

## FAMILY CONCERNS

### IN THE HOSPITAL:

LAUDERDALE COMMUNITY LIVING CENTER: **Barb Elkins** (Joint Heirs)

### CHURCH FAMILY:

**Gerald and Beverly Bond** (Bereans); **Dot Dorsey** (Joint Heirs); **Shirley Graham** (Joint Heirs); **Herrold Hanson**; **Arlin Hendrix** (Missionary); **Elnora Pounds** (Seekers); **Bobbie Scrape**; **Michael and Melanie Semore** (Joint Heirs); **Mary E. Smith** (Joint Heirs); **Vicki Vandiveer** (Seekers); **Doris Watson** (Singles Blended)

### FAMILY & FRIENDS:

Rita Bernard; Bobbie Bradley; Alicia Clark; Polly Cox; Cherissa Dennis; Rachel Duram; Bill Flatt; Purvis Flemming; Margaret Floyd; Danny Ginn; Logan Holloway; Bill and Elizabeth Inman; Larry Jene; Grady Mason; Mason Melton; Christi Murphy; Grace Poindexter; Kayla Pritchard; Sam Roach; Eric Sanders; Peggy Sisson; Bernice Via; John Vandiveer; Sharon Warren; Alyssa Michie Watson; Ruth Ann Weatherington; Sean Whitworth; Willie Williams; Russell Young

### IN THE MILITARY:

John Berger (Army National Guard); Quadrell Brumfield (Airforce); Jeffrey Cigrang (Navy); Major Jennifer Conk (Airforce); Major Ryan Conk (Airforce); James Cooper (Army); Major Lauren Cotney (Air Nat. Guard); Col. Whitney Gardner (Army); Brooks Gatlin (National Guard); Sgt. Tommy Glasscock (National Guard); John Grady (Army National Guard-abroad); Major Aaron Hines (Air Force-abroad); Major Stefan Lockton (Army); Jesse James Lucas (Airforce); Jackson Nelms (Army National Guard); Gerri Ripple (Navy); Jacob Robinson (Army); Paul T. Robinson (Army); Shawn Royer (Army); Jacob Tomlinson (Army National Guard); Col. Clarence David Turner (Army)

### ON THE MISSION FIELD:

- **Bruce, Janet, and Annie Bates** (Cumberland, RI)
- **Caleb, Fran, Abigail, Elizabeth, Ruth, and Mariam Borchers** (Providence, RI)
- **Colette Daugherty** (Meudon, France)
- **Arlin and Pamela Hendrix** (Meyzieu, France)
- **Frank and Gladys Hotorwoshie** (Accra, Ghana)
- **Ananias Moses** (Gaborone, Botswana)
- **Ralph and Twyla Williams** (Moduli, Tanzania)

### LAST WEEK'S STATISTICS

ATTENDANCE:	CONTRIBUTION:
Sunday, 11.24	Sunday, 11.24
AM Worship Services..... 477	Weekly Actual.....\$15,589
AM Classes ..... 313	Weekly Budget.....\$27,500
PM Worship Service ..... 111	Good Samaritans .....\$4,097
Wednesday 11.20 ..... 206	

## DCS Christmas Party

Please remember to return your filled Red Tubs **next Sunday, December 8th!** If for some reason you are unable to bring it next Sunday, please contact **Brittney Ragin** ([brittneyjordanragin@gmail.com](mailto:brittneyjordanragin@gmail.com)) or **Theresa Jordan** ([tjordan@cocws.org](mailto:tjordan@cocws.org)) to make other arrangements. Please remember to use the label provided inside of the tub and attach it to the side of your filled tub before dropping it off next week.

On **Saturday, December 14th**, White Station will host the annual Department of Children's Services (DCS) Christmas Party. This party is for children in foster care and their families. This event requires a lot of volunteers, and we still need several items donated to help with the party. Sign up sheets are available in adult Bible classes or you can sign up at the following link: <http://bit.ly/DcsChristmas>.

## Agape FIT Christmas Party

We will be hosting the Agape Families in Transition ("FIT") families for a Christmas party, and we will be giving each child a brand new pair of Christmas pajamas. If you would like to donate a pair, you can sign up online: <http://bit.ly/AgapeFIT>. Please be sure to follow the directions at the top of the website. FIT is adding new families, so the sign-up will be updated soon with additional sizes needed.

