

HIGHLIGHTS

College Park Baptist Church
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What now? We've experienced the Hope, Peace, Joy and Love of the Advent season...and we've celebrated the birth of the Christ...but what next? The month of January is typically what people in church growth studies call "the low month". Why is that? Is there an emotional let down from all of the celebration in December? Is it the weather (not if you live in Florida, or Hawaii...I'm guessing...!) Is it just sheer exhaustion?

We could debate all of those factors, but I prefer to just focus on what we have to be thankful for! Yeah, I know we do that in November, like we're supposed to, but I believe a life that is motivated by gratitude is a life that others desire to live! Think about people that are always grumbling about life and their circumstances...who wants to be like them...or be with them for any length of time? I know we all have our moments, but the real question is whether we choose a life of gratitude, or a life that is never satisfied, or never joy-filled.

As we look to a new year, I believe it would help us to start out the right way...by focusing on what it means to live a life of gratitude. If we can learn to do so, then I am convinced that no matter what life throws at us, our perspective will remain focused on the things that matter most.

The month will start out with us sharing communion together, followed by the service of ordination and installation of our deacon servant leaders. Then the next three Sundays we will study more on this subject of Gratitude.

Week #1 — Fundamental Gratitude

Week #2 — Gratitude's Nemesis: The Grumble

Week #3 — What Unites Us

I hope you will plan to be in attendance for each week, and if we do not have any interruptions, we should finish up the series on the first Sunday in February! In the meantime...

"Love God and Love People!"

Blessings & Peace,

Ramon

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

January 2, 2022
11:00 a.m.
Communion

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly
Jacob Andrews, horn

What We Learn from the Magi
Ramon Smith

January 9, 2022
11:00 a.m.
Deacon Ordination & Installation

Great Is the Lord
Sanctuary Choir

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

January 16, 2022
11:00 a.m.

God's Peace
Sanctuary Choir

Gratitude Week #1
Genesis 8:15-29
Ramon Smith

January 23, 2022
11:00 a.m.

What a Friend We Have in Jesus
Sanctuary Choir

Gratitude Week #2
Exodus 16
Ramon Smith

January 30, 2022
11:00 a.m.

He is the Everlasting God
Sanctuary Choir

Gratitude Week #3
Acts 2:44-47
Ramon Smith

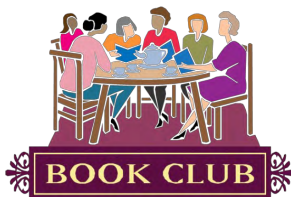
A NOTE FROM MARY



Because One Child Is Born

More light than we can learn,
More wealth than we can treasure,
More love than we can earn,
More peace than we can measure,
Because one Child is born.

-Christopher Fry



will meet on
Monday, January 31st
at 7 pm
This month's book is:
Miles from Where We Started
by Cynthia Ruchti

I am beyond thankful for the many people who shared their talents with us this Advent and Christmas, adding to the joy of the season and enhancing our worship each week. A special thank you to our technical crews who bring to life the many crazy ideas we imagine. Thank you to our musicians: our choir members, who spend hours learning and refining songs in preparation for worship, not just at Christmas but throughout the year, and who bring me great joy and a lot of laughter as we serve and fellowship together; to Teresa, who plays passionately each week in worship and who enhances the offerings of so many other musicians as well (sometimes with music she gets handed at the last minute!), we are blessed to have you, and I am thankful to call you friend; to our soloists and guest instrumentalists, thank you for saying yes! Your gifts have encouraged and enhanced our worship; to APB, thank you for the shared laughter, meals, and continued grace you show one another and me. A special thank you to Barbie Kale who narrated throughout Advent. Thank you for sharing your gifts with us. You brought the narration to life in a way I could not have imagined. Thank you so much for bringing much meaning to the words given to you. Thank you as well to those who are cheerleaders to the worship ministry here at College Park. Your encouragement means more than you know.

