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COLLEGE  
BAPTIST CHURCH

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# COLLEGE BAPTIST CHURCH

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† 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

## † CALL TO WORSHIP

REVELATION 15:3-4

“Great and amazing are your deeds,  
O Lord God the Almighty!  
Just and true are your ways,  
O King of the nations!  
Who will not fear, O Lord,  
and glorify your name?  
For you alone are holy.  
All nations will come  
and worship you,  
for your righteous acts have been revealed.”

## † 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.

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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

*Pastor Ben Cuthbert*

## ADOPT-A-STUDENT

*Cuthbert Family, Paul Marselus, Soren Moody, Kate Pipher, & Sam Wooddell*

## † PSALM 130:3-4

If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities,  
O Lord, who could stand?  
But with you there is forgiveness,  
that you may be feared.

## † BEFORE THE THRONE OF GOD ABOVE

*Bancroft, Cook; CCLI 2306412*

Before the throne of God above, I have a strong and perfect plea:  
A great High Priest whose name is Love, who ever lives and pleads for me.  
My name is graven on His hands; my name is written on His heart.  
I know that, while in heav'n He stands, no tongue can bid me thence depart;  
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

I bow before the cross of Christ and marvel at this love divine,  
God's perfect Son was sacrificed to make me righteous in God's eyes.  
This river's depths I cannot know, but I can glory in its flood;  
The Lord Most High has bowed down low and poured on me His glorious love,  
And poured on me His glorious love.

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When Satan tempts me to despair and tells me of the guilt within,  
Upward I look and see Him there, who made an end to all my sin.  
Because the sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is counted free,  
For God the Just is satisfied to look on Him and pardon me;  
To look on Him and pardon me.

Behold Him there the Risen Lamb, my perfect spotless Righteousness,  
The great unchangeable I Am, the King of Glory and of grace.  
One with Himself, I cannot die; my soul is purchased by His blood!  
My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ my Savior and my God,  
With Christ my Savior and my God.

## OFFERTORY

*We will not pass the offering plate this morning. Before or after the service, please place your offering in the plates at the rear of the sanctuary or make your gift online at [collegebaptist.org](http://collegebaptist.org).*

## DOXOLOGY

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.

## PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

*Scott Allen, 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: HEBREWS 12:18-24

<sup>18</sup> For you have not come to what may be touched, a blazing fire and darkness and gloom and a tempest <sup>19</sup> and the sound of a trumpet and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that no further messages be spoken to them. <sup>20</sup> For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even a beast touches the mountain, it shall be stoned." <sup>21</sup> Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear." <sup>22</sup> But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, <sup>23</sup> and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, <sup>24</sup> and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

## SERMON: MOUNTAINS & MEDIATORS

*Pastor Ben Cuthbert*

## THE LORD'S SUPPER *The bread we use is gluten-free.*

The Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me."  
In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

## †CHRIST OUR HOPE IN LIFE AND DEATH *Kauflin, Getty, Papa, Merker; CCLI 7147502*

What is our hope in life and death? Christ alone, Christ alone.  
What is our only confidence? That our souls to Him belong.  
What holds our days within His hand? What comes apart from His command?  
And what will keep us to the end? The love of Christ, in which we stand.

### **CHORUS**

O sing hallelujah! Our hope springs eternal;  
O sing hallelujah! Now and ever we confess  
Christ our hope in life and death.

What truth can calm the troubled soul? God is good, God is good.  
Where is His grace and goodness known? In our great Redeemer's blood.  
Who holds our faith when fears arise? Who stands above the stormy trial?  
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh, unto the shore the rock of Christ. **CHORUS**

Unto the grave, what shall we sing? "Christ, He lives; Christ, He lives!"  
And what reward will heaven bring? Everlasting life with Him.  
There we will rise to meet the Lord, then sin and death will be destroyed,  
And we will feast in endless joy, when Christ is ours forevermore. **CHORUS**

## DEACON FUND OFFERING

## †BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

# THE BULLETIN BOARD

WHO'S WHO? *Boldface indicates board chair. Look inside the attendance pad for more information about board duties.*

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## PRAYING THROUGH THE PSALMS

Sunday, September 6	Psalm 100
Monday, September 7	Psalm 101
Tuesday, September 8	Psalm 102
Wednesday, September 9	Psalm 103

Thursday, September 10	Psalm 104
Friday, September 11	Psalm 105
Saturday, September 12	Psalm 106
Sunday, September 13	Psalm 107

Sunday, September 6	6:00 p.m.	O.W.I.S. Potluck & Bible Study (Zemaiduk's)
Sunday, September 13	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
Sunday, September 13	10:45 a.m.	Worship Service
Monday, September 14	7:00 p.m.	Men's M.E.A.T. Bible Study (Sanctuary)
Monday, September 14	7:00 p.m.	Women's Bible Study (Upper Vestry)
Wednesday, September 16	10:00 a.m.	Tidings of Comfort (Upper Vestry)

**O.W.I.S.** We will be meeting **today at 6:00 p.m.** at the home of Nick and Rose Zemaiduk (1200 S Lake Wilson Rd.)

**BABY SHOWER** A baby shower honoring Amelia Lawson will be held at **4:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 20** at the home of Joni Westblade (4333 South Drive, Hillsdale). Amelia is registered at babylist.com. Please RSVP to Joni Westblade (517-610-1254) or Julia Winter (616-209-2031) by September 15.

**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 20** at 115 Cold Springs Circle—a little more than a mile from campus. Come when you can, leave when you must.

**ADOPT-A-STUDENT** Did you know that CBC offers an Adopt-a-Student Program that matches church families with Hillsdale College students who attend our services? Last year, 106 students chose to participate in the program! Sign-up will take place the four Sundays in September.

**OCC COLLECTION** This September we are collecting clothing items for this year's OCC Pack-A-Box Party.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** If you would like to be added to the CBC Announcement Email, please contact Scott Allen at 320-2118 or ssallen86@gmail.com.

**PRAYER CHAIN** If you would like to be added to the CBC Prayer Chain Email, please contact Peggy Stewart at 320-1098 or peggystewart@yahoo.com.

FINANCIAL REPORT THROUGH AUGUST 29:  
 Contributions YTD \$169,438 *minus* Expenses YTD \$143,745 *equals* Net \$25,693  
 Budget YTD \$171,295