

# And the Tree was Happy: A Memoir for Mary Schwartz

I don't know what being a real person means to you, being authentically human—there are so many different ideas about how to live a good life—but for me one large part of it comes down to is fear. The essence of my Christian faith is to live without fear. Not to be afraid—of anything, really. Not to be afraid to live out loud this beautiful and dangerous life we've been given. Not to be afraid of the living God that loves us like sons and daughters. Not to be afraid of death, which is no friend but is not really an enemy either, since every person owns one to God. Not to be fearful to make mistakes, to take calculated risks, to live wild and free.

I use to think that my main message as a shaman was to say to people, “Do the right thing,” since most of us know have some idea what the right thing is. Now after a few years in ministry I understand my meta-message much differently. My main message as a pastor is to say those same words that all the divine messengers say when they first speak with humans: Do not be afraid. God wants us to live without fear. When we are afraid of being in love, we cut off other people; when we're afraid of hurting our bodies, we stop doing sports; when we're afraid of failure, we quit trying new things. Fear is what squashes the sweet fruit of our beautiful lives.

I visited Mary once at Beacon Place, a Wednesday night about a month ago and she was sleepily sitting by the window. We chatted briefly about her children, and grandchildren too. Her delight in both was a tonic to me and to her, I think. I told her that I was planning to have a part in her memorial service. What did she want me to tell them on her behalf? She said, Tell them that I am not afraid. I have lived a good life, she said, and although she did not want to go just yet, she was not afraid to die. I believed her and thought about her all the way home that night—how many people at death's door could truthfully say they were not afraid? I don't think there are many.

Mary was the middle child, with an older brother Gordon and younger sister Joanne, who I believe are here today with us. Her mother made their clothes and dressed her identically with her sister. She was called Happy as a child, because she was always smiling. I don't think it's a nickname she would have revealed to us. Born in Collingswood, New Jersey, she went to high school in Syracuse, New York. She played a games on the frozen lakes called either Chicken, Crack the Whip, and Closest to the Hole, the last of which as the name implies you'd try to get the closest to the hole in the ice without falling in. One time she lost that game and still has the scar to prove it. Always athletic, she was a soccer coach for her kids and carted them to hockey games and other athletic events.

The loves of her life were numerous: certainly her grandchildren and the Center for Creative Leadership were ones she was the most passionate about. With her grandkids, she loved to watch Ghostbusters and sing Queen's We Will Rock You, a power ballad sung by Queen written by Brian May in 1977. (Perhaps she and Freddie Mercury are singing it even now.) Even when she was getting the news of how sick she really was, she wanted to know when she could go back to work, and when she could see her grandsons play soccer. On one of the beach trips she had been to Target and the Dollar store and planned an Olympics for Aidan and Benjamin, with something new to do every day.

Mary was passionate about her work as Senior Librarian at the Center for Creative Leadership, where she had worked for 20 years. She adored her co-workers and would have loved to see so many of you here today. She had earned a BA in English from Ohio Northern, but she went back to school at age 40 to earn a Masters in Library Science with the goal of working at the CCL. She started there part-time and it took her 9 years from the time she started her Masters to earn a full time position. Her kids remember that on some Sunday afternoons, she said to them, “I can't wait for Monday morning to come so that I can be back at work.” (Show of hands of how many of us feel that way? Since there are many members of my congregation here, let me quickly say that I of course do.) Mary was the rare person who loved her job and adored her colleagues, and really couldn't wait to get back to both.

Mary met her husband at Ohio Northern when he pulled up in a car and asked her to have one of her sorority sisters there that night for a date. When he returned at the appointed time, Mary decided that she would be that sister and they dated. She called herself Stacy during those days, so they were known as Stacy and Herbie, since he drove a Volkswagen Beetle, like the one of Disney movie fame. They have been divorced for 23 years, but they are still friends, mainly because they had a common goal of raising and nurturing their three children.

