

# HIGHLIGHTS

College Park Baptist Church

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## From Your Pastor...

I was driving back from Baptist Hospital Sunday evening, and as I passed the Hardees's on Cloverdale I was surprised to see all of the Christmas decorations up, and lit in super-wattage splendor! I guess it shouldn't surprise me to see the Christmas decorations go up all around us each year on the day after Halloween..but it just disappoints me that, as Americans, we have little/no regard for Thanksgiving. But then again, I guess that fits the pattern in America. We really don't want to stop and give thanks...that would take away from our time complaining about how bad things are. Besides there is no money in Thanksgiving, unless you're selling turkeys and dressing. So I guess we will have to tolerate the "push to Christ-

mas"...after all there are only 37 shopping days left till Christmas! And it's hard to be thankful when we are bombarded by advertisements telling us how happy we would be "if only we had... (you fill in the blank here)."

I think you get my point: for Christians, thanksgiving should be a constant state of mind...not just a day set aside. But since we have a day named Thanksgiving, maybe this year we should commit ourselves to helping those around us understand why we should truly be thankful! Hopefully you won't have to think too long to discover a multitude of reasons for which to be thankful.

Blessings and peace...

Come Worship with Us Sunday!

*Ramon*

## Our Mission...

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

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## THE WORSHIP OF GOD



Sunday, November 23, 2008  
10:45 a.m.

To God Let Us Sing Our Praises  
Sanctuary Choir

Grace Notes

True Thanksgiving  
Psalm 100  
Ramon Smith

Sunday, November 30, 2008  
10:45 a.m.

First Sunday of Advent  
Long Ago, Prophets Knew  
Sanctuary Choir

Eyewitness  
APB

Here Comes the Sun/Son  
Isaiah 64:1-9  
Ramon Smith

# A NOTE FROM MARY



How do I measure my blessings? What is my basis for thanksgiving? Does it have to do with numbers in a checkbook, the car I drive, or my job title? Does it have to do with the number of my friends or my social standing? Does it depend on my health or that of my family? Does it depend on whether my children behave like I want them to? Does it even matter what I base my thankfulness on? I think it does. What I base my thankfulness on, what determines what I see as blessing determines how I respond, how I give praise, and how I serve the God who blesses me. How easy it is to look at circumstances and environment to determine our thankfulness and neglect to see God's blessing of Himself. How easy it is to measure our blessings in possessions and status and forget the great gift of our salvation and neglect to praise and serve our King.

My Heart is Filled with Thankfulness

*My heart is filled with thankfulness to Him who bore my pain. Who plumbed the depths of my disgrace and gave me life again; Who crushed my curse of sinfulness and clothed me in His light, and wrote His law of righteousness with power upon my heart.*

*My heart is filled with thankfulness to Him who walks beside; Who floods my weaknesses and strengths and causes fear to fly; Whose every promise is enough for every step I take, sustaining me with arms of love and crowning me with grace.*

*My heart is filled with thankfulness to Him who reigns above; Whose wisdom is my perfect peace, whose every thought is love; For every day I have on earth is given by the King. So I will give my life, my all to love and follow Him.*

-Keith Getty & Stuart Townend



## Mailing for Missions

**Goal:** To help our GAs raise money for the Lottie Moon Missions Offering and the Global Missions Offering

**When:** Wednesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> – Sunday, December 21<sup>st</sup>

**Where:** the "Post Office" in the Information Lobby (look for the big mailbox)

**How:** Bring your Christmas cards for College Park members to our post office with a donation for the amount that you would have spent on USPS postage. Make checks payable to CPBC and designate Lottie Moon or Global Missions. Our GAs will sort them and have them available for pick up at your convenience.

### You are invited to join us as we celebrate

#### Christ's coming:

**November 30, morning worship**  
*Eyewitness & APB*

**December 7, morning worship**  
Children's Sunday at Christmas

**December 7, 6 pm**  
*Ainosis, Psalm 8:2, & Sing for God*  
Present  
*City On a Hill Christmas*  
With APB

Followed by reception in Smith Hall

**Wednesday, December 10 6:45 pm**  
*Grace Notes* present  
A Service of Lessons and Carols

**December 14, morning worship**  
*Sanctuary Choir & Eyewitness*  
Present  
*One Incredible Moment*, a cantata

**December 14, 6 pm**  
*Channels & Sanctuary Bells*  
Present  
A Christmas Concert  
Followed by reception in Smith Hall

**December 24, 5 pm**  
Christmas Eve Service



#### N.C. Baptist Children's Homes Offering

**Our Goal:**  
\$3,500.00

**Received to Date:**  
\$1,472.00

#### International Missions and Global Missions Offering

**Week of Prayer**  
November 30 -  
December 6

**Our Goal:**  
\$25,000.00

"Thank you so much for all of your prayers, phone calls, cards, and even visits during my recent health concerns. I am continuing to regain physical strength, and look forward to thanking you in person soon." Sincerely, Earl Smith (*Ramon's father*)

## FAMILY MINISTRY

### College Exam Pack Goodies Needed!

November 30

It is time for this semester's college exam pack run. We need people to help us make this happen by bringing goodies, homemade or otherwise, to the Adult I kitchen by Sunday, November 30. These items will help make up the exam packs. Please help us by making sure the items are individually wrapped. Thanks for your help with this important ministry to our college students.