## Wednesday Night Women's Class

This **Wednesday, December 4th**, the ladies' class that meets in Room G216 (taught by Fran Craddock) will be starting a new Bible study entitled *God of Creation* by Jen Wilkin. This is a study of Genesis 1-11 using video sessions and a workbook. The workbooks can be purchased online through Amazon, LifeWay, or ChristianBook. Ladies in all stages of life are invited to join us for this exciting study!

## Part-Time Fellowship Hall Worship Minister

White Station has a part-time job opening for a Fellowship Hall Worship Minister. The job description can be found on the COCWS website under "About Us." Inquiries and resumes should be emailed to **Charlie Michael** at [cmichael@cocws.org](mailto:cmichael@cocws.org).

## Memorial Celebration for Nan Morris

A one-year memorial celebration of the life of Nan Morris, the late wife of Don Morris, will be held **next Sunday, December 8th** from 2:00-3:30 p.m. in the Fireplace Room. Nan passed away after a long illness on December 10, 2018. She was greatly loved and is sorely missed by family and friends. This will be a time to share funny stories, memories that touched your heart, and the good things about Nan's life. If you cannot stay the whole time, feel free to stop in and pay respects. Nan's favorite desserts will be served, and please bring pictures or mementos you wish to share.



## THE CHURCH OF CHRIST AT WHITE STATION

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DECEMBER 1, 2019



### To our guests...

Welcome to White Station. Thank you for choosing to worship with us today. We pray you will be uplifted by the worship assembly, challenged by today's lesson, and find connection in one of our Bible classes.

If you want to learn more about White Station and how you can join us as we serve God & our city, join us at our next **Discovery Worship**.

For more information: [donmkindergmail.com](mailto:donmkindergmail.com).

### This Week at White Station

Fellowship Every Weekday from 8 a.m. to Noon in the Coffee House

#### MONDAY (12.2)

- ◆ Walking Track open from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.
- ◆ Devotional @ 9:30 a.m. in the Coffee House
- ◆ Community Exercise @ 10 a.m. in the CLC Gym
- ◆ Community Yoga @ 6:15 & 7:30 p.m. in the CLC Gym

#### TUESDAY (12.3)

- ◆ Walking Track open from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- ◆ Ladies' Bible Class @ 10:00 a.m. in the Conference Room
- ◆ Volleyball Free Play (Adv.) from 7 to 9 p.m. for ages 18+

#### WEDNESDAY (12.4)

- ◆ Walking Track open from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- ◆ Pickleball from 9 a.m. to Noon in the CLC Gym
- ◆ Open Half-Court Basketball from 2 to 4 p.m.
- ◆ Devotional @ 3 p.m. in the Chapel
- ◆ Fellowship Meal @ 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall (Beef and Broccoli Stir Fry, Kung Pao Chicken, Fried and Steamed Rice, Egg Rolls, and Ice Cream Bar)
- ◆ Pickleball from 8 to 10 p.m. in the CLC Gym

#### THURSDAY (12.5)

- ◆ Walking Track open from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.
- ◆ Devotional @ 9:30 a.m. in the Coffee House
- ◆ Community Exercise @ 10 a.m. in the CLC Gym
- ◆ Volleyball Free Play from 7 to 9 p.m. for ages 18+

#### FRIDAY (12.6)

- ◆ Men's Prayer Group at 6:30 a.m. in the Education Building Conference Room
- ◆ Walking Track open from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- ◆ Pickleball from 9 a.m. to Noon in the CLC Gym
- ◆ Open Half-Court Basketball from 2 to 4 p.m.

#### SATURDAY (12.7)

- ◆ Walking Track open from 9 a.m. to Noon
- ◆ Open Half-Court Basketball from 9 a.m. to Noon

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A staffed nursery is provided for children 0 - 36 months. The nursery is located on the green hallway, Room E112 in the Education Building. We also provide an age-appropriate Children's Worship for children ages 3 through Kindergarten located on the south hall in Room 129.

