

COLLEGE BAPTIST CHURCH

OCTOBER 29, 2023

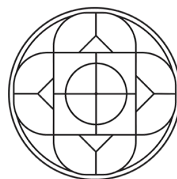
WELCOME HILLSDALE COLLEGE PARENTS

† Congregation Standing (as able)



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PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

There are children's activity bags on the white stand in the back, along with clipboards in the red basket for older children. The nursery is available for ages 0-3. The library is available for nursing mothers. On the second and fourth Sundays of the month, children 4 years old - 2nd grade will be dismissed during the service for children's church.

Hearing assistance devices are available on the back table of the sanctuary.

Past sermon videos are available at www.collegebaptist.org/sermons. CDs of past services are available by contacting Laura Wilson at office@collegebaptist.org.

MEDITATION

“Faith in our Lord Jesus Christ is sufficient for salvation, and that without faith it is impossible to please God; that the merit of Christ is able, by itself, to redeem all mankind from hell, and that this sufficiency is to be understood without any other cause concurring. . . Trust wholly in Christ, rely altogether on His suffering, beware of seeking to be justified in any other way than by His righteousness. Faith in our Lord Jesus Christ is sufficient for salvation.”

—John Wycliffe (1328-1384)

† CALL TO WORSHIP

PSALM 46:10-11

“Be still, and know that I am God.
I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth!”
The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress.

† A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD

Luther, Hedge, Caldwell; Hymn 118

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;
Our helper he amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe. His craft and power are great,
And, armed with cruel hate, on earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing,
Were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he. Lord Sabaoth his name,
From age to age the same, and he must win the battle.

And though this world with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,
We will not fear, for God hath willed his truth to triumph through us.
The prince of darkness grim, we tremble not for him. His rage we can endure,
For lo, his doom is sure: one little word shall fell him.

That word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them, abideth;
The Spirit and the gifts are ours through him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also. The body they may kill;
God's truth abideth still: his kingdom is forever.

† INVOCATION

† 1 CORINTHIANS 3:10-11

According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation,
and someone else is building upon it. Let each one take care how he builds upon it. For no one can
lay a foundation other than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

† THE CHURCH'S ONE FOUNDATION

Stone, Wesley; Hymn 547

The Church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord.
She is his new creation by water and the Word.
From heaven he came and sought her to be his holy bride.
With his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.

Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth
Her charter of salvation: one Lord, one faith, one birth.
One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.

'Mid toil and tribulation and tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation of peace forevermore,
Till with the vision glorious, her longing eyes are blest,
And the great Church victorious shall be the Church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won.
O happy ones and holy, Lord, give us grace that we,
Like them the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.

OFFERING & OFFERTORY

Mikey Berry, Annie Brooks, & Jake Hamilton

† DOXOLOGY & PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

† HEBREWS 12:1-2

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight,
and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to
Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the
cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

† BY FAITH

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By faith we see the hand of God, in the light of creation's grand design,
In the lives of those who prove his faithfulness, who walk by faith and not by sight.

By faith our fathers roamed the earth, with the pow'r of his promise in their hearts
Of a holy city built by God's own hand, a place where peace and justice reign.

CHORUS

We will stand as children of the promise;
We will fix our eyes on him our soul's reward.
Till the race is finished and the work is done,
We'll walk by faith and not by sight.

By faith the prophets saw a day when the longed-for Messiah would appear,
With the pow'r to break the chains of sin and death and rise triumphant from the grave.

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By faith the church was called to go in the pow'r of the Spirit to the lost,
To deliver captives and to preach good news, in ev'ry corner of the earth. **CHORUS**

By faith the mountain shall be moved, and the pow'r of the gospel shall prevail,
For we know in Christ all things are possible for all who call upon his name. **CHORUS**

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

Jared Maxwell, Elder

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the Kingdom and the Power and the Glory, forever and ever. Amen.

SERMON TEXT: ROMANS 4:1-12

What then shall we say was gained by Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh? ²For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. ³For what does the Scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness." ⁴Now to the one who works, his wages are not counted as a gift but as his due. ⁵And to the one who does not work but believes in him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness, ⁶just as David also speaks of the blessing of the one to whom God counts righteousness apart from works:

"Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven,
and whose sins are covered;
blessed is the man against whom the Lord will not count his sin."

⁹Is this blessing then only for the circumcised, or also for the uncircumcised? For we say that faith was counted to Abraham as righteousness. ¹⁰How then was it counted to him? Was it before or after he had been circumcised? It was not after, but before he was circumcised. ¹¹He received the sign of circumcision as a seal of the righteousness that he had by faith while he was still uncircumcised. The purpose was to make him the father of all who believe without being circumcised, so that righteousness would be counted to them as well, ¹²and to make him the father of the circumcised who are not merely circumcised but who also walk in the footsteps of the faith that our father Abraham had before he was circumcised.

