

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...

It's hard to believe that Advent is already here! Last week we worshipped together around the theme of Hope, understanding that Immanuel, "God with us," is the reason for our hope! This Sunday morning we will rediscover the Peace of Christmas, and I hope you will be here to worship with us as we sing together and light the Chrismon Tree. We will also have an ingathering for our international missions offering, which should launch us toward our church goal of \$20,000 for this offering.

As has been our custom, we will not have evening discipleship training this Sunday, so you may have the opportunity to take in some of the numerous Christmas celebrations that are going on in our community, including the Love Feast at Wake Forest, Handel's *Messiah* at Reynolds Auditorium, or other presentations at area churches. We are fortunate to live in a community where there is so much talent and so many offerings at this time of year!

Even during the Advent season, the Search Committee for the position of Associate Pastor/ Music & Education is gathering resumes and talking with all available agencies to "get the word out." We already have many resumes in house and are reading/sorting these. Please continue to pray for this committee. The Search Committee for Minister of Senior Adults & Congregational Care has also begun their search and will be giving you periodic updates as well!

Have a great week and we'll see you Sunday!

Ramon

The Music Ministry of College Park Baptist presents

CITY ON A HILL CHRISTMAS

*A Christmas Worship Experience
led by the children and youth of College Park*

Sunday, December 12, 6:00 P.M.

In Touch

College Exam Packs

If it is December, then it must be time for college exams! You can hear the groans emanating from college campuses around our state. However, exams do not always equal something bad. Our college students know that exams also bring a break from school, free time to do whatever they want, and EXAM PACKS!!!! The most anticipated item in any college student's wish list—junk food from home!

I am headed to see all of our college students next week and I need your help in having something to give them. I am asking for any kind of snack food that you can provide for these exam packs. If you are able, please make plans to bring your snacks to the kitchen in the Adult I meeting area. The youth will be putting these packs together next Sunday night so that I can get on the road first thing Monday morning. Many of you have helped provide these snacks before and we appreciate your willingness to help out again!

WEEK OF PRAYER

December 5 - 12

International Missions

"That All Peoples May Know Him"
and

Global Missions

"Together...Being the Presence of Christ"

Goal: \$20,000

We can all be involved by:

Praying: You are encouraged to use the prayer guides during the Week of Prayer to pray for our missionaries around the world and for God's guidance as to how you can personally help.

Giving: Envelopes for the offering are in your regular envelope package. They will also be placed about the church and inserted in your bulletins on December 5. Please give generously so that our missionaries will be able to continue to do their work on the global and international mission fields.

Learning: On Wednesday, December 8, Debbie Bardin will speak at our Family Night service. She and her husband have served in Nigeria, and are currently in the U.S. for study. Come and hear firsthand the exciting things God is doing on the foreign mission field.

The **Girls in Action** have made posters to help remind you of this special week of prayer when each of us can have a very active role in being a missionary as Jesus asked us to do.

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. Also prayer for the mission field in general.

Our **Women on Mission Groups** are sponsoring a **"Hospitality Brunch"** on December 11, at 9:30 a.m.

All proceeds from this brunch will go for missions. The **Acteens** are taking a very active part in this brunch.

Children to Decorate Chrismon Tree

The Chrismon Tree is a beautiful part of each Advent season, and this year we are going to let the children help decorate the tree during the morning worship service on Sunday, December 5. We would like all children who wish to participate in decorating the tree to be in the sanctuary at 10:30 a.m. this Sunday morning. We invite parents to accompany willing preschoolers so they can join in on the decorating fun. Please make plans to be here Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m. in your Christmas best so we can prepare for a special part of this service!

Christmas at the Park

You have heard of "Sunday at the Park," but have you heard of "Christmas at the Park?" Well, it is a brand new event for our entire church family. On Wednesday, December 22, everyone will gather in Smith Hall for a time of sharing Christmas memories, funny stories as well as meaningful ones. I will have more details so stay tuned!

