



Connections

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NEWS AND EVENTS
FOR COLLEGE CHURCH

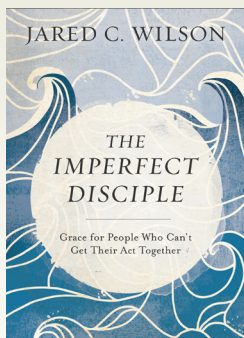
March 11, 2018

If You're New

After the worship service, make your way to the Welcome Center just outside the main Sanctuary doors to meet one of our friendly greeters, get connected with the life of College Church and pick up a special welcome gift. If you do not own a Bible, there is one there waiting for you. We want to give you the most important book ever.

If you have children, infant through sixth grade, stop by the Kids' Harbor Visitor Welcome Center (look for the blue and white awning) on the lower level of the Sanctuary building to meet staff, get information and register your children. Your young children will be well cared for as you worship.

March Book of the Month



The Imperfect Disciple by Jared C. Wilson, Available at the Book Stall this morning,

SUNDAY

This Sunday's morning sermon: Senior Pastor Josh Moody will continue our series on the Book of John titled *Life to the Full*. His sermon, titled "A Woman Caught in Adultery," will be from John 7:53-8:11.

Commons Café: Swing by Commons Lobby between services for coffee, juice and donuts.

Tonight at 6 p.m. in the Sanctuary, Pastor Eric Channing will preach on Mark 7:24-30 in the evening series *Disciples of the Son of God*.

Small Group Leader Training is today at 4:30 p.m. in Commons Gym. Pastor Josh Stringer will be teaching on prayer. Please make every effort to attend, and invite other leaders you think would benefit from the time. See you there.

THIS WEEK

Don't miss the upcoming showing of the video that features Dr. Paul David Tripp's teaching, "Marriage—What Did You Expect?" on Friday evening, March 16, and Saturday morning, March 17. Dr. Tripp is a pastor, counselor, event speaker and award-winning author. With more than 30 books and video series on Christian living, Paul's driving passion is to connect the transforming power of Jesus Christ to everyday life. For many years, Dr. Tripp has traveled around the world teaching on what the Bible has to say about marriage. In this exclusive event, he will share fresh insight and new application. Even if you've heard him speak before or own his marriage books and DVDs, this material will be fresh to your ears and refreshing for your soul! Registration is \$20 per couple, and includes a copy of Dr. Tripp's book *What Did You Expect?* For registration info, email marriage@college-church.org, or call Christy at ext. 175.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kids' Harbor will provide nursery and preschool programs during the 6 p.m. Good Friday Service provided we can secure adequate staffing. All materials will be provided. Contact Gail at gmudra@college-church.org to serve.

Partner with SICM (Summer Institute of Children's Ministry) to host a Backyard Bible Club for your neighbors and friends to hear the gospel. You provide the backyard and treats, the SICM team provides the rest. Kids' Harbor needs host homes the weeks of July 16 and July 30 for morning clubs. Contact Gail at gmudra@college-church.org.

Come to the Go! Meeting on March 25 from 4 to 6 p.m. in Welsh Hall. These monthly meetings are for those interested in missions and missionaries on home assignment. Hear from former missions pastor Bruce Wilson as he shares about his ministry with Echo. Also learn about the country of Tanzania from visiting scholar Bishop Magwesela, who is studying at Wheaton College. Dinner and childcare provided. RSVP by March 21 to Hope at hross@college-church.org.

55 and older: Our next Keenagers' dinner and program is Friday, March 23, in Commons Hall, with punch at 5:30 p.m., dinner at 6 p.m. (\$8) and the program at 7

On the Path to 500 Cinnamon Rolls, an Opportunity to Invite

By Wil and Lorraine Triggs

Last year, Pastor Josh Stringer asked us if we wanted to spearhead a rather daunting project: 500 cinnamon rolls and good coffee that a team of friendly people would give to visitors and guests on Easter Sunday.

