

# COLLEGE BAPTIST CHURCH

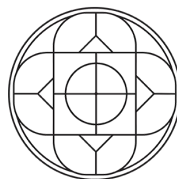
SEPTEMBER 24, 2023

† 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

MY FATHER, In a world of created changeable things, Christ and his Word alone remain unshaken. O to forsake all creatures, to rest as a stone on him the foundation, to abide in him, be borne up by him! For all my mercies come through Christ, who has designed, purchased, promised, effected them. How sweet it is to be near him, the Lamb, filled with holy affections! When I sin against thee I cross thy will, love, life, and have no comforter, no creature, to go to. My sin is not so much this or that particular evil, but my continual separation, disunion, distance from thee, and having a loose spirit towards thee. But thou hast given me a present, Jesus thy Son, as Mediator between thyself and my soul, as middle-man who in a pit holds both him below and him above, for only he can span the chasm breached by sin, and satisfy divine justice. May I always lay hold upon this Mediator, as a realized object of faith, and alone worthy by his love to bridge the gulf.

—from “Christ the Word” in *The Valley of Vision*

### † CALL TO WORSHIP

PSALM 19:7-11

The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple; the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes; the fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever; the rules of the LORD are true, and righteous altogether. More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb. Moreover, by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.

## †HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION

*Hymn 32*

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in his excellent Word!  
What more can he say than to you he hath said, to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dismayed, for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;  
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand, upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie, my grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply:  
The flame shall not hurt thee; I only design thy dross to consume and thy gold to refine.

The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose I will not, I will not desert to its foes;  
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake, I'll never, no, never no, never forsake!

## †INVOCATION

## OFFERING & OFFERTORY

*Joshua Lawson, "King of Kings"*

## †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.

## †1 CORINTHIANS 15:1-4

Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures...

## †THERE IS ONE GOSPEL

*Robinson, Thompson; CCLI 7199817*

There is one Gospel on which I stand for all eternity  
It is my story, my Father's plan, the Son has rescued me.  
Oh, what a Gospel, oh what a peace. My highest joy and my deepest need.  
Now and forever, he is my light. I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

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There is one Gospel to which I cling, all else I count as loss.  
For there, where justice and mercy meet, he saved me on the cross.  
No more I boast in what I can bring, no more I carry the weight of sin.  
For he has brought me from death to life. I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

There is one Gospel where hope is found, the empty tomb still speaks.  
For death could not keep my Savior down, he lives and I am free.  
Now on my Savior I fix my eyes, my life is his and his hope is mine  
For he has promised I too will rise, I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

And in this Gospel, the church is one, we do not walk alone.  
We have his Spirit as we press on to lead us safely home.  
And when in glory still I will sing of this old story that rescued me  
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## †JUDE 24-25

Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

## †HE WILL HOLD ME FAST

*Habershon, Merker; CCLI 7016161*

When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;  
When the tempter would prevail, he will hold me fast.  
I could never keep my hold through life's fearful path;  
For my love is often cold. He must hold me fast.

## CHORUS

He will hold me fast. He will hold me fast;  
For my Savior loves me so. He will hold me fast.

Those he saves are his delight. Christ will hold me fast;  
Precious in his holy sight. He will hold me fast.  
He'll not let my soul be lost. His promises shall last;  
Bought by him at such a cost, he will hold me fast. **CHORUS**

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For my life he bled and died. Christ will hold me fast;  
Justice has been satisfied. He will hold me fast.  
Raised with him to endless life, he will hold me fast  
Till our faith is turned to sight, when he comes at last! **CHORUS**

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

Sarah Chamberlin, Anna Coln

## 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.

## SERMON TEXT: ROMANS 2:12-29

## SERMON: THE LAW IN THE LIFE OF FAITH

*Pastor Ben Cuthbert*

## †O CHURCH ARISE

*Getty, Townend; CCLI 4611992*

O church, arise! And put your armor on! Hear the call of Christ, our Captain.  
For now the weak can say that they are strong in the strength that God has given.  
With shield of faith and belt of truth, we'll stand against the devil's lies,  
An army bold whose battle cry is Love, reaching out to those in darkness.

