

HIGHLIGHTS

College Park Baptist Church



It's almost time!

I have been a little hesitant to publish specific dates because much has been happening very quickly and other things have been dragging along. What we do know is this: Wednesday night, June 3rd, for those who want to come, we will be sharing in a time of **Prayer & Praise** on the front lawn. (These will likely continue throughout the summer!) The weather is forecasted to be very nice, so **if you are comfortable doing so**, we would love to see you on the front lawn of the church beginning about 7:00pm. Some have asked about bringing a meal, and “tailgating” in the parking lot or picnicking on the front lawn prior to the service. I’ve been assured that is fine...we just ask that you practice all the safety precautions that have now become a part of our daily lives. If you would like to bring your own chair, that would be easier to arrange and group in families, but there will

also be some chairs available from Smith Hall.

As a part of this service, we will also “talk you through” the procedures we have in place for how we plan to meet together for worship on Sunday, June 7th. Yes, that is the plan at this time! I will be sending you a letter, and an email, and there will be a video tour posted on the church website, Facebook, and Vimeo, highlighting all of the things we have put in place so that we can worship together safely. As always, please use your own best judgment in regard to your personal participation in church activities. We look forward to seeing you when you feel it is safe to do so!

See you soon!

Blessings & Peace,

Ramon

**Things Not to Say as We
Get Back to Church
from the
Minister of Recreation and
Senior Adults**

10. “They didn’t shake my hand.” (Some still prefer that aspect of Social Distancing.)
9. “I cannot believe that family wasn’t at church today.” (They’re not ready, it’s their choice.)
8. “You mean I can’t sit in my normal seat?”
7. “Every time I tried to talk to them they kept backing up, HOW RUDE.” (SIX FEET IS FURTHER THAN YOU THINK!)
6. They just coughed at church. Why are they here today?” (It’s going to happen, take a deep breath.)
5. “That is against our church policy.” (The virus changed how we are going to do church.)
4. “We’ve never done it that way before.” (Church might look different.)
3. “Why can’t our Sunday School class meet in our small Sunday school room?” (LARGE ROOMS ONLY, for now)
2. “They must not like me. As I got onto the elevator to ride with them, they got off!” (Only one family at a time, will be allowed to ride together.)
1. “Why are we leaving the doors open and fans running? (Circulation: experts have proven it helps.)

We can’t wait to see you when you return to church!



THE WORSHIP OF GOD



June 7, 2020
11:00 a.m.

Responding to Anxiety
1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11
Ramon Smith

June 14, 2020
11:00 a.m.

On the Heels of Peter
Romans 5:1-8
Ramon Smith

June 21, 2020
11:00 a.m.

What We Would Have Been Doing...
Ramon Smith

June 28, 2020
11:00 a.m.

A Prophet’s Reward
Matthew 10:40-42
Ramon Smith

Quarantine Qommunication

Here is every tool available to keep us connected and updated:

Prayer – May we remember, “*This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us.*” 1 John 5:14

Personal phone calls – This is the best way to reach out to family, friends, neighbors, and fellow church members.

Church Phone (336-768-5870) – We will keep this line updated with the latest ministry information.

Online – Stay connected to any of the following places for ongoing updates:

Church website (www.collegepark.ws) – This is updated often.

Realm (www.onrealm.org/collegepark) – If you don’t have an account already, we have sent an invitation to your email address.

If you missed it, give us a call or send us an email and we can help you get connected.

Facebook (<http://www.facebook.com/collegeparkws>)

Twitter (<http://twitter.com/collegeparkws>)

Instagram (<http://www.instagram.com/collegeparkws>)

Zoom – This is a great way to video chat with groups of people. It is a simple, free download to your phone, tablet, or computer. Search your app store for “Zoom.” Then any church group using the service will send out invitations for you to click on and join in the video conversation.

For any help on any of these forms of communication, please let us know!

Family Ministry Update

GRADUATE SUNDAY LIKE WE’VE NEVER SEEN IT!

Spring is in the air but graduations feel a little different this year. All the work, late night study sessions, exams, and papers are finished. Commencements are happening online, and yard signs are everywhere congratulating students of every age. Our congregation will be honoring this year’s graduating class later in the summer, hopefully as quarantine conditions improve and more people are able to be part of the service at church.

We would like to recognize all the high school and post-high school graduates. Especially this year, we want to take time to celebrate the achievements of this year’s class. If you have someone graduating this year, please contact Jeff with full name, school, and degree conferred. This information should be to the church office or to Jeff no later than June 10.

We look forward to celebrating this incredible accomplishment with our graduates and their families very soon. Please be in prayer for all involved.

A Note From Mary



A couple of days ago I was flipping channels and stopped to watch one of the *Back to the Future* movies. It was a nice little piece of 80's nostalgia, but there was a lot of talk about "messing up" the future, that our actions could have profound effect on what was yet to happen. I know there is a lot of fearfulness about the future right now. We hear talk about our "new normal" and what the future looks like. However, if you listen to the news and you look around you, you'll notice that while our circumstances have changed, most people have not. There are beautiful stories of people helping each other and stories of horrible injustice. There are those who are kind to those they encounter in the world and those who continue to be impatient and unloving. There are people who continue to mock outwardly and judge inwardly the choices of others, and there are people who work to build bridges. I would love to say that quarantine has made us think about who we are and who God would have us to be, but I fear that it has just made us more "us."

But I do believe that there could be a "new normal." I believe in a God who takes the ugliest parts of our natures and makes them beautiful and who continues to work on my heart daily. I believe in a God who works through individuals to change their corners of the world in ways that change the world at large. I believe that our daily choices, attitudes, and words make a difference and that God wants to use each of those to change the world for His glory. There is fear and uncertainty right now, but God is still at work in our world. If we allow Him, He is at work in us. I am reminded this morning of the words of an old song that says: "*Many things about tomorrow I don't seem to understand, but I know who holds tomorrow, and I know who holds my hand.*"

Bless you in coming days as you work to live in ways that point to the Father who holds your life in his hands.

If anyone is interested in getting their *Open Windows*, please let Mary know.

PROPERTIES COMMITTEE

June 7

Josh Hauser

June 14

Michael Gaskins

June 21

Tom Merritt

June 28

Barry Nelson

DEACON OF THE WEEK

June 7-13

Michael Gruver

June 14-20

Carolyn Matthews

June 21-27

Sarah Talley

June 28-July 4

Lori Cogdill

Financial Corner:

Budget - April 2020

	<u>MTD</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Budget	\$77,658.11	\$310,632.44
Receipts	64,777.00	376,552.46
Expenditures	70,316.25	278,675.12

Building Fund - April 2020

Beginning Balance	\$76,111.99	\$77,984.27
Receipts	5,511.00	30,861.23
Expenditures	9,074.17	36,296.68
Ending Balance	72,548.82	72,548.82
Loan Balance		\$965,922.50