HIGHLIGHTS



From Your Pastoran

2010 was a great year in the life of College Park! We have much to give thanks for and to celebrate. We began a new worship service in February that has brought a number of new people into our fellowship, and we have seen our ministries continue to expand. We also had contributions that will meet the entire cost of renovations to our educational building! We will begin the renovations to the bottom floor very soon; but again, the money is already on hand to pay for all floors. And of course our vision is not to renovate buildings, but it is to have a helpful tool as we seek to make disciples of people of all ages!

One challenge that we have encountered is addressed by our Finance Committee's letter that is included as an insert. Please read this letter and consider your own commitment to the Ministry Action Plan of College Park. As the body of Christ, we need everyone to participate in contributing to the resources that are

necessary to carry out the Ministry Action Plan that we approved. I have discovered through the years that there are many reasons people do not tithe, and quite frankly none of them are good. You see, it is a matter of discipleship that humbles us before God and gives us joy in giving back to Him a portion of what he has loaned to us. Failing to tithe is a failure recognize the nature of our relationship with God, and Scripturally speaking is robbing from God (Malachi 3:10)! I challenge each of us this year to forget about resolutions and instead focus on commitment...commitment to our God who is the giver of all we have...commitment to be faithful to Him in all areas of our lives! Please feel free to call me if you have questions about this important area of life stewardship!

See You Sunday!

Blessings and Peace,

Ramon

Our Mission...

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

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THE WORSHIP OF GOD



January 9, 2011 11:00 a.m.

God So Loved the World Sanctuary Choir

Deacon Ordination & Installation

January 16, 2011 11:00 a.m.

Assurance Sanctuary Choir

John the Baptist: An Epiphany of Sorts John 1:29-42 Ramon Smith

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A NOTE FROM MARY



For more reasons than I can put in this small box, today I am contemplating happiness versus joy. I think most of us have heard in church the difference between the two: happiness is momentary, based on our circumstances; joy is much deeper. It is not dependent upon the circumstances of the moment. It has more to do with being content despite our situation. It is purely spiritual, a gift of God given, not because we have deserved it, but because we trust in Him and know that He reigns and He loves us. It is because of our trust that we can "consider it pure joy whenever you face trials of many kinds (James 2:1)." You see, we don't rejoice because everything in our lives is perfect, we rejoice in the Lord (Philippians 3:1) because of Who He is. However, too often I think we as Christians are guilty of actively seeking happiness instead of seeking God. We look to people to make us happy, and people disappoint. We seek happiness in the material things of the world, and we miss the joy of giving. We seek justice and our own right to be right, and we miss the joy of reconciliation and forgiveness. We seek momentary pleasures, and we miss the joy of eternal things. As we enter this new year, I encourage you to examine whether your life reflects God's well-spring of joy or whether you are busy seeking momentary happiness.



Happy 7th Anniversary to Jeff Allen

Jeff Allen serves as Minister to Students and Families through counseling, visitation, and participation in worship. He directs the planning, coordination, implementation and evaluation of all non-music ministries and programs for preschool through college students. He directs special programs of activities for all students including fellowships, retreats, and camps; coordinates all student and family events, enlists and trains leaders relating to student and family ministries, works with appropriate committees of the church to address the needs of students and families, and provides direction for all education ministries involving the students and families of the church.

In addition to the many responsibilities mentioned above, Jeff also maintains our church office computer systems. He researches the purchase of needed new equipment, installs it, troubleshoots all our problems and issues. This often requires many hours of his time.

As many of you already know, Jeff has been staff liaison to the Facility Update Committee and has worked countless hours alongside them planning and implementing the renovation of the Education Building, which is now well under way. He began working on this project almost immediately when he came to College Park. Along with Mitch Edmonds, Project Manager, he continues to oversee the progress of the renovations and helps keep the work on schedule. We can never say enough thanks for all he has given above and beyond his job description in this ef-

Attention ladies!

Come, shake off those Winter Blues as we are ministered to by speaker/author,
Thelma Wells

Saturday, January 22. We will leave at 5:30 pm. Please see Mary for more details and to make a reservation.

FAMILY MINISTRY

Junior/Senior Retreat to Gatlinburg

January 15-17

Attention all high school Juniors and Seniors! You are invited to this year's Junior/Senior Leadership Retreat which is being held in Gatlinburg on January 15-17. We will leave at 3 PM after all the basketball games are over on Saturday, We will return at 6 PM on Monday. The cost for the retreat is \$110. All the other details are in the information packets which are available at the website, and on Facebook. The sign-up deadline is Sunday, January 9. Make sure you turn in your balance by January 9 to secure your spot. Don't miss it!