On previous Easters, we got up early, baked rolls and brewed good strong coffee for people after the 6:30 sunrise service. But with just the two of us, 100 was the best we could do, and we were pretty sure the bread machine we inherited from a KM's bigger and better scavenger hunt some 10 years ago (thank you, son) was not up for the task.

We searched the Food Network app for large-batch cinnamon rolls and were delighted to find one from Ree Drummond, the Pioneer Woman. Her recipe made 50 rolls. Perfect and simple math—10 home bakers, each making one batch of rolls.

Lorraine sent out an email to some of College Church's home bakers, and in a day-and-a-half, had 11 bakers baking. Then another question came to mind: How could we bake, frost and transport the rolls to the tent outside of the Sanctuary on Easter morning? The answer: Recruit six junior high students to help. Thanks, Tommy, for finding what turned out to be a great team. We would do the baking; they would do the frosting and transporting the rolls from Commons Kitchen to the tent outside the Sanctuary steps. The volunteers were in place.

As Easter week approached, things got real. We needed to think about ways to serve the cinnamon rolls and coffee to that many people in a tent, outside on Easter morning—napkins, coffee cups and all the nitty-gritty details.

On Saturday before Easter, we started to look for paper liners for the cinnamon rolls to sit in as they baked. The cupcake liners with sides that look like corrugated cardboard didn't seem big enough. Plus they didn't look right. And there were napkins—we wanted spring colors, but not look like a bridal or baby shower. Also, what about festive cups that could hold coffee without melting or burning a visitor's hand. And we said that we would be responsible for the cream cheese frosting, which would mean purchasing bricks of cream cheese, vanilla, powdered sugar, butter, vanilla and lemons.

Our first stop was Aldi—unsalted butter, check. No cups or napkins that fit. We checked out Costco—powdered sugar for the frosting, check. Cups weren't right, and the napkins were just plain white. We drove down to Gordon Food Service. We looked at Jewel. No liners anywhere so far.

Plus it seemed like there were road detours everywhere we turned. This was taking a long time.

Wil even signed up to get into the Restaurant Depot in Addison, a warehouse of food, equipment and supply store with the biggest walk-in refrigerator/freezer we've ever been in, but we found cream cheese in bulk at a great price.

They also had tulip paper liners that looked right for the cinnamon rolls, but we had trouble figuring out their pricing system. And for them, 500 was almost too small of a number.



What about the store formerly known as Schweppes (City Food Equipment) on North Avenue? Are they still around? It was close to where we were, so we decided to give it a try.

We walked in, not expecting to find much. The woman who worked there greeted us and asked if she could help. We told her what we were looking for, and she walked us over to a wall display of napkins and paper cups.

Jackpot. The napkin selection was great. Purple, green, yellow, blue—but not pastel and cheaper than the other stores. This was getting exciting. They had matching cups. Look, we excitedly told each other. And the tulip baking liners had two style choices and multiple sizes. They had everything we needed.

As we unloaded our purchases on the counter, we gave JoAnne (the woman who helped us) our tax-exempt card. As she was putting the information into the store's computer, she asked what our event was. Easter, we explained. We're making 500 cinnamon rolls especially for people who visit us on Easter, and the coffee is going to be really good, too. If you're looking for a church to go to on Easter, come to College Church and enjoy one of the cinnamon rolls plus a really great Easter service.

She was interested. Her son and daughter-in-law were coming into town, and they all wanted to go to church somewhere.

We'd be a great place to visit, we said. We told her the times and gave her advice about the challenges of parking. She sounded genuinely interested and grateful for the invitation.

Wow. We had been wandering from store to store all morning, and it was beginning to feel a bit crazy. Why was it so hard to find what we needed? But at the end, we found what we needed and best of all—it came with the bonus of getting to invite someone to our Easter services who was wanting to go to church but didn't know where to go. God directed our path to her.

