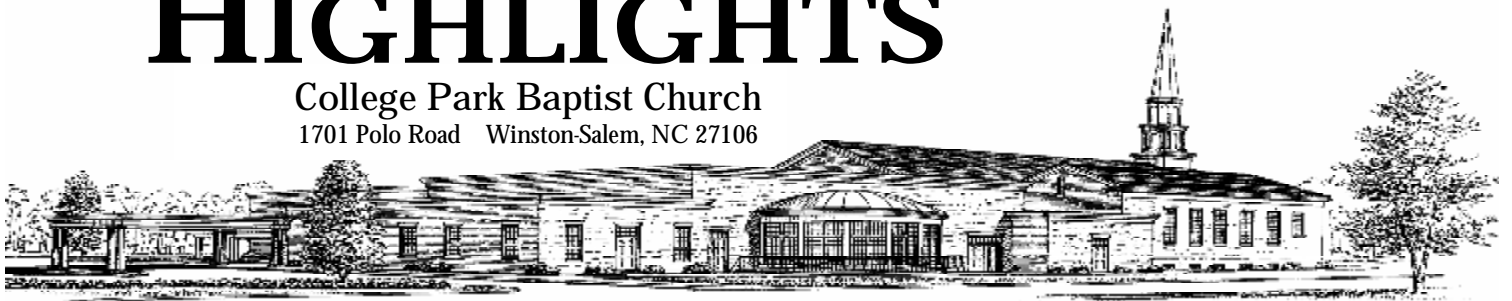


# HIGHLIGHTS

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...*

What a blessing it is to worship together! This past Sunday was especially meaningful, as we gathered for worship and celebrated the Joy of the season. Our youth and children did a magnificent job of leading us in worship Sunday evening, and I am so grateful that we are blessed with such wonderful music leadership! I eagerly await this Sunday, as we gather for worship and are led by our Sanctuary Choir, under the direction of John Newman, as they present *"This Day Is Born Emmanuel"*. Then, Sunday evening, our Channels and Handbells will present *"A Christmas Offering"* in the Chapel. Sunday will be a wonderful day of Christmas celebration...come join us!

Emmanuel...God with us...what an awesome gift! During the Christmas season our focus is often drawn to gift giving, and most of the time the focus is placed on material gifts. Yet, when the most awesome gift was given, it was in the form of a relationship...God with us! My prayer for us, as a people, is that this year we would focus on the relationships we share, and understand that these are the most important gifts that we could ever give, and certainly the only gifts that last for eternity! My family and I treasure your friendship, and will always be grateful for your love and support over the last twelve plus years...and we consider those friendships to be Christmas gifts that last all year long!

*Ramon*

### 2005 Sanctuary Flowers

We are grateful to those who placed memorial and honorary flowers in the Sanctuary during 2004. **Each year we begin with a new flower calendar.** If you would like to place special occasion, honorary or memorial flowers in the Sanctuary in 2005, please call the church office.

The following dates are available for the first quarter:

Jan. 2	Jan. 9	Jan. 30
Feb. 20	Feb. 27	March 6
March 13	March 20	March 27

## Ministry Emphases

### International Missions

**"That All Peoples May Know Him"**

and

### Global Missions

**"Together...Being the Presence of Christ"**

**Goal: \$20,000.00**

**Received to Date: \$11,507.00**

***We can all be involved by:***

**Praying:** You are encouraged to use the prayer guides to pray for our missionaries around the world and for God's guidance as to how you can personally help.

**Giving:** Envelopes for the offering are in your regular envelope package and will also be placed about the church. Please give generously so that our missionaries will be able to continue to do their work on the global and international mission fields.

The ***Girls in Action*** have made posters to help remind us to pray and how each of us can have an active role in being a missionary as Jesus asked us to do.

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.

In Loving Memory of

***Jerry Hoyle Anthony***

September 1, 1935    December 12, 2004

Member of College Park since September, 1964

## In Touch

### City on a Hill Christmas

I had so much fun this past Sunday night as our young people and their leaders led us in a powerful worship experience. The service was well attended and our young people were excellent worship leaders. The best part was seeing so many smiling faces, so many nods of approval, and even looks of introspection. It was a significant moment for our church and I am grateful I was there to see.

