

COLLEGE BAPTIST CHURCH

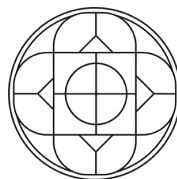
APRIL 14, 2024

† 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

HOLY TRINITY,

All praise to thee for electing me to salvation, by foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus; I adore the wonders of thy condescending love, marvel at the true believer's high privilege within whom all heaven comes to dwell, abiding in God and God in him; I believe it, help me experience it to the full.

— Election from "Valley of Vision"

† CALL TO WORSHIP

2 CORINTHIANS 4:5-6

For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

† KING OF KINGS

Ligertwood, Ingram, Ligertwood; CCLI 7127647

In the darkness we were waiting, without hope, without light,
Till from Heaven you came running. There was mercy in your eyes.
To fulfil the law and prophets, to a virgin came the Word
From a throne of endless glory to a cradle in the dirt.

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CHORUS

Praise the Father, Praise the Son, Praise the Spirit three in one.
God of Glory, majesty, praise forever to the King of kings.

To reveal the kingdom coming and to reconcile the lost,
To redeem the whole creation you did not despise the cross.
For even in your suffering, you saw to the other side.
Knowing this was our salvation, Jesus, for our sake you died. **CHORUS**

And the morning that you rose all of heaven held its breath
Till that stone was moved for good, for the Lamb had conquered death.
And the dead rose from their tombs, and the angels stood in awe,
For the souls of all who'd come to the Father are restored.

And the Church of Christ was born, then the Spirit lit the flame.
Now this Gospel truth of old shall not kneel, shall not faint.
By his blood and in his Name, in his freedom I am free,
For the love of Jesus Christ who has resurrected me. **CHORUS**

† INVOCATION

† 2 CORINTHIANS 2:14-16

Thanks be to God, who in Christ always leads us in triumphal procession, and through us spreads the fragrance of the knowledge of him everywhere. For we are the aroma of Christ to God among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing, to one a fragrance from death to death, to the other a fragrance from life to life.

† JESUS, THANK YOU

Sczebel; CCLI 4475341

The myst'ry of the cross I cannot comprehend,
The agonies of Calvary.
You, the perfect Holy One, crushed your Son,
Who drank the bitter cup reserved for me.

CHORUS

Your blood has washed away my sin. Jesus, thank you!
The Father's wrath completely satisfied. Jesus, thank you!
Once your enemy, now seated at your table. Jesus, thank you!

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By your perfect sacrifice I've been brought near:
Your enemy you've made your friend.
Pouring out the riches of your glorious grace,
Your mercy and your kindness know no end. **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.

† JEREMIAH 18:1-8

The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD: "Arise, and go down to the potter's house, and there I will let you hear my words." So I went down to the potter's house, and there he was working at his wheel. And the vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter's hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as it seemed good to the potter to do. Then the word of the LORD came to me: "O house of Israel, can I not do with you as this potter has done? declares the LORD. Behold, like the clay in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel. If at any time I declare concerning a nation or a kingdom, that I will pluck up and break down and destroy it, and if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turns from its evil, I will relent of the disaster that I intended to do to it.

† HAVE THINE OWN WAY, LORD!

Pollard, Stebbins; Hymn 400

Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!
Thou art the potter, I am the clay!
Mold me and make me after thy will,
While I am waiting, yielded and still.

Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!
Search me and try me, Master, today!
Whiter than snow, Lord, wash me just now,
As in thy presence humbly I bow.

Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!
Wounded and weary, help me, I pray!
Power—all power—surely is thine!
Touch me and heal me, Savior divine!

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Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!
Hold o'er my being absolute sway!
Fill with thy Spirit 'til all shall see
Christ only, always, living in me!

PRAYER OF BLESSING & DISMISSAL TO CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Hana Cobia, Dorothy Simperts

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 9:10-29

¹⁰And not only so, but also when Rebekah had conceived children by one man, our forefather Isaac, ¹¹though they were not yet born and had done nothing either good or bad—in order that God's purpose of election might continue, not because of works but because of him who calls—¹²she was told, “The older will serve the younger.” ¹³As it is written, “Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated.” ¹⁴What shall we say then? Is there injustice on God's part? By no means! ¹⁵For he says to Moses, “I will have mercy on whom I have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I have compassion.” ¹⁶So then it depends not on human will or exertion, but on God, who has mercy. ¹⁷For the Scripture says to Pharaoh, “For this very purpose I have raised you up, that I might show my power in you, and that my name might be proclaimed in all the earth.” ¹⁸So then he has mercy on whomever he wills, and he hardens whomever he wills. ¹⁹You will say to me then, “Why does he still find fault? For who can resist his will?” ²⁰But who are you, O man, to answer back to God? Will what is molded say to its molder, “Why have you made me like this?” ²¹Has the potter no right over the clay, to make out of the same lump one vessel for honorable use and another for dishonorable use? ²²What if God, desiring to show his wrath and to make known his power, has endured with much patience vessels of wrath prepared for destruction, ²³in order to make known the riches of his glory for vessels of mercy, which he has prepared beforehand for glory—²⁴even us whom he has called, not from the Jews only but also from the Gentiles? ²⁵As indeed he says in Hosea,

“Those who were not my people I will call ‘my people,’
and her who was not beloved I will call ‘beloved.’”

