

Our Mission ...

"A people gathered in Christ; nurtured in His Spirit; and sent in His name." **Why** am I here? **Why** should I believe in God? **Why** should I trust the Bible? **Why** is the world so messed up? **Why** the conflict...science and the Bible? **Why** Jesus? **Why? Why? Why?**

We have begun our 40-Day Journey asking these questions. I hope that you have made a commitment to get off the treadmill of life long enough to seek God's answers to your most difficult questions. I also pray that you will continue to explore the possibilities of inviting friends who may be asking these same questions. We will have a unified theme in both our morning service and LIFE service, and the format of each service will change somewhat from Sunday to Sunday depending on the question being addressed. This Sunday we will address the question: Why should I believe in God? For most Americans (we'll talk statistics Sunday morning), this is a simple question because the majority of Americans say that they do believe in God. The rub comes when you start clarifying which God (or god) they believe in...a personal deity or a philosophical concept...a specific deity with an identifiable personality or an all-for-one, anything will work god that set things in motion and has little interest in what we do or say in the 21st century? These are the very real issues that we face as we seek to help others know God in a life-changing way.

Please continue to pray for us as we plan these worship services. Also pray about your attendance and participation in "WHY...A 40-Day Journey"

See You Sunday!

Ramon



THE WORSHIP OF GOD



Sunday, September 16, 2007 10:45a.m.

> Our Praise Awaits You Sanctuary Choir

Why Should I Believe in God? Ecclesiastes 1:1-11 Ramon Smith Sunday, September 23, 2007 10:45a.m.

> We Sing with Joy Sanctuary Choir

Why Should I Trust the Bible?
Matthew 7:24-27
Ramon Smith

A NOTE FROM MARY



Crisis Control Gift for September:

Shampoo

*Last month 23 bottles of cooking oil and 18 boxes of macaroni & cheese were collected at CPBC.

"Whatever you do for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you do for me." Matthew 25:40 I can't tell you how exciting it has been for me to receive your commitment cards for our *WHY?* study. I have been blessed by your commitment and your desire to look to God for answers to life's questions. I know that God honors our commitment to know Him more, and I trust that in the coming weeks God will reveal Himself to you in fresh new ways. Whether in the readings, small-group time, or in our daily walks, I know that God desires to show us Himself. I encourage you to keep your eyes, ears, and hearts open in coming days in expectation of God's revelation. Realizing, as Ramon said Sunday, that our relationship with God is highly personal but that our journey is corporate, I also want to encourage you to share those revelations with each other in your small-group times, and I want to hear your stories. I would love for you to share what God is teaching you as we study together. Please call me or send an e-mail to let me know what He is doing in your life.

PMBA Missions Offering Goal: \$1,000.00

Received to Date: \$370.00

N.C. State Missions Offering Goal: \$3,000.00

Received to Date: \$1,426.00

Welcome New Members

Bruce & Mary Shannon 2524 Country Club Road Winston-Salem, NC 27104 724-2059

Welcome to the College Park family!



In Touch...with Jeff

It takes countless volunteers to fill the many responsibilities in our church. To help you always know what positions are available, we will keep the list of currently open serving opportunities in the newsletter until all the positions are filled. If you have questions about the specific responsibilities, feel free to call me at any time. Thanks for being open to letting God use you!

SERVE NOW...HERE'S HOW!

So in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. We have different gifts, according to the grace given us. (Romans 12:5-6)

SUNDAY SCHOOL

1st/2nd grade 1 Substitute teacher 3rd/4th Grade 2 Co-teachers

WORSHIP NURSERY

Several open spots available throughout the month

CHILDREN'S MUSIC

Psalm 8:2 (4-6 grade) 2 Music Leaders Cherub Choir (3s-K) 1 Music Leader

WEDNESDAY MISSIONS

Nursery Assistant during Children's Mission Groups

YOUTH MINISTRY TEAMS/ CROSSTRAINING

Scrapbooking/Publicity Team

2 Co-leaders

Video Team

2 Co-leaders

PRAYER PARTNERS

Several adult prayer partners still needed for students in our church

NEWS AND SCHEDULES

FAMILY MINISTRY

Parents' Night Out

September 15, 5:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Parents, do you need a night out without the children? Bring your children, infants -6th grade, to Smith Hall for some fun while you and your loved one have a date night. Please RSVP to the church office no later than 4:30, Thursday, September 13!

