

HIGHLIGHTS



College Park Baptist Church

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

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From Your Pastor...



Jeff's Notes

God continues to bless our times together in Worship and in Bible Study! I know it would be an understatement to say we are blessed, and of course we should feel thankful...but many times we depend on a list of "things" in order to feel thankful. This year at Thanksgiving, I would like to challenge each one of us to be thankful for nothing! "Nothing," and how it is defined, is the key to that statement, and we will attempt to define "nothing" this Sunday morning during our corporate worship time. We will be examining Paul's letter to the Ephesians, chapter one. If you have a chance, you might want to read that passage before Sunday.

This Sunday, we will be missing a large portion of our congregation...but for a good reason! This weekend is the annual Pilot Mountain Baptist Association Fall Youth Retreat, and we will have 60+ youth and leaders going to Ridgecrest for the weekend. Since I am still technically chairman of the team that puts this retreat together, I will have to be there for the first half of the weekend; but I look forward to being with you in worship Sunday morning! Please pray for our youth and their leaders as they travel, learn, play, and worship together!

I am very excited about our call of Jeff Allen as our new Associate Pastor of Students & Families. Please continue to pray for him as he transitions to this place!

'See you Sunday!

Ramon Smith

It's happened again: we've blinked and November is half over, with Thanksgiving just around the corner and Advent quickly on its heels. As we anticipate the various celebrations of Thanksgiving (worship here on Tuesday, time with family and friends on Thursday and Friday), I hope each of us will take several moments to reflect on the intangible blessings that fill our lives. Sure, it is easy to notice the "things" we have, and to recognize good health or comfortable surroundings; but if we are still and allow the Spirit to stir within us, we should see so much more: relationships that incarnate unconditional love, minds and hearts that retain precious memories, the ability to think and question and choose for ourselves what we will believe and embrace, and so much more.

And although it will seem rushed, it is appropriate that we begin observing Advent just 3 days later, for the greatest blessing is that God loved us enough to send his son to live (and die) among us. That is a great deal to comprehend completely, more than is possible for any of us. But if we, again, will take time to be still before God, he will begin to bring us into that understanding and faith. That can't happen if we insist on running headlong into December 25. That is what Advent is all about—a quiet, expectant vigil—so that we can be prepared. I look forward to sharing that time with each of you.

Psalm 8:2 - You all were fantastic on Sunday as you led us in praise. Don't forget that we sing again this Sunday morning. Meet in the Chapel at 10:30 a.m.; we need you to dress up just like you did last week.

Ministry Emphases

Thanksgiving Service
Tuesday, November 25

Make plans now to participate in our Thanksgiving activities. Our Family Night Supper will be served on Tuesday night, instead of Wednesday, (which means we need to receive your reservations/cancellations no later than Monday at 4:30). Following the meal, we will join together in the sanctuary at 6:45 p.m. for an offering of gratitude to our heavenly Father for his wonderful blessings.

BAPTIST MEN'S BREAKFAST

Cherry Street Prison

Sunday, November 23

Leave College Park at 7:30 a.m.

Men's Bible Study

Saturday Mornings

7:00 - 8:00 a.m.

E102



All men are invited to come and share in this time of fellowship and the study of God's Word.

Matt's Memos

We will be gone this weekend with our youth, and over 500 other youth from area churches! Our retreat theme is "The Challenge of Choices." Please pray for us as we travel and as we experience re-creation through all of the events that are planned on this retreat!

In his name,

Matt

White Christmas

December 21, 2003



White Christmas is a yearly project in which our church is involved to reach needy families that have been screened through the Christmas Clearing House. Sunday School classes, Baptist Women groups, and individuals "adopt" these families and shop for Christmas gifts for them. On December 21, everyone is encouraged to bring food items to the church. This food, along with the gifts, will be distributed to the families. If you wish to be involved by "adopting" a family, please contact Jim or Mary Jenkins (748-8335) no later than Sunday, November 30. The food items that are needed will be published in the December 3 issue of "Highlights."

