

HIGHLIGHTS

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



From Your Pastor...

September 18 is the date for National **Back-to-Church Sunday** this year. For those who weren't with us last fall, Back-to-Church Sunday is a day when we join other churches from all around America, of all denominations, in making a concerted effort to invite people...well, back to church. This year, at College Park, we want to focus on making contact with everyone on our church records that we have not seen or heard from recently. I know this is a big task, but I feel it is an important part of who we are as a church...keeping up with our brothers and sisters! We are working on generating short lists of people that we feel the need to make contact with, and we are asking everyone who is able to take one of these lists and use the months of August and September to contact each person. There will be suggestions

on the list about how to make contact and what to say. We will also be discussing it on Sundays and Wednesday nights as **Back-to-Church Sunday** gets closer. Our goal is to know by September 18 the status of all of our people.

The theme of **Back-to-Church Sunday** this year is "**Now Is the Time**," and of course it is also an excellent opportunity to invite new people to church! I challenge all of us to be praying diligently about who we will ask to church on that day (hopefully that is something you do on a regular basis)! I am more convinced more than ever that College Park is a unique and incredibly special place! Be bold as we invite others in!

Blessings and Peace!
Ramon

Our Mission...

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



THE WORSHIP OF GOD



August 7, 2016
11:00 a.m.

Share in Communion

Total Praise
Sanctuary Choir

Heart Check-Up
Luke 12:32-40
Ramon Smith

August 14, 2016
11:00 a.m.

Shout With Joy to God
Sanctuary Choir

False Prophets
Jeremiah 23:23-29
Ramon Smith

August 21, 2016
11:00 a.m.

Jesus Saves
Sanctuary Choir

The Call
Jeremiah 1:4-10
Ramon Smith

August 28, 2016
11:00 a.m.

When the Stars Burn Down
Sanctuary Choir

Service of Affirmation

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A NOTE FROM MARY



I've had more than one conversation lately in which I've been able to say, "Did you ever think you would be _____ now?" Whether it was a job, or a place of residence, or a struggle, seldom could the person I was talking to have predicted what their life was going to look like now. And then I've had the conversations where someone would say, "I have no idea what is going on, but when I look in the past, I see that God was looking out for me, and I know He is now."

Life is unpredictable. God is unpredictable, not in a wishy-washy or unstable kind of way. He is always true to his loving nature. He does not change; however, His ways are not our own, and sometimes (most of the time!) His plans for us are so beyond what we could imagine on our own, that we are caught totally off guard. And that's not a bad thing. In fact, it's a God thing.

While God is comfort-ing, He is not about our being comfortable. An easy, comfortable life requires very little trust, very little dependence on God. But God wants more for us. Jesus didn't say He came to bring us an easy life. He came that we would have abundant life. And often that abundance comes when He gives joy in the midst of mourning, when He brings peace in chaos, when He empowers us to live His will when we have no power to do so on our own.

Life is unpredictable, but our God is infinitely good. He is infinitely loving. And, even in the confusion of our lives, He is caring for us. He does not leave us or forsake us. He walks alongside us. And for that, we praise Him.

Next book club meeting:

**Monday, August 29
at 7:00 pm**

**We will be discussing:
*Water from My Heart***

by Charles Martin

STEWARDSHIP OF SERVICE

9:00 Worship Nursery Workers

August 7 - Carolyn Ely, Jan Doty, Rachel Eller, Beth Nelson,

Bernice Hudspeth, Vickie Sprinkle, Julie Blink, Earl Blink

August 14 - Carolyn Ely, Jordan Gaskins, Grace Hodge,
Tammy McDowell, Bernice Hudspeth, Vickie Sprinkle

August 21 - Carolyn Ely, Pam Nicholson, Melanie
Alexander, Joseph Alexander, Bernice Hudspeth, Vickie
Sprinkle, Angie Bonner

August 28 - Carolyn Ely, Sarah Talley, Kathy McDaniel,
Beth Hinesley, Bernice Hudspeth, Vickie Sprinkle, Anna
Sheek, Sarah Hauser

11:00 Worship Nursery Workers

August 7 - Beth Huff, Stephanie Phillips, Leigh Ann
Pernell, Whitney Pernell

August 14 - Janice Jordan, Nell Baker, David Hodge,
Beth SabbaghRabaiotti, Stephanie Cayton, Sybil McBride,
Wanda Foster

August 21 - Courtney Gruver, Michael Gruver, Jeanne
Hobson, Donna Bates, Bernice Hudspeth, Carolyn Britt,
Becky Haney, Pat Blackwell

August 28 - Friends & Partners SS Class, Trudy Elkins,
Lara Pinnix, Chris Pinnix, Kelly McCrary, Jason McCrary

Greeters

August 7
Sarah Hauser
Tony Perkins

August 21
Dennis Palmer

August 14
Ken Hatchett

August 28
Jim Pernell

Properties Committee

August 7
Charlie Jones

August 21
John Nicholson

August 14
Mike Royal

August 28
Ron Cauble

Deacon of the Week

Aug 7 - 13
Nancy Hurst

August 21 - 27
Tony Perkins

Aug 14 - 20
Barry Nelson

August 28 - Sept 3
Jim Pernell

CORNER

I know these hot days of summer are hard to bear, but in time, we'll be putting on our sweaters and oohing and aahing at the red and golden leaves. Then hoping for no ice on the roads! And then, once again we'll feel relief when the daffodils and tulips spring up. And a few months later, we'll be running for the air conditioning again!