Our call to war: to love the captive soul, but to rage against the captor.  
And with the sword that makes the wounded whole, we will fight with faith and valor.  
When faced with trials on every side, we know the outcome is secure,  
And Christ will have the prize for which he died, an inheritance of nations.

Come see the cross where love and mercy meet, as the Son of God is stricken.  
Then see his foes lie crushed beneath his feet, for the Conqueror has risen.  
And as the stone is rolled away, and Christ emerges from the grave,  
This victory march continues, till the day every eye and heart shall see him.

So, Spirit, come! Put strength in every stride, give grace for every hurdle,  
That we may run with faith to win the prize of a servant good and faithful.  
As saints of old still line the way, retelling triumphs of his grace,  
We hear their calls and hunger for the day when with Christ we stand in glory.

## †BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

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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: Caitie Dugan, Zach Ponraj **ORGAN:** Kristi Gautsche **PIANO:** Kristi Gautsche

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**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD:** Carie Brown, Stephanie Gordon, Amelia Lawson, Jared Maxwell, Derek Stauff, Christian Winter, **Matt Young**

**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:** 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:** \$216,913

**BUILDING ADDITION FUND BALANCE:** \$943,053

**OUTSTANDING PLEDGES:** \$489,955



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To our College Baptist Church Family,

Thank you for the outpouring of prayers, love, encouragement, meals and offers of support we have received since Debbie's accident in August. You have truly been the hands and feet of Jesus in showing us Christian love during this time of need.

God bless you all!

Debbie & Dave Dinkleman

# THE BULLETIN BOARD

Monday, September 25	7:00 p.m.	Women's Bible Study (Library)
Monday, September 25	7:00 p.m.	Men's M.E.A.T. Bible Study (Nursery)
Wednesday, September 27	10:00 a.m.	Tidings of Comfort (Upper Vestry)
Wednesday, September 27	8:30 p.m.	College Bible Study (Sanctuary)
Thursday, September 28	6:15 a.m.	Men's Bible Study (Upper Vestry)
Thursday, September 28	12:00 p.m.	Hour of Prayer (Library)
Sunday, October 1	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
Sunday, October 1	10:45 a.m.	Worship Service

**ADOPT-A-STUDENT MATCH SUNDAY** is October 1! If you have any questions, please contact Rachel Cuthbert at rachelclemens@gmail.com or 847-987-7070.

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

**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 by September 26 to Pastor Ben at bcuthbert@collegebaptist.org if you plan to attend.

**HELPING HANDS BANQUET** You are invited to a Fall Banquet to benefit Helping Hands Pregnancy Center. Tuesday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023. 6:30 p.m. start time/Doors open at 5:45 p.m. Location: Hillsdale College Searle Center. Thanks to generous sponsors, tickets are FREE, however, RSVPs are required. RSVP by phone 517-437-7020, or sign up through Kris Healy 517-917-6914.

**MEDICAL AND EVANGELISTIC MISSION TRIP:** A team from CBC will be working alongside our missionaries, Junior and Sarah Araujo, in Cusco and Arequipa, Peru from October 6-20. Our own short-term missionaries, who will join 13 others, include Joni Westblade, Shannon Westblade, Terry Reed, and Donna & Larry Gaetano. **Please pray for safe travel and a fruitful ministry.**

**COLLEGE STUDENTS** You are invited to a Saucy Dogs lunch in the Upper Vestry on Sunday, October 8 after the worship service. Please text or call Lisa Dugan at 913-708-5737 for more information.

**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.

### FINANCIAL REPORT THROUGH SEPTEMBER 16:

Contributions YTD \$219,136 *minus* Expenses YTD \$216,568 *equals* Net \$2,568

Budget YTD \$223,513