We're going back there in a few days and we'll have an Easter invitation card to give to JoAnne or whoever helps us this year. In fact, we're going to keep a stash of Easter invitation cards in the car. You never know when small talk with a shopkeeper, teacher, neighbor or colleague can turn into an opportunity and invitation to come and behold the Risen Christ.



Easter Week Services

Palm Sunday services will be on March 25 at 8, 9:30 and 11 a.m. The 6 p.m. evening service on Palm Sunday will feature a concert with Moody Men's Collegiate Choir.

Good Friday services will be on March 30 at 6 and 8 p.m.

Easter Sunday services will be on April 1 at 6:30, 8, 9:30 and 11 a.m. Our sunrise service at 6:30 a.m. will have the same musical elements as the other three services. If you come early for that service, there is no need to return to a later service to experience all the great elements of Easter Sunday at College Church. Our most crowded service of the year is our 9:30 a.m. service, so if you can make every attempt to attend either the 6:30 or 11 a.m. services, that would open up room for guests and visitors at the two more crowded services—8 and 9:30 a.m. There will not be nursery or children's programs at 6:30 a.m.

Parking. In addition to our own parking lots and street parking, Wheaton College has given us permission to use their parking lots for guests. The closest are the parking lots by Edman Chapel and the Billy Graham Center. The Wheaton Public Library is closed on Easter, so that lot is available as well, though two other churches will also be vying for those spots.

Let's make every effort to be a friendly and welcoming church to our visitors this Easter Sunday. Introduce yourself to those around you who seem new. Make a new friend. Pray that God would use our Easter services to bring people to faith in Christ.

Each One Bringing One

This year we are renewing a call for "Each One Bringing One" to invite people to join us on Easter Sunday and offer to go with them if that would be a help. Pray now about who you can invite. Pick up invitation cards Sunday morning or anytime during the week at College Church.

Inviting an International Student

International students at Chicago's various campuses are being encouraged to go to church with an American family. Please consider being a host for one of these eager students. There's no easier time to share about the hope of the gospel with a new friend from overseas than over a meal after the service. The meal can be as simple as a meal out after church, a gathering with your extended family, or a gathering with fellow small group members. If Sunday morning doesn't work for your family, consider inviting them to the Good Friday service or to an Easter meal with your small group on Saturday.

Please note that many students feel more comfortable coming with a friend or several friends. Students coming from Chicago will likely need to be picked up at the Metra station (offering to drive them back to Chicago would be helpful). Hosts will be connected with students about a week before Easter by email.

Please email ism@college-church.org with any questions.

Thank you for considering this opportunity!

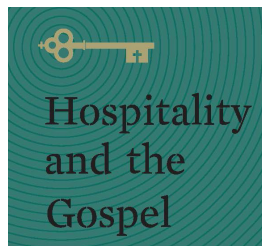
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p.m. The program features Leslie Goddard's portrayal of "Brownie Wise, the Original Tupperware Lady." To sign up, check the "Yes" box on the welcome panel. If you cannot attend, please check the "No" box. Reservations and cancellations can also be made by calling Everett and Marcelyn Peterson at (630) 784-0569 by Tuesday, March 20. Late cancellations and no-shows are requested to pay the \$8 program charge, since meals are purchased and prepared in advance. Keenagers at Windsor Park may call Wes and Jean Dusek at (630) 668-5244 by Tuesday, March 20 to reserve a ride.

Membership: The following people are being recommended for membership: Bob & Christine Appleyard, Victoria Barrows, Ruth Boccuzzi, Libbie Casey, John and Nancy Chase, John Chase Jr., Greg & Vera Cook, Christine Fallon, John Garvin, Mayi Hartnett, Melissa Hilker, Eddy Jiang, Teresa Johnson, Sandy Jolly, Eleanor Kearley, Hanford & Judy Linhardt, Scott & Betsy Love, Tom & Amy MacAdam, Al Manteuffel, Saisih Nawnkhar, Erin O'Day, Daniel & Bethany Opdyke, Andrew Park, Shannon Sparling, Greg Staky, Heidi Thompson, Bill Tuttle, Ashley Wynne and Mattelin Zander. Their membership applications are available at the Church Office for review by regular church members.

