

From Your Pastor ...

Our Mission ...

"A people gathered in Christ; nurtured in His Spirit; and sent in His name." Putting our faith into action... that is a phrase I used several times last Sunday, and I am very excited when I see how this congregation is doing more and more to "be the hands and feet of Christ" in our community. Your work is being noticed by people in our community, and I am proud to be a part of this wonderful group of believers. I received a letter from one of our neighbors this week who had observed the work of Team IAM, and he said the following about this project: "Such a wonderful Christian outreach! I admire your people for what they are doing; it is a true labor of love." As I read that letter, I was reminded of these words from the book of Hebrews: "*Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds.*" (Hebrews 10:23-24 NIV)

Another wonderful ministry of College Park is our Vacation Bible School, and even as I write this article I can hear the laughter of children outside my office. I am so pleased that College Park understands the value of quality Christian education for our children. In a world which states, "it doesn't matter what you believe," I am more convinced than ever that Christian education is one of the most important things we do as a church. It <u>does</u> matter what we believe, and we must continue to help each other learn along the journey together! I hope to see you in Bible study and worship this weekend!

See You Sunday!

Ramon



THE WORSHIP OF GOD



Sunday, August 5, 2007 10:45a.m. Celebration of Baptism & Communion

> God So Loved the World Sanctuary Choir

> > Priceless Luke 12:13-21 Ramon Smith

Sunday, August 12, 2007 10:45a.m.

> *Savior, Like a Shepherd* Sanctuary Choir

The Journey Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16 Ramon Smith

A NOTE FROM MARY



Crisis Control Gift for August:

Cooking Oil

*Last month, 83 boxes of Macaroni & Cheese and 5 boxes of Hamburger Helper were collected at College Park.

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

Mountain Outreach Celebration/LIFE Worship Service 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Sunday, August 12

Please join us as we celebrate God's work that was accomplished through the willing hearts and hands of College Park!

> You're Invited to a Bridal Shower for Cindy Johnson Sunday, August 12 2:00 - 5:00 p.m. Smith Hall

Please RSVP to hostess Cynthia Ryder by August 6th 865-387-3023 or cynthia.ryder@gmail.com "He who pursues righteousness and love finds life, prosperity, and honor."-Proverbs 21:21

It's a tiny little thing really - eleven words - but I am struck by this verse every time I read it. How often do we get this verse backwards? We strive for life, prosperity, and honor and put righteousness and love on the backburner something to work towards once we have achieved our other goals. We decide to define life, prosperity, and honor in worldly ways, striving for "a" life or "the" life rather than the abundant life God has promised. We look to be honored rather than to honor God in all aspects of our lives. And yet, we are instructed not to strive for these worldly things but to pursue righteousness, to strive for it, chase after it. You see, when we are in pursuit of something we keep our eyes open, constantly looking for it, seeking opportunity. We are to be just as alert for opportunities to love and make godly choices. We are to pursue righteousness and love in our daily lives, knowing that God will be glorified through our choices.

IN TOUCH...with Jeff

We are Taking the Plunge with Jesus!

The church has been alive this week with the laughter and joy of children of all ages. Everyone has enjoyed worship, Bible study, recreation, crafts and great food! In fact, this year's VBS adventure had over 100 people on the first night, including 55 preschoolers and children! What a great turnout!



I am continually amazed at how much work goes in to making VBS possible. SO many people put in

tons of hours - from making the banners for each room, to preparing lesson plans, to calling people, to preparing and serving food, to leading worship, to teaching! Putting it all together is surely a gift from God. A big "thank you" goes out to all the children, youth, and adults who helped make this year's VBS so much fun!

Prayer Partner Ministry Set to Begin Again

A powerful part of what we do at College Park is our prayer partner ministry. Beginning with this past school year every child, youth, and college student had an adult who was praying for them on a regular basis. With the new school year about to begin, we will be reshuffling our prayer partners. At the end of the Service of Affirmation on August 26, every student in our church will have an envelope available to be picked up. All we ask of our adults is to keep these students in their ongoing prayers as well as communicate with them on a periodic basis. This is a simple task that has eternal impact. Please pray about being part of this invaluable ministry. **PLEASE NOTE: If you wish to continue with your current prayer partner for the upcoming school year, please let me know no later than Wednesday, August 22. Otherwise, every student will be available for a new partner.**

NEWS AND SCHEDULES



Christian love and sympathy are exng tended to Phyllis

Burleson in the death of her nephew and to John & Mary Lou Snodgrass in the death of their son, Randy.

Gracious notes of appreciation have been received and posted on the bulletin board from Cecelia Cauble, from Eleanor Harward, from Athaleta Hendrix, and from John & Mary Lou Snodgrass.

