

HIGHLIGHTS

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



From Your Pastor...

If there's one thing that doesn't change, it's the fact that things always change!" I heard those exact words from someone this week. And I had to chuckle, because that is the exact sentiment that we, as your church staff, express almost daily! Things are indeed changing daily, and our perception of that is determined in large part by our engagement with others. Here at College Park, we have moved to Level Three, and that involves a big change! It means that we are once again have Bible Study groups meeting on Sunday mornings for all ages, and that is indeed a big change! As I write this, we are glad to report that the first Sunday of Level Three went extremely well, and we look forward to a little more sense of "normalcy" (whatever that is these days!). In addition to Sunday's worship and Bible study opportunities, we also continue to meet on the front lawn each

Wednesday evening for a cookout "tailgate" at 6:15, followed by Prayer & Praise at 7:00. Another outdoor activity is our **Munch with Ministers** each Monday at noon in the picnic shelter. These are all ways that you can enjoy Christian fellowship...hope to see you soon!

Another change that we, as a staff, are processing is the upcoming retirement of Joan Snyder in mid-November. Our Personnel Committee is now gathering resumes of candidates who would like to be considered for that ministry position. So if you know of anyone who might be interested, please have them send their information to Brad Jones, Personnel Chair, College Park Baptist Church, 1701 Polo Road, Winston-Salem, NC 27106.

Blessings & Peace,
Ramon

Our Mission...

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



THE WORSHIP OF GOD



October 4, 2020
11:00 a.m.

Kim Jones, soloist

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

October 11, 2020
11:00 a.m.

Jeremy Cauble, soloist

Righteousness Defined
Philippians 3:4-14
Ramon Smith

October 18, 2020
11:00 a.m.

Men's Ensemble

What Peace Looks Like
Philippians 4:1-9
Ramon Smith

October 25, 2020
11:00 a.m.

Mary Keltner, Handbells

Live Like He's Coming Back!
1 Thessalonians 1:1-10
Ramon Smith

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A NOTE FROM MARY



Jamie and I were downtown last week and we were stopped by some students asking questions for a class. The first question they asked, “How has the pandemic changed your life?” There are a number of things that have changed: college from home, middle school from home and the management of that, how I do my job, what my job looks like, how I interact with people, how I shop, travel, and the list goes on. So much has changed in a very short period of time. Yet, in the midst of all of it, God has not changed. He is still in control. He is still loving, caring, and kind. He still works miracles, and He still hears our prayers.

And I have realized in recent weeks that the pandemic has forced me (and our staff) to think outside the boxes of how things have always been done. We are having to think creatively about a lot of things. But it has forced us to think about why we are doing the things we do as well. It’s a difficult and uncomfortable place to be, but I know that God is working through it. Additionally, I’ve had time to be creative in other ways as well, and that has been energizing and encouraging to me personally and spiritually. God is at work in the midst of all of it.

This past week, we sang a song about making room for God to do His work in our lives and our church, and I have kept singing it this week. I think that the pandemic may be helping in some ways for us to decide what our priorities are and what we need to clear out to make room for God to work in us and through us,. It is my prayer as we continue walking through the chaos of recent months.

Make Room

Here is where I lay it down, every burden, every crown. This is my surrender.

Here is where I lay it down, every lie and every doubt. This is my surrender.

And I will make room for You to do whatever You want to.

Shake up the ground of all my tradition.

Break down the walls of all my religion.

Your way is better.

And I will make room for You to do whatever You want to.

Farro/White/Cortezio/Heideriqui

Deacon Election

It is once again time to consider qualified members to serve as Deacons. As in previous years, we will be electing six individuals. Each member may nominate up to six nominees, aged 21 or older, to serve as Deacons. The Deacon nomination process will begin on **Sunday, October 4th** and close on **Sunday, October 18th**. Because of the COVID-19 situation, we must make a few changes and cannot nominate and elect Deacons in the same way we have in the past. You will receive the nomination form via email from which you may choose to submit names of nominees electronically or you may call the church office to submit your nominees. Individuals who do not have an email address will receive the nomination form by mail and will be asked to submit nominees by telephone to the church office. In the future you will receive more information outlining the election process. Please pray and seek the Lord’s guidance concerning nominating individuals to serve as Deacons.

Church Conference
Wednesday, October 21, 2020
7:00 p.m.

Family Ministry Update

Children's Sunday Morning Opportunities

We are excited that Sunday staff has resumed for all of our children. Our nursery and preschool learning activities are in full swing on the preschool hall. The 1st through 6th graders are meeting together in the gym. So much fun learning is taking place. Thanks to all of our leaders and nursery workers for making Sunday mornings so important for our kids!

Youth Sunday School Begins

Our new year has begun on Sunday mornings and our students are having an important conversation called "Vantage." It is easy for our culture to cause great confusion for both students and adults. Who do we look to for understanding? Who will help us make sense of our place in the world? We want to help our young people see themselves through the lens of God's grace. When we see it this way, everything falls into place. Everyone is invited to join in this important conversation.



Youth Ministry Service Project – October 4, 1 PM

Our youth have an opportunity for a simple outdoor mission project on October 4. We will be working from 1-4 PM. Everybody is asked to bring a pair of gloves. More details are in your email. Help us be the hands and feet of Christ.



Munch with Ministers

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

In order to better serve you at this time, the administrative staff will be in the church office Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Of course you may contact any of the staff via phone call, text or email, or you can make an appointment to meet with them at a mutually convenient time.

The Patterson family would like to announce the upcoming marriage of
Avery Patterson
to
Nathan Fields
November 1, 2020
in
Asheville, North Carolina



Gracious notes of appreciation have been received from the Wilson Alexander family, Forsyth Court, and Leigh Hudspeth.

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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>Oct. 4</u>	<u>Oct. 11</u>
Michael Gruver	Josh Hauser
<u>Oct. 18</u>	<u>Oct. 25</u>
Michael Gaskins	Tom Merritt

DEACON OF THE WEEK

<u>Oct. 4-10</u>	<u>Oct. 11-17</u>
Bill Hinson	Michael Gruver
<u>Oct. 18-24</u>	<u>Oct. 25-31</u>
Carolyn Matthews	Sarah Talley

Financial Corner:

<u>Budget - August 2020</u>	<u>MTD</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Budget	\$77,658.11	\$621,264.88
Receipts	60,530.98	666,338.19
Expenditures	72,699.55	558,848.49
<u>Building Fund - August 2020</u>		
Beginning Balance	\$72,380.31	\$77,984.27
Receipts	4,849.00	63,123.23
Expenditures	9,074.17	72,952.36
Ending Balance	68,155.14	68,155.14
Loan Balance		\$940,027.24