

HIGHLIGHTS

College Park Baptist Church
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“Change is the only constant in life” is a famous saying by the Greek philosopher Heraclitus...and we hear it quoted a lot! There is an element of truth in the statement I guess, and yet Hebrews 13:8 says “Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.” You see, God has not changed, nor will He, but we change constantly. Our life circumstances change constantly. And as we relate to God, many times we choose to create a god that is convenient to our own beliefs and society’s current views, morals, and standards. Even though we may try to do that, our perception, or should I say distortion or perversion of God, has nothing to do with who God really is, because as Scripture clearly states God has not changed, and will not change...forever! Why is this such an important truth? Let me ask it this way: “Do you really want to place all hope for eternity in a god who is fickle and can be redefined by a changing culture?” Seriously? And yet that is exactly what the norm of our day is! Our God is so much higher than our ways, and His understanding so far beyond ours (Isaiah 55:9)

but that doesn't seem to stop our puny little minds from thinking we can figure Him out! I am *grateful* that I do not have the capacity to fully understand God! There would be no need for awe and reverence of a God we could fully understand.

Why do I bring all of this up? For me, that is what the season of **Lent** is all about! I do not understand why God would give His perfect Son for me (and you), and yet He did! Lent for me is not about giving up a food, etc., although I have no problem with those who choose to. For me, it's all about seeking to understand who God would have me to be in relationship to Him. I don't have to wonder what He asks of me...it's outlined very clearly in Scripture...I just have to read it...study it...talk with Him about it...and then be obedient! A pretty good plan for a Lenten journey...and every day!

“Love God and Love People!”

Blessings & Peace,

Ramon

THE WORSHIP OF GOD	
<p>March 6, 2022 11:00 a.m.</p> <p><i>I Worship You, Lord</i> Sanctuary Choir</p> <p><i>Till I Entered the Sanctuary</i> Psalm 73 Mary Keltner</p>	<p>March 13, 2022 11:00 a.m.</p> <p>Communion</p> <p><i>The Old Rugged Cross</i> Sanctuary Choir</p> <p><i>The Way of the Cross Week #1</i> Psalm 16 Ramon Smith</p>
<p>March 20, 2022 11:00 a.m.</p> <p><i>The Love of God</i> Sanctuary Choir</p> <p><i>The Way of the Cross Week #2</i> Genesis 2:8; Revelation 21:3 Ramon Smith</p>	<p>March 27, 2022 11:00 a.m.</p> <p><i>Standing and Leaning Medley</i> Sanctuary Choir</p> <p>Morning Message Ward Page</p>

Our Mission...

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



A NOTE FROM MARY



Heartfelt thanks to all who contributed to the purchase of a beautiful piano for the chapel. THANK YOU!! The piano has been moved to its new home, and is acclimating to its new environment. When I bring the tuner in soon, I think they will not have too much work to do because it is holding tune really well. I am excited for the many ways we are going to be using it in coming years. Thank you again for your generosity and for helping equip our musicians for ministry for many years to come.

will meet on
Monday, March 28th
at 7 pm
This month's book is:
The Edge of Belonging
by Amanda Cox

SUMMER INTERNSHIP PROGRAM:

College Park will be hiring an intern to work in the children's ministry area this summer. If you are a current college or divinity school student and interested in applying for the position, please contact Ramon at: ramon@collegetpark.ws

by **Sunday, March 20th.**



Easter Lilies:

If you would like to place a lily in the sanctuary for Easter Sunday, April 17th, please use an order form which will be located on the Welcome and Gym Lobby Desks. ***Orders are due no later than Friday, March 25th.***

Cost will be \$13 per plant and should be paid at the time the order is submitted. You may pay for your lily via cash, check, or on-line.

