

HIGHLIGHTS

College Park Baptist Church
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From Your Pastor...

I appreciate your patience with me as I went off on a rant about Thanksgiving in the last edition of HIGHLIGHTS. In fact several of you let me know that you agreed and that you appreciated my directness. In the days since I wrote that article, I have seen further evidence of exactly what I was ranting about and it really bothers me that we are so consumed with “temporary security”...that is our sense of security being tied directly to the temporary things of this world!

At Thanksgiving we have another chance to really focus on how thankful we should be! As the apostle Paul exhorted us: *17 pray continually; 18 give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus. (1 Thessalonians. 5:17-18 NIV)* Now notice what Paul did *not* say...he didn’t say give thanks *for* all circumstances. I think that is a significant distinction, and should help us understand the nature of true thanksgiving! God has

given His Son for us, “while we were yet sinners”, and He sent the Holy Spirit to give us the power and wisdom to live the lives He has called us to live! So our response should be to give thanks in all of life’s circumstances, because we see a bigger picture than those who do not know Christ! So even in those moments when we are understandably thankful *for* the circumstances, we can still be thankful *in* those circumstances!

57 But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

58 Therefore, my dear brothers, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.

(1 Corinthians 15:57-58 NIV)

As we prepare for Advent, I pray it will be with thankful hearts that we anticipate the hope, peace, joy and love of the season!

Blessings and Peace,

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



November 27, 2011
First Sunday of Advent
11:00 a.m.

Like a Child, I Wait
Sanctuary Choir

*“Are You Getting Ready
for Christmas?”*
Ramon Smith

December 4, 2011
Second Sunday of Advent
11:00 a.m.

Children’s Sunday

Worship will be led by the
Children of College Park

A NOTE FROM MARY



Book Club will meet Monday, November 28 @ 7 pm
and
Thursday December 1 @ 10 am to discuss

Behind the Veils of Yemen: How an American Woman Risked Her Life, Family, and Faith to Bring Jesus to Muslim Women

*You are invited to join us as we celebrate
Christ's coming*

November 27 - First Sunday of Advent

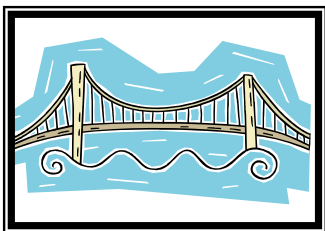
December 4 - Second Sunday of Advent
Children's Sunday

December 11- Third Sunday of Advent
Christmas cantata, *Sing Noel*

December 18 - Fourth Sunday of Advent
11:00 am Channels and Sanctuary Bells
6:00 PM Christmas Musical, "Aloha Christmas"
Children and youth

December 24 - 5:00 pm Christmas Eve Service

December 25 - 10:30 am Fellowship
11:00 am Christmas Worship



BRIDGES

Building Relationships in Dinner Groups Every Season

You have one more chance to join over **130 people** who are already signed up for this brand new ministry! **Sign up at the Welcome Desk today!**

If you are in possession of a Check-Out key card which opens the doors to the church, please note that the codes for the security system associated with these temporary cards have been deleted. The card will allow entrance, but you will not be able to disarm the security system. Fines for false alarms are \$100 each, so please do not attempt to use the cards or the codes.

Please return Check-Out key cards to the church office so they can be re-assigned for future use. If you were assigned a permanent card, it is not necessary to bring those to the church office.



NC Baptist Children's Home Offering

Goal: \$3,500.00

Received to Date:
\$1,460.61

Biblical Recorder

It's time to renew your subscription to the *Biblical Recorder*. The cost is \$13.79 and must be turned in to Gail Holland no later than Monday, December 5.



The World Hunger Offering was held in October. We received \$895 toward our goal of \$3,000. Please prayerfully consider giving to this important ministry with the envelope that is in your tithe box.

Boy Scouts

Do you know that College Park Baptist has a Boy Scout Troop 907? If you are 10 1/2 and would be interested in camping, canoeing, hiking and other activities, then come join us on Monday nights in Smith Hall at 7:00 p.m. There is still time to join as we prepare for Summer Camp next year at Sherando Lake National Park in Waynesboro, VA. We follow the church activity calendar in planning our events. If you have questions, please contact Larry Burnett or Doug Somers.

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Worship Nursery Workers

<u>Nov. 27</u>	<u>Dec. 4</u>
Joseph Alexander	Garlene Grogan
Melanie Alexander	Beth Huff
Beth Nelson	Janet Somers
Jason Smith	Jennifer Allen
Brandi Smith	Becky Haney
	Pat Blackwell

Greeters

<u>Nov. 27</u>	<u>Dec. 4</u>
John Vogler	Dennis Palmer
Jim Pernell	Wayne Lewis

Properties Committee

<u>Nov. 27</u>	<u>Dec. 4</u>
Mike Beeson	N'Earl Godwin

Information Center for November

Joyce Baxley	Tom Hurst
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Information Center for December

Bob Baker	Trudy Elkins
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Deacon of the Week

<u>Nov. 27 - Dec. 3</u>	<u>Dec. 4 - Dec. 10</u>
Rick Matthews	Nancy Hurst

	<u>Nov. 13</u>	<u>Nov. 20</u>
Re:Creation Worship	120	89
Sunday School	225	230
11:00 Worship	223	191
Brookridge	54	52

Month of October, 2011

Budget Beginning Balance	\$34,484.93
Budget Receipts	\$65,451.48
Budget Expenditures	\$63,456.37
Budget Ending Balance	\$36,480.04

Year to Date 2011

Budget Beginning Balance	\$6,687.98
Budget Receipts	\$656,768.20
Budget Expenditures	\$626,976.14
Budget Ending Balance	\$36,480.04
Building Fund Balance	\$202,857.17

Wednesday Supper

Wednesdays in November



**CHICK-fil-A CHICKEN
SIDES DESSERT
BEVERAGES**

We will once again decorate the Sanctuary with white poinsettias. If you would like to give a plant in honor of, or in memory of someone, please complete an order form and return it to the church office **along with your payment, no later than Sunday, November 27.** (Please do not place your order in the offering plate.) The price is **\$10.25 per plant.**

Given by: _____

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____