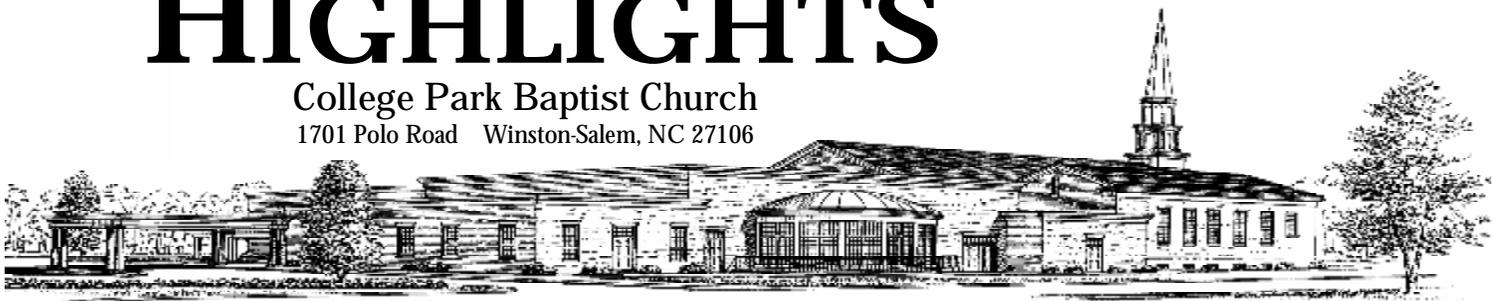


HIGHLIGHTS

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



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

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From Your Pastor...

Thank you for the opportunity to be away, and assist our youth as they led their peers in worship. Jeff is doing a wonderful job with these young people: helping them discover their talents and abilities and then using them for God's glory! We have an exceptional group of youth, and tremendous support from their parents...thanks to all of you for representing our Lord, and College Park very well!

A special thank you to Ed Stines for his leadership in worship while I was away, and to Charles Edwards, Jerry Cook, and Bob Doty for being "on call" during the weekend!

On November 28, 1863, Thanksgiving was observed for the first time as an official American holiday, having been declared the previous month by President Abraham Lincoln. So as Christians, we celebrate Thanksgiving, not because we can't do without turkey, dressing, pumpkin pie and football, but because we understand that God is our creator/provider, Jesus is our Savior, and the Holy Spirit is our constant companion! As the Apostle Paul wrote: *And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. (Colossians 3:17 NIV)*

With Thanksgiving in our hearts, then we are ready to begin the season of Advent. We'll see you this Sunday for the first Sunday of our Advent journey...

Ramon

In Touch

I am unable to completely express in words what I am feeling since coming home from this past weekend's PMBA Youth Retreat at Ridgecrest. I was overwhelmed by the leadership of our group and the amount of hard work that each person put into making this year's retreat special.

The worship leadership for the retreat rotates each year among several churches in the association. Our youth led this year's worship, and it was remarkable. The group began preparing back in September for this weekend. We spent time studying and planning for three different services. The services centered around three different characters—Joshua, Mary Magdalene, and Paul. After learning about each person's faith story, we moved to discussing how we could best communicate those stories to youth at the retreat.

The youth decided to use just about every medium available to communicate what we learned—drama, creative movement, music, movies, videos, computers, and the spoken word. Each of our ministry teams played a vital role in helping to communicate the power of these faith stories to the youth while adding a page to the faith story of our own youth group. I need to say a special thank you to each person who played a role in the powerful worship services from this weekend. There is not enough room to name them all, but every person who helped make this weekend possible should know they were instruments used by God in doing something eternal and life-changing!

Jeff

White Christmas December 19, 2004

On December 19, you are asked to bring the following food items to be distributed to needy families for **White Christmas**. If you cannot be present on December 19, you may bring your food donations after 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 16, or on Friday, December 17, between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., and place them in the properly marked boxes in Smith Hall. Each class should bring one gift, wrapped in white paper, to present as part of our worship experience on December 19.

