HIGHLIGHTS College Park Baptist Church 1701 Polo Road Winston-Salem, NC 27106

From Your Pastor...

I hope you had a chance to be with us in worship last Sunday as we began the Advent season together! I hope that you will also be with us this Sunday as our children lead us in worship, and we worship around the theme of *Peace*. In a world that does not seem peaceful, we are called to be agents of peace, which is often very difficult. Come this Sunday and experience worship through the eyes of a child and through the expressions of praise offered by our children.

During the month of December we often are bombarded by new movie releases for the "holiday season." Most such releases don't even merit a comment, but there is one which is directed toward children that I need to bring to your attention. The movie is entitled "The Golden Compass," and stars Nicole Kidman. The movie trailer tries to make it sound like a wonderful fantasy film in the spirit of "Lord of the Rings," or "Chronicles of Narnia." While "Lord of the Rings" and "Chronicles of Narnia" were both written by Christian authors (J.R.R. Tolkien and C.S. Lewis) and represent a Christian world-view, "The Golden Compass" was written by Phillip Pullman, a proud atheist who was quoted in 2003 as saying "my books are about killing God." His strategy is apparently to "dumb-down" the theme in the movie so parents will buy the trilogy entitled "His Dark Materials" for their children to read. This series culminates with the killing of God who is presented as senile and oppressive. Is it an accident that this movie will be released this Friday at the beginning of the season celebrating the birth of our Savior? I don't think so! For more info, see the Welcome Center at the church or go to www.snopes.com/politics/religion/ compass.asp

See You Sunday!

Ramon

Our Mission ...

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



THE WORSHIP OF GOD



Sunday, December 9, 2007 10:45a.m.

Second Sunday of Advent

*Children's Sunday*Our children will lead us in worship

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

Third Sunday of Advent

How Great Our Joy

A cantata by Tom Fettke presented by the Sanctuary Choir and orchestra

Crisis Control Gift for December: Potato Flakes

*Received last month at CPBC: 170 rolls of toilet tissue 6 cans of tuna

"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: \$2,967.00

> World Missions Offering

Goal: \$25,000

Received to Date: Lottie Moon \$6,2 Global Missions 1.0

\$6,274.00 1,056.00

\$7,330.00

Offering envelopes for 2008 have been distributed to the Sunday School classrooms. If you are not a member of Sunday School, you may pick up your envelopes at the Welcome Desk. Please don't use them until 2008! Thank you.

Reminder: If you would like to make a change to your missions giving plan, you must return your choice form to the church office no later than December 31. If you do not submit a choice form, your selection will remain the same as 2007.

A NOTE FROM MARY



You are cordially invited to worship with us as we celebrate the birth of our Lord this Christmas season:

December 9th at 10:45 am – Advent worship led by the children of College Park Baptist Church

December 9th at 6 pm- A Christmas Concert Presented by *Channels* and *Sanctuary Bells*

December 12th at 6:45 p.m. - *While Shepherds Watched*Presented by *Grace Notes*

December 16th at 10:45 am- How Great Our Joy
A Christmas cantata by Tom Fettke
Presented by Sanctuary Choir and orchestra



December 16th at 6 pm- A Christmas Concert Presented by: Cherub Choir, Sing for God, Psalm 8:2, *Ainesis*, and *Eyewitness*

December 24th at 5 pm - Christmas Eve Service

In Touch...with Jeff

December 15 ~ 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

BARBEQUE DINNER

The Youth Ministry of College Park Baptist Church is sponsoring a Barbeque Dinner on December 15 from 11:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. The BBQ pork dinner will come with all the fixings including drinks and dessert. Tickets are available for \$8 before the event by calling the church. Also, kids 12 years old and younger get in for \$6.



Delivery and take out options are available.

All proceeds go to support the Youth Spring Break Mission Trip

HOMEMADE DESSERTS NEEDED!!

We do need volunteers to make desserts for the BBQ. Please sign up at the welcome desk if you can bring homemade cookies, brownies, or cakes.

College Park Cookbooks

The cookbooks can be purchased on Sundays or Wednesdays, following the services. You may also pick up your pre-ordered books at those times.

We do need your help to make this project a success. Please see a member of the Cookbook Committee if you would be willing to take some books to sell to your co-workers, neighbors, and friends or if you would be willing to make them available in your place of business to sell to the public.