Mary loved to read, and her tastes were wide and eclectic, from Harry Potter and Shel Silverstein to the specialized reading on leadership and creativity she did for her work—and which she also wrote. She loved reality TV, especially shows like Survivor, and the family even played a board game version of it at home (No comment on who always got voted off first). She would have loved to gone on the Amazing Race with one of her children, and Dancing with Stars was a favorite since she loved to dance jazz. The NBA team the Utah Jazz was a big favorite too, that team with the most incongruent name in professional sports (I mean, how jazzy is Utah, really? When they moved from NOLA they should have changed the name.)

Mary loved watching movies with family and friends: Seven Brides for Seven Brothers, Knight's Tale, Black Swan, Ghostbusters (which you must admit is a diverse spread of films). She also loved to do research, in particular for her job but also on behalf of her family, so she was the go-to-girl for consumer issues. She loved her cocker spaniel Roscoe, who lived with her 19 years. He must have been cared for—I'd never heard of a cocker living that long. She simply loved walking in gardens, most of the Bicentennial gardens here in Greensboro, where she wants her ashes to be spread, so that her children and grandchildren might walk there and think of her. She sought out new gardens around the state too, most recently finding a lovely one in Wilmington for Cindy and her to stroll around.

She did love to play games with her family—Cranium, Scattergories, Pictionary, Battle of the Sexes, and others were all favorites. Mary knew how to plan a party; she was that right mix between being detail orientation and a woman who knew how to have a lot of fun. When she was a member of Beth David, she had all the kids become daughter and sons of the commandment, and planned their Bat and Bar Mitzvah parties to perfection. Although the quality of the entertainment varied: Cindy had a live band, David had a DJ, and Michael said he had a jukebox. David's featured a hockey puck cake, complete with inscription. Mary was a party person, featuring balloons, candy, a casino party once with candy cigs and betting games. She could cook taco salad, and Mexican pizza (but never pea soup).

When she was helping to plan Cindy and Erik's wedding, which was at a Charleston plantation on the river, she brought five different lanterns in the car with her down to South Carolina for them to consider and approve. It is this kind of attention to detail that is unusual enough, but when it is combined with a person who loves to celebrate and know how to treasure the moment, well, that person is special.

Mary had met with a lunch bunch for 20 years; four of them who started meeting at the time Mary was finishing her masters at UNCG. They celebrated their children's graduations, and hosted wedding and baby showers for each other's families. Mary was also part of an investment club that she helped form, such were the diversity of her interests.

When I asked Cindy and Erick, David and Alison and Michael when Mary was the happiest, David quickly spoke up and said, “She was happiest when I was born.” Such humility. He did not relent of his claim of being the apex of Mary's happiness, no matter the jeers of his siblings and wife. David is the main suspect for the person who placed the Christmas ornament on the tree that says, “For My Favorite Child.” We'll see who claims it.

My hunch is that it is closer to the truth to say she was happiest either at her beloved work, or when she was surrounded by her loving family, particularly around Aidan and Benjamin. She would have loved to be around for the birth of her third grandson, whose

coming out party is planned for this June. She called Aidan and Benjamin her “darling angels.”

Mary was many things: determined, stanch, well-planned, creative, bright, fun-loving and fearless. She had a zest for life that probably came down from her grandmother and mother; this zest favored everything she did, and makes her absence all the more keen, as though the spice of this family's life has been blanched and muted.

She read to her children and grandchild from the poems and stories of Shel Silverstein. His angular and offbeat poems have been delighting readers for a generation. Shel, you might know, wrote the song “A Boy Named Sue,” which Johnny Cash made famous in 1969, and Shel, like Mary, died too young.

Like Mary, his poetry has the mix of the real, the fearless, the determined and the odd that gives it a universal appeal to kids and adults alike. As in Shel's story The Giving Tree, Mary found her greatest happiness in giving to others—to those with whom she worked and with her family. She gave and gave, and the tree was happy. It is his poetry whose quotes are scattered in the worship bulletin, and it's in his words that I find an appropriate summary of Mary's life, love, and fearlessness:

Listen to the mustn'ts child.  
Listen to the don'ts.  
Listen to the impossible, the shouldn'ts, the won'ts.  
Listen to the never haves,  
then listen close to me: anything can happen, child, anything can be.

