

From Your Pastor...

Our Mission ...

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

We are rapidly approaching the first Sunday of Advent! This time of year can be one of the most fulfilling times as we anticipate the celebration of our King who came as a baby. Of course with the celebration of Christmas, we are often left on the day after wondering, "What now?" All of the "lead up" and excitement prior to the holiday, and then the day after many people change gears and go "back to the grind." We know intellectually it should not be that way, but we often fall into the trap of following a secular commercial calendar with only New Year's Day to look forward to...then Valentine's Day, or some other such event. This year I would like to propose that we follow the church year in our observance of Lent, and prepare ourselves for Easter beginning on January 1st! We will call it **90 Days of Focus**, and during these days we will focus on God's Word as He revealed Himself to us through the Scriptures. We have a plan for those who would like to participate in reading through the Bible in just 90 Days! Ninety days will take us from January 1st through Palm Sunday. What a journey it will be as we read together, then enter into Holy Week services, and then two weeks following enter into a "short week" of Renewal/Revival Services. I will have more details in the weeks to come, so begin praying about your involvement in **90 Days of Focus!**

Great job *Team IAM*! I am really excited about this ministry!

Ramon



THE WORSHIP OF GOD



Sunday, November 26th 10:45a.m.

Come, Celebrate Our God and King Sanctuary Choir

> How Great Thou Art Jeremy Cauble

Where Are the Other Nine? Luke 17:11-19 Ramon Smith

Sunday, December 3rd 10:45a.m.

Children's Sunday 1st Sunday of Advent

A Picture of Hope
The 5th/6th Grade Sunday School Class

A NOTE FROM MARY



Crisis Control Gift for November:

Toilet Tissue

 Collected last month at College Park:
 53 boxes of crackers
 5 bottles of shampoo

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

N.C. Baptist Children's Homes Offering Goal: \$3,500.00

Received to Date: \$3,076.00

Sanctuary Flowers

Please call the church office if you would like to reserve a date to place flowers in the Sanctuary for 2007. There are many dates available.

Biblical Recorder Subscriptions

It's time to order/renew subscriptions to the *Biblical Recorder*. Based on our current number of subscribers, the annual price is \$11.75 per subscription. Please notify Gail Holland in the church office by December 6, if you wish to order. Payment is due with your order.

I thought I would share with you a hymn of thankfulness by Ruth Duck:

Colorful Creator, God of mystery, thank you for the artist teaching us to see
Glimpses of the meaning of the commonplace,
visions of the holy in each human face.
Harmony of ages, God of listening ear,
thank you for composers tuning us to hear
echoes of the Gospel in the songs we sing,
sounds of love and longing from the deepest spring.
Author of our journey, God of near and far,
Praise for tale and drama telling who we are,
Stripping to the essence struggles of our day,
Times of change and conflict when we choose our way.
God of truth and beauty, Poet of the Word,
May we be creators by the Spirit stirred,
Open to your presence in our joy and strife,
Vessels of the holy coursing through our life.



White Christmas December 17, 2006

"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. Please see the list of food items for each class to provide on the back of the enclosed calendar.

IN TOUCH

Prayer Partner Update

Here is an important reminder...adult prayer partners, please try 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 ASAP. 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. 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. 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!

I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

Philippians 1:3-6

News and Schedules

Welcome New Member

On Sunday, November 12, Robert Weaver came requesting membership upon transfer of his letter. He lives at Brighton Gardens, #347, 2601 Reynolda Road, Winston-Salem, NC 27106. We welcome him to the College Park family!

Thank You

Thank-you notes have been received and posted on the bulletin board from Janet & Doug Somers and from Cathy Chinlund.

Christian love and sympathy are extended to the family of Jimmy Roberson.



In Loving Memory of Mrs. Gladys Grubbs

November 19, 2006

Member of College Park since April 1951

In Loving Memory of

Mr. Cody Williams

September 9, 1932 - November 13, 2006

Member of College Park since February 1958

COLLEGE MINISTRY

Exam Pack Goodies Needed!

December 3

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 3. These items will help make up the exam packs. Thanks for your help with this important ministry to our college students.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Children's Sunday ______ December 3, during Morning Worship

Our children will be leading us in worship on Sunday, October 9. This "Children's Sunday" will feature all the various ages of our preschool and children's ministry. Our precious children will be leading us through praying, singing, speaking, and various other ways. Don't miss this wonderful service of worship as we begin the season of advent with this powerful service of hope!

MUSIC MINISTRY

Ainesis/Youth Choir Extra Rehearsal December 3, 4:30-6:30 PM

Christmas is coming! Christmas is coming! We need all youth here to help us get ready for it, so we are having an extra rehearsal on December 3 during the regular Youth Online time. Please make sure that you come to this important rehearsal and all regularly scheduled rehearsals as well. We need you here to help make Christmas sound so good! See you then!

RECREATION MINISTRY

Hoops4Him Basketball Season Begins

December 2

Our basketball teams are back in action. Here's the schedule for December 2:

10:30 AM Girls (Old Town Baptist)

11:00 AM Junior Co-ed (Mt. Tabor Methodist)
1:30 PM Intermediate Boys (FBC-Winston)
Senior Boys (Beck's Baptist)



yoU-Turn Reunion Concert

Celebrating over 10 years of youth-led worship

7:00 PM - Saturday, November 25th

*A love offering will be taken for future youth mission projects

Called Church Conference

As previously announced, there will be a Called Church Conference on Wednesday, November 29, for the purpose of voting on the proposed budget for 2007. This will be time to vote, with no discussion.

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

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Workers in Worship Nursery: Nov. 26, 10:30 a.m.
Ray & Ashley Wood; Joy & Keith Minster; Sally & Van Crotts
Workers in Worship Nursery: Dec. 3, 10:30 a.m.
Rachel Eller; Ruby Warren; Carolyn Ely; Beth Nelson;
Sheryl Burnett; Becky Grubbs

Greeters: November 26
Greeters: December 3

Russell Talley & Kate Thomas
David & Barbara Page

Properties Comm. Member on Duty (Nov. 26):

Mitch Edmonds

Properties Comm. Member on Duty (Dec. 3):

Doug Somers

Information Center for November: Joyce Baxley

Tom Hurst

<u>Information Center for December:</u> Tony Bates

Trudy Elkins

<u>Deacon of the Week (Nov. 26 - Dec. 2):</u>
<u>Deacon of the Week (Dec. 3 - Dec. 9):</u>

Jim Pernell
Charlie Jones

Family Night Suppers

Wednesday, November 29

Roast Pork Baked Potato Garden Salad Yeast Roll Carrot Cake

Wednesday, December 6
BBQ Chicken
English Peas Fresh Sweet Potato
Yeast Roll
Fruit Medley

FINANCIAL REPORT THROUGH NOV. 19

Budget Requirement To Date \$667,901.96 Budget Receipts To Date (97.82%) \$653,357.83

ATTENDANCE STATISTICS NOVEMBER 12

Sunday School	263
Morning Worship	321
LIFE Worship	59
Brookridge	43

ATTENDANCE STATISTICS NOVEMBER 19

Sunday School	270
Morning Worship	296
LIFE Worship	40
Brookridge	46

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 Thursday, November 30. The price is \$10.00 per plant.

Placed by:
In Honor of:
In Memory of: