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PK's NOTES

Rev. Ken Forrester,
Transitional Pastor

Dear Church Family,

In 1942, R. A. Torrey published a series of Bible studies on prayer in which he spoke about the blessings prayer will bring to churches. "Praying will bring blessing, definite and rich and immeasurable blessing, to the church; praying will do more to make the church what it ought to be than anything else we can do. Prayer will do more to root out heresy than all the heresy trials that were ever held. Prayer will do more to straighten out tangles and misunderstandings and unhappy complications in the life of a church than all the councils and conferences that were ever held. Prayer will do more to bring deep and lasting and sweeping revival, a revival that is real and lasting and altogether of the right sort, that all the organizations that were ever devised by man."

Please make prayer a priority that we may experience a mighty move of God. Pray for our church Staff, Deacons and Transformational Focus Team. Pray that the Lord will prepare us and prepare the next pastor He will bring to lead College Street. Weep and pray. Wait and pray. Work and pray. Pray that we will become all that God wants us to be for His glory!

In His Love,

Ken

MUSIC MINISTRY NOTES

1. Sunday, January 31 -
8:30 AM - WorshipTeam Rehearsal
10:00 AM - Worship (Live & On-Line—YouTube)
- Sound: Mike Oakley, Sr. (BE)
2. Sunday, February 7 -
8:30 AM - WorshipTeam Rehearsal
10:00 AM - Worship
- Sound: Jeremy Tichenor (WT)
3. Sunday, February 14 -
8:30 AM - Orchestra or Brass Rehearsal (TBA)
10:00 AM - Worship
- Sound: Joe Rukat (Orch)
4. Sunday, February 21 -
8:30 AM - PraiseTeam Rehearsal (Tentative)
10:00 AM - Worship
- Sound: Jeremy Tichenor (Orch/PT)
5. Sunday, February 28 -
8:30 AM - WorshipTeam Rehearsal
10:00 AM - Worship
- Sound: Mike Oakley, Sr. (WT)

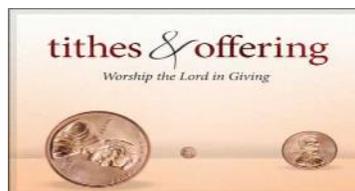
Music Ministry

- Ray Conway, Minister of Worship

MEDIA & SOUND SCHEDULE



1. Sunday, January 31, 2021 -
Media: Tracy Tichenor, Jon Haney
Sound: Jeremy Tichenor (WT)
2. Sunday, February 7, 2021 -
Media: Tracy Tichenor, Christi Mason
Sound: Jeremy Tichenor (WT)
3. Sunday, February 14, 2021 -
Media: Mike Bonham, Harrison Elliott
Sound: Joe Rukat (Orch)
4. Sunday, February 21, 2021 -
Media: Tracy Tichenor, Christi Mason
Sound: Jeremy Tichenor (Orch/PT)
5. Sunday, February 28, 2021 -
Media: Jon Haney, Mike Bonham
Sound: Mike Oakley, Sr. (WT)



2020 CONTRIBUTION REPORTS

Your 2020 contribution reports to the Church are ready for pickup in the Church Office. We will hold them until February 1st and at that time, we will mail them to you. Please make every effort to stop by the office during our business hours of 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM Monday - Thursday and from 9:00 AM - 12:00 Noon on Friday.

If there are any issues with your contribution report, please do not hesitate to contact me @ 864 - 710 - 1795 or by e-mail @ jrukat.jr@gmail.com

God Bless,

Joe

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Student Ministries

- Lauren Beddingfield, Director of Student Ministries

Hello CSBC,

Happy New Year! Like many of you, I am hopeful about this New Year 2021, to some of you, might feel like “2020: The Sequel” so far but I know that God has much in store for us as a church. I am thankful to be part of a caring and supportive staff team and I am thankful for our deacon leadership as well.