Michael

## David Soyars' Sabbatical

For more than half of my life I've been a church musician. I'm humbled and honored by the opportunity to create worship music here at College Park. It brings me so much joy! Still, it is a major responsibility that I take very seriously, so I'm looking forward to taking advantage of the sabbatical program College Park offers. The sabbatical, planned for June through August, provides time to rest, to learn, to experience new things, to find fresh inspiration, and to broaden one's perspective.

I'll undoubtedly feel lost the first few Sunday mornings of my sabbatical. Of course, I'll plan to enjoy a Sunday brunch at 11:00, or perhaps meditate on the wonders of nature during a long Sunday morning bike ride. I'll also look forward to weekend getaways and visiting other churches to get new musical ideas. As a highlight of my sabbatical, I'm especially excited about joining an organ tour in England (thanks to Mark File for digging this up). It will afford me the opportunity to visit some of the great cathedrals of the world. We will see demonstrations and have a chance to play the historic instruments at Lincoln Cathedral, Southwell Cathedral, St. Paul's Cathedral, and Westminster Abbey! Truly, the experience of a lifetime!

I'll look forward to resuming my regular responsibilities in September—rested, re-energized, and inspired. Thank you so much for allowing me this amazing growth opportunity.

In His service,  
David Soyars



# USMC Retirement Ceremony for Colonel Gregory M. Woodward

In May, our own Greg retired after 30 years of service. In the program, family and friends talked about Greg and what each learned about service from him.

*The Meaning of Service-from the family*

**Captain Alex Woodward, USMC (son):** I remember being about 8 or 9 years old at one of my first soccer try-outs. My Dad was there as one of the coaches, and another one of the boys came up to me and said, ‘I think our coach over there is a Marine!’ I smiled and said, ‘Yeah, that’s my Dad,’ and was the cool kid at the try-outs for the rest of the day. For as long as I can remember, I have always wanted to be like my Dad. He has always been a great coach, mentor, and comedian (probably his greatest accomplishment), and I’ve always been inspired to accomplish the same thing in life.

While I have found myself following in Dad’s footsteps over the years, he has never pressured me to take the same path to pursue the same goals that he did. I always made these decisions on my own, finding my Dad’s influence to be something that just naturally felt loving and in good judgment. And his influence could always be seen when observing Dad around others, especially Marines. I can’t remember how many people have pulled me aside and told me how Dad has impacted or inspired them somehow. Whether on a military base, or at work at Abbotswood, people’s eyes always light up when he walks into the room. Not because the director or the Colonel’s coming through, but because he’s going to smile, shake their hand, and will most likely say something pretty funny. Dad told me once that the Marine Corps is great because of the different personalities in it...and the Marine Corps is retiring a great one today.

**Emily Woodward (daughter):** I’ve always been very proud of my father, and the fact that he’s a Marine. Those who serve in the military are highly respected individuals; it comes with the job. But I’ve found that much of the respect I have for my father is due to his modest nature when asked about his service. He has managed to form strong bonds with a variety of people because of his warm presence and his wonderful personality, and I’m sure many who know him have experience this. I’ve never encountered the “tough” Marine. I’ve always been exposed to a Dad who loves to show his sense of humor by publicly embarrassing me. And I don’t know if we’ll ever have a conversation that doesn’t end with his tireless explanations for why I should be a Republican. I value my father’s service as a Marine because it has allowed a number of people to get to know the amazing individual that I know. And it’s for certain that my relationship with him has helped mold me into the person that I am today.

**Elizabeth Woodward (daughter):** Being in the Marines has been a rewarding experience for Dad, to say the least. I am so proud of everything that he has accomplished in the military that is being recognized today, but it is important to also highlight those less tangible successes that cannot be acknowledged with a medal or promotion. I have always been impressed by Dad’s ability to communicate with others in a way that generates so much respect from those who know him. He has always been able to create a calming presence with his humble and humorous nature. At the same time, his strong dedication to his work and to the people that surround him have allowed others to maintain faith in his judgment. These are characteristics that I have observed since I was a child but have been able to appreciate as I have gotten older. And considering that Dad is nearing the age of retirement, I am sure that his friends and colleagues have grown to appreciate these characteristics for a very, very long time. Throughout the past 20 years, I have met many of Dad’s friends, employees, and fellow Marines. As I’m sure many of you know, he never fails to get a kick out of himself when he says, “This is Elizabeth, she’s the baby...she wants to be a Marine just like her Dad.” Although I always respond by rolling my eyes, I appreciate that easy-going disposition that puts everyone around him at ease. Since Dad is retiring today, I feel it is appropriate to acknowledge the fact that these things about him have left a great impression on me and others. Sadly, I have no intention to join the Marines, but I hope that in whatever I decide to do, I am able to develop and maintain the qualities and respect my Dad seemed to have wherever he went.

