

# COLLEGE BAPTIST CHURCH

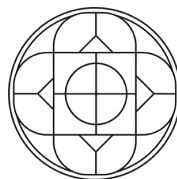
NOVEMBER 5, 2023

† Congregation Standing (as able)



## COLLEGE BAPTIST CHURCH

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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](http://www.collegebaptist.org/sermons). CDs of past services are available by contacting Laura Wilson at [office@collegebaptist.org](mailto:office@collegebaptist.org).*

### MEDITATION

“...for we can no otherwise attain righteousness, than as it is bought for us, as it were, by the promise of the gospel; and we realize its possession by faith.”

—John Calvin, *Commentary on Romans* (A.D. 1540)

### † CALL TO WORSHIP

ISAIAH 31:1

Woe to those who go down to Egypt for help  
and rely on horses,  
who trust in chariots because they are many  
and in horsemen because they are very strong,  
but do not look to the Holy One of Israel  
or consult the LORD!

## † GOD OF GRACE AND GOD OF GLORY

*Fosdick, Hughes; Hymn 528*

God of grace and God of glory, on thy people pour thy power;  
Crown thine ancient church's story, bring her bud to glorious flower.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour,  
For the facing of this hour.

Lo! The hosts of evil round us scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!  
From the fears that long have bound us, free our hearts to faith and praise.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the living of these days,  
For the living of the days.

Cure thy children's warring madness; bend our pride to thy control;  
Shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we miss thy kingdom's goal,  
Lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.

Set our feet on lofty places, gird our lives that they may be  
Armored with all Christ-like graces in the fight to set men free.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, that we fail not man nor thee,  
That we fail not man nor thee.

## † INVOCATION

## OFFERING & OFFERTORY

*Mikey Berry & 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.

## † ROMANS 5:2

Through Christ we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

## † GRACE ALONE

*Brown, Nelson; CCLI 2335524*

Every promise we can make, every prayer and step of faith,  
Every difference we will make is only by his grace.  
Every mountain we will climb, every ray of hope we shine,  
Every blessing left behind is only by his grace.

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## CHORUS

Grace alone, which God supplies, strength unknown he will provide.  
Christ in us, our Cornerstone: we will go forth in grace alone!

Every soul we long to reach, every heart we hope to teach,  
Everywhere we share his peace, is only by his grace.  
Every loving word we say, every tear we wipe away,  
Every sorrow turned to praise is only by his grace. **CHORUS**

## PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

*Pastor Ben Cuthbert*

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.

## † 1 KINGS 8:56

Blessed be the LORD who has given rest to his people Israel, according to all that he promised. Not one word has failed of all his good promise.

## † EVERY PROMISE

*Getty, Townend; CCLI 4642105*

From the breaking of the dawn to the setting of the sun,  
I will stand on ev'ry promise of your Word.  
Words of power, strong to save, that will never pass away,  
I will stand on ev'ry promise of your Word.  
For your covenant is sure, and on this I am secure—  
I can stand on ev'ry promise of your Word.

When I stumble and I sin, condemnation pressing in,  
I will stand on ev'ry promise of your Word.  
You are faithful to forgive, that in freedom I might live,  
So I stand on ev'ry promise of your Word.  
Guilt to innocence restored, you remember sins no more,  
So I'll stand on ev'ry promise of your Word.

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When I'm faced with anguished choice, I will listen for your voice,  
And I'll stand on every promise of your Word.  
Through this dark and troubled land, you will guide me with your hand  
As I stand on every promise of your Word.  
And you've promised to complete every work begun in me,  
So I'll stand on every promise of your Word.

Hope that lifts me from despair, love that casts out ev'ry fear  
As I stand on ev'ry promise of your Word.  
Not forsaken, not alone, for the Comforter has come,  
And I stand on eve'ry promise of your Word.  
Grace sufficient, grace for me, grace for all who will believe,  
We will stand on ev'ry promise of your Word.

### SERMON TEXT: ROMANS 4:13-25

<sup>13</sup> For the promise to Abraham and his offspring that he would be heir of the world did not come through the law but through the righteousness of faith. <sup>14</sup> For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. <sup>15</sup> For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law there is no transgression. <sup>16</sup> That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his offspring—not only to the adherent of the law but also to the one who shares the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all, <sup>17</sup> as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. <sup>18</sup> In hope he believed against hope, that he should become the father of many nations, as he had been told, “So shall your offspring be.” <sup>19</sup> He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was as good as dead (since he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. <sup>20</sup> No unbelief made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, <sup>21</sup> fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. <sup>22</sup> That is why his faith was “counted to him as righteousness.” <sup>23</sup> But the words “it was counted to him” were not written for his sake alone, <sup>24</sup> but for ours also. It will be counted to us who believe in him who raised from the dead Jesus our Lord, <sup>25</sup> who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification.

