

COLLEGE BAPTIST CHURCH

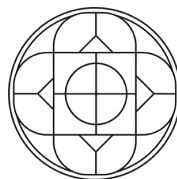
FEBRUARY 4, 2024

† 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. CDs of past services are available by contacting Laura Wilson at office@collegebaptist.org.

MEDITATION

For our justification, then, we are 'not under law, but under grace', and for our sanctification we serve 'not in oldness of letter but in newness of Spirit'. We are still slaves, but the master we serve is Christ, not the law, and the power by which we serve is the spirit, not the letter. The Christian life is serving the risen Christ in the power of the Spirit.

— John Stott, "Romans: God's Good News for the World"

† CALL TO WORSHIP

PSALM 36:5-9

Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the heavens,
your faithfulness to the clouds.

Your righteousness is like the mountains of God;
your judgments are like the great deep;
man and beast you save, O LORD.

How precious is your steadfast love, O God!

The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

They feast on the abundance of your house,

and you give them drink from the river of your delights.

For with you is the fountain of life;

in your light do we see light.

†COME, THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING

Robinson, Wyeth; Hymn 318

Come, thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of thy redeeming love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer, hither by thy help I'm come;
And I hope by thy good pleasure safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee:
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love:
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.

†INVOCATION

OFFERING & OFFERTORY

†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 5:6-8

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die—but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

†I STAND AMAZED

Gabriel; Hymn 223

I stand amazed in the presence of Jesus the Nazarene,
And wonder how he could love me, A sinner, condemned, unclean.

CHORUS

How marvelous! How wonderful! And my song shall ever be:
How marvelous! How wonderful is my Savior's love for me!

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He took my sins and my sorrows, he made them his very own;
He bore the burden to Calvary, and suffered and died alone. CHORUS

When with the ransomed in glory his face I at last shall see,
'Twill be my joy through the ages to sing of his love for me. CHORUS

†GALATIANS 2:19-20

For through the law I died to the law, so that I might live to God. ²⁰I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

†YET NOT I BUT THROUGH CHRIST IN ME *Robinson, Farren, Thompson; CCLI 7121852*

What gift of grace is Jesus, my redeemer. There is no more for heaven now to give.
He is my joy, my righteousness and freedom, my steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace.
To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus. For my life is wholly bound to his.
Oh how strange and divine, I can sing: "All is mine!" Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

The night is dark, but I am not forsaken, for by my side the Savior, he will stay.
I labor on in weakness and rejoicing, for in my need, his power is displayed.
To this I hold: my Shepherd will defend me. Through the deepest valley he will lead.
Oh the night has been won, and I shall overcome! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven, the future sure, the price, it has been paid.
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon, and he was raised to overthrow the grave.
To this I hold: my sin has been defeated. Jesus now, and ever, is my plea.
Oh the chains are released, I can sing: "I am free!" Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

With every breath I long to follow Jesus, for he has said that he will bring me home.
And day by day I know he will renew me until I stand with joy before the throne.
To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus. All the glory evermore to him.
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat: "Yet not I, but through Christ in me."
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PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

Bill Gray, 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.

ROMANS 7:1-6

Or do you not know, brothers—for I am speaking to those who know the law—that the law is binding on a person only as long as he lives? ²For a married woman is bound by law to her husband while he lives, but if her husband dies she is released from the law of marriage. ³Accordingly, she will be called an adulteress if she lives with another man while her husband is alive. But if her husband dies, she is free from that law, and if she marries another man she is not an adulteress. ⁴Likewise, my brothers, you also have died to the law through the body of Christ, so that you may belong to another, to him who has been raised from the dead, in order that we may bear fruit for God. ⁵For while we were living in the flesh, our sinful passions, aroused by the law, were at work in our members to bear fruit for death. ⁶But now we are released from the law, having died to that which held us captive, so that we serve in the new way of the Spirit and not in the old way of the written code.

