

HIGHLIGHTS

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



From Your Pastor...

As we have navigated through the shut-downs, the reopenings, and all of the questions through the whole process, we have tried to give you all the information we knew, as we knew it. So, in the in-between times, our communication has sought to be about how we can continue to stay in touch with each other. I hope that you are staying connected to each other through all the different forms of communication that are available to us.

Yes, we are meeting on Wednesday nights on the front lawn beginning with tailgating at 6:15, and then Prayer & Praise at 7:00. These services will probably continue in that format into the fall. Yes, our 9:00 and 11:00 Sunday services are meeting with good attendance; but again, we understand if you are not quite ready to come back. A couple

of weeks ago I had the joy of bringing my mother and sister to both our 9:00 and 11:00 services, and they enjoyed being back with God's people to worship "in person." The following week someone asked me if I really thought our worship centers were safe for gathering... My reply: "Do you *really* think I would have brought my mother here if I wasn't fully confident that our worship centers were safe?!" So again, "thank you" to all who work to make sure that we have as safe an environment as possible for our people to come together. I know you don't do it for the gratitude extended, but I personally am so grateful for your dedication to keep God's people (and some who may not be yet...) safe!

We will see you when you are ready.
Stay safe, and let us know how we can help!

Blessings & Peace,
Ramon

Our Mission...

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



THE WORSHIP OF GOD



August 2, 2020
11:00 a.m.

Re: God's Ancient People
Romans 9:1-5
Ramon Smith

August 9, 2020
11:00 a.m.

Christ and the Law
Romans 10:5-15
Ramon Smith

August 16, 2020
11:00 a.m.

Tenacity of God
Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32
Ramon Smith

August 23, 2020
11:00 a.m.

Our Real Worth in Christ
Romans 12:1-8
Ramon Smith

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August 30,
2020
11:00 a.m.



Love Unfeigned
Romans 12:9-21
Ramon Smith

Family Ministry Update

To the families and children of College Park,

I am writing to you to express the extent of my gratitude and joy for being able to be a part of your lives this summer. I'm sure you can all agree, that towards the start of this quarantine, life had seemed quite slow, confusing, and scary. I had known since the beginning of 2020 that I wanted to work as the children and family's intern, but once our good friend Rona came to town, I was doubtful I would have that opportunity. I prayed for a miracle, hoping things would return to my idea of normal so that I could spend time with the kids at day camps and VBS.

Although things have not and most likely will not return to our old idea of normal, a new miracle emerged out of the chaos that I didn't expect. With the help of some of my best friends at College Park - Jeff, Bryson, Kylie, Sarah H., Sarah G., the Wilsons, and many more - we were able to come together to create the Creation Kids "Campout."

Over these past eight weeks, I have met so many new faces and friends. Whether it was on our Tuesday night campouts, Wednesday night Prayer and Praise on the lawn, or at church on Sundays, I have been blessed with the opportunity to be a part of so many lives. You all have brought me so much joy, pushed me to dive deeper into my faith, and taught me how to share my faith and the joy of our Lord with everyone.

The blessing of the Creation Kids Campout has taught me about how every moment of our day can be directed towards praising God. The campouts show how the love of God can be found in fishing, being in our homes and tents, sleeping in our beds, out hiking and walking in the world, playing and praising with music, sharing stories with each other, eating with each other, and keeping the love and fire of Christ burning in our hearts as we move on and go out into the world (the different themes for each week's campout). Each week of our eight-week campout follows these themes, and if you missed any episodes, I would highly recommend going back and watching them. Each week has been filled with so much joy, so many laughs, and so many smiles.



Thank you all for spending your summers growing with me, finding joy with me, and spreading the love God intended for us.

Peace and love,
Jacob Andrews

If you missed any episodes of "Campout"
check them all out at go.atthepark.ws/campout.

A NOTE FROM MARY



As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with each other in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to one hope when you were called—one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. Ephesians 4:1-6

I can't lie - my recent quarantine occasionally felt like being held prisoner. I would love to say that I was humble, and patient, and loving in the midst of it, but that would not be honest. I was most definitely grumpy and impatient. And part of it had to do with feeling out of touch with many of the folks I love. Even out of strict quarantine, I have felt that way. It has been great to be able to worship together again; but not all are able to attend, so I find myself missing those who are missing. It is important for us to be together and for us to be united in fellowship. And that is hard when parts of the body are missing. No, this is not an article saying "get back to church;" rather, I want to encourage you to check up on each other. Make phone calls, text, write a note. Let someone know you love them. If God brings someone to mind, act on that. Now, for some age groups, phone calls are a lost art. Regain the skill. Call someone. Send a card. And, if we really want to follow Paul's commands, we might do that for someone outside of our usual group of friends, or to a brother or sister in Christ whose opinions might be different from our own. We might cross generational lines and reach out to someone. Physical distance does not mean we need to be relationally distant because the Spirit we share has called us to be one.

Family Yard Game Night

August 14, 6:00pm



Lawn games
welcome.
Eat before you
come or pick up
take out!

PROPERTIES COMMITTEE

August 2

Michael Gruver

August 9

Josh Hauser

August 16

Michael Gaskins

August 23

Tom Merritt

August 30

Barry Nelson

DEACON OF THE WEEK

Aug. 2-8

Josh Hauser

Aug. 9-15

Kent Hobson

Aug. 16-22

Brad Jones

Aug. 23-29

Michael Gaskins

Aug. 30-Sept.5

Doug Somers

Financial Corner:

Budget - June 2020

	<u>MTD</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Budget	\$77,658.11	\$465,948.66
Receipts	63,022.77	532,044.20
Expenditures	62,918.96	413,936.44

Building Fund - June 2020

Beginning Balance	\$72,115.65	\$77,984.27
Receipts	10,784.00	50,286.23
Expenditures	9,074.17	54,445.02
Ending Balance	73,825.48	73,825.48
Loan Balance		\$953,010.04

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Charles D. Edwards, Pastor Emeritus

Backpack Update and Food Collection

In May, we completed our 8th year of serving local schools through backpack and pantry programs! Thanks to the incredible support of church members and other loyal donors, over the last eight years, we have been blessed to provide food to hundreds of children and their families who are experiencing food insecurity. Your continued support has made a meaningful difference for these families! As you know, life has looked a little different since March. Thanks to dedicated guidance counselors at Vienna and Old Richmond elementary schools who delivered food to families' homes all spring, we were able to provide food during the period of remote learning. A dedicated staff member at Jefferson Middle School helped us keep the food pantry there open as "essential," and it has continued to be open twice a month all summer long! We feel so grateful to have been able to continue this ministry during such a challenging time. God has truly provided exactly what we've needed—often before we even realized we needed it!

As we prepare for the new school year, we know the challenges will continue, and we anticipate higher numbers of students and families participating in these food programs. As we did in the spring, we plan for guidance counselors to deliver family food bags each week to the families of our backpack students with fullsize grocery items. Thanks to the financial gifts that we have received, we are able to purchase many of the items we need through our partnership with Second Harvest Food Bank. There are a few items that are unavailable for purchase right now due to interruptions in the food bank's supply chain. **We are in need of peanut butter, jelly (preferably in plastic containers), and boxes of cereal.** If you would like to donate any of these items to be packed for our backpack families this fall, there will be a **donation box set up at church until August 10.** It will be just outside the door so items can be dropped off even when the church office isn't open.

Thank you for all that you do to help feed hungry children in our community!

Lori & Stephanie