

# From Your Pastor...

Our Mission ...

"A people gathered in Christ; nurtured in His Spirit; and sent in His name." I am beginning to sense a real stirring of God's people to get serious about our Mission and Ministry! I can hear the conversations of the church beginning to look more outward. You see, we can learn a great deal about a church based on what they talk about! Churches that are constantly talking about "their needs" and what "they would like to see" are little more than social clubs, focused on themselves. Churches that speak in terms of how they can serve, what their mission is, and how they can more effectively minister, are speaking the language of the Spirit.

And since the church is the people, not the building, we can tell a great deal about a person's spiritual maturity based on the things they talk about. Scripture tells us we should be encouraging in our speech, not creating division. Paul was constantly reminding the recipients of his letters to guard their speech lest they damage their witness. People who are constantly talking about "their needs" or "what they would like to see" are reflective of a larger problem in our society. The consumer mentality has infected churches to the point where many churches are paralyzed from gossip, rumor, back-biting, and divided purpose. Selfishness is the root of our sinful nature, but the Spirit-led church and its people will seek to place God's will and His ways at the center of our lives. This will change how we speak, act, and work together.

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

Ramon



# THE WORSHIP OF GOD



Sunday, September 25th 10:45 a.m.

Come Just as You Are Sanctuary Choir

Bringing a Friend to Jesus Mark 2:1-17 Ramon Smith Sunday, October 2nd 10:45 a.m.

A Service of Communion

Written in Red Sanctuary Choir

Glory in the Lord Channels

Divine Direction
Ramon Smith

# IN TOUCH

# N.C. State Missions Offering

Goal: \$3,000.00 Received to Date: \$836.00

## Help Needed!

The Transportation Committee is looking for church members who are interested in joining the transportation ministry to drive church-owned vehicles. Participants must be age 21 to drive the van and age 25 to drive the bus. A training session will be scheduled on a Saturday morning in the near future. If interested, call Gail Holland in the church office (768-5870).



Amount Needed: \$22,000.00

**Received to Date:** \$3,255.00

Crisis Control Gift for September:

Dish Detergent

\*Collections last month: 37 bottles of oil, 1 box of Jell-O.

"Whatever you do for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you do for me." Matthew 25:40 In recent days, our church has been considering the question, "For what is College Park here?" This is a question that all churches consider on an ongoing basis. Sometimes the question is subtle in nature, while other times the discussion is at the front of every person's mind. I believe scripture gives insight to what church should be about.

<sup>42</sup>They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. <sup>43</sup>Everyone was filled with awe, and many wonders and miraculous signs were done by the apostles. <sup>44</sup>All the believers were together and had everything in common. <sup>45</sup>Selling their possessions and goods, they gave to anyone as he had need. <sup>46</sup>Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, <sup>47</sup>praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

This is a simple picture of a group of people interested in growing in their knowledge of God and their connection with other people. How does our church stack up to this understanding of the early church? I believe we see a profound goal for our church in the example of our early Christian brothers and sisters. What a legacy to live up to!

I am excited about the present state of ministry and the future potential of our church. "Being church" is a simple task which often gets complicated by a variety of factors. "Being church" simply comes down to loving God and loving others. Everything that we do as believers must be done through these two commandments. As we consider where God might be leading our community of faith, each person must decide why they are a part of College Park and how we can work together to best serve God in this community. I look forward to walking beside you as we seek out God's will for us individually and collectively.

Jeff

P.S. Thanks for the great support of the Prayer Partner ministry. If you have not called in the name of your prayer partner, please do so as soon as possible. There are a couple of envelopes left on the table. Please consider taking one!

# GROUPS: NEWS AND SCHEDULES

# **RECREATION MINISTRY**

# **Hoops4Him Basketball**

Basketball season is almost here, and everyone is ready to go. We have teams for children and youth. Our Junior Co-ed team is for boys and girls in 4th, 5th, and 6th grades. The Intermediate Boys team is for 7th through 9th grade guys. The Senior Boys team is for 10th through 12th grade guys. Also, our youth girls have a team for all girls in grades 7 through 12. Practice for these teams will be starting within a month. If you are interested in playing, give your coach from last year a call or let Jeff know.

# GROUPS: NEWS AND SCHEDULES (CONTINUED)

#### IN THE HOSPITAL

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 two weeks:

Lucille Cashwell
Rainer Heller
Lena Hobbs
Larry Mullins
Larry Sauers
Tamara Snipes
Jeff Thomas



#### **Sunday School Records**

In an effort to have more accurate Sunday School records, we are requesting that the attendance pages be turned in after everyone has arrived (this includes latecomers). Please put the attendance sheets in the file boxes on the wall in your department. The offerings will continue to be placed in the envelopes and turned in as usual.

Christian love and sympathy are expressed to Kate Memory Anthony in the death of her mother-in-law, to Roy Martin in the death of his sister, and to Tony Bates in the death of his father.

