

# HIGHLIGHTS

College Park Baptist Church

1701 Polo Road Winston-Salem, NC 27106



## From Your Pastor...

Music is so much a part of the Christmas season that it is difficult to imagine Christmas without music! Last Sunday we had the privilege to experience some of the best of the season here at College Park. "Thank you" to our *Sanctuary Choir*, instrumentalists, *Hand bells* and *Channels* for their leadership in two wonderful worship services! Thank you for sharing your God-given talents with us and for your commitment to using those talents to glorify God.

With so much music around us during this time of year, I'm afraid we may take this gift for granted, so for the next two Sundays we will be talking about or referencing some music of the season (but probably not the songs you might suspect...)

This Sunday is also "White Christmas" here at College Park, and it is one of my favorite days of the year because it is a time when we demonstrate the nature of God's grace as we reach out beyond our walls and give unconditionally just as God has done for us. "Giving unconditionally" seems to be at the heart of Christmas...at least the way I read it...and I pray that our hearts will be ready to receive, but also ready to give as we worship together and journey together toward Christmas day!

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, December 21, 2008  
10:45 a.m.

Fourth Sunday of Advent

*Hallelujah Chorus*  
Sanctuary Choir

...So This Is Christmas  
Romans 16:25-27  
Ramon Smith

Sunday, December 28, 2008  
10:45 a.m.

*Family Christmas Songs*  
Luke 2:22-40  
Ramon Smith

# A NOTE FROM MARY

Awake! Awake, and Greet the  
New Morn— Marty Haugen

Awake! Awake, and greet the new morn,  
for angels herald its dawning.  
Sing out your joy, for soon he is born,  
Behold! The Child of our longing.  
Come as a baby weak and poor,  
To bring all hearts together,  
He opens wide the heavenly door  
And lives now inside us forever.

To us, to all in sorrow and fear,  
Emmanuel comes a-singing,  
His humble song is quiet and near,  
Yet fills the earth with its ringing;  
Music to heal the broken soul  
And hymns of loving kindness,  
The thunder of the anthems roll  
To shatter all hatred and blindness.

In darkest night his coming shall be,  
When all the world is despairing  
As morning light is quiet and free,  
So warm and gentle and caring  
Then shall the mute break forth in song,  
The lame shall leap in wonder,  
the weak be raised above the strong,  
And weapons be broken asunder.  
Rejoice, rejoice take heart in the night,  
Though dark the winter and cheerless,  
The rising sun shall crown you with light,  
Be strong and loving and fearless.  
Love be our song and love our prayer  
And love our endless story;  
May God fill every day we share  
And bring us at last into glory.

May the gift of the Christ child bring you  
everlasting joy and peace.



*Ramon Smith*  
*Jeff Allen*  
*Mary Keltner*  
*Jason Cogdill*  
*Ward Page*  
*Cindy Huffman*  
*Gail Holland*  
*Jean Snyder*  
*Robert Blankenship*

## 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.

International Missions  
and  
Global Missions  
Offering

Our Goal:  
\$25,000.00

Received to Date:  
Lottie Moon - \$9,898.04  
CBF Global - 2,857.50  
\$12,755.54

## COLLEGE MINISTRY

### Student-Led Morning Worship

January 4

Our College Ministry will be leading morning worship on Sunday, January 4. 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 17-19

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 17-19. We will leave after all the basketball games are over on Saturday, and we will return just before dinner on Monday. The cost for the retreat is \$100. 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 Sunday, January 4. Make sure you don't miss it!

## RECREATION MINISTRY

Here is our basketball game schedule for the next two weeks...

December 20	9:00 AM	Junior Co-Ed (at Mt. Tabor UMC)
		Senior Boys (at Becks)
	12:30 PM	Girls (at Old Town Baptist)
December 27		No games scheduled

## SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

### College Parkers

Thursday, December 18, 11:30 a.m.

Please join us for a delicious covered-dish luncheon on December 18, and a special Christmas music program presented by Mary Keltner, Jeremy Cauble, and Ward Page.

## Inclement Weather Policy

Sunday morning services will be cancelled in extreme situations. An announcement will be made on local television stations and WSJS radio. Even when services are held in inclement weather, each person should use his/her own discretion about trying to get to church.

Cancellation of Sunday evening services will be announced on Sunday morning and/or on local television stations or WSJS radio.

Wednesday evening services and activities will be cancelled if school is closed because of snow or ice.

## CRISIS CONTROL MINISTRY

### Gift for December:

Potato Flakes

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

*Matthew 25:40*

### 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:

*Karly Bertram  
Bill Maurer*

### White Christmas Sunday, December 21

On December 21, you are asked to bring food items to be distributed to needy families for **White Christmas**. If you cannot be present on December 21, you may bring your food donations on Thursday, December 18, or on Friday, December 19, between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., and place them in the properly-marked boxes in the hallway on level B-1. On Saturday afternoon, the boxes will be moved to Smith Hall. Each class should bring one gift, wrapped in white paper, to present as part of our worship experience on December 21.

### Welcome New Members

**Dr. Frank "Buzz" &  
Cherry Harrison**

412 Wake Drive  
Winston-Salem, NC 27106  
768-7394

"Buzz" and Cherry came November 23 requesting membership upon the transfer of their letters. We welcome them to the College Park family!

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

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**CHURCH  
COLLEGE PARK BAPTIST**

**STEWARDSHIP OF SERVICE**

**Worship Nursery Workers**

**December 21**

Garlene Grogan  
Marci Fricke  
Beth SabbaghRabaiotti  
Angie Somers  
Bill Buitendorp  
Jason & Lana Hunn

**December 28**

Trudy Elkins  
Gary Elkins  
Kevin Tuttle  
Christy Tuttle  
Melissa May  
Lora Clayton

**Greeters**

**December 21**

Russell Talley  
Kate Thomas

**December 28**

David Page  
Barbara Page

**Properties Committee**

**December 21**

Charlie Jones

**December 28**

Bobby Hunt

**Information Center for December**

Bob Baker  
Trudy Elkins

**Deacon of the Week**

**Dec. 21 - Dec. 27**

Jay Edmonds

**Dec. 28 - Jan. 3**

Cecelia Cauble

**FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP THRU DEC. 14**

Budget Requirement To Date \$782,646.50  
Budget Receipts To Date (93.25%) \$729,833.70

**ATTENDANCE STATISTICS**

**DECEMBER 7**

Sunday School 283  
Morning Worship 353  
Brookridge 42  
L.I.F.E. Worship N/A

**DECEMBER 14**

Sunday School 277  
Morning Worship 398  
Brookridge 45  
L.I.F.E. Worship N/A

**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.**

There will be no Family Night activities on  
Wednesday, December 24 and  
Wednesday, December 31.

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

**Christ's coming:**

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

