

# COLLEGE BAPTIST CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 10, 2023

† Congregation Standing (as able)

The mission of College Baptist Church is to **live for the praise of the glory of God** by *delighting* in His triune majesty through worship, by *deepening* our understanding and affection for His full counsel through biblical education, spiritual fellowship, and daily obedience, and by *declaring* His glory to all neighbors and nations through active service and personal involvement in Jesus' Great Commission.

## 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 Scott Allen at [ssallen86@gmail.com](mailto:ssallen86@gmail.com).*

## MEDITATION

“Wrath, unlike love, is not one of the intrinsic perfections of God. Rather, it is a function of God's holiness against sin. Where there is no sin, there is no wrath-but there will always be love in God. Where God in His holiness confronts His image-bearers in their rebellion, there must be wrath, or God is not the jealous God He claims to be, and His holiness is impugned. The price of diluting God's wrath is diminishing God's holiness.”

—D.A. Carson in “The Difficult Doctrine of the Love of God”

## † CALL TO WORSHIP

PSALM 30:4-5

Sing praises to the LORD, O you his saints,  
and give thanks to his holy name.

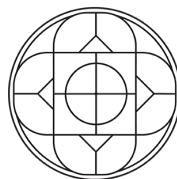
For his anger is but for a moment,  
and his favor is for a lifetime.

Weeping may tarry for the night,  
but joy comes with the morning.



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## † HOLY! HOLY! HOLY! LORD GOD ALMIGHTY

*Heber, Dykes, Hymn 323*

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.  
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity.

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,  
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea.  
Cherubim and seraphim, falling down before thee,  
Which wert and art and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,  
Though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,  
Only thou art holy, there is none beside thee:  
Perfect in power, in love and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.  
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity.

## † INVOCATION

## MISSIONS MOMENT

## † ISAIAH 40: 12-14

Who has measured the waters in the hollow of his hand  
and marked off the heavens with a span,  
enclosed the dust of the earth in a measure  
and weighed the mountains in scales  
and the hills in a balance?  
Who has measured the Spirit of the LORD,  
or what man shows him his counsel?  
Whom did he consult,  
and who made him understand?  
Who taught him the path of justice,  
and taught him knowledge,  
and showed him the way of understanding?

*P.R. & Anju Misra, ANM*

## † BEHOLD OUR GOD

*Baird, Baird, Baird, Altrogge; CCLI 5937510*

Who has held the oceans in his hands? Who has numbered ev'ry grain of sand?  
Kings and nations tremble at his voice. All creation rises to rejoice.

### CHORUS

Behold our God, seated on his throne. Come, let us adore him.  
Behold our King, nothing can compare. Come, let us adore him!

Who has given counsel to the Lord? Who can question any of his words?  
Who can teach the One who knows all things? Who can fathom all his wondrous deeds? **CHORUS**

Who has felt the nails upon his hand, bearing all the guilt of sinful man?  
God eternal, humbled to the grave, Jesus, Savior, risen now to reign! **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.

## † TITUS 3:3-5

For we ourselves were once foolish, disobedient, led astray, slaves to various passions and pleasures,  
passing our days in malice and envy, hated by others and hating one another. But when the goodness and  
loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in  
righteousness, but according to his own mercy. . .

## † HIS MERCY IS MORE

*Boswell, Papa; CCLI 7065053*

What love could remember no wrongs we have done?  
Omniscient, all knowing, he counts not their sum.  
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore,  
Our sins, they are many; his mercy is more.

What patience would wait as we constantly roam?  
What Father, so tender, is calling us home?  
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor.  
Our sins, they are many; his mercy is more.

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## CHORUS

Praise the Lord, his mercy is more.  
Stronger than darkness, new every morn.  
Our sins, they are many; his mercy is more.