**Paige Woodward (wife):** As I read the paragraphs each of our kids and our parents had written about Greg, it occurred to me that his service in the military, along with every other part of his life that was an extension of that, has had much more of an effect than one could ever expect. Every wonderful thing said about him is not just talk; it’s true. And I am blessed to have found a love that is so complete in every way. I can’t say enough about how his career in the Marines has added to our already exciting lives; it not only taught us how to have faith and strength during the really tough times when we had to be apart or during the periods of very busy work, but also how much fun and how special it could be to live a life intertwined with other military friends and families. I also love the way our son, Alex, will always have the perfect “go to” man while he enjoys his own military career. All of these aspects are those that Greg and I both treasure and will never forget. And while he might be retiring today, after 30 years of service, the old saying, “Once a Marine, Always a Marine” is a great reminder that my husband may not be putting those utilities on anymore, but in ever other way...he will always be a Colonel to me. Yes, the Marine Corps is retiring one of its very finest today.

**Gwen Woodward (mom):** On April 15, 1959, my husband Bennie and I welcomed into the world the proverbial bouncing baby boy, Gregory McDonald Woodward, and it is true that children change your life forever. In an instant, Bennie and I became “Mom and Dad,” and that is truly a life-changing experience. I think the best quote that sums up parenthood is this one, “Becoming a parent is to give your heart license to walk around outside your body.” Greg was in every way a typical American boy. He played and excelled in sports, achieved good grades in school, and was well-liked by all who knew him. He was an accomplished practical joker and possessed a dry sense of humor and a ready smile. That dry humor continues to the present day, bringing a smile to my face often. It’s fair to say that we have never been anything other than proud of this fine young son who changed our lives so irrevocably on that early spring day 52 years ago. Greg aspired to follow in the footsteps of his father, a career Army helicopter pilot who had served with distinction during his lifelong military career. Therefore Greg, too, was eager to join the military.

So in 1981, during his graduation from Coastal Carolina University, Bennie had the honor and privilege of inducting our son into the Marine Corps. Suffice it to say this was a defining moment in all of our lives. In my mind’s eye I can still see them both...standing tall and proud. It seemed one was hading the baton of service to the other. He began his career on active duty, eventually moving into the Marine Corps Reserves. But life would find him back on active duty a few times, serving his county in Iraq and various places around the globe. From the beginning, he has served with honor and distinction, and ultimately achieved the position of Colonel. And along the way he married a lovely girl, Paige, and has three beautiful children, Alex, Emily, and Elizabeth. Paige has proven to be a wonderful partner and has kept the home fires burning as Greg served in far away places. As a military wife myself, I can testify to the fact that the wife also serves her country as she sends her husband off to dangerous assignments in unfriendly lands. Alex, Greg’s only son, is currently in Afghanistan, himself a brave and proud Marine, following in his own father’s footsteps. So the legacy continues. Now the time has come for Greg to hand the baton to the next generation of brave young men — like his son Alex. It is for certain I am a proud mother today. And I want to say in the presence of all those who gather here, “Well done, thou good and faithful servant.” “Semper Fidelis, Always Faithful.” Greg, you have made your family proud, and I have no doubt you will continue to do so in your civilian life. You have added so much to my life for the past 52 years. Congratulations on your retirement. I love you, Mom.

**Bob and Jean Matthews (mother-in-law & father-in-law):** Greg is a very caring and conscientious individual who has met his call to the military with integrity and dedication. His actions have always exemplified a proud, but humble, sense of responsibility to serve our great nation. Not only are we grateful for his service to our country, but we are extremely proud to have him as a member of our family.