Jeff

Family Night Supper - Wednesday, December 8
Country Style Steak
 Mashed Potatoes Green Beans
 Yeast Rolls Dessert
Please make your reservation
no later than noon on Tuesday, December 7!

***Crisis Control Gift for December:
 18 oz. Jelly or Peanut Butter***



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:

*Jerry Anthony, Wes Morgan,
 Betsy Thompson*

Christian love and sympathy are expressed to Janice Turner in the death of her grandmother, and to Luther Wood in the death of his nephew.



Christmas Gifts for Mt. Outreach Family

For Christmas, Robinhood Baptist Church will be sponsoring the family for whom we built a house at Mt. Outreach this past year. David Voss will be going to Kentucky with others on December 10 to deliver needed items for the warehouse. If you would like to donate or present the family with any gifts, please let the church office know.

2005 Sanctuary Flowers

We are grateful to those who placed memorial and honorary flowers in the Sanctuary during 2004. They were a beautiful testimony to the glory of God and a blessing for all to enjoy. **Each year we begin with a new flower calendar.** If you would like to place special occasion, honorary or memorial flowers in the Sanctuary in 2005, please call the church office.

REPORT FROM NOVEMBER 28, 2004

Sunday School	292
Worship	351
Brookridge	42
Budget Requirement To Date	\$611,562.24
Budget Receipts To Date (90.74%)	\$554,931.24
FULFILLING THE PROMISE	
New FTP Pledges	\$289,522.00
New FTP Pledged Gifts to Date (95.68%)	\$277,023.72
Total Building Fund Receipts To Date	\$2,888,361.33
Balance Due on Building	\$203,665.92

Biblical Recorder

Please notify the church office **no later than December 10** if you would like to subscribe to the Biblical Recorder. The cost is \$11.25.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 5 - DECEMBER 11

Sunday, December 5

9:15 a.m. Media Center Open
 9:30 Sunday School Classes
 10:30 Children gather in Sanctuary
 10:45 Gathering in Sanctuary for Worship
 12:15 p.m. Visitation Assignments
 3:30 Youth Vocal Ensemble Rehearsal
 4:30 Combined Children & Youth Choirs Rehearsal
 6:00 No Evening Activities

Monday, December 6

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

Tuesday, December 7

9:30 a.m. Grace Notes leave for Salemtowne
 10:00 Grace Notes sing at Salemtowne
 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. Basketball Practice

Wednesday, December 8

9:30 a.m. Grace Notes leave for Vienna Village
 10:00 Grace Notes sing at Vienna Village
 4:30 p.m. Media Center Open
 5:30 - 6:30 Supper Line Open
 6:00 Cherub Choir, Sing for God, and Psalm 8:2 Rehearsals
 6:45 Prayer Meeting
 Mission Friends, RAs, GAs, Acteens, Challengers
 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, December 11

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study
 9:30 WMU Missions Brunch - Smith Hall
 10:30 Jr. Coed Basketball - Mt. Tabor Methodist
 11:30 Intermediate Boys Basketball - 1st Baptist
 12:30 p.m. Girls Basketball - Old Town Baptist
 1:30 Sr. High Boys Basketball - Becks Baptist

Workers in Worship Nursery: December 5, 10:30 a.m.
 Garlene Grogan; Rachel Eller; Angie Somers; Liz Matthews;
 Jim & Leigh Ann Pernel

Deacon of the Week: Jason Cogdill

Greeters: December 5 Wayne & Jennie Lewis

Properties Comm. Member on Duty: Dennis Palmer

Brookridge Driver: Larry Jones

Information Center for December: Tony Bates, Trudy Elkins



THE WORSHIP OF GOD

The Second Sunday of Advent
Sunday, December 5
 10:45 a.m.

The Holly and the Ivy
 Sanctuary Choir

A Cradle for a Lamb
 Channels

The Peace of Christmas
 Micah 5:1-5

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