The cost is \$15.00 per book, and checks should be made payable to College Park Baptist Church.

Gracious notes of appreciation have been received and posted on the bulletin board from Marvin Murphree, from Lawrence Hudspeth, and from Roy Johnson.

RA Christmas Tree

The RA's once again made ornaments for the tree on the Sanctuary level that contain names of missionaries. You are invited to take one (or more) and pray for these missionaries during this season of hope.

In Loving Memory of Mrs. Ethele Moore Martin

February 2, 1919 to December 3, 2007

Member of College Park since March 1956

NEWS AND SCHEDULES

FAMILY MINISTRY

Facility Update Committee

The Facility Update Committee has been working extremely hard for the last several months on considering ideas for updating the education building. Many people have worked long hours to develop a ministry and facility plan that will meet the demanding needs of families, preschoolers and children in today's world. While the final pieces of the puzzle are being put together, the committee wanted to update the church on the status of the process. The plan is to take the proposal to various leadership committees/groups during the month of January for input and support. These groups are: Family Ministry Team, Finance Committee, Properties Committee, and the Deacons. Once these meetings have taken place and the input processed, the full proposal will be brought to the church for several listening sessions, hopefully beginning in the month of February. The Facility Update Committee covets your prayers as they continue to prepare the plan for church consideration. Thank you for letting this committee envision God-sized dreams so College Park can continue to make a difference in our community.

RECREATION MINISTRY

Hoops4Him Basketball games have begun!

| December 8 | 9:30 AM 11:30 AM 12:00 PM | Girls (at First Baptist Clemmons) Intermediate Boys (at St. John's) Senior Boys (at Beck's) |
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| December 15 | 8:30 AM 9:30 AM 10:00 AM 12:30 PM | Intermediate Boys (at Beck's) Senior Boys (at Calvary) Junior Co-Ed (at Mt. Tabor UMC) Girls (at Old Town) |

Senior Adult Ministry College Parkers

Thursday, December 20

The College Parkers will meet on Thursday, December 20, at 11:30. The meeting will begin with a covered-dish luncheon. All senior adults are invited to come and join us as we celebrate this holiday season together.

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)

SERVE NOW...HERE'S HOW!

WORSHIP NURSERY

Several open spots available throughout the month

SUNDAY SCHOOL

1st/2nd grade 3rd/4th Grade Grade School 1 Substitute Teacher 2 Co-Teachers 1 Song Leader/Storyteller

CHILDREN'S MUSIC

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

YOUTH MINISTRY TEAMS/CROSSTRAINING

Scrapbooking/Publicity Team Video Team 2 Co-Leaders 2 Co-Leaders

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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<u>Worship Nursery Workers - Dec. 9:</u> Beth Huff, Kelsey Phillips, Bernice Hudspeth, Sydney Sauers, Marla Andrews, Pat Blackwell

Worship Nursery Workers - Dec. 16: Garlene Grogan, Lori Cogdill, Angie Somers, Jason & Lana Hunn

Greeters: December 9
Greeters: December 16
David & Barbara Page
Sarah Hauser & Ed Lane

Properties Committee Member on Duty (December 9):

James Stoneman

Properties Committee Member on Duty (December 16):

Keith Minster

Information Center for Dec: Bill Page, Trudy Elkins

<u>Deacon of the Week (Dec. 9 - Dec. 15):</u> Charlie Jones <u>Deacon of the Week (Dec. 16 - Dec. 22)</u>: Cecelia Cauble

FINANCIAL REPORT THROUGH DEC. 2

Budget Requirement To Date \$720,040.80 Budget Receipts To Date (99.64%) \$717,439.40

ATTENDANCE STATISTICS NOVEMBER 25

| Sunday School | 223 |
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| Morning Worship | 311 |
| Brookridge | 45 |
| L.I.F.E. Worship | 34 |

ATTENDANCE STATISTICS DECEMBER 2

| Sunday School | 248 |
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| Morning Worship | 322 |
| Brookridge | 60 |
| L.I.F.E. Worship | 74 |

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White Christmas December 16, 2007

"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. Please help us shine His light to others.

Wednesday, December 12

Ham Macaroni and Cheese Green Beans Yeast Roll Pound Cake with Fruit

Wednesday, December 19

Family Night Suppers

Seasoned Chicken Breast
Baked Potato
Tossed Salad with Dressing
Yeast Roll
Cheese Cake

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