

HIGHLIGHTS

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



From Your Pastor...

In nature, one of the signs of a maturing plant is that it bears fruit. So for us, as maturing believers, I believe that same principle applies. Do you remember when you first accepted Christ? Do you remember how excited you were to tell others about your decision?! So what happened? At some point we either became ashamed of our relationship or decided that we shouldn't "push our faith on others." That argument might be true except for the fact that when we introduce people to Jesus Christ, we are offering them a personal, intimate relationship with the Creator who also wants to be their Savior. We are offering them eternal life free from punishment for their failures in this life.

For me, personally, the last couple of weeks have been very special because

these services have reminded me what a privilege it is to tell others about Christ. They have reminded me what it means to serve a risen Savior who is at work in the lives of believers...leading us to serve Him *without* fear, and *with* joy! So this week I pledge to be even more engaging of people I meet...even more careful about what I do and say so that others may come to know Christ through their observations of me. It is a great responsibility, granted, but it comes with great privilege too! I invite you to join me in this pledge and to make plans to be with us as we worship together on Sunday!

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 18, 2009
10:45 a.m.

Who Will Come to Bethlehem?
Sanctuary Choir

Musings About the Magi
Matthew 2
Ramon Smith

Sunday, January 25, 2009
10:45 a.m.

Our Praise Awaits You
Sanctuary Choir

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

A NOTE FROM MARY



“What is the chief end of man? Man's chief end is to glorify God and to enjoy him forever.”

-Westminster Catechism

I have always found this to be a profound statement: it speaks of both the outward behavior and the heart. Even more, I think it touches on something we don't think about very often. As believers we read and hear a lot about what it means to glorify God with our actions, attitudes, and our lives. We get instructions on how to grow in our walk, what it means to know God, how to grow closer to God, and how that is reflected in our lives and life-

styles. As a worship leader, I read a lot about the attributes of God and why He is worthy of worship. I read about worship as a lifestyle as opposed to an event. And, while all of this is good, I am afraid that in spite of all the resources and all the good intentions we have rarely do we know what it means to enjoy God. We spend more time finding out how to know God than actually getting to know Him. Interestingly, I find time to spend with those I enjoy. I will drive a couple of hours to see a friend I haven't seen in a while. And when I get there, I don't study that person. I don't try to figure out ways to grow that relationship.

Spending time with them accomplishes that.

I just read a work of fiction which really made me think about enjoying God and God's enjoyment of me.

There's no time or space to relate the plot; however, I was struck when the Christ figure in the book looked at the main character and said, "Come play with me." True play has no point other than enjoyment. Sure, one can learn and grow in the midst of it, but that is not the point of it. Similarly, enjoying God means seeking nothing from God but His presence. And I promise, if you just *enjoy Him*, truly, He will take care of everything else.

IN TOUCH...with Jeff

It is hard to imagine that Jennifer and I have been at College Park for five years. A lot has happened since College Park decided to take a chance and entrusted the ministry to families into my care. It has been an amazing journey.

As I consider all that has happened since that first Sunday, my thoughts immediately go to the people that Jennifer and I have come to care for so much. The staff has been extraordinary to work with over these last five years. I am thankful to Ramon, Ward, Mary, Jason, Gail, Joan, Robert, Cindy, Teresa, Sheila, and all the interns who have served on staff with me. I am grateful for the privilege to minister with you. It is a great joy for me to call you my friends and colleagues.

I am especially thankful for the volunteers in our church. The commitment of our volunteers is like no where else. We have almost 100 people who serve in our Family Ministry. They spend around 1000 hours per month serving God and our families. I am thankful for every moment!

The parents of College Park continue to give me such encouragement, strength and support. A parent who is concerned for their child is very careful who is allowed into their child's sphere of influence. It is a privilege to serve in that capacity. The fact that so many offer me the opportunity to impact their child is overwhelming. Thank you for your trust.

A huge thank you goes to the children, youth, and college students. You continue to be a driving force in making me want to do ministry better. I thank you for your laughter, your patience, and your honesty. God put me here to be with you and I am the one who receives the biggest blessing. Thank you for making my time here so significant.

My last, but never ending, thanks is for the one who never gets thanked enough! Jennifer, you are the joy of my life and I am thankful for every moment we have together. Always know that what I do as a ministry pales in comparison to being your husband for life. You walking with me daily makes this journey more beautiful each day.

Welcome New Members

Harrison Andrews

1227 Bethabara Road
Winston-Salem, NC 27106
759-9061

Harrison came January 4 requesting membership upon his profession of faith. He is the son of Scott & Marla Andrews.

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Spencer Sauers

2850 St. George Road
Winston-Salem, NC 27106
768-2781

Spencer came January 4 requesting membership upon his profession of faith. He is the son of Larry & Carol Sauers.

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Charles & Melba Walker

2021 Lynch Court
Winston-Salem, NC 27106
293-7374

Charles and Melba came on January 4 requesting membership upon transfer of their letters.

Welcome to the College Park family!

International Missions and Global Missions Offering

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

**Received to Date:
Lottie Moon - \$14,834.11
CBF Global - 4,372.42
\$19,206.53**

We will continue to collect offerings toward this vital missions effort. Please pray about your additional gifts to International Missions.

