

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...

Because of the ice storm last Sunday, we had a smaller group here, but it was a great time of worship together. As we said, "Christmas cheer" doesn't have to be dictated by the circumstances of life. We can choose each day whether we will give thanks and "count it all joy," no matter what the events of the day may bring. That is the evidence of a very real God who lives within us, directing our hearts and minds. My prayer is that all of us will experience the Savior in a new and intimate way this Advent season!

I am still looking forward to a wonderful service of music and celebration led by our choirs and the special presentation by our *Channels* on Sunday evening. (A week's delay has heightened the anticipation of two wonderful services.) College Park is truly blessed to have many talented people who use their talents for the King of Kings!

Also, a special thanks to the Joe Grogan family for their Christmas gift to all of the children of our church! Once again, they will be preparing the Christmas treat bags to be distributed this Sunday, December 21st!

Ramon Smith

Ministry Emphases

International Missions
"That All Peoples May Know Him"
and

Global Missions

"Everyone...Everywhere - Being the Presence of Christ"

Goal: \$20,000

Received to Date: \$7,913.68

Lottie Moon International Missions: \$5,971.68
CBF Global Missions: 1,942.00

You can help:

Pray: The Chapel is open for prayer. You are encouraged to come by anytime the church is open, enter the Chapel, and pray for our missionaries around the world and for God's guidance as to how you can personally help.

Our Royal Ambassadors have made prayer emblems to assist you in your praying. **Please stop by the Prayer Tree on the mezzanine and take one of the emblems from the tree.** Spend time in prayer specifically for the missionary whose name is on the ornament and for the mission field in general.

Give: Please give generously so that our missionaries will be able to continue to do their work on the global and international mission fields.



White Christmas

December 21, 2003

Remember, each class is to bring a gift wrapped in white paper on December 21, to present as part of our worship service that day.

"Whatever you do for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you do for me." Matthew 25:40



Jeff's Notes

Blessings of our wintery weather from Sunday include: added beauty to God's creation, a meaningful intimate worship experience in the Chapel for those who were able to attend, an additional week for members of our choirs to heal. My thanks to our choir and others who did brave the weather to lead us in worship this past Sunday. I am looking forward to a very meaningful service of scripture and song this Sunday morning. In addition to the things planned for last week, our youth choir will also be joining the *Sanctuary Choir* for one part of the service. (*Ainosis* members: Be sure to meet us in the Chapel at 10:30 a.m. Men - shirt and tie; women - dresses or skirts.) On Sunday evening we will be blessed as *Channels* sings their concert from Williamsburg. You are invited to join us at 6:30 p.m. in Smith Hall for a time of fellowship and then the concert at 7 p.m. in the Chapel. We need everyone to bring some of their extra holiday "goodies" to share at the 6:30 p.m. fellowship time. We will provide drinks.

Jeff

A Candlelight Concert

presented by
Channels

Sunday, December 21, 7:00 p.m.
College Park Baptist Church Chapel

Please bring some of your favorite holiday "goodies" and join us before the concert for a time of fellowship at 6:30 p.m. in O. E. Smith Hall.

Matt's Memos

Christmas activity schedule!

December 19th Reindeer Hunt 6pm

22nd Progressive Dinner 6pm

Basketball Schedule - December 20

Jr. Coed 10:30 @ Mount Tabor Methodist

Girls - 8:30 @ Old Town Baptist

Intermediate Boys 8:30 @ First Baptist

Senior Boys 9:45 @ First Assembly

Come support our teams!

In Christ,
Matt

Update from the Personnel Committee

The Personnel Committee has received verbal and written confirmation from Jeff Allen that he plans to assume the position of Associate Pastor of Students and Families on January 4, 2004. Jeff's compensation package, as approved and accepted, will include: salary and housing as presented in Conference, 7.65% FICA offset, 8% annuity, Conference and Education as budgeted, and insurance. Please be in prayer for Jeff and Jennifer as they make this transition.

**There will be no Family Night Supper
December 24 and December 31.**

Notes of appreciation have been received and posted on the bulletin board from Ginger & Eddie Lynch and from Marie Hathcock (Nell Taylor's daughter).

Christian love and sympathy are expressed to Ben Jackson in the death of his grandmother.



*May the eternal joy of Christmas
be yours throughout the year.*

*Ramon Smith
Gail Holland
Matt Wilson*

*Jeff Parker
Joan Snyder
Robert Blankenship*

**Crisis Control Gift for December:
1 lb. Bag of Rice**

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:



Blanche Phillips, Fred Swift

REPORT FROM DECEMBER 14, 2003

Sunday School	Cancelled due to weather conditions
Worship	131
Brookridge	Not Available
Budget Requirement To Date	\$614,082.50
Budget Receipts To Date (83.93%)	\$515,369.89
FULFILLING THE PROMISE	
New FTP Pledges	\$289,522.00
New FTP Pledged Gifts to Date (38.28%)	\$110,828.56
Total Building Fund Receipts To Date	\$2,717,893.46
Balance Due on Building	\$349,538.48
Sound System to Date	\$9,235.00

Highlights will not be published next week.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 21 - DECEMBER 27

Sunday, Dec. 21

9:15 a.m. Media Center Open
9:30 Sunday School Classes
10:45 Gathering in Sanctuary for Worship
12:15 p.m. Visitation Assignments
6:30 Fellowship - Smith Hall
6:15 Channels Rehearsal
7:00 *Candlelight Concert* in Chapel

Monday, Dec. 22

10:00 a.m. Monday Bible Study
6:00 p.m. Youth Progressive Dinner
7:00 Boy Scout Troop 907

Wednesday, Dec. 24

Office Closed
5:00 p.m. **Christmas Eve Service**
Thursday, Dec. 25 Office Closed

Workers in Worship Nursery: December 21, 10:30 a.m.
Ben & Lori Jackson; Kim & Kelsey Duncan; Julia & Sarah Rickman; Terri & Noah Goodman

Deacon of the Week: Bob Doty

Greeters: Dec. 21 John Vogler & Ed Lane

Properties Comm. Member on Duty: Doug Somers

Brookridge Driver: Dec. 21 Larry Jones

Information Center for Dec: Tony Bates, Trudy Elkins

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 28 - JANUARY 3

Sunday, Dec. 28

9:15 a.m. Media Center Open
9:30 Sunday School Classes
10:45 Gathering in Sanctuary for Worship
12:15 p.m. Visitation Assignments
No Evening Activities

Monday, Dec. 29

10:00 a.m. Monday Bible Study
7:00 Boy Scout Troop 907

Wednesday, Dec. 31

No Family Night Activities
Thursday, Jan. 1 Office Closed

Workers in Worship Nursery: December 28, 10:30 a.m.
Marla Andrews; Meredith Lloyd; Dianne Baker; Ann Keith; Lizzie Boyles; Janet & Doug Somers; Carolyn Matthews; Anne Heller

Deacon of the Week: Mary Nell Page

Greeters: Dec. 28 Dennis Palmer & Chuck Barbee

Properties Comm. Member on Duty: Dennis Palmer

Brookridge Driver: Dec. 28 Larry Jones

Information Center for Dec: Tony Bates, Trudy Elkins



**THE WORSHIP OF GOD
Sunday, December 21**

10:45 a.m.

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Then We Shall Sing for Joy

A Service of Scripture and Song led by

- *The Sanctuary Choir*

- *The Sanctuary Bells*

- *Sing for God & Psalm 8:2*

(with a special appearance by *Ainesis*)

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Angie Somers, Children's Ministry Director