Dad & Me, Saturday, April 28, 9-11 a.m. Dads and kids ages three—second grade, invite a friend and join other dads and kids for a morning of fun featuring inflatables, activity centers and snacks. Remember to wear socks; they're required to participate in the festivities. \$5/family. Questions? Contact Sherri at sarndt@college-church.org.

Attention Women: Rosaria Butterfield coming to College Church on Saturday, May 5. The women of College Church are invited for a special one-day event hosted collaboratively with Crossway. Author and speaker Rosaria Butterfield will share on the topic of hospitality from her new book, *The Gospel Comes with a House Key*. Early registration is open now exclusively to College Church women, and then to the public starting March 17. Options to attend with or without lunch are available. Early registration is especially important to reserve your space for lunch. For more information visit the display in the Narthex this morning or register at crossway.org/butterfield.



Movement Within Our Missions Family: We're pleased to announce that the Board of Missions has approved Elizabeth for career service with TEAM in the Middle East. Elizabeth will be commissioned on Sunday, April 22, during the Spring Missions Festival. Join us in welcoming her warmly into our missions family.

Spring Missions Festival is April 21 & 22.

You won't want to miss this year's guest speaker, Michael Oh, global executive director and CEO of the Lausanne Movement. Founded more than 40 years ago by the late Reverend Billy Graham, the Lausanne Movement has "set the table" and convened leaders for a number of global gatherings that have impacted the scope of world missions. Today Lausanne continues to fulfill its unique calling to connect leaders across regions, issues and generations to collaboratively and prayerfully work toward the advancement of the gospel. Throughout the weekend, you will also have a chance to connect with and hear from 30 missionaries working in places like Eastern Europe, South Asia, Africa and the Middle East.



We have an opportunity to serve in the STARS ministry. A sweet boy needs a 1:1 buddy to attend his third-grade Bible school class with him on Sundays at 9:30 a.m. every other week. Please email Shelley at sswanson@college-church.org for more info.

College Church, in partnership with The Charles Simeon Trust, will host the Workshop on Biblical Exposition, May 9–11, 2018. We are delighted to have former pastoral resident Brandon Levering, now lead pastor of Westgate Church in Weston, Massachusetts, and K. Edward Copeland, pastor of New Zion Missionary Baptist Church in Rockford, Illinois, join Senior Pastor Josh Moody in leading the workshop. The workshop is designed to help preachers grow in their ability to rightly handle the Word of God. The focus of this year's workshop is "Preaching Wisdom Literature" from Ecclesiastes. To register, visit <https://goo.gl/8zRyCJ>. If you are interested in volunteering to serve at the workshop or you have any questions, contact Carolyn Litfin at clitfin@college-church.org.

PRAYER

Monday Morning Prayer Meeting meets 6:15–7:15 a.m. in the Board Room (second floor of Commons). The group is open to everyone.

Midweek Prayer Meeting on Wednesday evening. On March 14 at 7 p.m., one of our couples serving overseas will be sharing.

Come to Lydia Prayer Fellowship on Tuesday morning, March 13, at 9:15 a.m. at the home of Joyce Patterson, 925 Wheaton Oaks Dr., to meet one of our missionaries and the other friendly women who will be there as well.

Hannah Fellowship will meet on Wednesday, March 14, 1:30 p.m. at the home of Liz Cook, 140 Windsor Park Dr., Apt. E201, Carol Stream. **Sue Kelly** with Leadership Resources International will be sharing. Join us to hear how God is using LRI and the Kellys to empower pastors around the world.

Prayer for the Persecuted Church. Every Friday, 12–1 p.m., we meet in C103. Join us as we lift up our brothers and sisters in prayer.

