

# HIGHLIGHTS



College Park Baptist Church

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

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## From Your Pastor...

So many things to do...so little time! That seems to be the motto of the holiday season, and life in general. Yet, somehow, as we reflect on the first Christmas, we must change our habits. The journey of the Magi (as we learned last week) was for the purpose of worshipping Christ, and as we make our lives an act of living worship, we must check our motives and our priorities. The journey that Mary and Joseph made to Bethlehem was a difficult one, yet the birth of the Savior was a healing to the pain of the journey. Our own journey through the Advent season can, at times, be painful, but if we will stay focused on Christ, the experience will only serve to help us grow.

This Sunday, I am looking forward to a wonderful service of music and celebration led by several of our choirs. I am also looking forward to the special presentation by our *Channels* on Sunday evening. College Park is truly blessed to have many talented people, and it gives me great joy to see those talents being used to glorify the King!

*Ramon Smith*

## Ministry Emphases

### International Missions

*"That All Peoples May Know Him"*

and

### Global Missions

*"Everyone...Everywhere - Being the Presence of Christ"*

**Goal: \$20,000**

**Received to Date: \$5,261.68**

Lottie Moon International Missions: \$3,966.68  
CBF Global Missions: 1,295.00

### You can help:

**Pray:** The Chapel is open for prayer during the week of December 7-14. You are encouraged to come by anytime the church is open, enter the chapel, and pray for our missionaries around the world and for God's guidance as to how you can personally help.

*Our Royal Ambassadors* have made prayer emblems to assist you in your praying. Please stop by the **Prayer Tree** on the mezzanine and take one of the emblems from the tree. Spend time in prayer specifically for the missionary whose name is on the ornament. Also pray for the mission field in general.

**Give:** Envelopes for International Missions and Global Missions can be found in your regular envelope package and/or in the pews. Please give generously so that our missionaries will be able to continue to do their work on the global and international mission fields.

*Our Women on Mission Groups* are sponsoring a **"Hospitality Brunch"** on December 13, at 9:30 a.m. All proceeds from this brunch will go for missions. *The Acteens* are taking a very active part in this brunch.



## Jeff's Notes

Sunday morning will be a meaningful time of worship as we are led by our *Sanctuary Choir*, *Sanctuary Bells*, *Sing for God* and *Psalms 8:2*. This service of scripture and song will not only recount the events of the nativity, but will also call us to respond as believers in the world today. Sunday will also be our missions ingathering. This will make for an important time of worship for us as a church family. I hope we can count on each of you sharing it with us.

We had great experiences in Williamsburg, VA and Ahoskie, NC this past weekend. What a blessing to be able to offer up our blended voices in a place of such a wonderful heritage of our faith as Bruton Parish. I encourage you to ask any member of *Channels* about their experience. I am grateful to the members of that group for their hard work and preparation for the trip. I am also grateful to their family members for supporting the group and making the trip with us. Don't forget that *Channels* will be presenting the same concert this Sunday evening at 7 p.m. in the Chapel. The music prepared for this concert was selected to compliment the intimacy and acoustics of this historic "Holy Place." Our Chapel best provides a similar setting, so we will look forward to sharing the concert in there.

The *College Parkers* will meet next Thursday, December 18, for their annual Christmas luncheon. We need everyone to bring all types of covered-dish specialties, including meats. We will not be providing turkey and ham as we have in the past. I look forward to this wonderful holiday time of fellowship.

*Jeff*

## Matt's Memos

Christmas activity schedule!

December 19th Reindeer Hunt 6pm  
22nd Progressive Dinner 6pm

Basketball Schedule - December 13

Jr. Coed 11:30 @ Mount Tabor Methodist  
Girls - No game this week  
Intermediate Boys 8:30 @ First Baptist  
Senior Boys 8:30 @ First Assembly

**Come support our teams!**

In Christ,  
**Matt**

## White Christmas

December 21, 2003



Thank you to all the classes, groups, families and individuals who have "adopted" families this year for White Christmas! You are making Christmas brighter for those less fortunate in our area. Remember, each class is to bring a gift wrapped in white paper on December 21, to present as part of our worship service that day.

