

# HIGHLIGHTS

College Park Baptist Church

1701 Polo Road Winston-Salem, NC 27106



## From Your Pastor...

This has been an amazing year for so many reasons! Our church has seen some wonderful growth in discipleship as well as number of people. We continue to have a significant number of guests each week, and many of those choose to stay with us and eventually join College Park. And that is good because we all need a “church home” where we can worship and work together as we seek to be salt and light in our corner of the kingdom!

We have also seen our Team IAM projects continue to grow and reach people in our community. The spring “*Side-Swiped*” Revival was one of the most special series of worship services that I’ve ever experienced. The *Passion Rock Opera* was a huge success. Our young people and adult chaperones had an amaz-

ing experience on Abaco, as we reached out to the children of that island and the Haitian refugees there.

Mountain Outreach and Vacation Bible School rounded out a summer of reaching beyond our walls and comfort zones, and church discussions about how to continue expanding/renovating our facilities to reach new families has occupied much of our time and energy this fall.

There is a theme here...the most significant things we do as a church revolve around worship and evangelism. We have much to be thankful for...and look forward to in 2009!

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, January 4, 2009  
10:45 a.m.

### *Baptism & Communion*

Wilson Alexander      Owen Blink  
Matthew Goodman      Dylan Rollins

### *Student Sunday*

Our college students will lead us  
as we worship together.

Sunday, January 11, 2009  
10:45 a.m.

Our Praise Awaits Him  
*Sanctuary Choir*

*Never-Ending Creation*  
Genesis 1:1-5  
Ramon Smith

## A NOTE FROM MARY



I have to admit I have a touch of the post-Christmas blues today. While the season is not yet over, the holiday programming and music is over in most places. The sanctuary is in the process of being “undecorated.” The music companies have sent dozens of packets of Easter music for listening and planning. And, I am a bit bummed and trying to remember Ramon’s sermon on keeping Christmas all year long. I am trying to figure out how to find practical ways of doing that. I must admit that what I long for is the wonder of the season: the realization that there is an unbelievable, mysterious God who chooses to be among us. I do know that God is here all year round. I know that the mystery of who He is should not be diminished just because the Christmas season is nearing an end. I know that this God brings us hope, peace, joy, and love continuously; however, I am incredibly guilty of allowing that to pass me by as I plan and labor and follow my to-do list. I must admit that I allow earthly tasks to interfere with my

God-tuned senses. And I realize that I miss the sensory wonder of the season as well. And so in coming days I will do all I can to carry on Christmas by seeing the beauty of God in His creation, by listening for His voice as I go about my day, by tasting and seeing that the Lord is good, by feeling and sharing God’s love through lots of hugs, and by remembering that true worship is a fragrant offering to our God. I will do all I can to try to not let the day-to-day tasks of my life cause me to forget the wonder of who God is.

## IN TOUCH...with Jeff

### New year, new start?

This is the way we like to think. Don’t we love the idea of starting over, making this time better than the last. If we have one bad day, we know that tomorrow will be better. If we lose the game today, we will play harder next game. If we mess up a relationship this year, surely we will have chances to make it better in the future.

### But is that the way it really is?

We like to think we will make things better, but in reality it is more difficult than we like to admit. Making those New Year’s resolutions are one thing—living them out is quite another. There is one little word which always seems to get in the way...*change!!*

### We only like to think about change.

The act of change is something else entirely. I believe the difficulty lies in our attempt to make a change rather

than relying on God to do the change within us. We hold on to that power and refuse to let God have His way with us.

### Will this year be any different?

As we all reflect on what 2009 will bring, I hope we consider the place that God holds in our lives. Will He be part of our lives every day or only briefly on a Sunday morning? If we are truly interested in making this life better than before, it can only happen when we give control to Him. It is my prayer that this will be a goal for all of us. Our children, our world, and our eternity depends on it. May God guide you in 2009!

**Create in me a clean heart, O God.  
Renew a right spirit within me.**

Psalm 51:10

**For God is working in you, giving you the desire and the power to do what pleases him.** Philippians 2:13

### Welcome New Members

#### Matthew Goodman

4965 Chestnut Hill Lane  
Winston-Salem, NC 27106  
922-3975

Matthew came December 21 requesting membership upon his profession of faith. He is the son of Noah and Terri Goodman.



