

From Your Pastor...

Our Mission ...

"A people gathered in Christ; nurtured in His Spirit; and sent in His name." On December 4, 1742, a gentleman called on the great churchman John Wesley and offered him a piece of land for the opening of his orphan house in Newcastle-on-Tyne. Wesley bought the land for thirty pounds and shortly thereafter laid the cornerstone for the building. It became a center for preaching the gospel and for meeting the physical and spiritual needs of the people. Part of the building was also used for a hospital. That is the gospel in action: people having the vision for meeting the needs of those who are hurting and lost! This Sunday we will share in a *Missions Ingathering*...a time to focus on giving beyond ourselves in an effort to support missions and missionaries who are reaching out "to the least of these." In that very real way, we can give a Christmas present to our Lord. Please come prepared to give generously as we support mission efforts across the world.

It is difficult to believe that Christmas is almost here, and another calendar year is almost gone. For a child it seems like eternity between birthdays or Christmases, but for adults the years seem to pass much too quickly. Let's pledge that this Christmas season, and every day to follow, we will enjoy the rich communion ("sharing") that we have as believers, both with one another and with the Father who sent His Son. Enjoy the Advent season, and we'll see you Sunday when we worship with the theme of "Peace."

Ramon



THE WORSHIP OF GOD



Sunday, December 4th 10:45a.m.

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Missions Ingathering

A Touch of Christmas Channels

Wonderful Name-Jesus Sanctuary Choir

Beautiful Hands & Feet Ramon Smith Sunday, December 11th 10:45a.m.

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sanctuary Bells

March of the Kings Sanctuary Choir

Proclaiming God in Person Ramon Smith

IN TOUCH



Amount Needed: \$22,000.00

Received to Date: \$7,355.00

Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina Offering

Our Goal: \$3,000.00 Received to Date: \$3,901.00

WEEK OF PRAYER December 4-11

International Missions and Global Missions

Goal: \$20,000

Received to Date:
International \$710.00
CBF Global \$755.00
\$1,465.00

Crisis Control Gift for December:

Potato Flakes

"Whatever you do for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you do for me."

Attention RAs

Remember that the RAs will be cleaning up after the Family Night Suppers during the month of December. Thank you for your willingness to serve our church in this way.

Prayer Partner Update

Well, our prayer partner ministry has been going along well for a few months now. I have been hearing some great stories about prayer-centered relationships which are growing between adults and students in our church. Thanks for all you are doing to make this ministry God-centered and effective!

Adult prayer partners, let me remind you to do a couple of things as we prepare for Christmas. First, if you have not let me know which student you picked back in August as your partner, please do so as soon as possible. Most of you have contacted me, but some have not. Also, please make some kind of contact (letter, email, face-to-face) with your partner so that they know they are being prayed for. Every student has a partner but that contact would go a long way in developing a significant relationship. This contact would also allow the student to begin praying for you by name as well. Finally, continue praying for your partner as we enter the Advent season. We could all use a little more prayer to help us stay focused on the real meaning of Christmas.

Jeff

¹⁵And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise him up. If he has sinned, he will be forgiven. ¹⁶Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed.

The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective.



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 can be found on the back of the enclosed calendar.

Jesus Wept...then got busy

When Jesus saw that his friend Lazarus had died, he wept tears of sorrow. When we saw the numerous pictures of tragedy and destruction caused by Hurricane Katrina, our hearts were broken. Jesus prayed for God's direction, then got to work. We should do the same. College Park Baptist Men are organizing a relief team to go to Gulfport Mississippi on February 4 or February 11. More information and sign-up sheets are displayed outside Smith Hall. Please prayerfully consider whether you can participate in this project. Contact Gary Zafuto, 659-9335, for more information.

News and Schedules (continued)

"Newborns in Need" Knitting Class Tuesdays, 1:00 p.m., Adult III The knitting class will <u>not</u> meet during the month of December.

FAMILY MINISTRY

Family Ministry Team

December 11, 4:00-5:30 p.m.

Here is a reminder to all members of the Family Ministry Team (Preschool Council, Children's Council, Youth Council, Family Enrichment Committee) - don't forget our regularly scheduled meeting on December 11 from 4:00-5:30 p.m. We will be meeting in the Adult III area. Make sure to bring your smile and imagination as we continue planning for the next few months! (One important note - the Youth Council will meet December 11 at 9:00 AM in the Youth Area).