Family Night Supper Tuesday, November 25

Baked Ham
Macaroni w/Cheese Green Beans
Yeast Rolls Dessert
Reservations must be made by Mon., Nov 24!

Welcome New Member

On Sunday, November 16, Jack Haymore came requesting membership upon his profession of faith in Jesus Christ. Jack is the son of Bobby and Julie Haymore. He lives at 6450 Rideout Road, Winston-Salem, NC 27105, and his phone number is 744-0482. We rejoice with Jack's decision!

POINSETTIAS FOR ADVENT SEASON

This year we will have a poinsettia tree as part of our Christmas decorations. If you would like to give a plant in honor of, or in memory of someone, please complete the form below and return it to the church office **along with your payment, no later than Wednesday, November 26.** The price is **\$10.00 per plant.**

Placed by: _____

In Honor of: _____

In Memory of: _____

N.C. Baptist Children's Home Offering

Goal: \$3,000.00
Received to Date: \$6,724.76

**Crisis Control Gift for November:
Instant Oatmeal**

Reminder: Biblical Recorder renewals must be received in the office no later than December 1.

Notes of appreciation have been received and posted on the bulletin board from Annie B. Cook and from Speas Elementary School.

Our prayers and support are offered to the following members of our church family who are, or have been in the hospital in the last week:

Ann Baker, Cherry Parnell



REPORT FROM NOVEMBER 16, 2003

Sunday School	294
Worship	342
Brookridge	51
Budget Requirement To Date	\$564,955.90
Budget Receipts To Date (84.13%)	\$475,286.85
FULFILLING THE PROMISE	
New FTP Pledges	\$289,522.00
New FTP Pledged Gifts to Date (34.27%)	\$99,222.00
Total Building Fund Receipts To Date	\$2,706,286.90
Balance Due on Building	\$356,533.62
Sound System to Date	\$8,825.00

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 23 - NOVEMBER 29

Sunday, Nov. 23

7:30 a.m. Baptist Men leave for Cherry Street Prison
9:15 Media Center Open
9:30 Sunday School Classes
10:30 Psalm 8:2 Rehearsal in the Chapel
10:45 Gathering in Sanctuary for Worship
12:15 p.m. Visitation Assignments
3:00 Channels Rehearsal
5:00 Adult Discipleship
6:00 Adult Bible Study, Children's Discipleship
Sanctuary Bells Rehearsal

Monday, Nov. 24

10:00 a.m. Monday Bible Study
6:00 - 9:30 p.m. Basketball Practice - Smith Hall
7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 907

Tuesday, Nov. 25

9:45 a.m. Grace Notes leave for Homestead Hills
10:30 Grace Notes sing at Homestead Hills
5:30 - 6:30 p.m. Supper Line Open
6:45 Thanksgiving Service - Sanctuary

Thursday, Nov. 26

Office Closed for Thanksgiving

Friday, Nov. 27

Office Closed for Thanksgiving

Saturday, Nov. 29

7:00 a.m. No Men's Bible Study - E102

Workers in Worship Nursery: November 23, 10:30 a.m.
Ivarene Billings; JoAnn Lehman; Delores Browne; Jill & Gary Knight; Debbi & Sara Patterson; Lisa Jo & Tom Sparling

Deacon of the Week: Wes Morgan

Greeters: Nov. 23 Dennis Palmer & Chuck Barbee
Properties Comm. Member on Duty: Earl Parker
Brookridge Driver: Nov. 23 Larry Jones
Information Center for Nov: Frances Newton, Tom Hurst



THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Sunday, November 23

10:45 a.m.

Canticle of Faithfulness
- Sanctuary Choir
Look at the World
- Psalm 8:2 and Sanctuary Choir
Thanks for Nothing, Ephesians 1:15-23
- Rev. Ramon Smith

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