HIGHLIGHTS

College Park Baptist Church



"I can't wait for us to be back together!"

If I had a nickel for every time I've heard or read that from one of you, I wouldn't be rich, but I could probably buy a combo meal from Boone Doggie's! Seriously, I understand completely, and I miss being together also! As we've probably already figured out, and I mentioned in one of my first mid-week video updates, sometimes we need a reminder of the things that are most important to us. Maybe before, getting up and coming to church on Sunday morning was an inconvenience, and you wished you could sleep in. If that's you, then you got your wish. If you were completely out of the discipline of assembling for worship, then nothing has really changed. If you loved getting up and coming and being together for worship and fellowship, then there is a definite aching for

that to return! Wherever you are on this spectrum, I hope that these weeks of not being together have allowed you an opportunity to reflect on the value of worshipping and working together. Hopefully by the end of this month (maybe sooner?), we will be able to come back to this building together; but, in the meantime, remember that we are still the church, and we need to keep in touch with, and help, one another!

We will continue to worship together online through Facebook, Vimeo, Zoom and the church website. Please call me, Jeff, or Rick Matthews if you have any questions about how to connect through any of these media platforms.

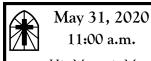
See you soon!

Blessings & Peace, **Ramon**



Suggestions from the Minister of Recreation and Senior Adults as the Quarantine Is Almost Over

- 10. Watch your favorite movie (again).
- 9. Take a walk.
- 8. Call a Deacon and say thank you.
- 7. Share your favorite Bible story with a family member.
- 6. Email me where our next Grub Club outing should be.
- 5. Read the Pickleball Rule Book.
- 4. Call someone who sits on the pew in front of you.
- 3. Video chat with someone from your Sunday School class.
- 2. Call someone more than 30 years in age difference.
- 1. Take a Prayer Walk.





His Mercy is More Sanctuary Choir

Responding to Anxiety 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11 Ramon Smith

Quarantine Qommunication

Here is every tool available to keep us connected and updated:

Prayer - May we remember, "This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us." 1 John 5:14

Personal phone calls - this is the best way to reach out to family, friends, neighbors, fellow church members

Church Phone (336-768-5870) - we will keep this line updated with the latest ministry information

Online - stay connected to any of the following places for ongoing updates

Church website (www.collegepark.ws) - this is updated often

Realm (www.onrealm.org/collegepark) – If you don't have an account already, we have sent an invitation to your email address;

if you missed it, give us a call or send us an email and we can help you get connected.

Facebook (http://www.facebook.com/collegeparkws)

Twitter (http://twitter.com/collegeparkws)

Instagram (http://www.instagram.com/collegeparkws)

Zoom - This is a great way to video chat with groups of people. It is a simple, free download to your phone, tablet, or computer. Search your app store for "Zoom." Then any church group using the service will send out invitations for you to click on and join in the video conversation.

For any help on any of these forms of communication, please let us know!

Family Ministry Update

ZOOM, ZOOM, ZOOM!

So much can happen in a month! We have gone from our normal face-to-face worship and ministry to everything by video. It is different, but it is working. Relationships are vital in every aspect of our faith. We need each other for encouragement, growth, and fellowship. Please take advantage of every opportunity. Our weekly emails, zoom meetings and worship services are designed with you in mind. We will be back together soon. In the meantime, be revived and strengthened in knowing we are here for you and your family.

GUATEMALA UPDATE - Our High School Mission trip to Guatemala has been postponed. Our plan is still to go at some point in the future. We will keep you updated as we know more.

SPRING/SUMMER EVENTS - All of our current upcoming events are on hold. We will make plans to hit the ground running as soon as it is safe to return to our normal schedule. When those plans are known, we will make sure you hear all about it.

A Note From Mary

26 You are missed! Make no mistake, you are missed! If we needed a reminder of the importance of community and fellowship,

we have gotten it! I hope that you have taken the opportunity to express your love to those around you and to care for one another, even if from a distance.

In the meantime, Bible study is still taking place. We have several classes meeting weekly through online meeting platforms: Ruth, Christian Fellowship, Poole-Barbee, and Koinonia. If you are interested in joining one of these classes as they study, please let me know and I'll have a teacher contact you with an invite.

Also, if you would like a copy of the Sunday School learners' books for the new trimester, please let me know. I will be glad to make a no-contact delivery of the materials to you.

Financial Corner:

Our church is extremely grateful to the many contributors who have continued to send in offerings through the mail, online through <u>collegepark.ws</u> or through their bill pay. We have been encouraged with your kind notes. It has been a blessing to see so many of us work together. We thank you for being such a blessing during this time.

Budget - March 2020	MTD	<u>YTD</u>
Budget	\$77,658.11	\$232,974.33
Receipts	62,916.84	200,427.46
Expenditures	61,662.06	208,358.87
Building Fund - March 2020		
Beginning Balance	\$77,241.16	\$77,984.27
Receipts	7,945.00	25,350.23
Expenditures	9,074.17	27,222.51
Ending Balance	76,111.99	76,111.99
Loan Balance		\$972,309.05

Deacon of the Week:

May 3-9 - Frank Martinez May 10-16 - Karen Lefler May 17-23 - Steve Loftis May 24-30 - Wayne Lewis May 31-June 6 - Bill Hinson