*The Meaning of Service-from the CMT*

**Will Eubank, Dining Services Director:** Whenever I have the opportunity to tell people about “my boss,” the first thing I mention is his military service. It is something that we as a community are very proud of and the fact that I get to work with him on a daily basis is truly an honor and a privilege.

**Adrienne Poole, Human Resources Director:** For the men and women that serve our country in the military to protect our boarders and way of life I want to say, “Thank you!” I continually pray for you and your families because they too make a sacrifice. Greg allows me to put a face on countless others. When Greg speaks of his experience in the Marines, he lights up. His leadership at Abbotswood reflects confidence and poise. I recall a time when he addressed the associates, as we were planning how to weather the storm of rough economic times, and he shared that no plan survives initial impact with the opposing force, in other words have a plan but know that life happens and you need to have the flexibility to adjust accordingly. Greg is a leader who trusts in the abilities of his direct reports. While he was deployed the community missed him but understood and supported his need to be away. We knew in our hearts that Greg was proudly serving his country!

**Kathie Woelk, Co-Sales Director:** I only experienced your time away from Abbotswood briefly the summer you were at Camp Lejune and again during the 15 months at Camp Pendleton. I admit it was hard to be without the one true boss, but I was very proud to know you set aside personal and work aspirations to keep our country safe. Even when your duty is at home, it is still a meaningful commitment to the larger process of freedom. I congratulate you on your 30 years in the Marines. It has been an honor and privilege to know you. Thank you for your service to our country.

**Michael Suggs, Resident Relations Manager:** Greg’s service displays that an individual can positively influence society on many levels. As well as receive social, emotional and intellectual growth from these vast experiences. It is refreshing to see someone dedicate their life in such a manner.

**Amy Rosen, Co-Sales Director:** As the daughter of a man who is retired Army and fought in Vietnam, and a sister-in-law of an Air Force pilot who has recently served two deployments overseas, I have a strong appreciation for our men and women in uniform. Like my family members, I respect Greg for his dedication and commitment to his country and fellow man. Greg represents the thousands of men and women who sacrifice their lives each and every day for people like myself whose freedom is safeguarded by their fearless efforts. Greg leads by example and therefore has been an outstanding commander both on and off the field. It’s his commitment to his country and fellow man that is not only admirable but commendable because his dedication is what makes his character something that most people aspire to. He is a wonderful role model and someone I am not only proud of as an American, role model, and father, but as an outstanding director who I am honored to work alongside each and every day.

**Allison Pait, Wellness Director:** I remember my first interview at Abbotswood and my first opportunity to meet Greg Woodward. I kept wondering how such a laid back guy could possibly be a Marine. Since that time I’ve grown to appreciate Greg’s quick wit, disarming nature, compassion for others, and ability to lead while still giving people the power to make some of their own decisions. Over the past 11 years I’ve come to understand that it is these qualities that make Greg not only a good Marine but a good Executive Director and a great boss. Greg has on countless occasions sat me down and reminded me that I’m privileged to live in the best country in the world with the best military. This is something that so many Americans tend to take for granted. These talks always remind me of just how fortunate I am to be an American and how lucky we are to have people like Greg defending our country. Thanks Greg, for 30 years of dedicated service!

**Virginia Nicholson, Housekeeping Director:** It is an honor to know and work with Greg.

## Meet Kelli Joyce

Some of you may know me well, and others of you may not know me at all. I believe that ministry works best when you know a little about the person you're talking with, so I wanted to give a brief introduction to who I am and why I'll be here as the church's summer intern for the next few months.

My name is Kelli Joyce, and I've lived in Greensboro since I was four years old. When my father moved from flying refueling missions for the Air Force to his current job as a commercial pilot for Delta, we wanted to live somewhere that was both close to an airport and to our extended family, who live mostly in the Triad and the Triangle. My mother taught middle school for the first several years of my life, and when we moved to North Carolina she began to home school both me and my brother Sam. I am currently a rising senior at UNC Chapel Hill after receiving my Associates Degree from Guilford Tech.