## Sunday Morning Worship 10:15 a.m.

**AUDITORIUM** ..... Worship Leader: Greg Muse  
**Welcome/Scripture Reading [Matthew 2:1-4]/Prayer**..... Bubba Nelms  
**Song:** 96 - I Stand in Awe  
**"Star or Crown" (Matthew 2)**..... Rodney Plunket  
**Response Song:** 662 - All to Jesus I Surrender  
**Songs:** 273 - More Precious Than Silver  
 552 - Have THine Own Way  
**Lord's Supper and Offering** ..... Larry Green  
**Songs:** 695 - None of Self and All of Thee  
 822 - Sweet Will of God  
**Announcements**..... Bubba Nelms  
**Song:** 745 - Humble Yourself  
**Prayer** ..... Ed Russell

**FELLOWSHIP HALL**..... Worship Leader: Paula Thweatt  
**Welcome/Announcements/Scripture [Matt. 2:1-4]/Prayer** ..... Joe Galloway  
**Song:** We Have Come to Worship Him  
 Glory to God Forever  
 Complete  
**Lord's Supper and Offering** ..... Rusty Woods  
 Bread and Cup: Above All  
 Offering: More Precious Than Silver  
**Song:** Turn My Heart  
**"Star or Crown" (Matthew 2)**..... Rodney Plunket  
**Songs:** Sovereign  
 My God Reigns  
**Prayer/Blessing**..... Susan Rubio

## Sunday Evening Worship 5:00 p.m.

**CHAPEL** ..... Worship Leader: Greg Muse  
**Welcome/Scripture Reading [Hebrews 6:9-12]/Prayer**..... Todd Meredith  
**Songs:** 1005 - Beautiful Star of Bethlehem  
 453 - Love Lifted Me  
 484 - You Are My All in All  
**"Worthy"** ..... Rodney Plunket  
**Response Song:** 504 - In Loving-Kindness Jesus Came  
**Lord's Supper and Offering** ..... Jerry Collins  
**Song:** 474 - Thank You, Lord  
**Prayer** ..... Brent Mason

## CAKE: Christmas Acts of Kindness Experiment

### Children's Ministry Christmas Play

Our Children's Ministry will be performing a Christmas play **next Sunday evening** at 5:00 p.m. in the Auditorium. Please make plans to attend! There will be a reception immediately after the performance in the Children's Worship Center.

The church office is experiencing phone problems. We are working on a solution, but until the problem is fixed, please contact us at the following numbers:

**CLC Desk: 901-435-9463 Church Office: 901-435-9482**

## Search Committee for New Senior Minister

We are very excited to announce the names of our Search Committee for White Station's new Senior Minister. The search process will require an incredible amount of time, work and sacrifice by our Search Committee over the next several months. Please be in prayer for our search, the process, and especially those willing to serve in this very important role.

<b>Barbara Taylor</b>	<b>Fran Craddock</b>	<b>Hollye-Beth Griffin</b>
<b>James Dennis</b>	<b>Keith Briley</b>	<b>Larry Green</b>
<b>Mary Hamm</b>	<b>Rick Oster</b>	<b>Rusty Woods</b>
<b>Ryan Luttrell</b>	<b>Sarah Bridges</b>	<b>Scotty Boone</b>
<b>Sherrri Spain</b>	<b>Stephen Hughes</b>	<b>Susan Vaughn</b>
<b>Ellis Haguewood</b>	<b>Don Meredith</b>	<b>Charlie Michael</b>
<i>Chair</i>	<i>Elder Liaison</i>	<i>Staff Liaison</i>

We pray God's wisdom, peace and grace upon us as we begin this exciting journey as His body at White Station.

## Discipleship Training Seminar Today

We are very thankful to have **John Magnuson** (Executive Projects Minister) and **Joe Roberts** (Discipleship Minister) from the North Boulevard Church of Christ with us today to lead our Discipleship Training Seminar.

