

October 16, 2022

# Are You a College Christian or a Christian in College?

College can be a wonderful time in a young person's life, despite the pressures of academic achievement. To do well can be quite overwhelming. For most students it's the first time they have ever been away from home where there are no parents to tell them what to do on a daily basis. It's the first step to being one's own man or woman. Many college students face tremendous pressures to do things they have never done before and to be with types of people they are unaccustomed to being with.

This is a lesson for all of us, but it is especially applicable to young people of college age. Be a Christian in College, not just a "College Christian"; there is a difference! A Christian in College is true to his faith no matter where he finds himself, but a College Christian allows his faith to change according to his circumstances and accommodate his environment.

*Christians in college have responsibility.* All Christians do, whatever state they are in (Matthew 5:13-16). Salt has two outstanding qualities; the preservation of things it comes in contact with; but if it loses its savor (i.e., becomes flat and tasteless), it isn't of any use. Christians are like the light of the world in much the same way they are the salt

95 Central Ave. Searcy, AR 72143 (501) 305-4244 of the earth. It's possible, according to Jesus, for a strong light to be rendered useless if something is placed over it. People don't do such things in temporal matters; they only act this foolishly in spiritual matters. Be a Christian anywhere and everywhere, and such will glorify God! Commit to be a Christian in College.

*Christians in college have accountability.* I'm convinced many College Christians don't believe they have Biblical accountability while away in college. However, no matter where you are as a Christian, you are accountable to the Lord (Romans 14:12). This accountability is in your words, thoughts, and deeds. (Read Ecclesiastes 11:9,10; 1 Timothy 4:12.) Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego were Hebrew youth in unfamiliar surroundings, but they neither bowed nor bent to the king (Daniel 1:8; 3:12-18). Young people, *dare to be a Daniel!* Be a Christian anywhere, under any circumstances!

College is a tremendous time of opportunity for Christian youth. It is a tremendous time to develop your faith through the adversities and challenges you will face. Challenges can present many temptations—which is not altogether a bad thing (James 1:2,3; 1 Peter 4:12-14). Trials and temptations give us an opportunity to defend the faith and grow spiritually (2 Peter 3:18). Trials and temptations provide us opportunity to spread the gospel (1 Peter 3:15).

College is a good time to develop **faithfulness**. The Christian in college has a wonderful opportunity to develop commitment to Christ. To develop willful faith and put into practice what you have previously learned (2 Timothy 1:5; 3:14,15). It is a good opportunity to encourage and influence others (1 Timothy 4:12; 2 Timothy 2:22).

The requirements for a Christian in college are really no different than the requirements for any Christian in any circumstance. What about you? Are you a Christian in College or just a College Christian?

—Jack Openshaw





"I have given them Your word; and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. I do not pray that You should take them out of the world, but that You should keep them from the evil one."

Do you know where this passage is found? See page 4 for the answer.

## Announcements

## Birthdays This Week

Clayton Loudermilk (October 20)

### Pancake Dinner

There will be a pancake dinner for the college and young professionals group today after the evening worship service.

## Mission Trip to India

Please remember Dennis and Larry in your prayers as they return from India. Larry expects to return today, with Dennis to follow tomorrow.

# Guest Speaker from Healing Hands

Sean Judge from Healing Hands International will be speaking to us at the Sunday night service on October 23.

# Fall Fellowship

Our Fall Fellowship is planned for Saturday, October 29, starting at 5:00, at the property of the Scribas.

# Harding Place Worship Services

Foothills is in charge of leading the 6:30 worship services at Harding Place for the month of November. Men, please sign up on the list on the bulletin board to take part.

# For the Record

| Attendance Last Sunday:   | 118     |
|---------------------------|---------|
| Contribution Last Sunday: | \$3,410 |

# Prayer Concerns

### Current:

Jackson Bruce Larry Eubanks Carrie Herrmann Heather Holden Randell & Etta Holden Joyce Murrell Ray Petty Robyn & Mary Roach Blaine Thomas Glenda Warren

### **Ongoing:**

G. David (India) Bristal Garner Jimmy & Billie Gibbins Nellie Hardin Etta Holden Danny Langer Doris Pruitt

### Assisted Living:

Donna Brewer Ann Flippin Cloe Jordan Doris McCoy Dorothy Pensoneau Gladys Widner



"Continue earnestly in prayer, being vigilant in it with thanksgiving." (Colossians 4:2; NKJV)

# **Those Who Serve**

| Sunday Morning    | October 16  | October 23  |
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| Announcements     | Jason White   | Jason White   |
| Song Leader       | Paul Anderson   | Steve Carrell   |
| Opening Prayer    | Jerry Griffin   | Roger Bruce   |
| Lord's Table      | Andrew Ross<br>Mason Sciba<br>Case Sciba<br>Jaden Zerby | Andrew Ross<br>Mason Sciba<br>Case Sciba<br>Jaden Zerby |
| Presiding         | Bob Lyons   | Jason White   |
| Scripture Reading | Micah Heavin  | Sam Yeager  |
| Sermon            | Leon Brown  | Leon Brown  |
| Closing Prayer    | Sam Yeager  | Gabriel Hodges  |
| Sunday Evening    |   |   |
| Song Leader       | Mason Sciba   | Chip Braswell   |
| Opening Prayer    | Caleb Young   | Jerry Webb  |
| Scripture Reading | Micah Heavin  | Sam Yeager  |
| Sermon            | Leon Brown  | Sean Judge  |
| Lord's Table      | Jaden Zerby   | Jaden Zerby   |

Closing PrayerJames LibbyWednesdayOctober 19Auditorium ClassLeon Brown

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Answer to "Where in the Bible", page 2: John 17:14-15

Micah Heavin

# **Contact Information**

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Song Leader

Closing Prayer

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# Worship Times

### Sunday

| Bible Study     | 9:30 am  |
|-----------------|----------|
| Morning Worship | 10:30 am |
| Evening Worship | 6:00 pm  |

#### Wednesday

Bible Study.....7:00 pm