So many people made significant sacrifices in order for the service to take place. The leaders of each group sacrificed time and gave their talents as they helped the young people learn the music. I owe a huge debt of gratitude to the following leaders—Cecelia Cauble, Teresa Hill, Kent Hobson, Kim Jones, Jill Knight, and Mary Parker. Thank you so much! Also, the members of A.P.B. deserve a huge thank-you for giving their time and talent—Mitch Edmonds, Jim Edmonds, Jill Knight, Carson Smith, and Ramon Smith. The music could not have happened without you! Finally, thank you to all who provided snacks before and after the service. Special thanks go out to Julie Haymore, Joy Minister, and

Carol Sauers for helping coordinate the fellowship time!

I want to say a special word to each child and youth who participated. I hope that you understand the eternal impact of what you did this past Sunday night. It was more than just some songs to sing. You made the word of God come alive through your lives. By using your gifts, you spread the news of Jesus' birth. There is no greater thing you can do with your life! I am proud to walk with you every day and no more so than this past weekend! I love you!

### College Exam Packs

There are several happy college students around our state. Exams are drawing to a close and many of our college students have full stomachs thanks to all of you who provided snacks for the exam packs. Thank you for supporting this valuable ministry!

### Treat Bags

A very special THANK YOU to Joe and Angelia Grogan who have again provided treat bags for all College Park children. They will be distributed this Sunday.

Jeff

Family Night Supper - Wednesday, December 22  
 Barbeque  
 Slaw Baked Beans  
 Rolls Dessert  
**Please make your reservation by noon on Tuesday, Dec. 21!**

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

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

Christian love and sympathy are expressed to Kate Anthony in the death of her husband; to Roy Johnson in the death of his brother; to Bud Smith in the death of his sister; and to Lucille Cashwell in the death of her brother.



*May the many blessings of Christmas be yours throughout the year.*

Ramon Smith                      Jeff Allen  
 Gail Holland                      Joan Snyder  
 Robert Blankenship              John Newman

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:



*Bill Baker, Edith Brann, Sue Buitendorf, Edith Hunter, Wayne Lewis, Dot Whicker*

**REPORT FROM DECEMBER 12, 2004**

Sunday School	298
Worship	356
Brookridge	Class Cancelled
Budget Requirement To Date	\$637,044.00
Budget Receipts To Date (93.13%)	\$593,282.53
<b>FULFILLING THE PROMISE</b>	
New FTP Pledges	\$289,522.00
New FTP Pledged Gifts to Date (99.36%)	\$284,783.16
Total Building Fund Receipts To Date	\$2,895,124.08
Balance Due on Building	\$183,551.99

Notes of appreciation have been received and posted on the bulletin board from Jennifer Wall.

*Thank You*

**OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEKS OF DECEMBER 19 - JANUARY 1**

**Sunday, December 19**

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  
     White Christmas Deliveries  
 4:00    Youth Ministry Council  
 6:00    "A Christmas Offering" (Chapel)

**December 26—January 1, 2005**

**Sunday, December 26**

NO EVENING ACTIVITIES

**Tuesday, December 28**

6:00-9:00 p.m.                              Basketball Practice

**Wednesday, December 29**

NO FAMILY NIGHT ACTIVITIES

**Friday, December 31**

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

**Saturday, January 1**

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

*Highlights will not be published on December 22 for the week of December 26—January 1*

**Wednesday, December 22**

5:30 p.m.                                      Media Center Open  
 5:30 - 6:30                                      Supper Line Open  
 6:45    "Christmas @ the Park"  
 7:30    Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday, December 23**

6:00 -9:00 p. m.                              Youth Christmas Party

**Friday, December 24**

5:00 p.m.                                      CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED  
     Christmas Eve Service (Chapel)

**Workers in Worship Nursery:** December 19, 10:30 a.m.  
 Ivarene Billings; JoAnn Lehman; Becky Grubbs; Marci Fricke; Ben & Lori Jackson; Terri & Noah Goodman

**Deacon of the Week:** Karen Lefler

**Greeters:** December 19                      John Vogler & Jim Pernell

**Properties Comm. Member on Duty:** Robert Huff

**Brookridge Driver:** Larry Jones

**Information Center for December:** Tony Bates, Trudy Elkins



**THE WORSHIP OF GOD**

*The Fourth Sunday of Advent*  
**Sunday, December 19**  
 10:45 a.m.

*This Day Is Born Emmanuel*  
 presented by  
**The Sanctuary Choir**  
 10:45am in the Sanctuary

*A Christmas Offering*  
 Presented by the Channels & Handbells  
 6:00pm in the Chapel

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