²⁶“And in the very place where it was said to them,
‘You are not my people,’ there they will be called ‘sons of the living God.’”

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²⁷And Isaiah cries out concerning Israel: “Though the number of the sons of Israel be as the sand of the sea, only a remnant of them will be saved, ²⁸for the Lord will carry out his sentence upon the earth fully and without delay.” ²⁹And as Isaiah predicted,

“If the Lord of hosts had not left us offspring,
we would have been like Sodom and become like Gomorrah.”

SERMON: MERCIFUL ELECTION

Pastor Ben Cuthbert

†THE LORD IS MY SALVATION

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The grace of God has reached for me, and pulled me from the raging sea.
And I am safe on this solid ground: The Lord is my salvation.

I will not fear when darkness falls, his strength will help me scale these walls.
I'll see the dawn of the rising sun: The Lord is my salvation.

CHORUS

Who is like the Lord our God? Strong to save, faithful in love.
My debt is paid and the victory won: The Lord is my salvation

My hope is hidden in the Lord, he flow'rs each promise of his word.
When winter fades, I know spring will come: The Lord is my salvation.

In times of waiting, times of need, when I know loss, when I am weak.
I know his grace will renew these days: The Lord is my salvation. **CHORUS**

And when I reach the final day, he will not leave me in the grave.
But I will rise, he will call me home: The Lord is my salvation. **CHORUS**

Glory be to God, the Father, glory be to God, the Son,
Glory be to God, the Spirit: The Lord is our salvation.

†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: Lauren Scott, Logan Washburn ORGAN: Kristi Gautsche PIANO: Kristi Gautsche

YOUTH DIRECTOR: Jared Maxwell (jared.r.maxwell@gmail.com)

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MISSION BOARD: **Carol Bentley**, Susan Betz, Larry Gaetano, Lorissa Mekelburg, Sue Reed, Joanna Young

TRUSTEE BOARD: Ray Bentley, Andy Brown, Terry Reed, **Travis Wilson**

CLERK: Lisa Dugan EXPENSE TREASURER: Lisa Roberts LIBRARIAN: Peggy Stewart

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)

NEXT BUILDING COMMITTEE MEETING: TBD

EXPENDITURES SINCE JUNE 27, 2021: \$222,713

BUILDING ADDITION FUND BALANCE: \$1,124,802

OUTSTANDING PLEDGES: \$326,351

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Welcome to our Prospective New Members

Jianna Coppola

Hometown: Lake Ridge, VA

Vocation: Hillsdale College Student, Philosophy and Religion with a Classical Education minor

Eden Ryan

Hometown: Kalamazoo, MI

Vocation: Hillsdale College Student, Economics, 2026

THE BULLETIN BOARD

Sunday, April 14	12:15 p.m.	Congregational Meeting
Sunday, April 14	6:00 p.m.	Youth Group (Upper Vestry)
Monday, April 15	7:00 p.m.	Women's Bible Study (Library)
Monday, April 15	7:00 p.m.	Men's M.E.A.T. Bible Study (Nursery)
Wednesday, April 17	10:00 a.m.	Tidings of Comfort (Upper Vestry)
Wednesday, April 17	8:30 p.m.	College Bible Study (Sanctuary)
Thursday, April 18	6:15 a.m.	Men's Bible Study (Upper Vestry)
Thursday, April 18	12:00 p.m.	Hour of Prayer (Library)
Sunday, April 21	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
Sunday, April 21	10:45 a.m.	Worship Service
Sunday, April 21	12:15 p.m.	Congregational Meeting
Sunday, April 28	12:15 p.m.	Congregational Meeting

SECRET CHURCH INTERVARSITY College students are welcome to attend an annual live-stream gathering led by David Platt in the Formal Lounge at the College on **April 19 from 7:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m.** This event will include intense study of the book of Ruth and prayer for persecuted Christians in North Korea. Contact Kaeleigh Di Cello at kdicello@hillsdale.edu to sign up.

EXAM CARE PACKAGES We are in need of people to donate food items for exam week care packages for our college students. Please see the email announcement for the signup link. We also need volunteers to help pack bags on **Saturday, May 4 at 10:00 a.m.** in the church library. If you have any questions, contact Sally Beazley at 541-861-0372 or email jnsbeazley@gmail.com.

RIGHT TO LIFE The annual Pro-life Newspaper Signature Display will appear in the Hillsdale Daily News on Friday, May 10 with the names of people who want to be included as Pro-Life supporters. While a small donation is welcome to help offset the cost of the display, names will be included with or without a donation. There are envelopes on the table in the narthex for those who would like to be included. Please **mail your envelope by Monday, May 6.**

ITEMS LEFT from the Sunrise Service are in the Lost and Found Basket above the coat rack.

LOST AND FOUND Please check the Lost and Found Basket above the coat rack if you are missing any items. After May 5 any unclaimed items will be donated.

FINANCIAL REPORT THROUGH MARCH 31:

Contributions YTD \$81,346 *minus* Expenses YTD \$76,346 *equals* Net \$5,000

Budget YTD \$82,537