

FEBRUARY 15, 2026

9:00 AM ORDER OF WORSHIP

THE CONNECTION.

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

IN THE LAND OF ETERNAL SPRING

On January 9, with 48 other members of a Health Talents International (HTI) medical missions team, we escaped the U.S. winter for mild, green Guatemala, a country known as “the land of eternal spring.”

In the small town of Montellano sits the HTI Ezell Clinica Hospital. For almost 50 years this non-profit has sent multiple teams annually to provide care for the underprivileged, and to do it in the name of Jesus.

Our group consisted of surgeons, physicians, anesthesiologists, nurses (including **Deb**), caregivers, and translators. **Alan** served as chaplain. During the week 50 surgeries were performed (OBGYN and general). All but four patients were able to go home before we left the clinic.

We were blessed to see so much good.

First, the Guatemalan people encouraged us by how they faced challenges of poor health and poverty without complaining. Some patients travel more than four hours to receive care. Some live without running water or refrigeration. Yet they seem happy, content. They hug you tightly in appreciation.

The North Americans and Guatemalan staff worked together seamlessly, especially in the crucial art of translation. One interaction required a series of translations from English to Spanish to the Mayan dialect K’iche’. It was amazing.

We were humbled by the team’s display of faith. An atmosphere of love pervaded all aspects of treatment. Doctors prayed for and with patients prior to surgery. Nurses and caregivers prayed for the patients after surgery. We saw one caregiver pray for a nurse during a dangerously difficult process of inserting an IV. When success came, the caretaker cried out, “Praise God!”

Given this atmosphere, we weren’t surprised when an elderly female patient said, post-op, “I like it here. They love me and I don’t want to go home.”

We must mention **Rick Harper**, College Church elder and retired HTI administrator, who still comes to the clinic. He knew and greeted everyone, showed appreciation in hugs, told faith stories, and facilitated flights home. A shepherd caring for his flock.

Before heading home, we visited a mission site in the town of Santa Maria de Jesus, where ex-Searcians Cary and Rita Sills volunteer at a Feeding Center. Twice weekly, deprived kids come for meals and religious instruction. At the end of our brief stay, the children gathered around and prayed over us.

At that moment we felt we were truly in the land of eternal spring.

Alan & Deb Hardison



Song Leader Todd Miller

When We All Get to Heaven
It Is Well With My Soul
The Greatest Commands
Living Hope

Scripture Reading Austen & Caylor Grate

Prayer Andrew Baker

As the Deer Thirsts
Why Did My Savior Come to
Earth?

Communion & Contribution Nathan Anguish

Firm Foundation
Glorify Thy Name

Children's Worship Dismissed

He Leadeth Me

"Spirit & Purpose: The Acts of the Apostles"

Jordan Guy

We Praise Thee, O God

Announcements Nick McNabb

Shepherd's Prayer Charles Ganus

NEW MEMBERS

Ryan & Michelle Bitikofer

recently joined us from Arizona and will be a part of **Eddie Cloer's** Shepherding group.

Isaac & Grace Makwagh and their son, Joshua, come to us from Nigeria. They will be a part of the **Jeff Montgomery** Shepherding group.

We welcome these new families and feel blessed to have them worshipping with us!

PART-TIME OFFICE ASSISTANT NEEDED

We are seeking a part-time Office Assistant (20 hours per week) to support our front office, primarily during the afternoon hours, Monday - Friday. Responsibilities include greeting visitors, answering calls, supporting the accounting office, preparing worship PowerPoint slides, and assisting with routine office tasks.

While afternoon support is our main need, we are open to discussing other schedule arrangements with interested applicants. Ideal candidates are organized, friendly, and comfortable in a ministry environment.

To apply or learn more, contact **Nick McNabb** at nick.collegechurch@gmail.com.

FOREIGN MISSIONS MEETING

There will be a Foreign Missions meeting Sunday, February 22, at 1:30 p.m., in Room 225.

PRAYERS, PRAISE & SYMPATHY

Rosie Baldwin, Rehab The Crossing 408; **Cleve Brooks**, The Springs; **Matt Schmitz**; **Gary Smith**; Georgia Rice, sister of **Bob Allen**; Molly, great-granddaughter of **Cecil & Laura Tilley**.

We rejoice! **Kylie Morris**, daughter of **Luke & Emily Morris**, was baptized Sunday, February 8. Address: 305 Chippewa Drive.

Danny & Bernetta Crow would like to announce the birth of a new grandson, Jaxon Allen Keen, on January 20. He was born to Jacob & Leighton Keen of Little Rock. He weighed 7 lbs 10 oz.

Shannon Spears, husband of **Wanda Spears**, passed away February 8. There will be a visitation Monday, February 16, 10:00 a.m., in the College Church Auditorium, followed by a memorial in the same space at 11:00 a.m. Shannon was in **Jim Adams & Steve Baber's** Shepherding Group.

Maxine Morton passed away February 10. There will be a private-family service. She was in **Rick Harper** and **Greg Brooks** Shepherding Group.

SHEPHERDING GROUPS

Alan Hardison and **Bob Reely's** Shepherding Group will meet in Room 121 for an old-fashioned potluck on Sunday, February 22, following Bible class.

