# HIGHLIGHTS



# From Your Pastorna

I appreciate your patience with me as I went off on a rant about Thanksgiving in the last edition of HIGHLIGHTS. In fact several of you let me know that you agreed and that you appreciated my directness. In the days since I wrote that article, I have seen further evidence of exactly what I was ranting about and it really bothers me that we are so consumed with "temporary security"...that is our sense of security being tied directly to the temporary things of this world!

At Thanksgiving we have another chance to really focus on how thankful we *should* be! As the apostle Paul exhorted us: <sup>17</sup> pray continually; <sup>18</sup> give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. (1 Thessalonians. 5:17-18 NIV) Now notice what Paul did <u>not</u> say...he didn't say give thanks <u>for</u> all circumstances. I think that is a significant distinction, and should help us understand the nature of true thanksgiving! God has

given His Son for us, "while we were yet sinners", and He sent the Holy Spirit to give us the power and wisdom to live the lives He has called us to live! So our response should be to give thanks in all of life's circumstances, because we see a bigger picture than those who do not know Christ! So even in those moments when we are understandably thankful *for* the circumstances, we can still be thankful *in* those circumstances!

57 But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.
58 Therefore, my dear brothers, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.
(1 Corinthians 15:57-58 NIV)

As we prepare for Advent, I pray it will be with thankful hearts that we anticipate the hope, peace, joy and love of the season!

Blessings and Peace,

Ramon



# THE WORSHIP OF GOD



November 27, 2011 First Sunday of Advent 11:00 a.m.

> Like a Child, I Wait Sanctuary Choir

"Are You Getting Ready for Christmas?" Ramon Smith December 4, 2011 Second Sunday of Advent 11:00 a.m.

Children's Sunday

Worship will be led by the Children of College Park

# Our Mission...

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

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# A NOTE FROM MARY



Book Club will meet Monday, November 28 @ 7 pm and

Thursday December 1 @ 10 am to discuss

Behind the Veils of Yemen: How an American Woman Risked Her Life, Family, and Faith to Bring Jesus to Muslim Women

# You are invited to join us as we celebrate Christ's coming

November 27 - First Sunday of Advent

December 4 - Second Sunday of Advent Children's Sunday

December 11- Third Sunday of Advent

Christmas cantata, Sing Noel

December 18 - Fourth Sunday of Advent

11:00 am Channels and Sanctuary Bells

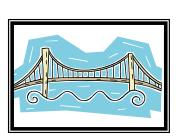
6:00 PM Christmas Musical, "Aloha Christmas"

Children and youth

December 24 - 5:00 pm Christmas Eve Service

December 25 - 10:30 am Fellowship

11:00 am Christmas Worship



# **BRIDGES**

<u>B</u>uilding <u>R</u>elationships <u>in</u> <u>D</u>inner <u>G</u>roups <u>E</u>very <u>S</u>eason

You have one more chance to join over 130 people who are already signed up for this brand new ministry! Sign up at the Welcome Desk today!

If you are in possession of a Check-Out key card which opens the doors to the church, please note that the codes for the security system associated with these temporary cards have been deleted. The card will allow entrance, but you will not be able to disarm the security system. Fines for false alarms are \$100 each, so please do not attempt to use the cards or the codes.

Please return Check-Out key cards to the church office so they can be re-assigned for future use. If you were assigned a permanent card, it is not necessary to bring those to the church office.



NC Baptist Children's Home Offering

Goal: \$3,500.00

Received to Date: \$1,460.61

## **Biblical Recorder**

It's time to renew your subscription to the Biblical Recorder. The cost is \$13.79 and must be turned in to Gail Holland no later than Monday, December 5.



The World Hunger Offering was held in October. We received \$895 toward our goal of \$3,000. Please prayerfully consider giving to this important ministry with the envelope that is in your tithe box.

# **Boy Scouts**

Do you know that College Park Baptist has a Boy Scout Troop 907? If you are 10 1/2 and would be interested in camping, canoeing, hiking and other activities, then come join us on Monday nights in Smith Hall at 7:00 p.m. There is still time to join as we prepare for Summer Camp next year at Sherando Lake National Park in Waynes-We follow the boro, VA. church activity calendar in planning our events. If you have questions, please contact Larry Burnett or Doug Somers.

# CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

# Children's Sunday

# December 4, during Morning Worship

Our children will be leading us in worship on Sunday, December 4 during both the 9:00 am and 11:00 am services. This "Children's Sunday" will feature all the ages of our preschool and children's ministry. Our precious children will be leading us through praying, singing, speaking, and various other ways. Don't miss this wonderful service of worship as we begin the season of advent with this powerful service of hope!