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

## Family Night Supper December 17

Spaghetti  
Tossed Salad Bread Sticks  
Dessert

**Make your reservations by Tuesday, Dec. 16!**

### Welcome New Member

On Sunday, December 7, Marcus Crotts came requesting membership upon his profession of faith in Jesus Christ. Marcus is the son of Van and Sally Crotts. He lives at 450 Archer Road, Winston-Salem, NC 27106, and his phone number is 659-7446. We rejoice with Marcus' decision!

### Contribution Reminder

Contributions for 2003 must be received or mailed by December 31, 2003, in order to receive tax credit for this year. Contribution statements for 2003 will be mailed out as early as possible in January. The IRS cautions that members must not claim a charitable contribution deduction before receiving their contribution statements from the church.

In Loving Memory of

*Mrs. Margaret Mabrey Wallace*

October 1, 1919 December 3, 2003  
Member of College Park since April 13, 1958

### Crisis Control Gift for December:

**1 lb. Bag of Rice**

*\*Last month we collected 74 boxes of instant oatmeal, 2 cans of meat, and 4 boxes of Jello.*

Our prayers and support are offered to the following members of our church family who are, or have been in the hospital in the last week:



*Jean Jones, Blanche Phillips*

**A note of appreciation has been received and posted on the bulletin board from Cherry Parnell.**

Christian love and sympathy are expressed to Emma McMillan in the death of her brother.



### REPORT FROM DECEMBER 7, 2003

Sunday School	314
Worship	344
Brookridge	53
Budget Requirement To Date	\$601,800.85
Budget Receipts To Date (84.93%)	\$511,115.26
<b>FULFILLING THE PROMISE</b>	
New FTP Pledges	\$289,522.00
New FTP Pledged Gifts to Date (37.55%)	\$108,726.56
Total Building Fund Receipts To Date	\$2,715,791.46
Balance Due on Building	\$349,538.48
<b>Sound System to Date</b>	<b>\$9,235.00</b>

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 14 - DECEMBER 20

### Sunday, Dec. 14

9:15 a.m. Media Center Open  
9:30 Sunday School Classes  
10:45 Gathering in Sanctuary for Worship  
11:00 Children's Celebration  
12:15 p.m. Visitation Assignments  
4:00 Youth Vocal Ensemble Rehearsal  
4:30 Ainesis Rehearsal  
5:30 Youth Snack Supper  
6:00 Youth Discipleship  
6:15 Channels Rehearsal  
7:00 **Candlelight Concert** in Chapel

### Monday, Dec. 15

10:00 a.m. Monday Bible Study  
7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 907

### Tuesday, Dec. 16

10:00 a.m. Grace Notes leave for Salemtowne  
6:00 - 9:30 p.m. Basketball Practice - Smith Hall

### Wednesday, Dec. 17

5:30 p.m. Media Center Open  
5:30 - 6:30 Supper Line Open  
6:00 Cherub Choir, Sing for God, and Psalm 8:2 Rehearsals  
Connections Team  
6:45 Cherub Choir, Grace Notes Concert - Chapel  
Mission Friends, RAs, GAs, Challengers, Acteens  
7:30 Sanctuary Choir & Ainesis Rehearsal in Sanctuary  
EyeWitness Rehearsal  
7:45 Finance Committee

### Thursday, Dec. 18

11:30 a.m. College Parkers - Smith Hall

### Saturday, Dec. 20

8:30 a.m. Intermediate Boys Basketball - First Assembly  
Girls Basketball - Old Town Baptist  
9:45 Sr. Boys Basketball - First Assembly  
10:30 Jr. Coed Basketball - Mt. Tabor Methodist

**Workers in Worship Nursery:** December 14, 10:30 a.m.  
Jean Dzeskewicz; Marci Fricke; Beth Huff; Marie & Dub Fesperman; Ron & Becky Grubbs; Keith & Joy Minster  
**Deacon of the Week:** Cathy Chinlund

**Greeters:** Dec. 14 Gayle Hartgrove & Ed Lane  
**Properties Comm. Member on Duty:** Terry Lefler  
**Brookridge Driver:** Dec. 14 Larry Jones  
**Information Center for Dec:** Tony Bates, Trudy Elkins



THE WORSHIP OF GOD  
Sunday, December 14

10:45 a.m.

*THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT*

*Then We Shall Sing for Joy*

A Service of Scripture and Song led by

- The Sanctuary Choir
- The Sanctuary Bells
- Sing for God & Psalm 8:2

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