

From Your Pastor ...

*Our Mission ... "A people gathered in Christ; nurtured in His Spirit; and sent in His name."*  On November 20, 1541, the great Reformer, John Calvin, at age 32, established a theocratic government at Geneva, leading to that city's central role in the growing Reformation movement. That was 460+ years ago and the church is still going through a Reformation, but in many ways has begun to slip back into the church model prior to the Reformation. I believe strongly in the priesthood of the believer, and with that freedom comes a responsibility to read God's Word and seek understanding through the power of the Holy Spirit. I believe that, as a Christian, I can approach the throne of grace with confidence, knowing that Christ intercedes on my behalf. One of the problems with the modern church is that we are not as devoted to these disciplines as we should be. If Reformation is going to happen today, we must return to God's Word and seek His will as we worship and work together. Reformation is essential if we are going to continue to discover new ways to tell the timeless story of Jesus Christ and His saving grace.

"We have so much to be thankful for!" I know that we say it often, but this time of year we can get caught up in the sprint to Christmas and skip over Thanksgiving. This year, let's make a covenant to be thankful...to teach our children, and neighbors, and co-workers to be thankful. Let's show our community, in tangible ways, that we are a thankful people

Ramon



# THE WORSHIP OF GOD



# Sunday, November 20th 10:45 a.m.

All Good Gifts Sanctuary Choir

The Perfect Church 1 Corinthians 1:1-9 Ramon Smith Sunday, November 27th 10:45a.m.

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

What Songs Were Sung Jeremy Cauble

*Great Is Thy Faithfulness* Sanctuary Choir

For Thus Says the Lord God... Ramon Smith

# IN TOUCH



Amount Needed: \$22,000.00

Received to Date: \$5,245.00

## DEACON ELECTION

The following people have been elected to the office of deacon, beginning January 1, 2006:

Clara Edmonds Carolyn Ely Ed Hendricks Robert Huff Charlie Jones Jeff Rawls

#### Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina Offering

Our Goal: \$3,000.00 Received to Date: \$1,176.00

WEEK OF PRAYER December 4-11 International Missions and Global Missions

Goal: \$20,000

Crisis Control Gift for November:

Toilet Tissue

"Whatever you do for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you do for me." Matthew 25:40 Tradition and Thanksgiving go together like turkey and dressing. If we were to list all of the different traditions that have been experienced around Thanksgiving celebrations, the list would be varied and telling of our families and ourselves. Do you remember any of your favorites from childhood? How many of those traditions are alive in your family gatherings today?

Our traditions are great teaching tools about what we hold dear. From watching football games to enjoying conversation around the table, what we do with our families is crucial for the passing on of what we believe to be important. From the visit to grandma's house to participation in a Thanksgiving service, each tradition teaches about our values. As you enjoy a Thanksgiving meal or two this year, take the time to share the most valuable lesson of all - giving thanks to the giver of all good things. For it is God alone who has provided us with more than we could ever imagine and the tradition of thanking Him for his providence is the greatest tradition you could pass on around the Thanksgiving dinner table.

Jeff

<sup>11</sup>Yours, O LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendor, for everything in heaven and earth is yours. Yours, O LORD, is the kingdom; you are exalted as head over all. <sup>12</sup>Wealth and honor come from you; you are the ruler of all things. In your hands are strength and power to exalt and give strength to all. <sup>13</sup>Now, our God, we give you thanks, and praise your glorious name.



## White Christmas December 19, 2005

"God so loved us that He gave us His only son."

What have we given?

Please be in prayer about how you can show the love of God to hurting and needy families this Christmas. We want to be a light in our community that draws people to Christ. Help us shine His light to others. A list of food items for each class to provide will be published in the next issue of *Highlights*.

### POINSETTIAS FOR ADVENT

Once again, 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 <u>no later than Monday, November 28.</u> The price is \$11.00 per plant.

Placed by: \_

In Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_\_

# NEWS AND SCHEDULES (CONTINUED)

#### **Biblical Recorder**

Please notify the church office <u>no later than December 1</u> if you would like to subscribe to the Biblical Recorder. The cost is \$11.25. <u>Payment is due</u> with your order.

#### IN THE HOSPITAL

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 two weeks:

Anna Laura Cook Laurie Cook Katherine McDowell Sandy Orrell Sydney Sauers Daniel Snipes



#### **Thank You**

Thank-you notes have been received and posted on the bulletin board from Jeff Thomas and from Speas School.

> In Loving Memory of

#### **Charles Edward Stines**

August 14, 1935 -November 4, 2005

Member of College Park since February 2000

In Loving Memory of Martha Anne Albritton

# Thornton

April 14, 1928 -November 11, 2005

Charter Member of College Park since October 1949

# "Newborns in Need"

**Knitting Class** 

Please join us as we make infant hats for premature babies.