- Session 1:** Discipleship: Joining the Mission at 9:00 a.m.  
Offered during the Bible Class Hour in the Auditorium
- Session 2:** The Tools of Discipleship at 11:30 a.m.  
Working Lunch in the Children's Worship Center  
**Please RSVP for lunch at <http://bit.ly/COCWSdiscipleship>.**
- Session 3:** Forming Discipleship Groups at 1:00 p.m.  
in the Children's Worship Center

## Upcoming Wedding

A come and go wedding shower for **Aislinn Nofuente and James Williams** (son of Ralph and Twyla Williams, our missionaries to Tanzania) will be held immediately following worship services **today** in the Fireplace Room. They are registered at Amazon; Bed, Bath, & Beyond; Target; and Walmart.

All are invited to celebrate the wedding of **Aislinn Nofuente and James Williams** **this Saturday, December 7th** at 5:00 p.m. in the Chapel.

### WHAT ABOUT WEDNESDAY?

- @ 3:00 p.m. — **Jerry Collins** in the Chapel
- @ 5:30 p.m. — **Fellowship Meal** in the Fellowship Hall
- @ 6:30 p.m. — **Deaf Bible Class** in G211  
**Iglesia de Cristo** in the Library  
**One Another (Men's Class)** in G206  
**Ladies Classes:** *Fearless* in G201 and *God of Creation* in G216  
**Peak of the Week** in G209/210  
**Sanctuary (Youth Group)** in the Station  
**Children (age 3 - 6th grade)** in the Educational Building

BY AMBER TURNER

## "What Do You Know?"

I'm borrowing the question from an old Memphis Harding Academy Physics class, and I'm asking it in the same emphatic way Dr. Bob McConnell once did.

Take a minute, look around you, and make a mental list. What do you know?

This is what psychologists call a "grounding exercise," an activity designed to switch the mind's channel from panic about the unknown to thoughts of things that are tangible, in the moment. It's a list you can make of truths you recognize immediately, without someone having to point them out to you.

*The clouds are moving.  
 There's a dog barking.  
 It smells like cinnamon.  
 I am not in pain.*

Every Saturday evening, twelve Room In The Inn guests come through our CLC doors. Some are repeat visitors, but many are new to us. For most of them, there are more questions than answers in their lives. This past week, I was hidden in the corner of the clothing closet digging through a sock bin, when I overheard one of our new guests as she sorted through the clothes on the rack.

"Jesus loves me," she said aloud to herself. "This I know," she insisted.

I've no idea what kinds of worries heaped on top of homelessness that our guest brought into the CLC with her that night. Estrangements, abuses, addictions maybe. For whatever reason, she was in a place she'd never been, for the purpose of eating and washing and sleeping alongside strangers in a gym. Yet that night, she'd been chauffeured safely across town, served homemade cornbread with a smile, been gifted a new pair of shoes that actually fit, and replaced her lost green hat. And somehow in the midst of what was likely a cocktail of fears and unknowns in her mind, as she sifted through donated sweatshirts, a list of what she recognized took shape, and it contained only one line item. Jesus loves me. This I know.

It struck me immediately that those words were, in that moment, a grounding exercise for the soul. My new friend's life might be completely unrecognizable right now, but through the mundane kindnesses of others, what she did recognize was the love of Jesus Christ. And just like that, her spoken claim short-circuited my own anxieties I'd brought with me into the CLC that night. Because her words, in fact, are the one this I know that will remain even if the sky melts away. If barking dogs bite. If the whole place reeks of garbage. And if we hurt day and night. Even if the all the rest of it crumbles. Jesus loves me. This I know. Think of the most mundane ways this truth has been revealed to you. Say the words aloud and let them ground you today. Let them bind you to people who share your very same fears. Think of the words as a cadence as we walk each other to our forever home. They will never not be true.

Would you consider providing some "this I know" moments during the next few weeks? If you would like to volunteer, we are always looking for people to help in various capacities. You can visit our SignUp Genius page to see all of the different ways you can serve: <http://bit.ly/volunteerRITI>. If you would like to donate items to help meet some of the ongoing needs of our guests, you can find our Amazon Wish List here: <http://bit.ly/COCWS-RITI>. Our Wish List is updated regularly as new needs arise, and items are delivered directly to the church. Please pray, volunteer, purchase items, or all of the above for White Station's Room in the Inn guests.

You will be blessed as richly as the ones you serve. This we know well.