General Officers	Biscuit Mix
Bedbabies/Cuddlers	Jello or Pudding
Toddlers/2-Year Olds	Jello or Pudding
4-Year & Kindergarten	Soup
Grades 1,2, 3,& 4	Crackers
Grades 5& 6	Cookies
Grades 7 & 8	Jelly
Grades 9, 10, 11, 12	Peanut Butter
College/Career	Flour or Biscuit Mix, Cake Mix
Koinonia	Canned Vegetables
Theophilae	Macaroni & Cheese or Soup
Poole-Barbee	Canned Fruit or Applesauce
Friends & Partners	Canned Meats
Ruth	Sugar, Canned Meat
Shepherd	Potatoes (5-lb. bags or Instant)
Christian Fellowship	Canned Vegetables
Bible Study	Dried Beans or Rice
Dorcas	Laundry Detergent, Toilet Paper
Joyful	Corn Meal, Muffin Mix
Euzelian	Personal Items (Bath Soap, Shampoo, Deodorant, etc.)
Davis	Vegetable Oil, Canned Meats
Faith	Dried Beans, Rice

If you are not in a Sunday School class, you are invited to participate by bringing any of the above items.

Biblical Recorder

Please notify the church office no later than December 10 if you would like to subscribe to the Biblical Recorder. The cost is \$11.25.

Christmas Gifts for Mt. Outreach Family

For Christmas, Robinhood Baptist Church will be sponsoring the family for whom we built a house at Mt. Outreach this past year. David Voss will be going to Kentucky with others on December 10 to deliver needed items for the warehouse. If you would like to donate or present the family with any gifts, please let the church office know.

In Loving Memory of

Mrs. Ola Flynn Snyder

January 19, 1911

November 19, 2004

Member of College Park since February 1955

Family Night Supper - Wednesday, December 1
Spaghetti
Salad Bar Bread Sticks
Dessert
Please make your reservation
no later than noon on Tuesday, November 30!

Crisis Control Gift for December:
18 oz. Jelly or Peanut Butter



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:

Jerry Anthony, Jack Hoyle, Reba Jones, Roger Jones, Wes Morgan, John Snodgrass

Christian love and sympathy are expressed to Wilbert McBride in the death of his brother and to Louise Allen in the death of her son-in-law.



POINSETTIAS FOR ADVENT SEASON

This year we will have a poinsettia tree as part of our Christmas decorations. If you would like to give a plant in honor of, or in memory of someone, please complete the form below and return it to the church office along with your payment no later than Monday, November 29. The price is \$11.00 per plant.

Placed by: _____

In Honor of : _____

In Memory of : _____

Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina
2004 Thanksgiving Offering

Our Goal: \$3,000.00
Received to Date: \$4,044.00

REPORT FROM NOVEMBER 21, 2004

Sunday School	285
Worship	289
Brookridge	47
Budget Requirement To Date	\$598,821.36
Budget Receipts To Date (91.46%)	\$547,709.41
FULFILLING THE PROMISE	
New FTP Pledges	\$289,522.00
New FTP Pledged Gifts to Date (95.18%)	\$275,573.22
Total Building Fund Receipts To Date	\$2,886,441.33
Balance Due on Building	\$203,665.92

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 28 - DECEMBER 4

Sunday, November 28

9:15 a.m. Media Center Open
 9:30 Sunday School Classes
 10:45 Gathering in Sanctuary for Worship
 12:15 p.m. Visitation Assignments
 3:30 Youth Vocal Ensemble Rehearsal
 4:30 Sing for God, Psalm 8:2, Ainesis Rehearsal
 5:30 Youth Snack Supper
 6:00 Youth Discipleship, Channels Rehearsal
 7:00 Handbells Rehearsal

Monday, November 29

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

Tuesday, November 30

10:00 a.m. Grace Notes Rehearsal
 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. Basketball Practice

Wednesday, December 1

4:30 p.m. Media Center Open
 5:30 - 6:30 Supper Line Open
 6:00 Cherub Choir, Sing for God, and Psalm 8:2 Rehearsals
 6:15 Sunday School Council
 6:45 Prayer Meeting
 Mission Friends, RAs, GAs, Acteens, Challengers
 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

7:30

Saturday, December 4

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study

Workers in Worship Nursery: November 28, 10:30 a.m.
 Julia & Sarah Rickman; Jonel & Bryan Kinser; Jill & Gary Knight; Lisa Jo & Tom Sparling
Deacon of the Week: Ron Cauble

Greeters: November 28 Russell Talley & Kate Thomas
Properties Comm. Member on Duty: John Crabbe
Brookridge Driver: Larry Jones
Information Center for November: Frances Newton, Tom Hurst



THE WORSHIP OF GOD

The First Sunday of Advent
Sunday, November 28
10:45 a.m.

And the Glory of the Lord
 Sanctuary Choir

Run to the Manger
 Psalm 8:2

Who Is He in Yonder Stall?
 Matthew 1:18-25
 Ramon Smith

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