

HIGHLIGHTS

College Park Baptist Church
1701 Polo Road, Winston-Salem, NC 27106



From Your Pastor...

September...! Really...? It's September and we're still dealing with this corona virus! Schools are struggling (therefore families with children are also). Some businesses are struggling. Many churches are not meeting. Fear about all things social and political is running rampant. And we, as believers, are challenged with still being the body of Christ and ministering to each other, even as we continue to reach out to others who are fearful and hurting. Obviously there are a lot of challenges, but our God shines brightest when the outlook seems to be the darkest! Trust Him to show you how you can reflect His light right now...even today as you read this!

I hope that you are staying connected to each other through all the different forms of communication that are available to us. We are now live streaming our services in addition to having them on Vimeo in a higher

quality video to share with others. It has been enjoyable to see you interact with each other during those live broadcasts! We also are continuing to meet on Wednesday nights on the front lawn beginning with tailgating at 6:15, and then Prayer & Praise at 7:00. Last week we experimented with live streaming that also, and the results will be varied because of location and road noise. These services will continue in that format into the fall (and cooler weather... Hallelujah!).

We are also planning to begin small group Bible study groups between services on Sundays...probably mid-September. These will be for adults and children (youth are already meeting). Stay tuned for more information coming next week. Yes, challenging...but also exciting times!

We will see you when you are ready. Stay safe, and let us know how we can help!

Blessings & Peace,

Ramon

Our Mission...

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



THE WORSHIP OF GOD



September 6, 2020
11:00 a.m.

Living in the Last Days?
Romans 13:8-14
Ramon Smith

September 13, 2020
11:00 a.m.

Together.
Romans 14:1-12
Ramon Smith

September 20, 2020
11:00 a.m.

No Time to Complain
Philippians 1:21-30
Ramon Smith

September 27, 2020
11:00 a.m.

Change Your Mind!
Philippians 2:1-13
Ramon Smith

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A NOTE FROM MARY



I recently read a post from someone who was upset about a song that is being used a lot in churches today. Their complaint was “This song doesn’t even address God. It’s a song to other Christians asking God to bless them.” The part that got me, though, was the comment, “I mean, I know it’s straight out of scripture, but it’s not appropriate for worship.” (!!) It took a lot of restraint not to argue that the Bible is full of scripture in which people encourage each other. And the book of Psalms, Israel’s hymnbook, is full of songs directed toward God (from individuals and assembled believers), and toward fellow worshippers, encouraging them in their worship and their walk. Why? Because we need both. We need God, we need to be in deep relationship with Him, and we need each other. God created us to be in community with one another, to encourage one another, to speak his truths to one another.

When things are difficult, we need reminders of God’s goodness. We need to be reminded of His love and presence when we are overwhelmed and unable to feel His presence. We need songs of testimony. We need scriptural songs to remind us of who He is and what He has already done for us. I am convinced Satan does and is doing all he can to divide God’s people, and sometimes it is easy to fall for it. Yet we are called to love and to build bridges in everything we do. We are called to carry burdens for each other, to bless each other, and to serve each other, within our congregation and in our lives outside these walls.

Called Church Conference

A Special Called Church Conference will be held on **Wednesday, September 16, 2020 at 7:00 pm.**

We are required to have 50 members present at a conference/business session in order to vote on and to enact business items. We did not have a quorum at our July 2020 quarterly conference, making this called conference necessary.

The purpose of the called conference is to address the following specific issues and concerns:

1. We are required to elect church officers and to approve certain committee positions at the July Conference. The Enlistment Committee Report presented at that regular church conference was not approved due to the lack of a quorum. We will vote to affirm the report as presented at the July Conference. No additional officers or positions will be considered at this time.
2. The Finance Committee and the Properties Committee will move that renovations be made to the picnic shelter to create an outdoor space under the carport. Updated lighting, ventilation and painting are required. Further improvements to the bathroom area would need to be revisited at a later date. The cost would be \$2,500 and the funds would come from Capital Improvements.
3. The Finance Committee and Properties Committee will move that one additional security camera be installed at the back of the Gym over the bus parking area. The cost would be \$1,000 and the funds would come from Capital Improvements.
4. The Finance Committee will move that a designated fund be established for the Carson Smith Scholarship Fund (moving it from the Memorials Fund).
5. The Deacons will present a proposal to address Remote Access to church conferences during this 2020-2021 pandemic period. A full description and explanation of the policy will be sent to the membership for consideration. In short, we are proposing a limited, short-term, temporary, emergency policy that will allow for members to attend the conference(s) remotely during this emergency time.

If a quorum of 50 members is not present on Wednesday, September 16, the called conference will be moved to Sunday, September 20. A vote, without discussion or debate, will be taken at each of the worship services on that date.

Stephen Loftis
Chair Board of Deacons

Family Ministry Update

Ring, ring, ring – It's time for school

As I am writing this, every member of my family is staring at a screen. All of us are attached to a computer of some kind. Hannah and Matthew are e-learning and the two adults in the room are trying to be productive as well. It's a brand-new world when all of us are working on computers at the same time and no one is playing a game or watching a video. When first graders are using computers as a primary learning tool, we have entered interesting times.

