

HIGHLIGHTS

College Park Baptist Church
1701 Polo Road Winston-Salem, NC 27106



Our Mission ...

*"A people gathered in
Christ;
nurtured in His Spirit;
and sent in His name."*

**"Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that
will be for all the people.**

**Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is
Christ the Lord."**

Luke 2:10-11

*May the joy that the Christ child brings be yours this Christmas
and throughout the year.*



Ramon

Jeff

Mary

Jason

Cindy

Gail

Joan

Robert



THE WORSHIP OF GOD



**Sunday, December 24th
10:45a.m.
Fourth Sunday of Advent**

"Still, Still, Still"
Sanctuary Choir

**"Do You Hear What I Hear?"
Luke 1:39-45
Ramon Smith**

**Sunday, December 31st
10:45a.m.**

Student Sunday at Christmas

A special service of worship led
by our college students

Luke 2:41-52

A NOTE FROM MARY



Crisis Control Gift for December:

Potato Flakes

* Collected last month at
College Park:

166 rolls of toilet tissue

*“Whatever you do for one of the
least of these brothers of mine, you
do for me.”
Matthew 25:40*

International Missions and Global Missions

Goal: \$20,000.00

Received to Date:

International: \$12,818.96

**CBF Global: 2,718.87
\$15,537.83**

RA Christmas Tree



The RA's once again made ornaments for the tree on the Sanctuary level that contain names of missionaries. You are invited to take one (or more) and pray for these missionaries during this season of hope.

Offering Envelopes

The 2007 offering envelopes are available for pickup in the Sunday School classrooms. If you are not a member of a Sunday School class, you may pick up your envelopes in Smith Hall.

They say that “good things come to those who wait;” however, there are those who wait in a better manner than others. Being a “less than patient person,” waiting is often a time of frustration or irritation. It often becomes more about the wait than about anticipation of what is coming. This week we will conclude Advent season, a season of waiting. We have been awaiting the Christ Child and pondering the gifts that His coming brings. It is my prayer that as we approach Christmas, you will let go of the frustration and irritation that so often accompanies holiday preparations and instead anticipate His coming. For, when we quit concentrating on other things and look for Him, we begin to see Him in places that we didn't expect. We realize that He is already at work among us. Wait for Him. Look for Him. Know that He has come.

IN TOUCH...with Jeff

It has been a lot of fun to travel along this Advent journey. There have been some amusing times as well as meaningful worship experiences over the first three weeks of Advent. It will be exciting to see what God has in store for us in the last few days leading up to Christmas. I am thankful for everyone who has played a part in making this Advent season memorable.

Even as the days to Christmas get fewer, I am looking forward to what 2007 will bring. One of the early goals for the Family Ministry team in 2007 is to finish the plans for the remodeling of the preschool and children's ministry areas in the education building. Many of you have inquired about the status this project, and we are thankful for the many words of support. Please rest assured that the plans are approaching the final stages.

When the plan comes to the church, it will have gone through the Family Ministry Team, the Finance Committee, the Properties Committee, and the Deacons. By bringing as many people on board with the process, the church can be assured that the plan that will come before the church will be well thought out and researched. Our goal for every area of ministry, including the preschool and children's ministry, is to provide the resources and support to help our people grow in their faith relationship with Christ. I feel confident that 2007 will be a year when our ministry becomes richer and deeper in Christ!

Two of our Own Honored

Doug Somers and Tony Perkins received high honors at the Piedmont District Scout Banquet on December 7. Doug received the 2006 Scouter of the Year Award and Tony received the 2006 Venture Scouter of the Year Award. Both of them have worked very hard for many years in Scouting, and we congratulate them on their accomplishments.

NEWS AND SCHEDULES

IN THE HOSPITAL

Our prayers and support are offered to the following members of our church family who are, or have been in the hospital in the last two weeks:



*Bill Baker
Polly Clark
Larry Jones
Barry Nelson*

Christian love and sympathy are extended to Virgil McDonald in the death of his brother-in-law.



Sanctuary Flowers

Please call the church office if you would like to reserve a date to place flowers in the Sanctuary for 2007. There are many dates available.

Welcome New Members

On Sunday, December 10, Dale and Annette Whitaker came requesting membership upon transfer of letter and statement of faith. They live at 4484 Lochurst Drive, Pfafftown, NC 27040, and their phone number is 923-2581. We welcome them to the College Park family!