What riches of kindness he lavished on us,  
His blood was the payment; his life was the cost.  
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford.  
Our sins, they are many; his mercy is more. **CHORUS**

## PRAYER OF BLESSING & DISMISSAL TO CHILDREN'S CHURCH

*Chris Dick & Nathan Stanish*

## 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.

## SERMON TEXT: ROMANS 1:18-32

<sup>18</sup>For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth. <sup>19</sup>For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. <sup>20</sup>For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse. <sup>21</sup>For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened. <sup>22</sup>Claiming to be wise, they became fools, <sup>23</sup>and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and creeping things. <sup>24</sup>Therefore God gave them up in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, to the dishonoring of their bodies among themselves, <sup>25</sup>because they exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever! Amen. <sup>26</sup>For this reason God gave them up to dishonorable passions. For their women exchanged natural relations for those that are contrary to nature; <sup>27</sup>and the men likewise gave up natural relations with women and were consumed with passion for one another, men committing shameless acts with men and receiving in themselves the due penalty for their error. <sup>28</sup>And since they did not see fit to acknowledge God, God gave them up

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to a debased mind to do what ought not to be done. <sup>29</sup>They were filled with all manner of unrighteousness, evil, covetousness, malice. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, maliciousness. They are gossips, <sup>30</sup>slanderers, haters of God, insolent, haughty, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents, <sup>31</sup>foolish, faithless, heartless, ruthless. <sup>32</sup>Though they know God's righteous decree that those who practice such things deserve to die, they not only do them but give approval to those who practice them.

## SERMON: RIGHTEOUSNESS REVEALED IN WRATH

*Pastor Ben Cuthbert*

## †AND CAN IT BE THAT I SHOULD GAIN?

*Wesley, Campbell; Hymn 260*

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?

## CHORUS

Amazing love! How can it be that thou, my God, shouldst die for me!

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. **CHORUS**

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. **CHORUS**

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. **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)

WORSHIP LEADERS: Ingrid Dornbirer, Evalyn Homoele **ORGAN:** Kristi Gautsche **PIANO:** Kristi Gautsche

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

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**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:** Shelley Allen, 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: \$214,663

BUILDING ADDITION FUND BALANCE: \$918,446

OUTSTANDING PLEDGES: \$504,837

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# THE BULLETIN BOARD

Monday, September 11	6:30 p.m.	Women's Bible Study Dinner (Betz Home)
Monday, September 11	7:00 p.m.	Men's M.E.A.T. Bible Study (Nursery)
Wednesday, September 13	10:00 a.m.	Tidings of Comfort (Upper Vestry)
Wednesday, September 13	8:30 p.m.	College Bible Study (Sanctuary)
Thursday, September 14	6:15 a.m.	Men's Bible Study (Upper Vestry)
Thursday, September 14	12:00 p.m.	Hour of Prayer (Library)
Sunday, September 17	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
Sunday, September 17	10:45 a.m.	Worship Service
Sunday, September 17	6:00 p.m.	Youth Group (Upper Vestry)

**COLLEGE NIGHT AT THE CUTHBERTS'** A time to hang out and have some dessert with Pastor Ben and his family. Please join us from **6:30-8:30 p.m. on Sunday, September 17** at 115 Cold Springs Circle—a little more than a mile from campus. Come when you can, leave when you must.

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** The Monday Evening Women's Bible Study will meet on Monday, September 11, at 6:30 PM for our annual Kickoff Supper at the home of Susan Betz (1477 E. Hastings Lake Road, Jonesville). All women (college-age and up) who are planning to be part of the study group this year are invited to join us. If you are able to bring a dish to contribute to the meal, please do, but you're welcome to come even if you can't. If you need a ride, please let Peggy Stewart know (peggystewart@yahoo.com or 517-320-1098). We will begin our study of Exodus on Monday, September 18, at 7:00 PM in the CBC library.

**BAPTISM AND MEMBERSHIP CLASS** A four-session class with Pastor Ben and the Elders will be held from **9:30-10:30 a.m.** in Pastor Ben's office **October 1, 8, 15, and 29**. Please RSVP to Pastor Ben at bcuthbert@collegebaptist.org if you plan to attend.

**FAIR SERVICE** Join other Christians for a worship service at the fairgrounds **September 24 at 2:00 p.m.** Present a bulletin **before 2:00** at the gate and entrance to the fair is free.

**AUDIO/VISUAL MINISTRY** We are looking for more individuals to join our A/V ministry team. No experience necessary. Training will be provided. If interested, please contact Travis Wilson at crxwilson@gmail.com or 517-610-2070.

**OCC COLLECTION** For the month of September we are collecting clothing items for the OCC Pack-A-Box Party to be held on November 10, 2023.

### FINANCIAL REPORT THROUGH SEPTEMBER 2:

Contributions YTD \$204,154 *minus* Expenses YTD \$206,091 *equals* Net (\$1,937)

Budget YTD \$211,431