> **Baptist Men** Worship Service at the **Downtown Jail** Sunday, August 5 2:00 p.m.

We will leave the church at 1:30.

We are Family!

Women's Conference presented by Women by Design Ministries

First Baptist Church Concord, North Carolina September 14 - 15

Please contact Mary Keltner no later than August 31 to make arrangements to attend.

Comedy! Drama! Music! **Featured Speakers! Door Prizes!**

God has blessed us with rich opportunities to minister and serve together to build up the Body of Christ and grow the Kingdom of God. Come join the celebration as we discover the joys He has for us!

FAMILY MINISTRY

End-of-the-Summer Pool Party

You are invited to the church-wide pool party this Sunday at the Town and Country pool. Bring a friend and a lawn chair to enjoy an afternoon at the pool. We will grill out hamburgers and hot dogs, have a few games, and then enjoy the LIFE service at 7:00! It is going to be a great way to remember all the fun from the summer! See you then!

Family Ministry Team Planning Retreat

Attention all members of the following councils/committees: Preschool, Children, Youth, Family Enrichment. This is just a friendly reminder of our upcoming FMT planning retreat. This event is free to all council members who are able to attend. We need to get a firm count of who is planning on going, so please contact Jeff by phone or by email to get your name on the list by Wednesday, August 15. Please check your calendar and make plans to attend this fun retreat.

Youth Fall Retreat at Ridgecrest

November 16-18; **Deposit due August 26**

August 18

Every fall, our youth travel to Ridgecrest with other churches from the Winston-Salem area. This retreat is going to be another great time for our youth. The sign-up deadline and the retreat price are a little different this year. There are two prices and two deadlines - early sign-up cost is \$105, and the regular sign up cost is \$115. To take advantage of the early sign-up discount, you must turn in a \$50 deposit by August 26. Any deposits received after August 26 will be applied toward the regular sign-up fee. Look for flyers coming soon and get your deposit in today!

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

College Parkers

August 16, 11:30 a.m. The College Parkers' covered-dish lunch will be on Thursday, August 16. Following lunch, the program will be brought by Molly Rawls. Come, bring a covered-dish, and join us!

College Park is Cooking — Again!

We are making plans for a new church cookbook, and we need your help! Entry forms are located around the church. Take several and complete with your favorite recipes. Return the completed forms to any of the designated boxes located



throughout the church. Directions for completing the forms are on the right side of the paper. Please be neat and accurate on your ingredient amounts. All entries must be submitted by Sunday, September 2nd. If you have questions, see Julie Blink, Cecelia Cauble, June Crabbe, Carolyn Matthews or Mary Nell Page.

August 5, 4:00-7:00 p.m.

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

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Workers in Worship Nursery: August 5, 10:30 a.m.

Rachel Eller, Ruby Warren, Carolyn Ely, Beth Nelson, Sheryl Burnett, Becky Grubbs Workers in Worship Nursery: August 12, 10:30 a.m.

Beth Huff, Kelsey Phillips, Bernice Hudspeth, Sydney Sauers, Marla Andrews, Pat Blackwell

Greeters: August 5	John Vogler & Jim Pernell
Greeters: August 12	Dennis Palmer & Chuck Barbee

Properties Committee Member on Duty (August 5):

Doug Somers **Properties Committee Member on Duty (August 12):** James Stoneman

Information Center for August:

Wilbert McBride June Crabbe

Deacon of the Week (Aug. 5 - Aug. 11): Clara Edmonds Deacon of the Week (Aug. 12 - Aug. 18) : Cecelia Cauble

FINANCIAL REPORT THROUGH JULY 29

Budget Requirement To Date	\$450,025.50
Budget Receipts To Date (103.16%)	\$464,228.57

ATTENDANCE STATISTICS JULY 22

Sunday School	232
Morning Worship	436
Brookridge	50
L.I.F.E. Worship	71

ATTENDANCE STATISTICS JULY 29

Sunday School	217
Morning Worship	324
Brookridge	50
L.I.F.E. Worship	52



Living In Faith Everyday **Contemporary Worship for all Ages!**

Sunday Evenings

6:00 p.m.- Bring your own Picnic 7:00 p.m.- L.I.F.E. ON THE FRONT LAWN (weather permitting)

Aug. 1 No Meeting—Vacation Bible School Aug. 8* 6:30pm—IN A WORD... 7:00pm—Cake & Ice Cream Aug. 15 6:30pm—BYO Bag Supper 7:00pm—IN A WORD... **Aug 22** 6:30pm—Salad/Sandwich Supper 7:00pm—IN A WORD...

*For all of our Wednesday evening studies where there is not a meal designated, please feel free to bring a bag supper and join us at 6:00 p.m. in Smith Hall.