Calling All Music Lovers



(preschool through 6th grade)

Music Workshop for all Children

The Music Workshop for children will begin again on Sunday, January 9th. We had a wonderful beginning this past fall. But it's not too late to participate! If your child is interested in learning more about music, and even learning how to play keyboard, drums, guitar or bass guitar, then this is a great opportunity! On Sunday evenings at 5:00 pm, we meet with children grades 1-6 in Smith Hall. They are learning music theory and instrument application in a group setting. Preschoolers have a similar focus workshop at the same time, and are graded for their developmental level. Parents are invited to observe/help! If possible, please let Ramon or Mary know if your child(ren) would like to start participating in this amazing opportunity.

In Loving Memory
of
Joan Brown

June 9, 1932
to
December 12, 2021

Member of College Park
since
March 1950

CRISIS CONTROL MINISTRY

Gift for January

~ Crackers ~

Items collected in December:

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| 1 apple juice | 1 mustard |
| 7 cans beef stew | 2 cans of peaches |
| 1 brownie mix | 1 can of pinto beans |
| 1 cake mix | 15 boxes of saltines |

Whatever you do for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you do for me." Matthew 25:40

Senior Adults & Family Recreation



Inclement Weather Policy:

In the event of inclement or severe weather, church services or other events might be canceled or delayed. Even when services or other events are held in inclement weather, each person should use his/her own discretion in trying to get to church.

How do you know when there is a cancellation?

When there is a cancellation of services/events due to inclement weather, the change will be announced in an adequate amount of time before the service/event is originally scheduled.

Announcement formats include:

- * a message on our phone line greeting
- * our church website, www.collegepark.ws
- * our social media accounts, Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram (@CollegeParkWS)
- * Local television stations (WFMY 2, WXII 12, and ABC 45 (look for College Park Baptist Church Winston Salem, since there is also a College Park Baptist Church in Greensboro)

Church Conference:
Wednesday, January 19th
at 7:00 pm
in Smith Hall

Notes of appreciation have been received from:

- * Donna Bates
- * David, Grace, Paisley, and Skylar Hodge
- * Mary Lee Swaim
- * Kevin, Christy, Jack, and Jesse Tuttle

IN THE HOSPITAL

Our prayers and support are offered to the following individuals who are part of our church family who are, or have been in the hospital during the last month:

**Buddy Priest
Mike Thornton**

FAMILY MINISTRY

Here is what is happening this Winter at the Park!

HAPPY New Year

You crown the year with Your goodness,
And Your paths drip with abundance.

PSALM 65:11

HOW TO MAKE THE MOST OF... NEW YEAR'S

(adapted from www.theParentCue.org)

What do you do with New Year's? After the last two months of hurry, the idea of "nothing" may seem appealing. But New Year's is a great time to create some family memories you'll remember for the rest of the year.

Here are a few fun ideas to spark your creativity:

2021 HIGHLIGHT REEL. Have each family member think of one favorite memory from the last year. Without using words, have each family member act out their memory and see who can guess what it is.

MAKE A FAMILY FUN LIST. Instead of resolutions, gather your family together and make a list of all the fun things you want to do in the upcoming year. Save the list and refer back to it throughout the New Year.

CRAZY DINNER. Start the year off with a little FUN by giving each family member \$3-\$5 to buy one item at the grocery store. Come home, cook it all, and enjoy your crazy dinner by candlelight!

OUR WEEKLY SCHEDULE FOR CHILDREN

Sunday

9:00 am	Nursery (infant thru K)
9:45 am	Elementary Sunday School Preschool Sunday School
11:00 am	Nursery (infant thru K)
5:00 pm	Music Workshop

Wednesday

6:45 pm	Nursery (infant thru K)
7:00 pm	Children's Bible Study

YOUTH MINISTRY

AND I HEARD THE VOICE OF THE LORD SAYING, "WHOM SHALL I SEND, AND WHO WILL GO FOR US?" THEN I SAID, "HERE I AM! SEND ME." ISAIAH 6:8

SUNDAY MORNINGS, 9:45 AM

Spiritual warfare is a guarantee in our lives. While the enemy's plan is to destroy us, God gave us spiritual protection as believers. This five-week series will be an in-depth study on how we actively equip ourselves with the armor of God in our lives and how God calls us as believers to wage war against the enemy.