#### Can You Help?

Due to new arrivals in our church family, more caregivers are needed for Monday Morning Bible Study. We are looking for one person to commit to every week or 2 or more people to share the responsibility. The group meets on Monday mornings from 9:30 - 11:00. Please call Ashley Wood at 924-9868.

#### CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

### **Children's Sunday**

October 9

There is an exciting new event coming in October! Our children will be leading us in worship on Sunday, October 9. This "Children's Sunday" will feature all the various ages of our preschool and children's ministry. Our precious children will be leading us through praying, singing, speaking, and various other ways. Please mark this date on your calendar and don't miss a wonderful service of worship!

## YOUTH MINISTRY

#### **PMBA Fall Retreat Deadline**

September 25

The PMBA Youth Retreat at Ridgecrest is coming soon, and the deadline for getting your name on the list is Sunday, September 25. If you are interested in going, turn in your entire balance plus all three forms included in the retreat packet These packets are available in the youth room. If you have friends that want to go, make sure they submit their information by the deadline. It is going to be a fun weekend, so turn in your info!

#### "Party in the Park" Mini-Day Camp

Wednesdays in October, 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Our youth are reaching out to the community in a new event on each Wednesday night in October. They will be running "Party in the Park" Day Camp at Polo Park next to Speas Elementary. Neighborhood elementaryage children are invited to participate in this fun event. This is a no-cost event for the neighborhood. We need youth and adults who would be willing to help out. Contact Jeff if you are able to be a part of this great mini-day camp!

# The Revolve Tour, Teenage Girl's Conference October 7-8

Our youth girls are headed to Charlotte for the "Revolve Tour." This is an exciting new teenage girls' conference hosted by the Women of Faith ministry. The cost for the event is \$55 plus lodging and 4 meals. The deadline for signups is October 2. If you are interested in going, call Beth Huff or Jeff Allen.

## **FAMILY MINISTRY**

# Fall Family Festival October 23, 4:00-7:00 p.m.

The Fall Family Festival is back! Last year's festival was so much fun that we decided to do it again this year. Our Family Enrichment Committee is hard at work on this year's event, and we want you to make plans to attend. The festival will include some great events like: Carnival games, inflatable games, door prizes, crafts, and food contests. Plan on coming to the festival and stay for the L.I.F.E. service. Make sure you invite your friends!

Ramon E. Smith, Senior Pastor Jeff Allen, Assoc. Pastor/ Students & Families Jason Cogdill, Minister of Senior Adults & Congregational Care Charles D. Edwards, Pastor Emeritus Wm. Foy Martin, Pastor Emeritus

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Workers in Worship Nursery: Sept. 25, 10:30 a.m.

Julia & Sarah Rickman, Janet Somers, Keith & Joy Minster, Van & Sally Crotts

Workers in Worship Nursery: Oct. 2, 10:30 a.m.

Garlene Grogan, Rachel Eller, Ruby Warren, Marci & Erin Fricke, Sheryl Burnett, Becky Grubbs

Greeters: September 25 David & Barbara Page Greeters: October 2 Sarah Hauser & Ed Lane

**Properties Comm. Member on Duty (September 25):** 

John Crabbe

**Properties Comm. Member on Duty (October 2):** 

Dennis Palmer

<u>Information Center for September:</u> Van Crotts, Jean Jones Information Center for Oct.: James Cobber, Becky Grubbs

Deacon of the Week (Sept. 25 - Oct. 1):

Deacon of the Week (Oct. 2 - Oct. 8):

Bill Hinson

#### FINANCIAL REPORT THROUGH SEPT. 18

Budget Requirement To Date	\$510,388.22
Budget Receipts To Date (86.38%)	\$440,829.09
FULFILLING THE PROMISE	
New FTP Pledges	\$295,522.00
New FTP Pledged Gifts to Date (133.45%)	\$394,387.28
Total Building Fund Receipts To Date	\$3,005,255.39
Balance Due on Building	\$59.067.78

#### **ATTENDANCE STATISTICS SEPTEMBER 11**

Sunday School	268
Morning Worship	344
LIFE Worship	75
Brookridge	40
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Sunday School	253
Morning Worship	315
LIFE Worship	82
Brookridge	48

#### **Family Night Suppers**

Don't forget to have your reservations turned in <u>no later</u> than noon on Tuesday. If you cannot keep your reservation, we ask that you pay for your dinners by the following Wednesday. Join with us to make this ministry successful by volunteering to assist with serving or cleanup.

#### September 28

BBQ Chicken Mashed Potatoes Steamed Vegetables Yeast Rolls Dessert

#### October 5

Spaghetti Tossed Salad Breadsticks Dessert



A New Contemporary Worship Service

Join Us at 7:00 PM on Sunday Evenings
Bring a Friend!