

HIGHLIGHTS

College Park Baptist Church
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From Your Pastor...

As a New Year begins, it is healthy to reflect and give thanks...and we, at College Park, have so much for which to be thankful! Just thinking back on the past year brings a smile to my face because God has blessed us as a congregation far beyond what we could have dreamed. Several highlights that we should remember:

- ◆ Even as we said "good-bye" to Gail Holland, God sent us Grace Hodge! Grace has been a true blessing to work with in the office, and she is doing a great job helping us explore ways to increase our financial base.
- ◆ Our ministry to Senior Adults and Homebound continued to grow as Christa Warise joined our staff and helped us explore new ways to minister to our people. Our new Home Ministry team is already at work and I continue to hear great things! She is also coordinating an effort to get DVDs of the 11:00 service into the different facilities where we have church members for weekly viewing/fellowship among our members who are not able to attend here.

- ◆ Our Wednesday Family Night Suppers continue to grow in popularity and attendance. The success of this is directly attributed to the hard work and creativity of our Food Service Committee and volunteers!
- ◆ We are experiencing steady growth in the number of families that are entering our fellowship through both the 9:00 Re:Creation and 11:00 services. For many of these adults and children, attending church is a fairly new thing. As a result, we are seeing spiritual growth and are sharing the joy of many adults and children coming to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ and being baptized!
- ◆ As a church, we (re)discovered the purposes of the church through our 30 Day Church Challenge, and we will continue to actively pursue these purposes.

More next newsletter, but I would have to say it's been a great year... and I'm looking forward to an even better one in 2013! How about you?!

Blessings & Peace,
Ramon



THE WORSHIP OF GOD

January 6, 2013
11:00 a.m.

Baptism & Lord's Supper
Terry Lefler, Dulcimer
Jeremy Cauble & Kimi Taylor
Christmas Communion Song
Sanctuary Choir



January 13, 2013
11:00 a.m.

Deacon Ordination
Beautiful Saviour
Sanctuary Choir

Our Mission...

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

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GENERAL NEWS

A NOTE FROM MARY



God became man; the divine Son became a Jew; the Almighty appeared on earth as a helpless human baby, unable to do more than lie and stare and wriggle and make noises, needing to be fed and changed and taught to talk like any other child. And there was no illusion or deception in this: the babyhood of the Son of

God was a reality. The more you think about it, the more staggering it gets. Nothing in fiction is so fantastic as is the truth of the incarnation - J.I. Packer

What child is this, who laid to rest on Mary's lap, is sleeping?

Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, while shepherds watch are keeping?

Why lies He in such mean estate, where ox and ass are feeding?

Good Christian, fear: for sinners here The silent Word is pleading.

So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh, come peasant, king, to own him;

The King of kings salvation brings; Let loving hearts enthroned Him.

This, this is Christ the King, Whom shepherds guard and angels sing:

Haste, haste to bring Him laud, the Babe, the Son of Mary - William Dix

Next book club meeting: January 28th @ 7 pm

Book for the month:

Unbroken by Laura Hillenbrand

An Update from the Facility Update Committee

At the beginning of 2012, the construction plans for the gym, connector, Smith Hall, and youth area were just ink marks on a piece of paper. Through the work of many people, those plans are now actual steel, concrete, drywall, paint, and equipment. What was once just a dream and a vision for ministry has become reality right in front of us. It has been a blessing to watch it happen day by day. God has been at work through this project from the first moment.



As we look forward to the end of the construction phase, our committee prays that this brick and mortar will become exactly what has been planned all along—additional tools to help us reach our community for Christ. Through His power in us, God can use many things to bring people to a saving knowledge of Christ. How will you use these new tools to bring your neighbors and friends to love Christ personally? These new resources are not for just a few to use and enjoy. Our church can provide new opportunities for people of all generations. All of us can be excited for what is to come through these new additions to our church.

The proof is everywhere—God has once again blessed College Park beyond our wildest dreams. Over the last several years, we have seen so many people who have sacrificed time, energy, and resources into our construction efforts. Our Lord has seen fit to multiply these efforts to the point where we are just a few short months away from the completion of our many construction projects. To God be the glory!