#### Wilson Alexander

4670 Duffer Court  
Pfafftown, NC 27040  
924-9210

Wilson came December 28 requesting membership upon his profession of faith. He is the son of Joseph and Melanie Alexander.



#### Dylan Rollins

148 Woodbriar Road  
Winston-Salem, NC 27106  
765-6547

Dylan came December 28 requesting membership upon his profession of faith.

**Welcome to the College Park family!**

### International Missions and Global Missions Offering

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

**Received to Date:**  
Lottie Moon - \$14,669.11  
CBF Global - 4,312.42  
**\$18,981.53**

## 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 in the Information Lobby 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...

January 3	8:30 AM	Girls (at Old Town Baptist)
	8:30 AM	Intermediate Boys (at St. John's Lutheran)
	9:00 AM	Junior Co-Ed (at Mt. Tabor UMC)
	11:30 AM	Senior Boys (at Calvary)
January 10	9:00 AM	Junior Co-Ed (at Mt. Tabor UMC)
	9:30 AM	Girls (at Old Town Baptist)
	12:45 PM	Senior Boys (at Calvary)
		Intermediate Boys (no game this week)

## SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

College Parkers

Thursday, January 15, 11:30 a.m.

## CRISIS CONTROL MINISTRY

*Gift for January:*

**Beef Stew**

*"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:

*Melba Jones  
Vicky Palmer*

Our Christian love and sympathy are expressed to Jo Ann Jessup in the death of her mother and to Virginia Stines in the death of her brother.

IRS regulations require that written contribution statements be in hand before filing your annual income tax return. Contributions may be disallowed if this regulation is not followed. Contribution statements for 2008 will be mailed out to you before January 31st.

*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:*

*Decorated our facilities*

*Donated poinsettias*

*Shared your gifts through music*

*Provided technical support 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*



*"For to us a son is born, to us a son is given, and the government shall be on his shoulders, and he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."*

*Isaiah 9:6*

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 Charles D. Edwards, Pastor Emeritus

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**STEWARDSHIP OF SERVICE**

**Worship Nursery Workers**

<b>January 4</b>	<b>January 11</b>
Dianne Baker	Sybil McBride
Laurie Cook	June Crabbe
Beth Huff	Ann Heller
Karen Lefler	Nita Royal
Sandra Smith	Jennifer Allen
Jim & Leigh Ann Pernell	Haley Hendrix
	Jason & Brandi Smith

**Greeters**

<b>January 4</b>	<b>January 11</b>
Russell Talley	Ann Baker
Kate Thomas	David Voss

**Properties Committee**

<b>January 4</b>	<b>January 11</b>
Tony Bates	A.C. Larrimore

**Information Center for January**

Jim Edmonds  
 Pete Bodenheimer

**Deacon of the Week**

<b>Jan. 4 - Jan. 10</b>	<b>Jan. 11 - Jan. 17</b>
Chris May	Kent Hobson

**FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP THRU DEC. 28**

Budget Requirement To Date	\$813,952.36
Budget Receipts To Date (93.57%)	\$761,633.19

**ATTENDANCE STATISTICS**

<b>DECEMBER 21</b>	
Sunday School	256
Morning Worship	342
Brookridge	43
L.I.F.E. Worship	43
<b>DECEMBER 28</b>	
Sunday School	212
Morning Worship	289
Brookridge	41
L.I.F.E. Worship	N/A

**Save the Date!**

In October 2009, our church will be 60 years old. To celebrate this milestone, we are planning an anniversary homecoming for Sunday, October 4, 2009. Mark your new calendars and alert your family members for this special date. Throughout 2009, we will have many opportunities to discuss and learn about the history of our church and our founders. Look for a special "History Highlight" in each issue of the church newsletter. If you would like to serve in some capacity on the 60th Anniversary Committee, please contact Molly Rawls at 945-2688 or at m\_g\_rawls@yahoo.com.

**"History Highlight"**

Our church began as a mission of First Baptist Church, and was called "Mission Sunday School" in its early days. The church was later named "College Park Missionary Baptist Church" when it was constituted on October 2, 1949. At that time, seventy-four individuals were recorded as charter members. The name was soon shortened to "College Park Baptist Church."

**Family Night Suppers**

**Wednesday, January 7**  
 Pulled Pork  
 Baked Beans Cole Slaw  
 Cornbread  
 Strawberry Shortcake

**Wednesday, January 14**  
 Spaghetti  
 Tossed Salad Breadstick  
 Chocolate Sheet Cake