Hospitalized or recently ill: None at this time.

Ongoing health needs: Roslyn Albright, Evan Barrie, Josiah Barrie, Jeanne Blumhagen, Kaylie Bohl, Grace Bryer, Jean Crane, Len Dunlop, Carol Eickhoff, Ellie Eklund, Meredith Elsen, Jennifer Felske, Micah Foody, Jona Fuller, Lyn Futrell, Andrew Hancock, David Hodges, Sandy Jolly, Zinnia Jones, Kitch Kitchell, Lucy Larakers, Viv Odell, Ava Pardue (daughter of CCIW missionaries, Steve & Terri Pardue,) Megan-Shalom Sadiq, Jim Siple, Lillian Smith, Harry & Marge Teiwes, Ed VanDerMolen, Jim Vanne, Nathanael Williams

Home-bound and care centers: Don Ahrenholz, Joyce Anderson, Bob & Peg Carlson, Carol Childs, Doug Clark, Pat Duhey, Lois Erickson, Arlene Hare, Juanita Huff, Miriam Kautz, Julia King, Margaret Lyda, George Newitt, Martha Reapsome, Lorna Schultz, John Warner, Irene Watt, Priscilla Weese, Shirley Whitecotton, Merna Yehling, Shirley Zalar

CHURCH AND COMMUNITY

Around Town

Spring brings good news as Repeat Boutique “springs forward” with plans to move into new facilities this spring. Thanks be to God for all your answered prayers during this 18-month search. He has clearly blessed us with a new landlord at 191 South Gary Avenue in Carol Stream. We will miss being a part of the college community, but with only a four-mile difference, we trust that the strong ties will continue. Over the next two months we will be gathering volunteers interested in the preparation of our relocation to assist with light construction, painting and the actual move. If you have an interest please contact Linda at repeatboutiquecenter@gmail.com or call (630) 462-7341. And while you are spring housecleaning, please keep the Boutique in mind. We still have all of our 4,000 clients who will pass through before the move. Our missionaries will also filter in for home assignment needs. We don't want them caught short because friends think we have stopped receiving donations. Let's open the windows of the storehouse and see what the Lord provides. To God be the glory.

The students of Greenhouse present “Here, in the Gates.” Without a home, in a barren wasteland, five orphaned sisters receive a merciful gift. A thousand years later, their legend inspires a remnant of exiled Jews. College Church member Jennifer Wheatley is director of two of the performances. Performances will be at Grace Church of DuPage in Warrenville on Thursday, March 15, at 7 p.m., Friday, March 16, at 7 p.m. and Saturday, March 17, at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. Tickets are \$8 in advance and \$10 at the door. To purchase tickets, go to greenhousecoschool.org/boxoffice or call (630) 462-9657, ext. 3.

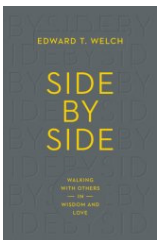
Congratulations

Kya Lucia Bradley was born to missionaries **Kyle and Dariana Bradley** on February 24. Paternal grandparents are **Mark and Sarah Bradley**.

Are you or a loved one involved in an event that might be of interest to our church community? Let us know so we can share it with the congregation. Email us at connections@college-church.org.

Staff Picks: New at the Book Stall

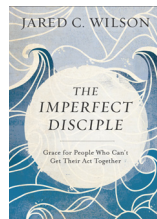
We have new titles at the College Church Book Stall. We asked ministry staff to recommend titles they think would be worthy additions. Here are a few of their selections. Visit the Book Stall after morning services to pick up your copies.



