recommended resources, including contact info for local marriage therapists and agencies.

[Sign up](#) today for the College Church monthly couple-to-couple marriage mentoring program that will launch in two weeks. Sessions include a free meal and can be scheduled on Wednesday nights before church or other days and times if groups so choose.

May God bless all our relationships as we strive to be witnesses for His heavenly love.

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](#).

ELDER SELECTION TIMELINE

October 5 - Names Presented
October 12 - Objections Due
October 26 - Installation

NEW SONG

Check out this new song we will sing NEXT Sunday. [Click here](#) to listen.

FAMILY CONCERNS

Briarwood: **Ellen Brown** 104
Providence: **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**

FOREIGN MISSIONS MEETING

There will be a Foreign Missions meeting THIS Sunday, September 21, 3:00 p.m., in Room 233.

DR. KEITH STANGLIN-OCTOBER 4 & 5

Join us at College Church for Dr. Keith Stanglin's free seminar, "Glorifying God with Your Body: Christian Sexual Ethics," on Saturday, October 4, from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m in the Family Room. Open to all, this event will equip individuals and churches to better understand biblical sexuality and respond graciously to tough questions. [Click here](#) to RSVP.

On Sunday, October 5, Dr. Stanglin will speak at the 9:00 a.m. worship and teach the 10:30 a.m. Bible class in the auditorium. All teen and adult classes are invited to attend.

CANCELED CLASSES AND SERVICES

The following are canceled so that members can attend Harding Lectureship:

Evening services Sunday, September 28
Ladies Bible class Tuesday, September 30
All Bible classes Wednesday, October 1

HEARTFELT MINISTRIES

Heartfelt Ministries is inspired by Titus 2:4, encouraging older women to guide and support younger women. Our mentor moms typically host gatherings in their homes to model hospitality and share biblical wisdom. This year, we're expanding! Mentor moms can now also meet with smaller groups of "Heart Sisters" in casual settings like coffee shops—making it easier to connect with young women, moms, and college students in meaningful ways. Registration for Heart Moms and Heart Sisters is now open online.

Join us for a light brunch to learn more on Sunday, September 21 at 11:30 a.m. in the Family Room, right after Bible classes. So that we can get an accurate count for brunch, please RSVP to **Liz Howell** at 501-230-2667.

[Click here](#) to learn more about heart Moms. [Click here](#) to learn more about Heart Sisters.

HARDING UNIVERSITY LECTURESHIP

The College of Bible and Ministry at Harding University invites you to the 102nd Inspire Lectureship, September 28-October 1. Presenters from all over the world bring their expertise in missions, preaching, youth ministry, children's ministry, shepherding and more. If you are an elder, a deacon, or simply a member of a local church invested in the life of your congregation, then there is something here for you. Several presenters are College Church members: **Dr. Dale Manor**, **Dr. Andrew Baker**, **Dr. Jordan Guy**, and **Analeigh Thomas**. Registration is \$25 at <https://www.harding.edu/events/lectureship/>. The evening keynote events are free of charge and do not require registration. We encourage College Church members to take advantage of this wonderful resource, which will provide practical tips and encouragement for serving our church family here.

WEDDING SHOWER

You are invited to a wedding shower honoring **Rochelle Reese**, bride-elect of **Theo Westbrook**, on 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.

THANK YOU NOTE

From **Charles Moore**

Dear College Church Family, I was touched by the outpouring of love and support for me during the most difficult time of my life. I'd like to thank the church administration, staff, the ladies who prepared a delicious meal for the family, and the many brothers and sisters who visited, brought food and flowers, and comforted me in my grief. I covet your continued prayers as I mourn the loss of my precious **Faye**.

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.

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.

WORLD ENGLISH INSTITUTE

You can sign up today to become a WEI teacher. Connect with those around the world who are seeking Jesus. If this is something you are interested in learning more about, join us at lunch on Monday, September 29, at 11:45 a.m., at Harding University in the American Heritage building, room 209. You may bring your own lunch. Drinks will be provided.

5:00 PM WORSHIP

Song Leader

John Stone

Welcome

Chris Mitchell

We Shall Assemble

I Will Call Upon the Lord

He Leadeth Me

Sweet Hour of Prayer

Prayer

David Anguish

Hilltops of Glory

What a Friend We Have In Jesus

Scripture Reading

David Davis

"Time to Pray"

Owen McDonald

Pray All the Time

This World is Not My Home

Lord's Supper in Room 100

Closing Prayer

Ashton Stone



HIS HOUSE

Donation Requests:

Dish Towels

Pillows

Plastic bags

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 9/14/25

Budget for 9/14/2025 - \$52,194.00

Giving for 9/14/2025 - \$43,590.70

Budget - Week 2 - \$110,188.50

Giving - Week 2 - \$104,520.29

ATTENDANCE 9/14/25

9:00 Worship - 1063

Bible Class - 900

Children's Worship - 52

5:00 Worship - 224

Sunday Small Groups - 151

WE'D LIKE TO HEAR FROM YOU!

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