Our committee looks forward to 2013 with great anticipation in regards to the completion of the construction and the subsequent new ministry opportunities. We ask for your prayers as we all play our part in building God's kingdom here at College Park!

CHRISTA'S

CORNER

As we move into 2013, I am aware of the number of College Park members who are entering the new year without someone they love... a family member or friend who has already entered into his or her eternal home prepared for them. If you would be interested in attending a grief support group at College Park, please let me know when I see you at church or by phone (768-5870, ext. 25). Please don't hesitate to leave a message.

The College Parkers kick off the new year with "The Group," on January 17, 11:30 a.m. Rev. Cecil Cave leads these singing men who come to bring inspiration and joy. Don't miss out on our covered dish lunch and special time of fellowship together.

Thanks for the many ways you blessed us during the Christmas season. Ken and I look forward to serving alongside you in 2013!

Christa Warise

**World Missions
Goal: \$25,000.00**

Received to Date:	
CBF Global	\$7,691.50
Lottie Moon	<u>9,150.62</u>
	\$16,842.12

YOUTH MINISTRY

Junior/Senior Leadership Retreat to Gatlinburg

January 19-21

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 19-21. 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 \$110. All the other details will be available soon on the web site. The sign-up deadline is Sunday, January 6. Make sure you turn in your balance by January 6 to secure your spot. Don't miss it!

FAMILY MINISTRY

Parent Discipleship/Discussion Classes

Every Wednesday, 6:45 PM

An important part of our Wednesday night ministry is with parents, grandparents, and any adults interested in helping students and families become devoted followers of Christ. To this end, we offer a variety of classes/discussion opportunities on Wednesday evenings throughout the year. Please join us in room E101 on the lower level of the Education Building as we grow together in our knowledge of God and His purpose in our parenting.

Are you following us on Twitter?

If you are big into social media or if you are not even sure what social media is exactly, we have many ways for you to stay up-to-date with everything happening at College Park. We have long used our web site, newsletters, emails, and various publications. We also use Twitter as another way to communicate information. Make sure to "Follow" the accounts below to get the latest news.

- @CollegeParkWS ~ Church-wide Twitter account**
- @creationkids ~ Children's Ministry Twitter account**
- @youthatthepark ~ Youth Ministry Twitter account**
- @ReCreationCPBC ~ Re:Creation Worship Service Twitter account**

RECREATION MINISTRY

Hoops4Him Basketball

Upcoming Game Schedule

January 5

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| 9:00 AM | Junior Boys (at Calvary Baptist Church) |
| 9:00 AM | Intermediate Boys (at St. John's Lutheran Church) |
| 10:15 AM | High School Boys (at Christ Wesleyan Church) |
| 12:00 PM | Girls (at Old Town Baptist Church) |

January 10

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| 6:30 PM | Girls (at Old Town Baptist Church) |
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January 12

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| 10:00 AM | Girls (at Old Town Baptist Church) |
| 11:00 AM | Junior Boys (at Calvary Baptist Church) |
| 12:00 PM | Intermediate Boys (at Calvary Baptist Church) |
| 2:00 PM | High School Boys (at Christ Wesleyan Church) |

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

College Parkers

Thursday, January 17

The January gathering of the *College Parkers* will begin with a delicious covered-dish luncheon on Thursday, January 17 at 11:30. *The Group* will be our guests. You are invited to bring a guest and join the fellowship and entertainment.

CRISIS CONTROL

MINISTRY

Gift for January***Toilet Tissue***

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 during the last two weeks:

Wilson Alexander
Karly Bertram
Chancel Brown
Levy Goodrich
Ruth Hix
Robert Huff
Dot Miller
Jim Palmer

Christian love and sympathy are expressed to Vickie Sprinkle in the death of her mother.

In Loving Memory
of
Mrs. Ica Mae Reavis

June 15, 1916
to
December 30, 2012

Member of College Park
since
June 1950

In Loving Memory
of
Mrs. Madie W. Gaither

April 7, 1923
to
December 25, 2012

Member of College Park
since
April 1961