### SERMON: FAITH IN THE PROMISES OF GOD

*Pastor Ben Cuthbert*

### †AND CAN IT BE

*Wesley, Campbell; CCLI25280*

And can it be that I should gain an interest in the Savior's blood?  
Died He for me who caused his pain, for me who him to death pursued?  
Amazing love! How can it be that thou my God shouldst die for me?  
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'Tis mystery all th'Immortal dies. Who can explore his strange design?  
In vain the firstborn seraph tries to sound the depths of love divine.  
'Tis mercy all! Let earth adore. Let angel minds inquire no more.  
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### THE LORD'S SUPPER *The bread we use is gluten-free.*

The Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, “This is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”  
In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

### †AND CAN IT BE

*Wesley, Campbell; CCLI25280*

*(Please remain seated until instructed to stand)*

He left his Father's throne above, so free, so infinite his grace .  
Emptied himself of all but love, and bled for Adam's helpless race.  
'Tis mercy all, immense and free, for O, my God, it found out me.  
'Tis mercy all, immense and free, for O, my God, it found out me.

Long my imprisoned spirit lay, fast bound in sin and nature's night.  
Thine eye diffused a quickening ray. I woke the dungeon flamed with light.  
My chains fell off. My heart was free. I rose went forth and followed thee.  
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No condemnation now I dread. Jesus and all in him is mine.  
Alive in him my living Head, and clothed in righteousness divine,  
Bold I approach th'eternal throne, and claim the crown through Christ my own.  
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### DEACONS' FUND OFFERING

### †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)

WORSHIP LEADERS: Ingrid Dornbirer, Evalyn Homoele **ORGAN:** Katherine Rick **PIANO:** Jake Hamilton

YOUTH DIRECTOR: Jared Maxwell (jared.r.maxwell@gmail.com) **SEXTON:** Darrel Kratt

SECRETARY: Laura Wilson (office@collegebaptist.org) **BOOKKEEPER:** Joanna Young (finance@collegebaptist.org)

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**DEACON BOARD:** Grace Balkan, Malisa Banbury, Sally Beazley, Kathy Oberlin, **Joni Westblade**, Brietta Wilson

**ELDER BOARD:** Ben Cuthbert, Bill Gray, **Jared Maxwell**, Mike Roberts, Don Westblade

**MISSION BOARD:** **Carol Bentley**, Larry Gaetano, Karen Herteg, Lorissa Mekelburg, Sue Reed, Joanna Young

**TRUSTEE BOARD:** Doug Banbury, Andy Brown, Matt Hazelton, **Joshua Lawson**, Terry Reed, Travis Wilson

**CLERK & LIBRARIAN:** Peggy Stewart **EXPENSE TREASURER:** Lisa Roberts

**SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT:** Megan Gray **FINANCIAL SECRETARY:** Laura Wilson

**MOTHER'S HELPER MINISTRY:** Shannon Westblade 517-610-6211 or shannonwestblade@gmail.com

*\*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

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# THE BULLETIN BOARD

Sunday, November 5	5:30 p.m.	OWLS @ The Church's Home (2626 N Sand Lk Rd)
Sunday, November 5	6:00 p.m.	Youth Group (Upper Vestry)
Monday, November 6	7:00 p.m.	Women's Bible Study (Library)
Monday, November 6	7:00 p.m.	Men's M.E.A.T. Bible Study (Nursery)
Wednesday, November 8	10:00 a.m.	Tidings of Comfort (Upper Vestry)
Wednesday, November 8	8:30 p.m.	College Bible Study (Sanctuary)
Thursday, November 9	6:15 a.m.	Men's Bible Study (Upper Vestry)
Thursday, November 9	12:00 p.m.	Hour of Prayer (Library)
Sunday, November 12	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
Sunday, November 12	10:45 a.m.	Worship Service (Baptisms & New Members)

**SPECIAL SERVICE** Hillsdale College students are organizing a service to remember Israel and mourn the innocent lives lost in the terrorist attacks. This will be a time of prayer for victims (both Jews and Palestinians), Scripture reading, and singing. Prof. Don Westblade will deliver a short message. The service will be held on **Tuesday, November 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM in Christ Chapel.**

**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. RSVP to Julia Winter 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 28:

Contributions YTD \$256,902 *minus* Expenses YTD \$243,188 *equals* Net \$13,714

Budget YTD \$259,759