Youth Ski Retreat

January 20-21, Beech Mountain, NC

It is time for a return to our winter ski trip. This year we will be going to Beech Mountain between Blowing Rock and Boone. This great ski resort has slopes for all skill levels—easy, medium, and hard. There is going to be something for everyone! Because of the wide variety of things to do, the cost will be variable. On average, the total cost will be around \$90 for the retreat. Look on the website for the exact cost. Call your friends & get signed up today!

RECREATION MINISTRY

Hoops4Him Basketball

Upcoming Game Schedule

Saturday, January 8

9:00 AM High School Boys (at Greater Cleveland Avenue)

10:30 AM Intermediate Boys (at St. John's Lutheran)

11:30 AM Junior Boys (at St. John's Lutheran)

Monday, January 10

7:30 PM Girls (at Old Town Baptist)

7:30 PM Intermediate Boys (at St. John's Lutheran)

Saturday, January 15

10:15 AM High School Boys (at Calvary Baptist)

11:30 AM Girls (at Old Town Baptist)

1:30 PM Junior Boys (at St. John's Lutheran)

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

College Parkers

Thursday, January 20, 11:30 A.M.

The ice cancelled our December lunch, but we will pick up the new year on January 20 with a covered-dish luncheon, beginning at 11:30. "The Group" will be with us again to share their warm hymn singing. Bring a friend.

Happy 4th Anniversary to Teresa Hill

Teresa Hill completed her 4th year as Church Pianist on January 1. Teresa serves as rehearsal and worship service accompanist for the Sanctuary Choir, Youth Choir and Adult Ensemble. In addition, she accompanies the Children's Choirs. She provides service music and hymn accompaniment for Sunday morning services and other seasonal services as needed. She works with the Associate Pastor of Music and Education to plan and prepare for all services and rehearsals. Thank you, Teresa, for your wonderful contributions to our worship experiences.

CRISIS CON†ROL MINISTRY Gift for January: [Jelly]

Received last month at CPBC:

24 bottles of cooking oil

4 bags of sugar

5 cans of soup

9 cans of vegetables

2 jars of peanut butter

15 miscellaneous items

<u>IN THE</u> HOSPITAL

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

> Annie B. Cook Sally Crotts Charles Edwards Lana Hunn



A gracious note of appreciation has been received and posted on the bulletin board

from the family of John Snodgrass.

Christian love and sympathy are expressed to Mike Royal in the death of his mother.

In Loving Memory of

Mr. John E. Snodgrass

November 7, 1929 to December 26, 2010

Member of College Park since October 1976

Ramon E. Smith, Senior Pastor
Jeff Allen, Assoc. Pastor/ Students
Mary Keltner, Assoc. Pastor/Music & Education
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Congregational Care
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STEWARDSHIP OF SERVICE

Worship Nursery Workers

January 9	<u>January 16</u>
Sybil McBride	Carolyn Matthews
June Crabbe	Linda Palmer
Melissa May	Janet Somers
Lora Clayton	Elizabeth Hinson
Jason Smith	Lori Cogdill
Brandi Smith	Ann Heller

<u>Greeters</u>

January 9	<u>January 16</u>
Sarah Hauser	John Vogler
Tony Perkins	Jim Pernell

Properties Committee

January 9	<u>January 16</u>
Tom Merritt	Mike Beeson

Information Center for January

Jeff Rawls Pete Bodenheimer

Deacon of the Week

<u>Jan. 9 - Jan. 15</u>	<u> Jan. 16 - Jan. 22</u>
Joseph Alexander	Robert Huff

Job's Mother-in-law

A little over a year ago our good friend, Sandy Mills, went to be with the Lord. Sandy was a writer, poet, philosopher, teacher, singer, and a saint.

Just recently we discovered a supply of two of his publications which we would like to share with you. "Job's Mother-in-law" is an autobiography of a "modern-day" Job whose patience and in some cases his faith, was tested by his mother-in-law. The book provides some guidelines for others who may find themselves in a situation of caring for an elderly mother or father. The second booklet, "Papa's Poems," is a compilation of inspiring and entertaining poems written by Sandy's father, Arthur Mills.

These books are available in the church office. If you would like to make a donation in appreciation and in his memory, please make your check out to Janet Mills.

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP THRU DEC. 2010

Budget Beginning Balance	\$-5,654.11
Budget Receipts Budget Expenditures	\$76,170.09 \$63,828.00
Budget Ending Balance	\$6,687.98
Building Fund Balance	\$186 981 76

ATTENDANCE STATISTICS

December 26

Snow/Service Cancelled
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37

January 2

Re:Creation Worship	70
Sunday School	205
11:00 Worship	213
Brookridge	27

Familly Night Supper

Wednesday, January 12

Baked Spaghetti Salad Bar Garlic Bread Dump Cake

Wednesday, January 19

Pork Tenderloin Green Beans Baked Sweet Potato Roll Applesauce Cake

Please make your reservations no later than noon on Tuesday.