Recommended by Ben Panner, college pastor:

Side by Side

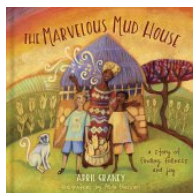
by Ed Welch



A good read from Josh Stringer, pastor of discipleship:

The Imperfect Disciple

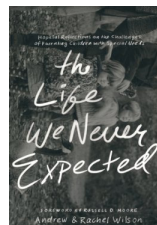
by Jared C. Wilson



Hand-picked by Diane Jordan, director of children's ministries:

The Marvelous Mud House

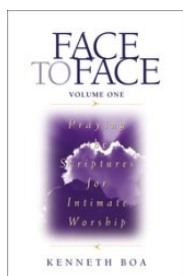
by April Graney



Highly recommended by Julie Clemens, director of disability ministries:

The Life We Never Expected: Hopeful Reflections on the Challenges of Parenting Children with Special Needs

by Paul Wilson



Selected by Eric Channing, pastor of congregational care and family ministries:

Face to Face: Praying the Scriptures for Intimate Worship (vol 1)

by Kenneth Boa

Calendar

MONDAY, MARCH 12 2018–
SUNDAY, MARCH 18, 2018

JOY OF GIVING

Thank you for making giving a part of your worship of God. Whatever method we use to give our tithes and offerings, giving generously to the ministries and missions of College Church allows us to preach, teach and disciple here and around the world about how to live for Christ and to reach those who do not yet know Jesus as their Savior.

Giving to College Church Ministries and Missions

Our Ministry Resource Plan (Budget) through March 4:
\$ 6,262,753

Our total giving toward this Plan:
\$ 5,709,034

Ahead (Behind)
(\$553,719) 91.2%

ADULTS

Monday, March 12

6:15 a.m. Prayer Meeting: Praying for God's Glory, Board Room, second floor of Commons building

Tuesday, March 13

7 p.m. Mental Health Grace Groups: Living Grace and Family Grace

Wednesday, March 14

9:15 a.m. Women's Bible Study, Commons Hall

6:45 p.m. Women's Bible Study, Commons Hall

7 p.m. Midweek Prayer Meeting, Narthex

Thursday, March 15

7 p.m. Adult Choir

Friday, March 16

12 p.m. Prayer for the Persecuted Church, C103

7 p.m. Marriage Seminar, Commons Hall

Saturday, March 17

9 a.m. Marriage Seminar, Commons Hall

Sunday, March 18

8, 9:30 & 11 a.m. Services with Senior Pastor Josh Moody, John 8:12–30: *Life to the Full*: "The Light of Life"

8, 9:30 & 11 a.m. Adult Communities, Commons

9:30 a.m. Becoming One, C104A

5:30 p.m. College Group Meeting, Commons Hall

6 p.m. Evening Service with Pastor Josh Stringer, Mark 7:31–37, *Disciples of the Son of God*

STARS

Wednesday, March 14

6:45 p.m. Praise in Action, Welsh Hall

Sunday, March 18

9:30 a.m. Sunday Morning Classes 105, C001/3/5, C101/3

11 a.m. Sunday Morning Classes C001/3/5, C101/3

6 p.m. STARS Choir, CL02

STUDENTS

Wednesday, March 14

7 p.m. HYACKs Big Group, C002

7 p.m. KMs SURGE, various locations

Sunday, March 18

9:30 a.m. HYACKs, C002

9:30 a.m. KMs, CL02

CHILDREN

Wednesday, March 14

9:15 a.m. Kids' Korner

6:45 p.m. Pioneer Girls, Tree Climbers, Boys' Brigade

Sunday, March 18

8 a.m. Nursery

9:30 a.m. Nursery, Preschool and Elementary Bible School

11 a.m. Nursery, Preschool Children's Church, WOW

6 p.m. Nursery, Rooms 13 & 15

6 p.m. Preschool, Rooms 20 & 21

6 p.m. Cherub Choir, Room 205. All other choirs, Old Gym in the Sanctuary building (Room 301).

6 p.m. God's Children Sing, 011, 012, 001, 201

WHAT'S THAT?

KMs: Junior High Ministry

HYACKs: High School Ministry

STARS: Disability Ministries



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