In Loving Memory
of
Dillard Shermer

July 16, 1916 -
December 12, 2006

Member of College Park
since
January 1954

COLLEGE MINISTRY

Student-Led Morning Worship _____ December 31

Our College Ministry will be leading morning worship on Sunday, December 31. It is a fitting way to begin a new year with our young men and women leading us. Please make every effort to be here on this Sunday morning. College students, please let Jeff know if you want to be a part of this service.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Junior/Senior Retreat to Gatlinburg _____ January 13-15

Attention all High School Juniors and Seniors! You are invited to this year's Junior/Senior Leadership Retreat which is being held in Gatlinburg on January 13-15. We will leave after all the ball games are over on Saturday, and we will return just before dinner on Monday. The cost for the retreat is \$90. All the other details are in the information packets which are available at the Welcome Center or in the youth room. Sign-up deadline is Wednesday, January 3. Make sure you don't miss it!

RECREATION MINISTRY

Primary Basketball Begins _____ Beginning January 4, 6:30-7:30 At College Park! _____ Each Thursday in January & February

It is time for our Primary Basketball league to start now that the new year is here. This league happens every Thursday night in January and February, beginning January 4th. We spend one hour (6:30-7:30 p.m.) working on the fundamentals of basketball, having fun the entire time! All 4-year old children through 2nd graders are welcome. The cost for the league is \$20, and children may register when they arrive. Please call Jeff with questions!

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

College Parkers _____ December 21, 11:30 a.m.

The College Parkers will gather for their Christmas covered-dish luncheon at 11:30 on December 21. Mary Keltner, Doug Jordan, and Teresa Hill will lead in a Christmas celebration.

Your Help is Needed for our Mission Project

The youth girls are making pillowcases for the Potter's House. You can help by bringing donations of cotton fabric to the Youth Area **by Wednesday, December 27**. Thank you for your support!

Non-Taxable IRA Withdrawals

If you are age 70 1/2 or older and have an individual retirement account (IRA), you have a potential tax savings opportunity in 2006 and 2007 by using your IRA to make contributions to your church or any charitable organization. This opportunity expires at the end of 2007 and is of particular value to taxpayers that usually don't itemize deductions on their tax return. The distribution counts toward your required minimum distribution for the year and is not considered to be taxable income. If you wish to take advantage of this opportunity, be sure to speak with your financial institution. If you have any questions, James Cobbler will be glad to talk with you.

Ramon E. Smith, Senior Pastor
Jeff Allen, Assoc. Pastor/Students
& Families
Mary Keltner, Assoc. Pastor/Music & Education
Jason Cogdill, Minister of Senior Adults &
Congregational Care
Charles D. Edwards, Pastor Emeritus
Wm. Foy Martin, Pastor Emeritus

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Workers in Worship Nursery: Dec. 24, 10:30 a.m.

Gary & Trudy Elkins; Ben & Lori Jackson; Lisa & Steve Randleman

Workers in Worship Nursery: Dec. 31, 10:30 a.m.

Bill & Donna Hinson; Jennie Lewis; Barbie Morgan; Marci & Erin Fricke

Greeters: December 24

Dennis Palmer & Chuck Barbee

Greeters: December 31

John Vogler & Jim Pernell

Properties Comm. Member on Duty (Dec. 24):

A.C. Larrimore

Properties Comm. Member on Duty (Dec. 31):

Lawrence Hudspeth

Information Center for December:

Tony Bates
Trudy Elkins

Deacon of the Week (Dec. 24 - Dec. 30):

Wayne Lewis

Deacon of the Week (Dec. 31 - Jan. 6):

Kent Hobson

Family Night Suppers

**There will be no Family Night on
Wednesday, December 27.**

Wednesday, January 3

Spaghetti with Meat Sauce
Tossed Salad with Dressing
Garlic Breadsticks
Assorted Desserts

**“Thank you to all the volunteers who set-up,
collect money, cook, serve, and clean up
for our Family Night Suppers.
We couldn’t do it without you!! ”**

FINANCIAL REPORT THROUGH DEC. 17

Budget Requirement To Date	\$724,744.68
Budget Receipts To Date (98.59%)	\$714,498.12

ATTENDANCE STATISTICS DECEMBER 10

Sunday School	275
Morning Worship	316
LIFE Worship	64
Brookridge	44

ATTENDANCE STATISTICS DECEMBER 17

Sunday School	286
Morning Worship	344
LIFE Worship	73
Brookridge	43

*We are blessed to have so many people
who willingly contributed to the
beauty and meaning of the Christmas season.
Thank you to all who :*

*Made Chrismons for our trees;
Decorated our facilities;
Donated poinsettias;
Shared your gifts through music and drama;
Provided technical support and props
for our programs;
Bestowed gifts for our children;
Participated in White Christmas;
Donated to our missions offering;
Brought cheer and comfort to those who
are sick or grieving; or
Shared your stories of faith.*

*“Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on
whom his favor rests.”*

Luke 2:14