

From Your Pastor ...

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

In two weeks (February 3rd) we will begin our winter lifestyle emphasis entitled, "Just Walk Across the Room," which will help us look at the way we encounter people daily, focusing on building relationships as the platform for sharing the Gospel. I am really excited about this emphasis, and we will have small group studies and worship services built around that theme just like we did with the "WHY?" series. So many times we are reluctant to follow the leadership of the Holy Spirit because: 1) We're so busy we do not recognize His leading; or 2) We are afraid to be obedient for fear that we don't know exactly what to do. In an age where advance planning and control are valued so highly, it is uncomfortable for many people to enter into an encounter that the Holy Spirit is controlling. In "Just Walk Across the Room," we will learn historically how we got to the point where we felt little or no responsibility for personal evangelism, and we'll discover how God can use us each day if we will just trust Him! I challenge you to sign up for one of the small study groups that will be meeting on weeknights or attend the Sunday evening group. You can also invite others from the community/work/school. There will be promotional materials at the Welcome Center that you can use to "get the word out!"

The next two Sundays we will worship around the theme of "following Jesus"...I invite you to come and bring a friend!

See You Sunday! Ramon



# THE WORSHIP OF GOD



Sunday, January 20, 2008 10:45a.m.

> I Will Sing Praise Sanctuary Choir

*The Divine Indicative John 1:29-42* Ramon Smith Sunday, January 27, 2008 10:45a.m.

Draw Me Nearer, Blessed Lord Sanctuary Choir

Following Jesus Is a Decision Matthew 4:12-23 Ramon Smith Crisis Control Gift for January: Beef Stew

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

> WMU Special Offering

### **Received to Date: \$294.00**

A gracious note of appreciation has been received and posted on the bulletin board from the family of Katherine McDowell.

Reminder: If you have dish towels belonging to the church, please return them as soon as possible.



Mary, Mary, never contrary We're watching your family grow. Melissa was first, and Christian came next, Now one more baby to go!

### We're having a baby shower for the Keltners!

Sunday January 20th, 2008

Join us in Smith Hall from 2:00-5:00 pm

The Keltners are registered at:

Babies R Us Target

# **A NOTE FROM MARY**

Most of the verses written about praise in God's word were voiced by people faced with crushing heartaches, injustice, treachery, slander, and scores of other difficult situations. -Joni Eareckson Tada

Over and over in scripture, I am reminded that praise is a choice, and I am convinced repeatedly that true praise is often not the easy choice. We have all experienced those times when praise comes easily, when all is going well and it is easy to be thankful and in awe of God. However, I have come to realize that sometimes praise is an act of faith. It is the choice to believe that God is on His throne in the midst of circumstances that would indicate otherwise. It is the act of saying, "Okay, God, I am not seeing or hearing you right now, but I know that you are there and that you still have me in the palm of Your hand, and I am going to proclaim how great You are in spite of all that is going on in my life." Over and over in the scriptures we see examples of those who chose to praise in spite of the difficulty of their circumstances. Paul, imprisoned, wrote, "Even if I die, I rejoice with you. So, you too should rejoice with me (Mary paraphrase Phil 2:17-18)." The Psalms are full of songs which honestly speak to God about injustice, fear, and loneliness, yet so many of these same songs end with proclamations of praise. One example is Psalm 42 which ends by saying, "Why are you downcast, O my soul? Why so disturbed within me? Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise him, my savior and my God."

Whatever you may encounter in coming days, I encourage you to choose to praise in the midst of every circumstance and heartache.



### **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:

Wilbert McBride Jo Stoltz

Christian love and sympathy are expressed to Ron Cauble in the death of his father.



Adult 3 Victory Celebration Sunday, January 20 9:30 a.m. Speaker: Doug Jordan *"Fulfilling the Purpose of Sunday School"* 

Come and join us for ham biscuits, juice and coffee as we celebrate raising over \$5,000 for new chairs.

We would like to thank everyone who contributed as well as A. C. Larrimore, Gail Holland, and Joan Snyder for their assistance in this project.

> Roy Johnson John Crabbe

"Over the last 51 years, you have demonstrated your love to our family countless times. Once again, you have been our support during this difficult time in our lives. For all your acts of kindness, words fail to convey our appreciation. Please know our heartfelt gratitude will bind us in love forever."