RECREATION MINISTRY

Hoops4Him Basketball

Upcoming Game Schedule December 1 7:00 PM Girls (at Old Town Baptist) December 3 10:45 AM Senior High Boys (at Calvary Baptist) 11:00 AM Junior Co-Ed (at Mount Tabor Methodist) December 10 8:30 AM Intermediate Boys (at FBC Winston-Salem) 11:30 AM Girls (at FBC Clemmons)

December 12 7:00 PM Senior High Boys (at Calvary Baptist)

Dilliard Shermer Ashley Wood

last two weeks:

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

Thank You

Thank-you notes have been received and posted on the bulletin board from Betsy Thompson and from Virginia Stines.

Christian love and sympathy are pressed to Barbara Page in the death of her father.



Congratulations

to Ray and Ashley Wood on the birth of their son, James

Raymond, on November 27, 2005.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY **Children's Celebration**

December 11

If you liked seeing the puppets in church a couple of weeks ago, then you are going to love this year's Christmas Children's Celebration. Our puppet team will help us celebrate Christmas in a fun and unique way. Make plans now to be at church for this special part of our ministry to our children. This will be a great time for the children to be a part of worship in their own way!!

YOUTH MINISTRY

Youth Christmas Party

December 10

We are going to have our Christmas party on Saturday, December 10. It is going to be a special progressive dinner where we will travel to several places for different parts of the meal. We will meet at church at 5:00 PM and we will return to the church by 9:00 PM. Make sure you bring 2 things - 1) either an appetizer or a dessert and 2) a small gift (\$5 or less) to exchange. Call Jeff by Wednesday, December 7 to save a spot on the buses. Hope to see you and a friend at the party!

COLLEGE MINISTRY

Exam Pack Goodies Needed!

December 4

It is time for this semester's college exam pack run. We need people to help us make this happen by bringing goodies, homemade or otherwise, to the Adult I kitchen by Sunday, December 4. These items will help make up the exam packs. Thanks for your help with this important ministry to our college students.

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

College Parkers

December 15, 11:30 a.m.

The College Parkers' Christmas gathering on December 15 will begin at 11:30 with a bountiful covered-dish dinner. Jason Cogdill, Bob Doty, Doug Jordan, and Teresa Hill will then lead in a Christmas celebration in song and word. Officers for the next two years were elected at the November meeting. Mary Jenkins was elected to serve as president, Bill Guest as vice-president, Judy Edwards as secretary, Jean Bumgardner as corresponding secretary, and Becky Grubbs as treasurer. Clara Edmonds has served graciously as the president for the past two years.

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

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CHURCH
COLLEGE PARK BAPTIST

Workers in Worship Nursery: Dec. 4, 10:30 a.m.

Garlene Grogan; Rachel Eller; Ruby Warren; Marci & Erin

Fricke; Sheryl Burnett; Becky Grubbs

Workers in Worship Nursery: Dec. 11, 10:30 a.m.

Laurie Cook; Beth Huff; Bernice Hudspeth; Beth Nelson;

Lana & Jason Hunn

Greeters:December 4David & Barbara PageGreeters:December 11Sarah Hauser & Ed Lane

Properties Comm. Member on Duty (December 4):

Dennis Palmer

Properties Comm. Member on Duty (December 11):

James Stoneman

Information Center for December: Tony Bates, Trudy Elkins

Deacon of the Week (Dec. 4 - Dec. 10): Deacon of the Week (Dec. 11 - Dec. 17):Ron Cauble Wayne Lewis

FINANCIAL REPORT THROUGH NOV. 27

Budget Requirement To Date	\$644,625.12
Budget Receipts To Date (86.23%)	\$555,881.75
FULFILLING THE PROMISE	
New FTP Pledges	\$295,522.00
New FTP Pledged Gifts to Date (142.06%)	\$419,817.78
Total Building Fund Receipts To Date	\$3,030,685.89
Balance Due on Building	\$35,811.94

ATTENDANCE STATISTICS NOVEMBER 20 Sunday School 287

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Morning Worship	291	
LIFE Worship	50	
Brookridge	45	
ATTENDANCE STATISTICS NOVEMBER 27		
Sunday School	277	
Morning Worship	362	
LIFE Worship	51	
Brookridge	33	

Family Night Suppers

Don't forget to have your reservations turned in <u>no later</u> than noon on Tuesday. 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.

December 7

Chicken Cordon Bleu Rice with Gravy Mixed Vegetables Yeast Rolls Dessert

December 14

Barbeque Chicken Mashed Potatoes Steamed Vegetables Yeast Rolls Dessert



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.)