

HIGHLIGHTS

College Park Baptist Church
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From Your Pastor...

As I write this article, I am in Greenville, NC with the College Missions Team. We had a very productive day, and are feeling like we have helped Grifton Missions Ministries in a significant way today! Tomorrow we hope to complete a task that has been “hanging over their head” for about 10 years, and they just haven’t had a group here that could/would complete it. I couldn’t help but think today about the challenge I gave each of us Sunday morning at the conclusion of the 11:00 service: We are all on mission! We all have ways that God is going to use us to accomplish His purposes. Our job is to be available and obedient to His call!

This Sunday we will celebrate with several who have been obedient to follow the example of Christ into the baptism waters. This is always a wonderful service of worship as we also have communion together and remember the sacrifice made by our Savior. As I said Sunday:

The nature of His sacrifice cannot be overemphasized! The Temple sacrifice is no longer

valid! It is in Christ that we are reconciled to God...no other way!

That is part of our Lenten journey...remembering! And as we remember His sacrifice, it should change the way we view our commitment to Him. That process will be different in detail for each of us; but, in general, His desire is that we learn to follow Him daily, and when faced with daily decisions we seek to follow Him instead of serving self!

For the next several weeks, our Facility Update Committee will be sharing the information they have been researching for the last couple of years. I have reminded them that they have been “living this process” and the rest of the congregation will need to catch up. They really desire to hear from you as they present this information. Please attend one or more of the informational meetings and help us as we make some important decisions together.

Blessings and Peace,

Ramon

Our Mission...

*“A people gathered in Christ;
nurtured in His Spirit;
and sent in His name.”*

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THE WORSHIP OF GOD



March 18, 2012

11:00 a.m.

Baptism & Lord’s Supper

There Is a Balm in Gilead
Sanctuary Choir

Channels

The Gift
Ephesians 2:1-10
Ramon Smith

March 25, 2012

11:00 a.m.

Seek the Lord
Sanctuary Choir

Sanctuary Bells

Does Anybody Really Know What Time It Is? John 2:13-22

Ramon Smith

A NOTE FROM MARY



We all need encouragement and to know we are loved and appreciated. On my way from dropping off Becca at her childcare provider the other day, I caught myself thanking God for providing a wonderful Christian environment for my child and thanking Him for her previous caregiver as well. And it dawned on me that I have been meaning to send her a nice note for months to thank her for caring for my child. And I just kept being busy. I realized, and I had to confess in my note to her, that I had bragged on her dozens of times to other people, but I had never told **her** how much I appreciated her. I don't know about you, but it is so easy for me to get busy and wrapped up in my own issues. Then I don't thank God and others for the blessings they are to me. I mean to, but it doesn't always happen. With whom do you need to share your love and appreciation? Perhaps it is a Sunday School teacher who works week after week to prepare meaningful lessons. Maybe it is that individual who has been struggling. Maybe it is someone you admire. Whoever it is, take the time. It will make a difference in both of your lives.

Join us for College Park's Book Club : Monday, March 26 @ 7 pm

This month's book: *Rooms* by James Rubart

HOME

Hands On Mission Effort

Your HOME Mission Committee has been gathering data for a project to recommend for this summer. We have reviewed the experience last summer and listed the "goods" and the "bads." We have met with Billy and Shane Tarlton, Directors of Grifton Mission Ministry to discuss improvements we can make in another experience down east.

We are ready to suggest that College Park Baptist Church return to Greenville, NC to build a home in Pitt County.

- We will work with Grifton Mission Ministry (GMM).
- We will coordinate with Pitt County, a town government (most likely Winterville), and the US Department of Agriculture.
- GMM will assist by having the foundation and flooring in place before we arrive.

Because of high wind rules, multiple inspections, and more precise work required, our one-week goal must be modified. GMM will do all the finish work on the house.

The dates we suggest are July 1 - 6, 2012.

College Park will be called into conference on Wednesday, March 14 to vote on this project.

IN TOUCH...with Jeff

I need additional available space to adequately thank everyone for the recent youth missions fundraising efforts. God showed up as He always does and did a miracle through our people. So for now and always...

**Lord, we praise and thank you
for your many blessings!**

North American Missions Offering

Our Goal:
\$5,000.00

Received to Date:

Annie

Armstrong \$1,009.51

Global

Missions \$ 293.50

\$1,303.01

Team I AM - Spring/Summer

College Park's Team I AM is an organization that was created to be Christ's hands in our community by helping those in need. Beginning **March 31**, College Park will join Habitat for Humanity to participate in the Baptist Build.

One goal of Habitat is to provide an opportunity for members of different churches to work together. Instead of having one Saturday be the College Park day and another be the day for another church, they want participation from several churches on each Saturday. Therefore, we will have no more than 6 workers on each Saturday.

A display and sign-up sheet are in the hallway outside Smith Hall. Consider how you can be part of TEAM I AM — Christ's hands and feet in our community! (Habitat requires workers to be over age 18.)

In Loving Memory
of
**Marguerite Cockerham
Johnson**

December 14, 1924
to
March 5, 2012

Member of College Park
since
April, 1956

COLLEGE MINISTRY

Our College Mission Team THANKS YOU!

On behalf of all of the entire College Mission Team—THANK YOU!!! So many of our church family gave so much food. It provided a great spark to our trip and we enjoyed every bite!! So thank you for playing such a big part in our mission trip. We spent time helping Grifton Missions Ministries in a variety of ways. Please know the snacks you provided helped us immensely in this task. We did it together! Thanks again!

