

FEBRUARY 8, 2026

**9:00 AM ORDER OF
WORSHIP**

Song Leader

Todd Miller

Higher Ground

O Thou Fount of Every
Blessing

Do Not Fear

Magnificat

Faith Story & Prayer

Jeff Montgomery

His Grace Reaches Me

Communion & Contribution

Demario Rollins

Highest Place

Salvation Belongs to our God

Children's Worship Dismissed

Ancient Words

**"Exodus: Exiting Egypt with
Purpose"**

Jordan Guy

Amazing Grace-My Chains are
Gone

Announcements

Nick McNabb

Shepherd's Prayer

Brad Francis

THE CONNECTION.

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

A NEW YEAR FOR ASIAN MISSIONS

On February 15, the College Church hosts its annual Spring Festival to celebrate the Lunar New Year, and our ministry to Asians steps into a future that holds both uncertainty and promise.

The ministry, dating most recently from the late 1990s with the work of Milo Hadwin and others, began a new chapter in 2019 when two events converged: an influx of Asian students to Harding University and the arrival in Searcy of Henry Li, a convert who wanted to bless his homeland's people with the Good News. Mentored by Ed Higginbotham, Howard Norton, Gordon Hogan, and Gary Jackson (missionary and HU professor), Henry grew into that role. Since 2021, he has been affiliated with College Church, though his salary comes from outside donations.

During this time, Henry has done the daily work of preparing sermons for the group's Sunday morning Zoom services, leading multiple weekday and weekend Bible studies, and, with wife Julie's help, ministering to the hundreds of Asian residents in the Searcy area.

Most of his work occurs online, reaching Asians in the U.S., Belarus, Canada, and Japan. Sunday services feature a traditional worship period followed by discussion among the online participants.

Entering 2026, the ministry faces challenges. To begin with, its original major target group is now a fraction of the 2021 number. At the same time, Henry must navigate dense bureaucracy to obtain a green card in order to remain in the U.S.—in a difficult time for immigrants. On top of that, the task of raising an adequate salary has become harder.

However, those involved in the work seem willing to do what it takes.

Ministry leader John Reese, a veteran missionary, is developing a new strategy. He wants to use the internet to reach Asians scattered across the globe. The plan centers on a web site to be known as Educational and Intercultural Services (EIS), a "popular information center" that with "aggressive advertising" can attract Asians outside their homelands, offer practical help, and link them to sites like World Bible School.

The ultimate aim is an internet-based network of Asian converts supporting one another and influencing family and friends back home—a global digital space where disciples can make disciples.

It's an ambitious plan, one that needs our prayers and support. But visitors to the group's Sunday morning online worship can see a small, dedicated core of spiritually equipped Christians already going into "all nations."



Asian Bible students ca. 2001

SHEPHERDING GROUP

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.

NEW MEMBERS

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

The Jensen family, **Brad, Kelly** and their children **Ava, Chase,** and **Ella** have placed membership and will be a part of the **Charles Ganus & John Stone** Shepherding group.

Jay & Anita Nanje, and their son, Sebastian, come to us from Guernsey Island. They will be a part of the **David Cole** Shepherding group.

Newlyweds **Tyler & Cassie Wingard** will be in the **Jeff Montgomery** Shepherding group.

THANK YOU

From **Cecil** and **Laura Tilley**

Thank you so much for your many cards, prayers, and expressions of sympathy at the passing of our great granddaughter, Adeline Butler. We covet your prayers as Molly continues to gain weight and make progress.

PRAYERS

Cleve Brooks, The Springs; **Arthur Mock; Edna Nichols; Gary Smith; Shannon Spears**; Molly, great-granddaughter of **Cecil & Laura Tilley**.

THE MINISTRY FAIR, WEEK 1

This week, half of our Bible classes will be invited to the Ministry Fair ([click here](#) to see the Bible Class Rotation Schedule). After Bible class, everyone is invited to visit the Fair with their families or individually. To get prepared, here is a Ministry Fair [checklist](#) to review. Consider which booths you will visit, which ministry you will sign up for, and what assistance you might require to get signed into the College Church app, Directory app, or otherwise get “plugged in” to College Church. Also, we are asking that every member (7th grade to adults) fill out the [Ministry Fair Questionnaire](#) by the end of February to update directory information and ministry involvement in our new system.

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; **Maxine Morton** 204A; **Eloise Muncy** 103A

The Springs: **Alice Bell**

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

CHINESE NEW YEAR

The Chinese Ministry will celebrate the Spring Festival (Chinese New Year) on February 15, from 6:00-7:30 p.m. in Cone Chapel. The evening will include cultural performances and fellowship with members of our Asian community, including those from China, Vietnam, the Philippines, and other countries. The event will be potluck style, with Chinese food provided. All church members are invited to attend. We would like to request any member attending to RSVP by emailing henry.li@collegechurchofchrist.org or texting **Henry** at 571-250-9838.

NEW CORE LESSON 6

"The Purpose I Pursue" is now available. [Click here.](#) Everything you need for one of your February adult Bible classes, small groups, family studies, and individual studies is included. We will be learning the value of investing in ministry and "smaller groups" in order to discover your purpose in the Lord. For additional materials, consult the original Lesson 6 content on our website under "**CORE**".

SWEETHEART BANQUET

Our youth group would like to invite couples married 50 years or more and our widows and widowers to join us in the Family Room on Sunday, February 15, immediately following the evening services, for our annual Sweetheart Banquet. Please be sure to RSVP to the church office by February 10.

FOREIGN MISSIONS MEETING

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

RIVER CITY MINISTRY

River City Ministry provides a hot breakfast and lunch to the homeless every weekday. Every \$1.00 you give provides everything necessary to prepare and serve meals at one of the only shelters that serves a hot meal with meat every day. This "Souper Bowl" Sunday is THIS Sunday. Please help us feed the hungry by donating to RCM. [Click here to donate.](#)

BRIDAL SHOWER

You are invited to a bridal shower honoring DaMayla Cowan, bride-elect of Kennedy Barden, on Saturday, February 7, 10:30-12:00 p.m., at the home of **Michelle Gowen**, 703 River Oaks Blvd. Kennedy is the son of **Kelly & Kacy Barden** and the grandson of **Bill & Linda Barden** and **Charles & Krista Underwood**. They are registered at Walmart, Target and Amazon. Gifts early, please.

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.

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, on 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
Andrew Richardson

Welcome
Dan Newsom

Christ for the World We Sing
Will Your Anchor Hold
Holy Ground

Prayer
Bob Diles

Onward, Christian Soldiers
Christ, We Do All Adore Thee
The Church's One Foundation

"There is One Body, Part 1"
Noel Whitlock

They'll Know We Are Christians
by Our Love
Let Every Heart Rejoice and
Sing

Lord's Supper in Room 100

Closing Prayer
Kirk Castleman



Donation Requests:

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

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 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 2/1/26

Budget for 1/25/2026 - \$52,194.00

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Giving for 1/25/2026 - \$18,067.29

Giving for 2/1/2026 - \$59,722.61

Budget - Week 21 - \$1,125,076.52

Budget - Week 22 - \$1,177,270.52

Giving - Week 22 - \$1,079,957.59

Giving - Week 22 - \$1,139,680.20

ATTENDANCE 2/1/26

9:00 AM Worship - 932

Bible Class - 742

Children's Worship - 51

5:00 PM Worship - 233

Sunday Small Groups - 150

WE'D LIKE TO HEAR FROM YOU!

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