### Children's Sunday

December 7, during Morning Worship

Our children will be leading us in worship on Sunday, December 7. This "Children's Sunday" will feature all the various ages of our preschool and children's ministry. Our precious children will be leading us through praying, singing, speaking, and various other ways. Don't miss this wonderful service of worship as we begin the season of advent with this powerful service of hope!

### Parents' Night Out—Christmas Edition

December 13, 5:30-9:00 p.m.

Parents, do you need a night out without the children? Bring your children, infants-6th grade, to Smith Hall for some fun while you and your loved one have a date night. Please RSVP to the church office no later than 4:30, Thursday, December 11!

## RECREATION MINISTRY

### Basketball is back!

Practice every Tuesday at Old Town Elementary!

This year's Hoops4Him Basketball league started and our teams are practicing! If you want to play, call Jeff or talk to one of the coaches below:

Team	Grades	Coaches	Time
Junior Coed	3rd-6th grade	Larry Burnett, Roger Jones	6:00 PM
Girls	7th-12th grade	Charlie Jones, Bill Hinson	6:00 PM
Intermediate Boys	7th-9th grade	Chris May	7:30 PM
Senior Boys	10th-12th grade	Jeremy Cauble, James Cobbler	6:30 PM

## SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

### College Parkers

Thursday, November 20, 11:30 a.m.

Please join us for a delicious covered-dish luncheon on November 20, and then hear from Rev. Bill Yates, Vice-President of Pastoral Care at Baptist Hospital. Bill is a former member of College Park. You won't want to miss this program.



# Jingle Jam

If you miss every other Christmas party this year, don't miss Jingle Jam.

DATE: **December 17**

TIME: **6:45-7:30 PM**

LOCATION: **College Park Baptist Church, Fellowship Hall**

## CRISIS CONTROL MINISTRY

### Gift for November:

#### Toilet Tissue

*"Whatever you do for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you do for me."*

*Matthew 25:40*

Gracious notes of appreciation have been received and posted on the bulletin board from Clara Edmonds and from Mike and Donna Beeson.

### 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:

*Joseph Alexander  
Wayne Lewis  
Edith McKinney*

Christian love and sympathy are expressed to Mike Beeson in the death of his father and to Doug Jordan in the death of his step-mother.

### *Biblical Recorder*

Many of our members subscribe to the *Biblical Recorder* at a special discount rate. Based upon our current number of subscribers, the annual price is \$12.75 per member. If you would like to subscribe, please bring your payment to Gail Holland in the church office no later than November 30.

If you would like to place a poinsettia in the church this Christmas in honor of or in memory of a loved one, please complete an order form, found at the Welcome Desk, and turn it in to the church office by November 30. Your payment of \$10 must accompany the order.

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Ramon E. Smith, Senior Pastor  
 Jeff Allen, Assoc. Pastor/Students  
 & Families  
 Mary Keltner, Assoc. Pastor/Music & Education  
 Jason Cogdill, Minister of Senior Adults &  
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**STEWARDSHIP OF SERVICE**

**Worship Nursery Workers**

<b>November 23</b>	<b>November 30</b>
Jeanne Thomasson	Bill & Donna Hinson
Sophia Thomasson	Jennie Lewis
Jeff & Stephanie Cayton	Barbie Morgan
Dale & Annette Whitaker	Beth & Claudia Ausley
Carolyn Ely	Charlie Jones

**Greeters**

<b>November 23</b>	<b>November 30</b>
David Page	Sarah Hauser
Barbara Page	Ed Lane

**Properties Committee**

<b>November 23</b>	<b>November 30</b>
Mitch Edmonds	Doug Somers

**Information Center for November**

Joyce Baxley  
Tom Hurst

**Deacon of the Week**

<b>Nov. 23 - Nov. 29</b>	<b>Nov. 30 - Dec. 6</b>
Craig Cashwell	Garry Crist

**FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP THRU NOV. 16**

Budget Requirement To Date	\$720,034.78
Budget Receipts To Date (92.90%)	\$668,879.49

**ATTENDANCE STATISTICS**

**NOVEMBER 9**

Sunday School	236
Morning Worship	312
Brookridge	60
L.I.F.E. Worship	45

**NOVEMBER 16**

Sunday School	247
Morning Worship	325
Brookridge	52
L.I.F.E. Worship	27

**Mission Giving Plan Choices**

College Park members have the option once per year of choosing from 3 giving plans for your budget gifts. If you have previously made a giving choice, it will remain in effect until you change it by filling out a new form. If you have not previously chosen a plan or wish to make a new choice for 2009, you will need to do so by December 31, 2008.

Forms for making your choice are available on the table in the Information Lobby on the lower level. **If your plan choice is to remain the same, please do not fill out a new form.**

**2009 Contribution Envelopes**

Contribution envelopes for 2009 are now available in your Sunday School classrooms. Please pick them up now, but continue to use your current envelopes through the end of this year as some envelope numbers do change at year-end. Those who are not enrolled in Sunday School may find their envelopes on the table in the Information Lobby on the lower level.

**Wednesday, November 26**

Chicken Cordon Bleu  
Rice w/Gravy  
Mixed Vegetables  
Yeast Roll      Dessert

**Wednesday, December 3**

Pulled Pork  
Baked Beans  
Cole Slaw      Cornbread  
Strawberry Shortcake