### **RECREATION MINISTRY** Hoops4Him Basketball

Basketball season has begun! There are a couple of things you need to turn in now in order to be able to play. Please turn in your league fee (\$50 for the first child and \$10 for every remaining child in your family) and your permission form for the league. Thanks for getting all of this in on time. Also, it has been a fun couple of weeks as practice has started off well. If you still want to play but have not come to any practices, please feel free to come anyway. We would love to have you. Check out the schedule online or at the Welcome Center desk.

## **CHILDREN'S MINISTRY**

#### Parent's Night Out

Hey parents - get ready for a night out with the promise that your preschoolers and grade school children will have a great night as well! Our Christmas edition Parent's Night Out is coming on December 3 from 5:00-9:00 PM. Plan to bring your children to a fun night of food, games, and even some craft-making.

## YOUTH MINISTRY

#### **Fall Retreat at Ridgecrest**

It is almost time for our annual trip to Ridgecrest. Are you getting excited as we get ready for an "Authentic Encounter?" It is going to be a great weekend. Plan to arrive at church at 3:30 PM on Friday to leave for Ridgecrest, and then we will return at 4:00 PM on Sunday. Some schools do not get out until 3:30, but we just need to make sure that we get to church as soon as we can so that we can get on the road. Call Jeff if you have any questions.

### **COLLEGE MINISTRY** Exam Pack Run Coming Soon!

## Week of December 4

The new chill in the air signals the coming doom, or exams, whichever word seems more appropriate. CPBC wants to make things a little easier by providing all of our college students a small exam pack of goodies. To do this, there are two things which are needed. 1) If you are a college student, or know contact information for any of our college students, please email Jeff with the information. Our directory is up-to-date, but we want to make sure nothing slips by. 2) We need people to bring us goodies, homemade or otherwise, to the Adult I kitchen by Sunday, December 3. These items will help make up the exam packs. Thanks for your help with this important ministry to our college students.

### **THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE**

Make plans now to participate in our Thanksgiving activities. Our Family Night Supper will be held at the usual time, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. There will be no mission groups or children's choirs that evening. Following the meal, we will join together in the Sanctuary at 7:00 p.m. for an offering of gratitude to our heavenly Father for His wonderful blessings and constant faithfulness.

Tuesdays, 1:00 p.m. Adult III

**Tuesday Night Practices** 

#### November 18-20

**December 3** 

November 23, 7:00 p.m.

Ramon E. Smith, Senior Pastor Jeff Allen, Assoc. Pastor/ Students & Families Jason Cogdill, Minister of Senior Adults & Congregational Care Charles D. Edwards, Pastor Emeritus Wm. Foy Martin, Pastor Emeritus

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#### Workers in Worship Nursery: Nov. 20, 10:30 a.m.

Judy Johnson; Linda Palmer; Angie Somers; Ray & Ashley Wood; Terri & Noah Goodman

Workers in Worship Nursery: Nov. 27, 10:30 a.m. Julia & Sarah Rickman; Janet Somers; Joy & Keith Minster; Sally & Van Crotts

<b>Greeters:</b>	November 20	Dennis Palmer & Chuck Barbee
<b>Greeters:</b>	November 27	Russell Talley & Kate Thomas

**Properties Comm. Member on Duty (November 20):** 

	Jay Edmonds
Properties Comm. Member on Duty (N	ovember 27):
	John Crabbe

Information Center for Nov.: Joyce Baxley, Tom Hurst

Deacon of the Week (Nov. 20 - Nov. 26): Deacon of the Week (Nov. 27 - Dec. 3): Jerry Cook Chuck Barbee

## Family Night Suppers

Don't forget to have your reservations turned in <u>no later</u> <u>than noon on Tuesday.</u> If you cannot keep your reservation, we ask that you pay for your dinners by the following Wednesday. Join with us to make this ministry successful by volunteering to assist with serving or cleanup.

November 23 Baked Chicken Green Beans Macaroni & Cheese Yeast Rolls Pumpkin Pie

#### November 30

Lasagna Tossed Salad w/Dressing Breaksticks Dessert

#### FINANCIAL REPORT THROUGH NOV. 13

Budget Requirement To Date	\$617,765.74
Budget Receipts To Date (86.83%)	\$536,376.75
FULFILLING THE PROMISE	
New FTP Pledges	\$295,522.00
New FTP Pledged Gifts to Date (141.04%)	\$416,813.78
Total Building Fund Receipts To Date	\$3,027,681.89
Balance Due on Building	\$35,811.94

#### **ATTENDANCE STATISTICS NOVEMBER 6**

Sunday School	278	
Morning Worship	338	
LIFE Worship	85	
Brookridge	40	
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Sunday School	261	
Sunday School Morning Worship	261 337	



## LIVING IN FAITH EVERYDAY

## A New Contemporary Worship Service

Join Us at 7:00 PM on Sunday Evenings

Bring a Friend! (L.I.F.E. will not meet during Advent.)