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. Spots still remain so make sure you don't miss it!

RECREATION MINISTRY

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

January 17	9:30 AM	Girls (at Old Town Baptist)
	10:15 AM	Senior Boys (at Calvary)
	11:30 AM	Intermediate Boys (at St. John's Lutheran)
January 19	6:30 PM	Intermediate Boys (at Calvary Baptist)
January 24	8:30 AM	Girls (at Old Town Baptist)
	9:30 AM	Intermediate Boys (at St. John's Lutheran)
	10:00 AM	Junior Co-Ed (at Mt. Tabor UMC)
	12:45 PM	Senior Boys (at Calvary Baptist)
January 27	8:00 PM	Girls (at Old Town Baptist)

Primary Basketball at CPBC

Thursday nights, 6:30-7:30

It is time for our Primary Basketball league to start! Primary Basketball is for all kids, from age 4 through the 3rd grade. The league happens every Thursday night from January 22 through February 26. We spend one hour (6:30-7:30 p.m.) working on the fundamentals of basketball while having tons of fun! The cost for the league is \$20 per player with a family maximum of \$40. Children may register when they arrive. Call Jeff Allen at 768-5870 with questions!

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

College Parkers

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

Please join us on Thursday, January 15, at 11:30 a.m. as we enjoy a delicious covered-dish luncheon. Our program this month will be brought by the ever popular "The Group." Don't forget to bring extra food for our guests!

Church Conference

Wednesday, January 21, 6:45 p.m.

"Soup's On" for Kathy Smith

Saturday, January 24, 12 noon - 3:00 p.m.

Join Bud Smith and family in honoring Kathy's 80th birthday. Drop by Smith Hall on Saturday, January 24, between 12:00 noon and 3:00 p.m. Please RSVP to:

Patrice at: pspriest@yahoo.com 922-2204
Suzanne at: foxes06@hotmail.com 986-5775



CRISIS CONTROL MINISTRY

Gift for January:

Beef Stew

Collected last month at CPBC:

17 boxes of potato flakes

28 rolls of toilet tissue

9 cans of tuna

7 cans of miscellaneous

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:

Judy Edwards
Melba Jones
Cleo Lane
Henry Thornton

Our Christian love and sympathy are expressed to Judy Williams in the death of her mother, to Vennie Davis in the death of her sister, to Jean Dzeskewicz in the death of her son-in-law, and to Mabel Bullard in the death of her nephew and the death of her sister.

A gracious note of appreciation has been received and posted on the bulletin board from Kate Thomas.

A Message from the Stewardship Committee

During the month of February, the church will have an emphasis on being a good steward of your money. This emphasis will include special Sunday School lessons, messages from the pulpit, and Wednesday night programs. We will be learning how our individual decisions about giving are part of our overall worship experience.

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 Charles D. Edwards, Pastor Emeritus

STEWARDSHIP OF SERVICE

Worship Nursery Workers

<u>January 18</u> Carolyn Matthews Linda Palmer Jeanne Hobson Donna Bates Janet Somers Joseph & Melanie Alexander	<u>January 25</u> Jeanne Thomasson Sophia Thomasson Jeff Cayton Stephanie Cayton Dale Whitaker Annette Whitaker
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Greeters

<u>January 18</u> Sarah Hauser Ed Lane	<u>January 25</u> John Vogler Jim Pernell
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Properties Committee

<u>January 18</u> David Voss	<u>January 25</u> Robert Hill
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Information Center for January

Tony Bates
 Pete Bodenheimer

Deacon of the Week

<u>Jan. 18 - Jan. 24</u> Jay Edmonds	<u>Jan. 25 - Jan. 31</u> Jerry Cook
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FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP THRU JAN. 11

Budget Requirement To Date	\$31,596.98
Budget Receipts To Date (102.0%)	\$32,230.25

ATTENDANCE STATISTICS

<u>JANUARY 4</u>	
Sunday School	260
Morning Worship	301
Brookridge	45
L.I.F.E. Worship	29
Worship Service at Forsyth County Jail	43
<u>JANUARY 11</u>	
Sunday School	280
Morning Worship	329
Brookridge	50
L.I.F.E. Worship	27

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. 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”

The bronze plaque that lists the names of the College Park Baptist Church 74 charter members hangs in the entrance hallway near Smith Hall. In addition to the 74 names on the list is the name of an honorary member, Harry T. Davis. Before the church had a permanent church building, Mr. Davis offered the use of the pavilion at his recreation area on Reynolda Road, called Crystal Lake, as a place for the young church to meet during the months between Labor Day and Memorial Day. Mr. Davis passed away before the church was constituted, and the men’s Sunday School class was named the Davis Class in his honor.

Family Night Suppers

Wednesday, January 21
 Fried Chicken
 Baked Potato Casserole
 Green Beans
 Yeast Roll
 Lemon Pie

Wednesday, January 28
 Broccoli Cheddar Soup
 or Vegetable Soup
 Baked Potato
 Breadstick
 Cheesecake