Prayer Partner Ministry Sign-ups Underway through September 16

A powerful part of what we do at College Park is our prayer partner ministry. With the new school year about to begin, we will be reshuffling our prayer partners. Envelopes are available now for you to pick up. There is an envelope that contains information about each student in our church. 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: When you choose your young person, please make sure you fill out the form on the table with your name written in next to the name of your partner.**

Youth Trip to Busch Gardens

September 28-29

The youth are taking an overnight trip, and the destination is Busch Gardens in Williamsburg, Virginia. We will leave after school on Friday, September 28 and stay in a hotel that night. After staying at Busch Gardens all day, we will return to church that **Saturday** night. **The cost is \$75** and sign-ups are open now through **September 23**.

Youth Fall Retreat at Ridgecrest

November 16-18

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. Even though the early bird sign-up has passed, you can still get on the list for Ridgecrest. Turn in your **deposit of \$60** or the **total of \$110** by **October 14.** Invite your friends and sign-up today!

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

College Parkers

September 20, 11:30 a.m.

The College Parkers' covered-dish lunch will be on Thursday, September 20. Following lunch, the program will be brought by the Morning Glories. Come and don't forget to bring extra food for our guests.

Week 1

"For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost." Luke 19:10

Week 2

"Now all has been heard; here is the conclusion of the matter: Fear God and keep His commandments." Ecclesiastes 12:13

Week 3

"Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock." Matthew 7:24

Week 4

"And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose." Romans 8:28

Week 5

"The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of His hands. Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they display knowledge." Psalm 19:1-2

Week 6

"Jesus answered, 'I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.'" John 14:6

IN THE HOSPITAL

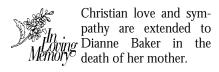


Our prayers and support are offered to the following members of our church family who are, or have been in the hospital

in the last two weeks:

Ralph McKinney John Snodgrass Judy Williams

A note of appreciation has been received and posted on the bulletin board from Helen Howard.



In Loving Memory of Carl Adam Thompson, Jr.

> November 28, 1926 to August 25, 2007

Member of College Park since November 1965

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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CHURCH
COLLEGE PARK BAPTIST

Greeters: September 16
Greeters: September 23
Dennis Palmer & Chuck Barbee
Russell Talley & Kate Thomas

Properties Committee Member on Duty (September 16):

Jay Edmonds

Properties Committee Member on Duty (September 23):

Mitch Edmonds

Information Center for September: Van Crotts

Sybil McBride

<u>Deacon of the Week (Sept. 16 - Sept. 22):</u> Jay Edmonds Deacon of the Week (Sept. 23 - Sept. 29): Jeff Rawls

FINANCIAL REPORT THROUGH SEPT. 9

Budget Requirement To Date \$540,030.60 Budget Receipts To Date (103.42%) \$558,515.22

ATTENDANCE STATISTICS SEPTEMBER 2

Sunday School 225
Morning Worship 297
Brookridge 46
L.I.F.E. Worship Not Available

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Sunday School248Morning Worship330Brookridge53L.I.F.E. Worship76

L. I. F. E.

Living In Faith Everyday
Contemporary Worship for all Ages!

Sunday Evenings 7:00 p.m. Smith Hall

Family Night fuppers

Wednesday, September 19

Ham Green Beans Macaroni & Cheese Biscuit Banana Pudding

Wednesday, September 26

Orange-Ginger Pork Tenderloin
Baked Sweet Potato
Salad with Dressing
Yeast Roll
Carrot Cake

Please make/revise your reservations no later than Tuesdays at noon.