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

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This week we will hear a lot about the Super Bowl, (and the commercials that accompany it), and we will be reminded that the half-time show will be on a time-delay because of last year's "wardrobe failure." We will also, no doubt, hear much about how the athletes in a game of this magnitude must maintain their discipline during this final week of preparations.

All of this made me think about our own lives and how we need to maintain our disciplines in order to accomplish our goals. If our goal is to become more Christ-like, we must discipline ourselves to accomplish that goal. "Discipline" and "discipleship" actually come from the same root word. If we are to become disciples of Christ, we must discipline ourselves out of dedication to the one we serve. One of those disciplines is Bible Study. Unfortunately, nation-wide there has been a decline in the emphasis that is placed on this critical area of growth, as worship has been emphasized more. Systematic Bible Study (Sunday School) is critical to our development, so let me challenge those of you who are not involved in Sunday School to come find a class you like and settle in!

Another area of discipline is in our stewardship of resources...what we do with what God has entrusted to us. Please make it a priority this year to give God your best in time, talents, and treasure. College Park needs disciples who will use their time and talents in God's service, and will give of their treasures to help us reach our ministry and missions goals! Pray about these things, and hopefully...

We'll see you Sunday!

Ramon

## In Touch

#### Freedom and ...

I have to admit I was glued to the TV this weekend, not because of the blizzard of 2005, but because of what was happening in Iraq. Regardless of your political persuasion, it was a powerful thing to watch a newly-freed people vote for the first time. Iraqis of every age and gender faced difficulty and even death to stand in line and cast their votes. Americans, Iraqis, British, and other people of many nations paid for that freedom with their lives. It was a powerful image to see freedom in action as the people of Iraq took their freedom seriously and acted responsibly, given the sacrifices made.

I find it difficult to write this article because of the emotions involved, but I think there is an eternal lesson to be found. Many Christians, especially Protestants, celebrate the freedom that is found in Christ. There is no doubt that the death of Christ on the cross has freed us from the punishment we deserve. Yet with that freedom comes responsibility to do what is right. We like to talk about freedom, but we are quick to duck responsibility—to grow in our knowledge of God, to serve the body of Christ, to attend church regularly, to tell others of what Christ has done, to give back to God our time, talents, and resources. Christ paid for our freedom with His life. The question is, will we act responsibly to and for Him?

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# Sunday School Worker Banquet

for

Teachers, Workers, Officers, Facilitators

Friday, February 11 6:00 p.m.

### Special Musical Guest: Sophia Grice

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Make reservations through your Sunday School Director or by calling the church office.

### **WMU Meetings for February**

### Tuesday, February 8

Ann Sprouse - 1:00 p.m. at the home of Grace Cowden Betty Gardner - 10:00 a.m. at the home of Ann Baker Ethel Ledbetter - 7:00 p.m. in Adult I area of the church Lucille Waddill - 6:30 p.m. at the home of Eva Wells Wiggs - 1:00 p.m. at the home of Virginia Harris Monday, February 14

Kathy Phillips - 7:00 p.m. in Adult I area of the church Phoebe - 7:00 p.m. at the home of Jill Knight Polly Clark - 10:00 a.m. in the Brookridge Parlor

Flowers were placed in the Sanctuary on Sunday, January 30, in celebration of Marcus Crotts' 13th birthday. Due to inclement weather, the service was cancelled.

# GET READY FOR THE...

Super Bowl Sunday

February 6, 2005 During Worship



# Children's Ministry Council Meeting

Sunday
February 6
4:00 p.m.
Equipping Center



Jeff

Family Night Supper - Wednesday, February 9
Baked Chicken

Mashed Potatoes Mixed Vegetables
Yeast Rolls Dessert

Please make your reservation by noon on Tuesday, Feb. 8

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:

Edith Brann, Edith Hunter, Harold Moore, John Snodgrass

Christian love and sympathy are expressed to Bob Baker in the death of his grandmother, and to Jay Edmonds in the death of his mother.



A note of appreciation has been received and posted on the bulletin board from Kim Byng and family.

# Crisis Control Gift for February: Applesauce

January Collections: 65 shampoo, 6 Peanut Butter, 4 Pork & Beans, 1 Dish Detergent, 1 Macaroni & Cheese, 5 Laundry Detergents

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

#### **REPORT FROM JANUARY 30, 2005**

Sunday School	Cancelled
Worship	Cancelled
Brookridge	44
Budget Requirement To Date	\$67,148.45
Budget Receipts To Date (64.13%)	\$43,059.27
FULFILLING THE PROMISE	
New FTP Pledges	\$289,522.00
New FTP Pledged Gifts to Date (105.91%)	\$306,621.16
Total Building Fund Receipts To Date	\$2,917,489.27
Balance Due on Building	\$165,966.23

### OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 6 - 12, 2005

#### Sunday, February 6

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
3:30	Youth Vocal Ensemble Rehearsal
4:00	Children's Ministry Council - Equipping Center
4:30	Ainesis Rehearsal
5:30	Youth Snack Supper
6:00	Channels, Youth Crosstraining, Discipleship
7:00	Handbells Rehearsal

Monday, February, 7

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

Tuesday, February 8

10:00 a.m. Grace Notes Rehearsal 6:00 p.m. Basketball Practice

#### Wednesday, February 9

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5:30 p.	m.	Media Center Open
5:30-6	:30	Supper Line Open
6:00	Cherub Choir, Sing for God	l, & Psalm 8:2 Rehearsals
6:45		Prayer Meeting
	Mission Friends, RAs, G	As, Acteens, Challengers
7:30	S	anctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, February 10

6:30-7:30 p.m. Primary Basketball

Friday, February 11

6:00 p.m. Sunday School Workers' Banquet - Smith Hall

Saturday, February 12

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study 11:30 Jr. Coed Basketball @ Mt. Tabor Methodist Intermediate Boys @ First Baptist

Workers in Worship Nursery: February 6, 10:30 a.m.
Garlene Grogan; Rachel Eller; Angie Somers; Liz Matthews;
Jim & Leigh Ann Pernell
Deacon of the Week: Rusty Rose

Greeters: February 6 John Vogler & Jim Pernell
Properties Comm. Member on Duty: Robert Huff
Brookridge Driver: Larry Jones
Information Center February: Wilbert McBride, June Crabbe



### THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Sunday, February 6th 10:45 a.m.

O How Blessed Sanctuary Choir

The Discipline of Disturbance Deuteronomy 31:30 - 32:13 Ramon Smith

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