SERMON: WALKING IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF FAITH

Pastor Ben Cuthbert

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†CHRIST OUR HOPE IN LIFE AND DEATH

Kauflin, Getty, Papa, Merker; CCLI 7147502

What is our hope in life and death? Christ alone, Christ alone.
What is our only confidence? That our souls to him belong.
What holds our days within his hand? What comes apart from his command?
And what will keep us to the end? The love of Christ, in which we stand.

CHORUS

O sing hallelujah! Our hope springs eternal;
O sing hallelujah! Now and ever we confess
Christ our hope in life and death.

What truth can calm the troubled soul? God is good, God is good.
Where is his grace and goodness known? In our great Redeemer's blood.
Who holds our faith when fears arise? Who stands above the stormy trial?
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh, unto the shore the rock of Christ. **CHORUS**

Unto the grave, what shall we sing? "Christ, he lives; Christ, he lives!"
And what reward will heaven bring? Everlasting life with him.
There we will rise to meet the Lord, then sin and death will be destroyed,
And we will feast in endless joy, when Christ is ours forevermore. **CHORUS**

†BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

WHO'S WHO? *Boldface indicates board chair. Look inside the attendance pad for more information about board duties.*

PASTOR: Reverend Ben Cuthbert (bcuthbert@collegebaptist.org)

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**This elder will be available at the front of the church for ten minutes after the service for prayer.*

4:12 CENTER PROGRESS REPORT

“...to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ...”— Ephesians 4:12

BUILDING COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Ray Bentley, Ben Cuthbert, Megan Gray, Rod Stewart, Don Westblade

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN DIRECTOR: Bill Gray

ARCHITECT: InForm Architecture (informarchitect.com)

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN CONSULTANT: Church Growth Services (churchgrowthservices.com)

EXPENDITURES SINCE JUNE 27, 2021: \$219,163

BUILDING ADDITION FUND BALANCE: \$968,842

OUTSTANDING PLEDGES: \$466,780.29

To donate to College Baptist, please scan the QR code to the right. Use the drop down menu to select one of the following funds: General, Mission, Deacon, Building Addition.



THE BULLETIN BOARD

Sunday, October 29	6:00 p.m.	Youth Group (Upper Vestry)
Monday, October 30	7:00 p.m.	Women's Bible Study (Library)
Monday, October 30	7:00 p.m.	Men's M.E.A.T. Bible Study (Nursery)
Wednesday, November 1	10:00 a.m.	Tidings of Comfort (Upper Vestry)
Wednesday, November 1	8:30 p.m.	College Bible Study (Sanctuary)
Thursday, November 2	6:15 a.m.	Men's Bible Study (Upper Vestry)
Thursday, November 2	12:00 p.m.	Hour of Prayer (Library)
Sunday, November 5	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
Sunday, November 5	10:45 a.m.	Worship Service

FAITH & SPORTS First Presbyterian invites you to an evening with Jason Hanson, retired Lions kicker, and Jeff Totten, Tigers chaplain, on Wednesday, Nov. 1st at 7:30 PM. Jason and Jeff will speak on the intersection of faith and professional sports. Refreshments will follow in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome to join us at 31 North St, Hillsdale, MI 49242.

OCC COLLECTION The OCC Pack-A-Box Party will be held on November 10, 2023, 4:00-6:00 p.m.

BRIDAL SHOWER Ladies please join us for Sarah Gilchrist's bridal shower on November 11 at 9:30 a.m., in the Upper Vestry. Hosted by Linda Lattime and Julia Winter. RSVP to Julia at 616-209-2031 or berendsjulia@yahoo.com.

LOST AND FOUND Please check the Lost and Found Basket above the coat rack if you are missing any items. After **today** any unclaimed items will be donated.

PRAISE AND PIE Please join us for an evening of Praise and Pie **November 19 at 6:00 p.m.**

CHRISTMAS DECORATING On **Sunday, November 26**, we will need help after church to bring the garland from the basement upstairs to the balcony. On **Saturday, December 2 at 8:00 a.m.**, we need those who are willing and able to help us decorate the church. If you are interested in helping, please email Stephanie Gordon at stephanie.gordon525@gmail.com.

CONFERENCE Ladies, mark your calendars! Plans are underway for a group of College Baptist women to attend The Gospel Coalition's Women's Conference on **June 20-22, 2024**, in Indianapolis. Speakers will include Jen Wilkin, Melissa Kruger, Nancy Guthrie, and David Platt. Details to follow!

FINANCIAL REPORT THROUGH OCTOBER 21:

Contributions YTD \$253,493 *minus* Expenses YTD \$242,353 *equals* Net \$11,140

Budget YTD \$253,718