The past few months have been fun as we found new ways of ministering to our families. Many of our teachers have been emailing/ mailing lessons, we have enjoyed zoom meetings, we went on a "campout," and we enjoyed some things to do on Sunday mornings. These resources will continue to be provided and we are thankful for every leader who works hard to make these available.

As we start the new school year, our family ministry is working diligently to provide new opportunities for spiritual growth at home. We are working on new in-person activities as well as online resources. Thank you for your patience as we prepare these learning opportunities for your families.

Youth Ministry Opportunities

We will continue to provide resources for our youth ministry as well. To begin the school year, we will meet two times each week. Sundays at 10:00 AM for Sunday School and 6:00 PM for YouthAtThePark. We will not have a mid-week youth time for now. As the year settles in, we will see how it impacts our weekly schedule.

Prayer Partner Update

Our prayer partner relationships are the defining part of our ministry with families. Adults of every generation partner with preschoolers, elementary children, middle school students, high school students, and college students. God has long used these relationships to deepen the connections between the generations. Thank you to all who have been part of this ministry! The start of this school year has caused us to rethink how we partner up students with adults. The current situation creates some challenges we are working through. Until those details are finalized, we are asking all prayer partners to continue praying for your current student. We will update everyone as soon as we can. We appreciate your faithfulness in this vital ministry. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Family Biking Trip

Saturday, September 26th

Railroad grade biking trail along the
South Fork of the New River.
(Todd-Fleetwood)

Schedule

Depart Church 12:00pm
(Load bikes onto church trailer)
&
Caravan to bike trail.

Bike Ride 2:00pm

"River Girl" says the "leisurely" ride
takes about 2 hours.

Supper on the way home.

Monday Munch with Ministers

Bring your own lunch and join us at the
picnic shelter **every Monday** at Noon.

Starting Sept 14th

We can be social and distant.



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& Families
Mary Keltner, Assoc. Pastor/Music & Education
Matt Wilson, Minister/Senior Adults &
Family Recreation
Charles D. Edwards, Pastor Emeritus

PROPERTIES COMMITTEE

<u>Sept. 6</u> Noah Goodman	<u>Sept. 13</u> Hutch Hutchins
<u>Sept. 20</u> Charlie Jones	<u>Sept. 27</u> Ishmael Stowe

DEACON OF THE WEEK

<u>Sept. 6-12</u> Frank Martinez	<u>Sept. 13-19</u> Karen Lefler
<u>Sept. 20-26</u> Steve Loftis	<u>Sept. 27-Oct. 3</u> Wayne Lewis

Financial Corner:

<u>Budget - July 2020</u>	<u>MTD</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Budget	\$77,658.11	\$543,606.77
Receipts	73,763.01	605,807.21
Expenditures	72,212.50	486,148.94
<u>Building Fund - July 2020</u>		
Beginning Balance	\$73,825.48	\$77,984.27
Receipts	7,988.00	58,274.23
Expenditures	9,433.17	63,878.19
Ending Balance	72,380.31	72,380.31
Loan Balance		\$946,485.17

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Temporary, Emergency Policy Change to Allow Remote Conferences and Voting During 2020 Pandemic
August 23, 2020

The College Park Baptist Church constitution has the following requirements for business conferences:

- A quorum of 50 or more church members must be physically present to allow for voting.
- All voting must be done in person, except for deacon board candidates which can be voted absentee.

The 2020 corona virus pandemic has made this a challenge.

- The April 2020 quarterly business conference was not held at all due to government stay-at-home orders.
- The July 2020 quarterly business conference was held, but with only 41 members in attendance, the required quorum of 50 was not met. Thus, voting on key items from Enlistment, Properties, and Finance committees could not occur.

With pending and upcoming votes on issues regarding Properties, Enlistment, Finance, 2021 Budget approval, and others approaching, the College Park Deacon board determined that it was necessary to institute an emergency, temporary policy that would allow for remote business conference attendance and remote voting during the course of this 2020/2021 pandemic. This emergency, temporary policy would not constitute a permanent change to the constitution; rather would allow College Park to continue to conduct business during the pandemic, while many members are not comfortable gathering in groups. Once the pandemic ends, then normal constitutional requirements for in-person business conferences would resume.

The key points of this temporary, emergency provision follow:

- Use the Zoom online platform to allow members to attend business conferences remotely from home through their personal laptops, tablets, or smartphones.
- Remote attendance through Zoom would count a member as attending and count toward the required quorum.
- Remote attendees would be allowed to vote on matters before the church through the Zoom platform. The deacons would establish a process through which online votes would be collected and counted.
- All business conferences during this period would be held only in Smith Hall as this is the only space in the church that currently comes close to being able to support this remote online effort. However, upgrades to the hardware in Smith Hall would be required, in the amount of approximately \$3,500.

A special called business meeting will be held in Smith Hall on Wednesday night, September 16, at 7:00 pm for the congregation to vote on this temporary, emergency provision that would over-ride the constitutional requirement for an in-person quorum and in-person voting during this pandemic. In the event a quorum of 50 or more members are not present Wednesday meeting, the special called business meeting will move to Sunday morning, September 20, in both services, for this vote.