As the seasons of our lives change, we find great value in every season! The young years bring special joys, but so do the middle age years, and yes, the senior adult years! And as the seasons progress, we gain understanding, wisdom, perspective, and hopefully, a growing sense of grace towards others. As we age, we have a clearer view of what really matters in life. Our pastor, Ramon, said that the only things we take to heaven are our relationship with the Lord and relationships with each other. So true! Our church offers so many opportunities to make new friends, deepen the ones we have, and to love each other!

College Parkers will kick off the fall season September 15th with hotdogs and Barbershop Quartet music. We appreciate Bill Clapp and the program committee doing a great job this year. And lots of thanks to Charles Edwards, our College Parkers' president! This is a great time to come be with us. All are welcome!

What great trips our seniors have enjoyed this year! And the year's not over. In a few days of this writing, we leave for the Asheville area; the sign-up sheet for Cody Creek on August 11th is bulging; and, the "Christmas" trip to the beach November 1-4 is shaping up well. Thanks to Ken Hatchett and the travel committee!

Let's keep our eyes on our Savior, and look for the opportunities to express our love for each other!

Blessings,
Christa Warise

Help Needed

College Park is comprised of lots of different kinds of people. In the midst of all of our differences, we have at least two things in common: love for our God and love for each other. At no point in the week is the second more obvious than at our Family Night suppers. Our Wednesday night dinners are great times of fellowship with each other.

We are currently in need of several teams of people to help with our Family Night suppers. It is our hope to find several teams or individuals willing to recruit some helpers to help with suppers on a rotating basis. Our goal is to have enough teams to rotate through so that each team would only have to serve a few times this year. The more teams we have, the less frequently each would have to serve.

At this time, we have only had a couple of people come forward to volunteer, not nearly enough to make our dinners happen in the fall. If you find this time of fellowship integral to the life of our church, please prayerfully consider volunteering. If we do not have volunteers, we may have to reconsider what Family Night looks like in the fall. To volunteer or get more information, please contact Mary in the church office.

CRISIS CONTROL MINISTRY Gift for August

Jelly

*"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 during the last month:

**T.D. Brann
Krista Morgan
Vicky Palmer
Tim Rickman
Jane Roberson
Marcellus Waddill**

Christian love and sympathy are extended to Betty Poe in the death of her brother.

Thank-you notes have been received and posted on the bulletin board from Phyllis Burleson, from John & June Crabbe, from the family of Carolyn Huskey, and from the CBF missionaries.

**NATIONAL
BACK TO CHURCH
SUNDAY**

Sunday, September 18

*We will be contacting members that we
have not seen in a while.*

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CHURCH**

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Ramon E. Smith, Senior Pastor
Jeff Allen, Assoc. Pastor/ Students
& Families
Mary Keltner, Assoc. Pastor/Music & Education
Christa Warise, Minister of Senior Adults and
Congregational Care
Charles D. Edwards, Pastor Emeritus

Summer Giving

Please make sure you don't fall behind on your giving during the summer. Remember, you can set up regular gifts online at www.collegepark.ws or by going to the giving kiosk in the main hall or send them into the church office. It would be great to reduce our summer shortfall.

Budget Planning

The Budget Subcommittee and Finance will be working on the budget in August and September for church conference approval in October. We are asking all budget committee chairs and staff to prayerfully consider their budget requests at this time as we look to our ministry plan for 2017.

Welcome New Member

Sylvia Reedy
139 Davidson Heights Circle
Winston Salem, NC 27107

336-414-4250

Welcome to the College Park family!

ATTENDANCE STATISTICS

	<u>7/3</u>	<u>7/10</u>	<u>7/17</u>	<u>7/24</u>
Re:Creation Worship		111	137	
Sunday School	186	194	200	226
11:00 Worship	161	161	151	167
Brookridge	46	42	45	50

STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES

Month of June 2016

Budget Beginning Balance	\$-22,264.22
Budget Receipts	56,476.24
Budget Expenditures	72,110.97
Budget Ending Balance	\$-37,898.95

Year to Date June 2016

Budget Beginning Balance	\$-7,711.56
Budget Receipts	414,516.68
Budget Expenditures	444,704.07
Budget Ending Balance	\$-37,898.95

Building Fund - Month of June 2016

Building Fund Beginning Balance	\$76,325.33
Building Fund Receipts	7,933.94
Building Fund Expenditures	4,831.36
Building Fund Interest	4,742.05
Building Fund Balance	74,685.86
Loan Balance	\$1,325,353.69