BUS STATION MINISTRY

January 19, 6:00-7:30 PM

We are excited to announce that we are continuing our Bus Station ministry. All youth are invited to join us as we share the love of Christ by giving out food and drinks to people at the Bus Station.



JUNIOR SENIOR LEADERSHIP RETREAT January 15-17

We are excited to announce that this year's Junior/Senior Leadership Retreat is being held in Gatlinburg on January 15-17. We will leave Saturday at noon and return just before dinner on Monday. The cost for the retreat is \$110.



If you are interested in going, you must see Jeff for a short interview by January 5. This is a requirement for those wanting to attend the retreat.

Full payment for the trip will be due January 9. Contact Jeff with questions.

OUR WEEKLY SCHEDULE FOR YOUTH

Sunday

9:45 am Youth Sunday School
6:00 - YouthAtThePark
7:30 pm

Wednesday

6:15 pm Supper (Smith Hall)
7:00 pm Youth Missions/Bible Study

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER



JANUARY 15-17

Junior/
Senior
Leadership
Retreat

Gatlinburg

FEBRUARY 13

Super
Bowl
Party

JULY 11-15

Youth
Camp

Garden City
Chapel

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Ramon E. Smith, Senior Pastor
Jeff Allen, Assoc. Pastor/ Students & Families
Mary Keltner, Assoc. Pastor/Music & Education
Matt Wilson, Minister/Senior Adults & Family Recreation
Charles D. Edwards, Pastor Emeritus

Did you know...

you can give online at: collegeparkbaptist.org

It is a great way to send a memorial or honorarium if you are out of town. You can even set up to give monthly from your checking account so it is automatic—no more envelopes. Or you can use our kiosk to give to the budget, building fund, or pay for camps and events like Wednesday supper.

Did you know we have an Endowment Fund at the Winston-Salem Foundation that helps fund our church missions? If you have questions about this or are interested in learning more...please call Grace in the church office.

STEWARDSHIP OF SERVICE

DEACON OF THE WEEK

January 2 January 9
Frank Martinez Barry Nelson

January 16 January 23
Sarah Talley Michael Gruver

January 30
Melanie Alexander

**Lottie Moon
and
Global Missions
Offering:**

Our Goal:
\$17,500.00

Received to date:
\$17,500.00

GREETERS

January 2 January 9
Josh Hauser Ken Hatchett
Jim Pernell

January 16 January 23
Sarah Hauser Russell Talley
Tony Perkins

January 30
Dennis Palmer

ATTENDANCE STATISTICS

	<u>12/5</u>	<u>12/12</u>	<u>12/19</u>	<u>12/26</u>
Re:Creation Worship	67	—	130	69
11:00 Worship	140	220	106	99

INFORMATION CENTER

Pat Blackwell
Garry Crist

STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES

<u>Budget ~ December 2021</u>	<u>MTD</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Budget	\$75,784.30	\$833,627.27
Receipts	\$68,577.78	\$804,833.98
Expenditures	\$72,357.11	\$818,030.39

PROPERTIES COMMITTEE

January 2 January 19
Charlie Jones Hutch Hutchison

January 16 January 23
Ishmael Stowe Michael Gruver

January 30
Josh Hauser

Building Fund ~ December 2021

Beginning Balance	\$84,733.31	\$63,474.46
Receipts	\$11,188.00	\$115,756.00
Expenditures	\$9,609.98	\$92,919.13
Ending Balance	\$86,311.33	\$86,311.33
Loan Balance	\$978,786.09	