Buzz & Cherry Martin Harrison & Family

## NEWS AND SCHEDULES FAMILY MINISTRY Souper Bowl of Caring

Our youth will hold soup pots at the church doors on February 3, "Souper" Bowl Sunday. They will join young people in churches all across the country to collect money for those who are hungry and hurting. EVERY dollar donated will be sent to the Food Bank of North Carolina. In 2007, 14,000 groups in all 50 states (plus other countries around the world) participated in the Souper Bowl of Caring, generating over \$8 million. As you make plans to enjoy great food at your Super Bowl Party, remember to give to those in the greatest need.

## **Recreation Ministry**

Hoops4Him Basketball Games for the coming two weeks...

January 19	9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 12:00 noon NO GAME	Junior Co-Ed (at Mt. Tabor Methodist) Girls (at Old Town Baptist) Senior Boys (at Beck's Baptist) Intermediate Boys
January 21	7:30 p.m.	Intermediate Boys (at Calvary Baptist)
January 26	8:30 a.m. 8:30 a.m. NO GAME NO GAME	Girls (at Old Town Baptist) Intermediate Boys (at St. John's Lutheran) Junior Co-Ed Senior Boys

Primary Basketball at CPBC \_\_\_\_\_

Thursday nights, 6:30-7:30

Our Primary Basketball is a special basketball league and we want you to be a part! This league happens every Thursday night from January 17 through February 21. We spend one hour (6:30-7:30 p.m.) working on the fundamentals of basketball, having fun the entire time! All 4-year old children through 3rd graders are welcome. The cost is \$20 per player, and children may register when they arrive. Call Jeff with questions!

### SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY College Parkers

Thursday, January 17

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) **e now...Here's h** WORSHIP NURSERY Several open spots available throughout the month **SUNDAY SCHOOL** 1st/2nd grade 1 Substitute Teacher 3rd/4th Grade 2 Co-Teachers 1 Song Leader/Storyteller Grade School **CHILDREN'S MUSIC** Psalm 8:2 (4-6 grade) 2 Music Leaders 1 Music Leader Cherub Choir (3s-K) YOUTH MINISTRY TEAMS/CROSSTRAINING Scrapbooking/Publicity Team 2 Co-Leaders Video Team 2 Co-Leaders

February 3

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Worship Nursery Workers - Jan. 20: Carolyn Matthews, Linda Palmer, Janet Somers, Cynthia Ryder, Terri & Noah Goodman

Worship Nursery Workers - Jan. 27: Joy & Keith Minster, Beth Nelson & Stephanie Phillips, Sally & Van Crotts

<b>Greeters:</b>	January 20
<b>Greeters:</b>	January 27

Sarah Hauser & Ed Lane John Vogler & Jim Pernell

**Properties Committee Member on Duty (January 20):** 

Doug Somers
Properties Committee Member on Duty (January 27):
Keith Minster

**Information Center for January:** 

Jim Edmonds Pete Bodenheimer

Deacon of the Week (Jan. 20 - Jan. 26): Deacon of the Week (Jan. 27 - Feb. 2): Jay Edmonds Jerry Cook

**Question:** How do we keep everyone informed <u>and</u> keep our entrance neat and clean so that our visitors are given a good impression of College Park?

**Answer:** Create an "Information Lobby" on B-1 level. This is the lobby that is immediately down the stairs from the main level. All youth, Adult I, and Adult III people pass through this lobby on the way to their classes. Adult IV people who do not use the elevator also pass through this lobby on the way to their classes or can look for information in the Adult IV assembly area.

Please make a point to check out all the information that will be available in this newly-created area in the next couple of weeks. Thank you for helping to make College Park a "visitor friendly" church. Ramon E. Smith, Senior Pastor Jeff Allen, Assoc. Pastor/ Students & Families Mary Keltner, Assoc. Pastor/Music & Education Jason Cogdill, Minister of Senior Adults & Congregational Care Charles D. Edwards, Pastor Emeritus

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### FINANCIAL REPORT THROUGH JAN. 13

Budget Requirement To Date	\$31,305.86
Budget Receipts To Date (125.58%)	\$39,314.65

### **ATTENDANCE STATISTICS JANUARY 6**

Sunday School	259
Morning Worship	Not Reported
Brookridge	51
L.I.F.E. Worship	15

#### ATTENDANCE STATISTICS JANUARY 13

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### Wednesday, January 23

Orange-Glazed Pork Loin Baked Sweet Potato Tossed Salad with Dressing Yeast Roll Carrot Cake

### Wednesday, January 30

Chicken Cordon Bleu Rice with Gravy Mixed Vegetables Yeast Roll Dessert

Reservations must be made/changed no later than Tuesdays at noon.

