

COLLEGE BAPTIST CHURCH

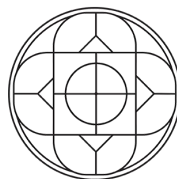
MARCH 3, 2024

† 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

The first-fruits that the Spirit has given already are enough to raise a sinner up, and draw him off from things present, and to wing him after things to come. Consider then not only the greatness of these first-fruits that are given, but also that, great and numerous as they are, they are but first-fruits. For if the first-fruits be so great that we are thereby freed even from our sins, and attain to righteousness and sanctification, and that those of Paul's time both drove out devils, and raised the dead by their shadow (Acts 5:15), or garments (Ac 19:12), consider how great the whole must be! And if the creation, devoid as it is of mind and reason, and though in ignorance of these things, yet groaneth, much more should we.

— John Chrysostom [347-407 AD], *Homily 14* on Romans 8

† CALL TO WORSHIP

EZEKIEL 34:15-16

I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord GOD. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will shepherd them in justice.

†CORNERSTONE

Mote, Bradbury, Liljero, Morgan, Myrin; CCLI 6158927

My hope is built on nothing less, than Jesus' blood and righteousness.
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly trust in Jesus' Name.

CHORUS

Christ alone. Cornerstone! Weak made strong, in the Savior's love.
Through the storm, he is Lord, Lord of all.

When darkness seems to hide his face, I rest on his unchanging grace.
In every high and stormy gale my anchor holds within the veil.
My anchor holds within the veil. **CHORUS**

When he shall come with trumpet sound, oh may I then in him be found.
Dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless stand before the throne. **CHORUS**

†INVOCATION

†PSALM 65:5

By awesome deeds you answer us with righteousness, O God of our salvation, the hope of all the ends
of the earth and of the farthest seas; the one who by his strength established the mountains, being
girded with might; who stills the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves.

†MY HOPE IS IN THE LORD

Clayton; Hymn 78

My hope is in the Lord who gave himself for me,
And paid the price of all my sin at Calvary.

CHORUS

For me he died, for me he lives,
And everlasting life and light he freely gives.

No merit of my own his anger to suppress,
My only hope is found in Jesus' righteousness. **CHORUS**

And now for me he stands before the Father's throne.
And shows his wounded hands and names me as his own. **CHORUS**

His grace has planned it all. 'Tis mine but to believe,
And recognize his work of love and Christ receive. **CHORUS**

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 5:1-5

Since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through
him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of
the glory of God. Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces
endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put
us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has
been given to us.

†IN THE FACE OF PRESENT SUFFERINGS

Leckebusch, Hughes; CCLI 4052159

In the face of present sufferings,
Christians, let us not forget:
There are greater glories coming
Than we have envisaged yet.
All creation waits expectant,
Till God's handiwork is known,
And with joy we worship at his throne.

We who taste the Spirit's first-fruits
Still are groaning inwardly,
Yearning for our full redemption,
For our bodies' liberty.
To be God's perfected children
Is the hope by which we live.
What he promised to us God will give!

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

Jim Dugan, 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 8:18-30

¹⁸ For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. ¹⁹ For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. ²⁰ For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope ²¹ that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²² For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. ²³ And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first-fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴ For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. ²⁶ Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. ²⁷ And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. ²⁸ And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹ For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. ³⁰ And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

SERMON: FROM GROANS TO GLORY

Rev. Don Westblade

²² Creation groans, but with _____ in God's _____

²³ We groan, but with _____ from God's _____

²⁶ The Spirit groans, but with _____ - _____ of God's _____

†THE WONDERFUL CROSS

Watts, Walt, Tomlin; CCLI 3148435

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.

See from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down,
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?

CHORUS

O the wonderful cross! O the wonderful cross
Bids me come and die and find that I may truly live.
O the wonderful cross! O the wonderful cross!
All who gather here by grace draw near and bless your name.

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."

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(Please remain seated until instructed to stand)

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ my God;
All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood.

Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all. **CHORUS**

CHORUS

O the wonderful cross! O the wonderful cross
Bids me come and die and find that I may truly live.
O the wonderful cross! O the wonderful cross!
All who gather here by grace draw near and bless your name.

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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OFFICE HOURS: Tuesday-Friday: 9:00 am-2:00 pm CHURCH COPYRIGHT LICENSE: 450831

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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.*

THE BULLETIN BOARD

Sunday, March 3	5:30 p.m.	OWLS at Ted & Rosa Church's (2626 N Sand Lk Rd)
Sunday, March 3	6:00 p.m.	Youth Group (Upper Vestry)
Monday, March 4	7:00 p.m.	Women's Bible Study (Library)
Monday, March 4	7:00 p.m.	Men's M.E.A.T. Bible Study (Nursery)
Wednesday, March 6	10:00 a.m.	Tidings of Comfort (Upper Vestry)
Wednesday, March 6	8:30 p.m.	College Bible Study (Sanctuary)
Thursday, March 7	6:15 a.m.	Men's Bible Study (Upper Vestry)
Thursday, March 7	12:00 p.m.	Hour of Prayer (Library)
Sunday, March 10	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
Sunday, March 10	10:45 a.m.	Worship Service

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME Remember to **move your clocks forward one hour** this Saturday as Daylight Saving Time begins on **Sunday, March 10**.

COLLEGE STUDENTS There is a Summer Youth Ministry Internship opportunity at Bay Shore Camp in Sebewaing, MI, a Christian summer camp in the Thumb of Michigan. If interested in learning more go to www.bayshorecamp.campbrainstaff.com.

SAVE THE DATES—HOLY WEEK AND EASTER 2024

Thursday, March 27, 2024—Maundy Thursday at College Baptist at 7:00 p.m. (with Communion)

Friday, March 29, 2024—Good Friday Service at College Baptist at 5:30 p.m.

Sunday, March 31, 2024—Easter Sunday Sunrise Service at Owen Park (Baw Beese) Pavilion 1 at 6:45 a.m.

Sunday, March 31, 2024—Easter Sunday Worship Service at College Baptist at 10:45 a.m. (no Sunday School)

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.

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)

NEXT BUILDING COMMITTEE MEETING: March 13, 2024

EXPENDITURES SINCE JUNE 27, 2021: \$219,463

BUILDING ADDITION FUND BALANCE: \$1,083,627

OUTSTANDING PLEDGES: \$355,383

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.



FINANCIAL REPORT THROUGH FEBRUARY 24:

Contributions YTD \$44,718 *minus* Expenses YTD \$42,638 *equals* Net \$2,080

Budget YTD \$49,990