Larry Long, **David Bangs** and **Norm Stone's** Shepherding Groups will meet in Room 121 for an old-fashioned potluck on Sunday, March 1, following Bible class.

THANK YOU

From **Shauna Vodehnal** & family

Thank you all so much for your prayers, calls and cards after Gary's passing. Thanks to each one who brought food and supplies. We are blessed to be part of such a wonderful and caring church family.

From **Edna Nichols**

Thank you for the prayers for me during these many months of healing. It has been a long recovery, but I am slowly regaining my strength. Also, thank you for the visits, calls, texts, cards and meals, all of which were very encouraging. I praise God for answered prayers and for the blessing of being a part of a very caring church family.

STUDENT MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Hi! I'm **Alayna Coile**, a sophomore Health Sciences major from Memphis. Beginning next summer, I will be part of HU's pharmacy school. The chance to learn and to help people drew me to pharmacy, and I'm excited about what that path holds for my future. This summer, I'm thankful for the opportunity to serve as a youth ministry intern at Trace Church in Jasper, Alabama. An internship means caring enough to invest in students and walk alongside them in their faith journey. I'm looking forward to seeing how the Lord works throughout the summer to help me step outside of my comfort zone and grow my own faith. I'm grateful for the HU community, for Searcy, and the College Church. This congregation has strengthened my faith and continues to shape who I am becoming. I'm thankful for all that God is teaching me!



THE 3RD ANNUAL COLLEGE GAMES

Saturday, February 21, the College Ministry will have a day full of fun, laughter, and intergenerational connections. Teams of four college students will participate in a series of creative challenges throughout the day at homes of College Church members before gathering for pizza and awards Saturday evening. This is a day of lasting memories and church connections for college students and families alike—**but we need your help!** If you would be willing to host or help with games, [please sign up here](#). **Grant** has updated this link for those of you who tried to sign up earlier. He asked that if you filled out the form with the link in the bulletin, please do so again using this link.

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; **Eloise Muncy** 103A

The Springs: **Alice Bell**

Ongoing Prayer Requests: **Brian Altmiller**; **Fannie Amy**; **Laveda Perdue**; **Gary Smith**; Amy Qualls, daughter of **Cheryl Riggs**; David Mathews, grandson of **Darren & Kim Mathews**; Jason Roberson, son of **Shauna Vodehnal**

BRIDAL SHOWERS

You are invited to a bridal shower honoring **Abi Stone**, bride-elect of Hunter Paul, on Sunday, February 22, 1:30-3:00 p.m., at the home of **Casey Cox**, 3 Burr Oak Court. Abi is the daughter of **John & Tia Stone**, and the granddaughter of **Norm & Susan Stone**. They are registered at Target, Crate & Barrel, Etsy, Amazon and theknot.com.

You are invited to a bridal shower honoring **Lydia Fleener**, bride-elect of Noah Traynham, on Sunday, March 8, 2:00-3:30 p.m., at the Lightle House, 605 Race Ave. Lydia is the daughter of **Lora Fleener**. They are registered at Amazon, theknot.com, and Walmart. Early gifts can be delivered to The Lightle House, **Cassie Goode** or **Sherry Pollard's** home.

BABY SHOWER

You are invited to a baby boy shower celebrating **Emily & Rhett Valier**, on Sunday, February 22, 3:00-4:30 p.m., in Room 121, hosted by the **Bennett** and **Cloer** Shepherding Group. Emily is registered at Amazon.

AREA SHOWER

Men & women are invited to a wedding shower honoring Julia Dillard, bride-elect of Oscar Lou Suris, THIS Sunday, February 15, 1:30-3:30 p.m., at the home of Mike & Lisa Williams, 100 Lott Tucker Drive. Julia is the daughter of Glenn & Susan Dillard and the granddaughter of the late Ray & Ann Wright. They are registered at Crate & Barrel and Amazon. Gifts early, please.

5:00 PM WORSHIP

Song Leader
John Stone

Welcome
Noel Whitlock

Lord, Reign In Me
Blessed Be Your Name

Prayer
Danny Crow

Wonderful Words of Life
There's a Royal Banner

I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord
Build Your Kingdom Here

"There is One Body, Part 2"
Noel Whitlock

We Are the Body of Christ
Shine, Jesus Shine

Lord's Supper in Room 100

Closing Prayer
Ronald Johnson



HIS HOUSE

Donation Requests:

Size small men's underwear
Queen blankets
Shampoo
9X13 baking dishes



COLLEGE
CHURCH of CHRIST

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 Intergenerational 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 Singing & Prayer Class | Room 100

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 2/8/26

Budget for 2/8/2026 - \$57,994.50

Giving for 2/8/2026 - \$76,081.81

Budget - Week 23 - \$1,235,265.01

Giving - Week 23 - \$1,215,762.01

ATTENDANCE 2/8/26

9:00 AM Worship - 1046

Bible Class - 618

Children's Worship - 53

5:00 PM Worship - 222

Sunday Small Groups - 120

WE'D LIKE TO HEAR FROM YOU!

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