Sam and I began attending College Park a little over a year ago, and quickly felt right at home at youth events, Tessera, and Wednesday night dinners. It wasn't long after we started coming here that Michael suggested I consider the possibility that I might be gifted in areas that would be helpful in ministry.

Thanks to that prompting and a suggestion from a friend at school, I decided to apply for the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship's summer internship program. Over the next few months, I look forward to fellowshiping with you all, helping to lead our Wednesday night Bible study, sharing a sermon with you in July, and many other exciting opportunities. To get in touch with me, you can email me at [kjoyce93@gmail.com](mailto:kjoyce93@gmail.com), call me at (336) 253-5668, or come by the church between 10:00 am and 2:00 pm on a Tuesday or Thursday.

One of my favorite Bible stories is that of Ruth, whose faith led her into unfamiliar territory and pushed her far outside her comfort zone. I don't know exactly what the next few months hold in store, but I pray that like Ruth, my journey through the new and unknown will leave behind evidence of God's presence and faithfulness in my life and the lives of all those I have the privilege of interacting with.

Kelli

## Ladies Night Out, June 16th

Dream of someone serving you a hot dinner and refilling your drink while you enjoy fun conversation without interruptions? Then come join the women of College Park for dinner out on the 3rd Thursday of each month at, 6:30 pm, Kiosco Mexican Grill, 3011 Spring Garden Street. Contact Lynn Sasser if you plan to attend at her email address: [sasser3306@att.net](mailto:sasser3306@att.net).



## Focus: International Ministries

Matthew 25:35-40 says, "For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?' The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'"

At College Park, we seek to help our brothers and sisters not only locally and at other locations in the United States, but also around the world. Our international missions giving is done through our regular budget and our 3 Nickels program.

In 2011, for our collective 3 nickels a day, we will help provide water, a basic necessity, for people living in Ethiopia. Every dollar we give provides water for 1 person for an entire year.

Our gifts to the Children of Vietnam organization provide education, housing, medical and nutritional services. They provide safe, dry shelter, education and job training for single mothers and their children, helping those mothers to make better lives for their children. Those gifts help provide money for expensive and much needed education for the children of Vietnam. Medical services, including the Hope System of Care for children with disabilities, with many of those disabilities believed to be a result of Agent Orange are another way our gifts help our brothers and sisters.

In Romania, our sisters and brothers are the Gypsies of Roma, and the Ruth project. The Ruth School provides education for children from often desperate situations, and often single parent homes. They schedule regular activities for the mothers, the goal being to encourage active involvement in the life of the Ruth School. They also often partner with other organizations to help provide other needs such as shoes and clothes. Our own Ralph and Tammy Stocks have joined the various ministries of Project Ruth and Roma outreach across Romania. Tammy is helping develop ministries at the Ruth School that address students, parents, faculty and the broader community. Ralph is helping coordinate Gypsy Smith School activities and helping to build a network among Roma leaders to promote leadership training, church planting and special projects management. We also set aside a portion of our budget each year to help support the Stocks' ministry as well as the Ruth Project School and Seminary and Romany ministries.

Our 3 nickels a day also help support Global Dental Relief in places like Afghanistan, Nepal, Guatemala and India. In 2006, Durango, Colorado dentist Thomas Grams quit his dental practice to work full-time giving impoverished children in Nepal and Afghanistan free dental care. He personally served as the dental director for 28 Global Dental Relief dental camps, providing dental care to over 24,000 children. In August of 2010, Dr. Grams was killed by the Taliban in Afghanistan, because they believed he was trying to convert Muslims to Christianity. Our missions committee wanted to honor his work, and to help it continue with our gifts.

I would ask that if you come across an international missions opportunity that is close to your heart, please share that with a member of the Missions Committee. Each year, we select 4 to 6 projects for our 3 Nickels program, and it is the desire of the Missions Committee to choose missions opportunities that are important to our congregation.

And if you are not currently participating in our 3 Nickels Program, I would encourage you to do so, so that we may continue to help meet the needs of the strangers around the world who are our brothers and sisters; so that we may continue feeding the hungry, providing water to the thirsty, offering necessities like shelter, medical and dental care and education to God's children. 15 cents a day is a bargain when we consider the good it can do. Where are you spending your 15 cents a day?