Usually at the beginning of the year, we each have goals that we say we are going to accomplish by the end of the year. Most of us have goals like losing weight, being more organized, cleaning our yard, reading our Bible more frequently, drinking more water or drinking less soda. I can definitely say most of my goals are on that list. If I could encompass my goals into one word, it would be “persistent”. Often, we set goals for ourselves, but we aren’t persistent about keeping them. If we don’t see pounds flying off the scale because we said no to a piece of cake one time and ran on the elliptical for 30 minutes without passing out, we can sometimes get discouraged. I know I do. If we skip a day reading our Bible, we feel terrible. If our houses aren’t as neat as Marie Kondo, Queen of Tidy, we feel like we haven’t accomplished anything. Most people quit their pursuit of their new goals within three weeks (look it up) because they don’t remain persistent.

Since “persistent” is my word for 2021 this year, I wanted to share two verses with you that have that word in it. At the end of the day, if I can’t be persistent in giving up soda, I want to be persistent in prayer, as commanded in Scripture.

“Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, persistent in prayer.” ~Romans 12:12 NIV

“Pray in the Spirit at all times and on every occasion. Stay alert and persistent in your prayers for all believers everywhere.” ~Ephesians 6:18 NLT

Our country and our world are going through many trials and new situations. God is not surprised by any of them. He knows our world is still in a pandemic. He knows our country has many new leaders coming into office. No matter how you feel about who they are, remember that they are people loved and created by God, just the same as all leadership in our church, community, state, country and world. Be persistent in prayer for them. Be persistent in prayer for our church and community. Our community needs prayer. There are so many lost people in our town that we don’t know about. They may not be making choices you agree with, but they are people loved and created by God. How can we reach them? How can we impact our community for Christ? I encourage you to stay persistent in prayer this year and in the years to come. When the world shows fear, let us strive to show hope to others!

~Lauren



FOOD PANTRY MONTHLY INFORMATION Month of December 2020

Total number of families served this month:	118
Total number of people in households served:	273
Total number of families that received USDA products:	118
Total number of people in the families that received USDA products:	273
Total number of seniors (60+) served at your pantry:	66
Total number of children (under 18) served at your pantry:	69

THANK YOU NOTES

To My Friends at College Street Baptist Church,

Thank you so much for all my 90th birthday cards. I am so blessed to have you for my friends! Again, many thanks! You made my day complete!

I Love You All,

Gladys Thrift

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for the memorial sent to my Dad's church, Emma Gray Methodist. He loved his church and served in many capacities there over the years. Also, thank you for the many loving cards, texts and calls during this difficult time of losing my Dad, William Black. We are so blessed to have such a loving and compassionate church that never fails to reach out.

Sincerely,

Lanny and Joan Wilkie and the Family of William R. Black, Sr.

"SON" FLOWER CLOTHES CLOSET UPDATE

We would like to THANK Mrs. Mildred Byars for her 5+ years of service to the Clothes Closet. She has been there from the beginning with Ms. Jan Griffin. They had a vision to serve the people in our area with free clothes and household items. Mrs. Mildred is "retiring" from this wonderful ministry and passing the leadership of this ministry on. Are YOU looking for a place to volunteer? We are looking to put together 2 teams to serve the Clothes Closet.

We are planning to open the "SON" Flower Clothes Closet up on Monday and Tuesday mornings from 10 AM-1PM beginning in February. We are looking for a few volunteers (3-4; women & men) to help us with this ministry. If you are interested in more information or if you have volunteered in the past and would be interested in coming back, please contact Tracy Tichenor at 864-710-9626 or by email at jttich96@gmail.com.

We will be requiring volunteers and clients to wear a mask and temperatures will be taken at the door.

Please be in prayer for this ministry as we continue to help meet the needs of our community.

I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Tracy Tichenor



It's easy to tithe and give your offerings online!



Your tithes, offerings, and donations to College Street Baptist can now be made online. Tithing and donating have never been easier. It's quick, easy and secure and you can use debit or credit or check cards, or checking account. Just go to our website at www.collegestreetbaptist.org for further information and instructions.

Online giving is not replacing any of the traditional ways we already give, but is an additional option to those who prefer to make their donations by computer, cell phone or other mobile devices. College Street is using a church donation system provided by the Easy Tithe corporation. *EasyTithe* is church specific and is currently used by hundreds of churches across the nation.

You can make a regularly scheduled contribution or you can specify recurring donations. You can specify whether the contribution should go to the general budget or to designated categories. A credit card (MasterCard, Visa, or Discover) or a debit card can be used as well as a regular checking account. The process is secure and confidential and you will have continual access to your giving records.