CRISIS CONTROL MINISTRY

Gift for March

~ pancake mix and syrup ~

Items collected in February:
26 packages of instant potatoes

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

In Loving Memory
of
Peggy Copley

January 26, 1930
to
February 14, 2022

Member of College Park
since
May 1970

In Loving Memory
of
Melba Walker

September 20, 1926
to
December 1, 2021

Member of College Park
since
January 2009

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:

Jeannette Aldridge
Janice Farmer
Janet Mills

Senior Adults & Family Recreation

Grub Club
Dodge City Steak House



March 14th 2022
Bus Leaves at 4:45pm

HENRY CHO

Comedy Show

Saturday, March 26, 2022

Willingham Theatre

Cost: \$32



PICKLEBALL

Tuesdays and Thursdays

6-8 pm

**Tentative
Paintball Dates**
Saturday
March 12th & 19th

Children's Camp 2022
@ Ft. Caswell

June 3rd-5th

3rd-6th grades

Cost: \$120 per child

Marriage Retreat
November 4-6, 2022



TAPESTRY COLLECTION
BY HILTON

Father, help me to see this holy season of Lent as a time of spiritual renewal, rather than a time of deprivation. Motivate me to reach a new level of experiencing your grace.

LENT



FAMILY MINISTRY

Here is what is happening this Spring at the Park!

Is My Kid Addicted to Technology?

If you read last month's newsletter, you may remember that one of our favorite websites is <http://theparentcue.org/>. It is a great source for encouragement and ideas for those of us raising our children in our faith. The article below asks some difficult questions and about the impact of technology on our children. You may or may not agree with some of the thoughts by the author, [Dr. Chinwé Williams](#), but it will certainly make you think. An excerpt of the article is below and a link to the full article is included. Our hope is this article will at least get you considering the ramifications of tech on our children

We live in a digital world. Laptops. Tablets. Smartphones. Smart TVs. There are so many devices that occupy our kids' attention. Controlling screen time is an ever-present task for parents, but it can be tricky because screens are literally everywhere. The challenge is this: technology isn't going anywhere. And I'm not even suggesting that it should. But with so many screen-obsessed young people glued to their devices, parents can't help but wonder . . .

Is my child addicted? The answer is, not likely. The term "addiction" has a very specific definition in the world of psychology. Being addicted to something means that there is a chemical change in the brain that leads you to require more and more of that thing in order to be able to function. For example, your child's social media usage or gaming would have to trump all other activities—schoolwork, engaging in sports, hanging out with friends—to qualify.

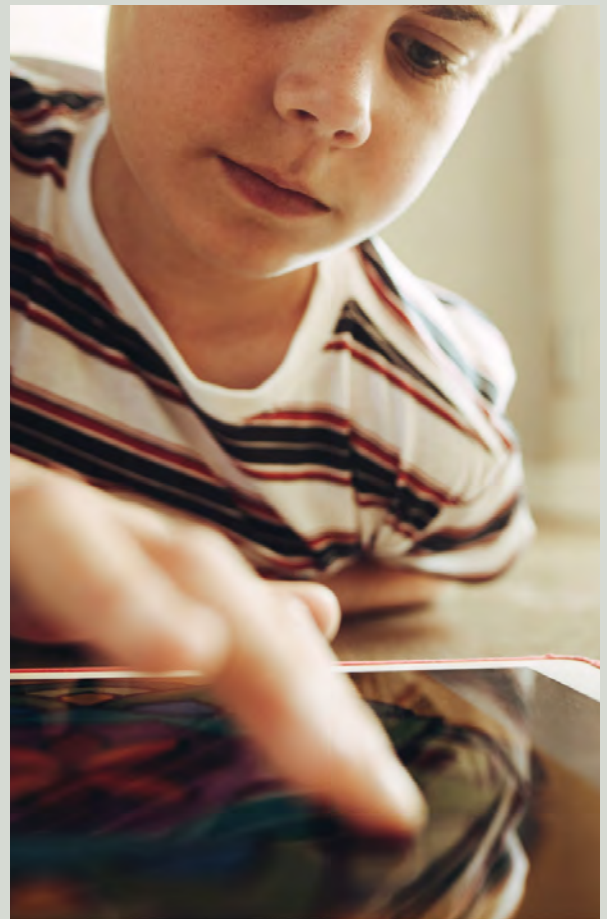
Additionally, technology use is not the same as drug or alcohol addiction since devices serve an important role in our kids' lives. Technology is now required for schoolwork and to stay connected, particularly during a global pandemic.