SERMON: RELEASED TO SERVE

Pastor Ben Cuthbert

THE POWER OF THE CROSS

Getty, Townend; CCLI 4490766

Oh, to see the dawn of the darkest day. Christ on the road to Calvary,
Tried by sinful men, torn and beaten then nailed to a cross of wood.

CHORUS

This the pow'r of the cross: Christ became sin for us.
Took the blame, bore the wrath. We stand forgiven at the cross.

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Oh, to see the pain written on your face, bearing the awesome weight of sin.
Ev'ry bitter thought, ev'ry evil deed crowning your bloodstained brow. **CHORUS**

Now the daylight flees, now the ground beneath quakes as its Maker bows his head.
Curtain torn in two, dead are raised to life. "Finished," the vict'ry cry! **CHORUS**

Oh, to see my name written in the wounds, for through your suff'ring I am free.
Death is crushed to death, life is mine to live won through your selfless love!

This the pow'r of the cross: Son of God slain for us.
What a love! What a cost! We stand forgiven at the cross.

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."

†AMAZING GRACE! HOW SWEET THE SOUND

Newton, Rees, Excell; Hymn 107

(Please remain seated until instructed to stand)

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost but now am found. Was blind, but now I see!

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!

The Lord has promised good to me. His Word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be, as long as life endures.

Through many dangers toils and snares I have already come;
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.

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)

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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: \$219,123

BUILDING ADDITION FUND BALANCE: \$1,072,343

OUTSTANDING PLEDGES: \$376,643

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THE BULLETIN BOARD

Sunday, February 4	12:15 p.m.	College Luncheon (Upper Vestry)
Sunday, February 4	5:30 p.m.	O.W.L.S. at Gertig's home (5240 E. Reading Rd.)
Sunday, February 4	6:00 p.m.	Youth Group (Upper Vestry)
Monday, February 5	7:00 p.m.	Women's Bible Study (Library)
Monday, February 5	7:00 p.m.	Men's M.E.A.T. Bible Study (Nursery)
Wednesday, February 7	10:00 a.m.	Tidings of Comfort (Upper Vestry)
Wednesday, February 7	8:30 p.m.	College Bible Study (Sanctuary)
Thursday, February 8	6:15 a.m.	Men's Bible Study (Upper Vestry)
Thursday, February 8	12:00 p.m.	Hour of Prayer (Library)
Sunday, February 11	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
Sunday, February 11	9:30 a.m.	Membership & Baptism Class
Sunday, February 11	10:45 a.m.	Worship Service

COLLEGE STUDENTS You are invited to lunch in the Upper Vestry **today** after the worship service.

BAPTISM AND MEMBERSHIP CLASS A three-session class with Pastor Ben and the Elders will be held from **9:30-10:30 a.m.** in Pastor Ben's office **February 11, 18, and 25**. Please RSVP to Pastor Ben at bcuthbert@collegebaptist.org if you plan to attend.

BABY SHOWER A baby shower honoring Katie Fitch and daughter-to-be will be held on **Saturday, March 2nd**, at the home of Carol Bentley, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Katie is registered on Amazon. Please **RSVP to Carol by February 12th** at 517-610-0353 or rayandcarol1500@gmail.com.

YEAR END GIVING Please check your mailbox in the library for your 2023 year end giving statement. If you don't have a mailbox, did not receive a year end statement in the mail, or have further questions, please contact Joanna Young (finance@collegebaptist.org).

PRAYER CHAIN If you would like to be added to the CBC Prayer Chain Email, please contact Peggy Stewart at 517-320-1098 or peggystewart@yahoo.com.

ANNOUNCEMENTS If you would like to be added to the CBC Announcement Email, please contact Laura Wilson at 517-439-9931 or office@collegebaptist.org.

FINANCIAL REPORT THROUGH DECEMBER 31:

Contributions YTD \$327,091 *minus* Expenses YTD \$306,502 *equals* Net \$20,589

Budget YTD \$314,988