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

College Parkers

Thursday, March 15

Ward Page will be the guest at the next *College Parkers* gathering on March 15. Ward is serving as Minister of Youth and Education at First Baptist Church in Kernersville. College Park is the home church for Ward, and we welcome him back to speak to us. The meeting will begin at 11:30 with a delicious covered-dish luncheon.

FACILITY UPDATE MINISTRY

A Building Presentation Update

The recent two weeks of presentations have been very helpful for our church construction conversation. A word of thanks is due to everyone who has been a part of these sessions. The feedback received has been very helpful. It is our hope that you will continue asking questions regarding the project. Our goal remains to create a plan that will enhance the overall ministry of the church to our community.

Due to this excellent feedback, we realized adjustments needed to be made to the meeting schedule originally unveiled in the recent letter sent to the membership as well as the last edition of "Highlights." Here is the updated schedule:

- March 18, 10:15 am Joint Committee Presentation with Q&A (Smith Hall)
- March 21, 6:45 pm Joint Committee Presentation with Q&A (Smith Hall)
- March 25, 10:15 am Joint Committee Presentation with Q&A (Smith Hall)
- March 28, 6:45 pm Joint Committee Presentation with Q&A (Smith Hall)

You may have noticed two changes from the previously announced schedule. First, we have added two presentation sessions to the two remaining ones. These presentations will give us more time to shift our conversation from construction facts to ministry purposes for these projects. Ministry is the primary reason for these updates. The ministry potential for these projects is tremendous and we need to discuss the possibilities. Also, we will be entering into a time of conversations with the church membership in regards to potential financial support for the project. Our capital campaign is in its third year and has helped us reach some important goals. As we continue to move forward on the larger goals, the Finance Committee will seek input on the support each member will be willing/able to provide towards the project. Once this input has been gathered, we will call the church in to a conference at a date in the near future. Stay tuned for more updates as we work towards this all important vote.

Again, we look forward to seeing you at all of these meetings, hearing your feedback, and considering the direction the church should take with the project. We ask for your prayers in this process.

CRISIS CONTROL MINISTRY

Gift for March

Laundry Detergent & Dishwashing Liquid

*"Whatever you do for one of the
least of these brothers of mine, you
do for me."*

Matthew 25:40

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 during the last two weeks:

Marla Andrews
Peggy Copley
Madie Gaither
Elizabeth Hinson
Jack Hoyle

Christian love and sympathy are expressed to Melanie Alexander in the deaths of her grandmother and her uncle.

A thank-you note has been received and posted on the bulletin board from Ruth Hanna.

Happy 20th Anniversary, Ramon

College Park has been blessed to have the tradition of long-term pastors to grace the pulpit. Ramon is no exception to this rule. Congratulations, Ramon, in leading this church for 20 years of ministry together. God has gifted us with a wise and capable leader who goes above and beyond the call of duty. Please make sure you tell Ramon how much he means to you and your family and express your gratitude to him.

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Charles D. Edwards, Pastor Emeritus

STEWARDSHIP OF SERVICE

Worship Nursery Workers

| | |
|------------------|-------------------|
| <u>March 18</u> | <u>March 25</u> |
| Carolyn Matthews | Joseph Alexander |
| Linda Palmer | Melanie Alexander |
| Lori Cogdill | Beth Nelson |
| Elizabeth Hinson | Jason Smith |
| Ann Heller | Brandi Smith |
| Stefanie Morris | |

Greeters

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| <u>March 18</u> | <u>March 25</u> |
| Sarah Hauser | John Vogler |
| Tony Perkins | Jim Pernell |

Properties Committee

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| <u>March 18</u> | <u>March 25</u> |
| Mitch Edmonds | N'Earl Godwin |

Information Center for March

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| Van Crotts | Sybil McBride |
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Deacon of the Week

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|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| <u>March 18 - March 24</u> | <u>March 25 - March 31</u> |
| Chris Morris | N'Earl Godwin |

ATTENDANCE STATISTICS

| | <u>Mar. 4</u> | <u>Mar. 11</u> |
|---------------------|---------------|----------------|
| Re:Creation Worship | 115 | 94 |
| Sunday School | 235 | 211 |
| 11:00 Worship | 243 | 210 |
| Brookridge | 40 | 36 |

STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES

Month of February 2012

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|--------------------------|-------------|
| Budget Beginning Balance | \$31,453.46 |
| Budget Receipts | \$50,932.35 |
| Budget Expenditures | \$64,691.29 |
| Budget Ending Balance | \$17,694.52 |

Year to Date 2012

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|--------------------------|--------------|
| Budget Beginning Balance | \$32,252.61 |
| Budget Receipts | \$109,731.06 |
| Budget Expenditures | \$124,289.15 |
| Budget Ending Balance | \$17,694.52 |
| Building Fund Balance | \$237,206.83 |

Easter Lillies

If you would like to place a lily in the sanctuary for Easter Sunday, April 8, please use the order form below and return it to the church office **no later than Sunday, March 25.** (Please do not place it in the offering plate.) The cost will be \$11.50/per plant and this should be paid at the time you order. You may take a lily home with you after the morning worship service on Easter Sunday.

Placed by: _____
In Honor of: _____
In Memory of: _____

Wednesday Supper



March Menu

- Chick-fil-A
- Salads
- Sides
- Desserts
- Beverages