# COLLEGE MINISTRY

# College Exam Pack Goodies Needed!

December 4

It is time for this semester's college exam pack run. We need people to help us make this happen by bringing individually wrapped goodies, homemade or otherwise, to the Adult I kitchen by Sunday, December 4. These items will help make up the exam packs. We will be making approximately 50 exam packs. Thanks for your help with this important ministry to our college students.

# RECREATION MINISTRY

# Hoops4Him Basketball is back! Practice every Tuesday night!

It is time to get this year's Hoops4Him Basketball league started! This is the citywide church league that our church participates in each year. There will be a team for everyone from the 3rd to the 12th grades. There is a spot for boys and girls to play and learn about the great game of basketball. So start practicing those lay-ups, free throws, and slam dunks. Here is the practice schedule:

Team	Grades	Practice Time	Location
Junior Boys	3rd-6th grade	Tue., 6:00-7:30 pm	Becks Baptist Church
Girls	7th-12th grade	Tue., 6:00-7:30 pm	Old Town Elem.
Intermediate Boys	7th-9th grade	Tue., 6:00-7:30 pm	Old Town Elem.
Senior Boys	10th-12th grade	Tue., 7:30-9:00 pm	Old Town Elem.



Your generosity allowed the GAs and RAs to raise \$245 from our Fall Craft Sale. The RAs donated their share to Second Harvest Food Bank. The GAs split their share between paying the shipping cost of supplies going to Africa and the Shepherd's Center. We REALLY appreciate your support!!

# **GA Christmas Craft Sale**

The GAs will be sponsoring a Christmas Craft Sale on Sunday, December 4th. We will be selling hand-crafted Christmas decorations. All proceeds will be donated to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering and World Missions. We have been working for many weeks on our craft items and we've set our goal to raise \$500 this year. If we sell every craft item, we'll get there! These items will make great gifts for teachers, those you might visit in nursing homes or hospitals, and certainly for moms and grand-moms! We look forward to seeing you during the sale.

CRISIS CON†ROL MINISTRY Gift for November Baking Mixes

# 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 during the last two weeks:

> Reece Alexander Mary Hoyle Melba Jones Billie Miller Doris Morgan Jim Puryear

# **Congratulations Joan Snyder**

On November 24<sup>th</sup> Joan will celebrate her 12<sup>th</sup> anniversary as Administrative Assistant at College Park.

Thank you, Joan, for you dedicated service and commitment to excellence in your service to us.

# White Offristmas December 18

Please be in prayer about how you can show the love of God to hurting and needy families this Christmas. Help us shine His light to others. A list of food items for each class will be published in the next issue of *Highlights*.



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

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#### Worship Nursery Workers

Nov. 27	<u>Dec. 4</u>
Joseph Alexander	Garlene Grogan
Melanie Alexander	Beth Huff
Beth Nelson	Janet Somers
Jason Smith	Jennifer Allen
Brandi Smith	Becky Haney
	Pat Blackwell

#### **Greeters**

Nov. 27	<u>Dec. 4</u>
John Vogler	Dennis Palmer
Jim Pernell	Wayne Lewis

#### **Properties Committee**

Nov. 27	<u>Dec. 4</u>
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Mike Beeson N'Earl Godwin

#### **Information Center for November**

Joyce Baxley Tom Hurst

### **Information Center for December**

Bob Baker Trudy Elkins

## Deacon of the Week

Nov. 27 - Dec. 3	Dec. 4 - Dec. 10	
Rick Matthews	Nancy Hurst	



# Wednesdays in November



CHICK-fil-A CHICKEN SIDES DESSERT BEVERAGES

	Nov. 13	Nov. 20
Re:Creation Worship	120	89
Sunday School	225	230
11:00 Worship	223	191
Brookridge	54	52

### Month of October, 2011

Budget Beginning Balance	\$34,484.93
Budget Receipts	\$65,451.48
Budget Expenditures	\$63,456.37
Budget Ending Balance	\$36,480.04

#### Year to Date 2011

Budget Beginning Balance	\$6,687.98
Budget Receipts	\$656,768.20
Budget Expenditures	\$626,976.14
Budget Ending Balance	\$36,480.04
Building Fund Balance	\$202,857.17

We will once again decorate the Sanctuary with white poinsettias. If you would like to give a plant in honor of, or in memory of someone, please complete an order form and return it to the church office along with your payment, no later than Sunday, November 27. (Please do not place your order in the offering plate.) The price is \$10.25 per plant.

Given by:	
In Memory of:	
In Honor of:	