So, what appears to be screen-obsession can also be a reflection of how today's tweens and teens socialize and maintain peer connection. While parents are correct to be concerned (and maybe even disturbed) about the increasing use of technology among children and teens, most experts in the psychiatric community do not describe what most parents are seeing as an addiction. That, of course, could change.

However, I'd like to pose a different, but equally important, question...

Can too much screen time negatively affect our kids and teens? The simple answer is yes. I'm guessing you aren't surprised by that. But many "time-poor" parents are often at a loss as to what to do to help.

(continue reading here... <https://theparentcue.org/is-my-kid-addicted-to-technology/>)



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

5:45 pm Nursery (infant thru K)
 6:00 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

This month, we will dive into a rich study on the names of God we see in the Old Testament. In our study of God, we see His name described throughout Scripture in unique and varying ways. In this series, designed for your students to learn more about the character of God the Father, we will look at four unique names of God in the Old Testament and see how God still invites us to call on His name today.



BUS STATION MINISTRY

March 9, 6:00-7:30 PM

Our Bus Station ministry continues this month. 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. It is a simple way of sharing our faith.



SPRING BREAK RETREAT

April 11-14

@ Caswell

\$185 (\$160 for additional youth from same family)

Our youth group is going to the beach for 3 days during spring break for a great retreat of fun, food, and merriment (how many times have you seen THAT word used in a sentence)! We will be staying at Caswell for three nights.

Friends are welcome to join us! Sign-ups are going on now. Get your deposit in now so you will not miss this great event! Make sure you are not the only one staying in Winston for Spring Break! Sign-up today!

OUR WEEKLY SCHEDULE FOR YOUTH

Sunday

9:45 am Youth Sunday School

6:00 - 7:30 pm YouthAtThePark

Wednesday

6:00 pm Family Night Supper

7:00 pm Youth Missions/ Bible Study

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER



MARCH 2

Ash Wednesday Service

APRIL 11-14

Youth Spring Break Retreat

Caswell

JUNE 5

Graduate Sunday

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



Heck Jones Offering:

Our Goal:
\$2,000.00

Received:
\$1,295.00

N. C. Retirement Homes Offering:

Our Goal:
\$1,500.00

Received:
\$525.00

STEWARDSHIP OF SERVICE

DEACON OF THE WEEK

March 6
Carolyn Matthews

March 13
Garry Crist

March 20
Skip Chinlund

March 27
Charlie Jones

GREETERS

March 6
Dennis Palmer

March 13
Josh Hauser
Jim Pernel

March 20
Russell Talley

March 27
Sarah Hauser
Tony Perkins

INFORMATION CENTER

Scott Andrews
Rachel Eller

PROPERTIES COMMITTEE

March 6
Hutch Hutchison

March 13
Charlie Jones

March 20
Ishmael Stowe

March 27
Michael Gruver

Qualified Charitable Distribution: Is a Qualified Charitable Distribution right for you? If you are over 70½, a QCD may be a tax savings vehicle for you. QCD's must go directly to the charitable organization in order to get the tax benefit. Contact Grace Hodge or your financial advisor if you wish to take advantage of giving a QCD to College Park.

ATTENDANCE STATISTICS

	<u>2/6</u>	<u>2/13</u>	<u>2/20</u>	<u>2/27</u>
Re: Creation Worship	67	65	79	96
11:00 Worship	76	111	109	84

STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES

<u>Budget ~ January 2022</u>	<u>MTD</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Budget	\$82,385.13	\$82,385.13
Receipts	\$91,606.92	\$91,606.92
Expenditures	\$65,850.92	\$65,850.92

<u>Building Fund ~ January 2022</u>		
Beginning Balance	\$93,075.35	\$93,075.35
Receipts	\$23,315.00	\$23,315.00
Expenditures	\$9,609.98	\$9,609.98
Ending Balance	\$106,780.37	\$106,780.37
Loan Balance	\$964,178.72	