Susan Finley

## Thank You

Dear College Park,  
We just want to extend a huge thank you to everyone who provided meals for us after Kallie's arrival. Everything was delicious and it was such a blessing. We look forward to seeing everyone soon!

Love,  
Dylan, Julie & Kallie

## Grasshoppers Game-June 23

Join us on Thursday, June 23, 7:00 pm, as the Grasshoppers play the Hagerstown Suns at NewBridge Bank Park. Adult ticket \$7.50; senior adult (62+)/child (up to 12) ticket \$6. Payment due in advance to Ashley Huffman or Wendy Smithey. Sign-up sheet is on Cindy's door. Sign-up deadline: SUNDAY, JUNE 12.

## College Park's Summer Options

**Adult Sunday School** - Book Study - "Love Wins" by Robb Bell  
**Youth Sunday School** - Movie Discussion  
**Kids Sunday School** - What's Cooking? (Rotation based activities)

**Wednesday Night Bible Study** - Jesus' To Do List @ 6 pm in the parlor

**Monday Night Fellowship** - Ultimate Frisbee @ 6pm - Lake Daniel Park

## College Park Softball is back!

This fall College Park will have a co-ed softball team and we are looking for players! You do not have to have previous softball experience, you can learn as the season progresses. We are looking for women and men, age 18 or older to play. The league is through Greensboro Recreation and is strictly a church league. Games will begin in August and will finish with a small tournament in October. Game nights for the church league are Tuesday and/or Thursday nights. There is a small fee of \$20 to help cover the entry fee and the cost for t-shirts. Please contact Lin Bunce (250-8648, [linbunce@gmail.com](mailto:linbunce@gmail.com)) or Caryanne Story (403-4533, [cas62100@yahoo.com](mailto:cas62100@yahoo.com)) if you

### Fighting Poverty Around The World With Just 3 Nickels a Day

I \_\_\_\_\_ pledge to help fight poverty around the world by giving at least One Dollar per Week. I understand that this pledge is above and beyond my normal giving. I would like to make my donation as follows;

Single 2011 payment of \$52.00

Weekly payments of \$1.00

I can give more \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Specify Amount



Signature \_\_\_\_\_

# College Park Summer Study

## Jesus' To Do List:

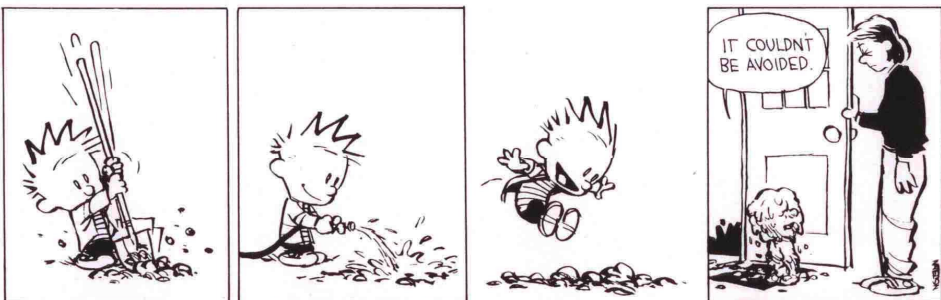
*A discussion-led Bible Study on Christ's commands.*

The time to study is: Wednesday Nights,  
6:00—7:15 pm, in the Church Parlor.

Dates and topics for the study are:

June 1	Let Your Light Shine
June 8	Learn of Me
June 15	Go
June 22	Stretch Out Your Hand
June 29	Shake Off the Dust
July 6	Ephphatha! Be Opened
July 13	Sell & Give
July 19	Consider the Lillies
July 27	Ask, Seek, Knock
August 3	Repent & Believe
August 10	Be Silent
August 17	Take Up Your Cross

(Questions are available on line at [www.collegeparkchurch.com](http://www.collegeparkchurch.com).)



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 Phyllis Calvert, Treasurer  
 Cindy Dillon, Minister of Small Groups  
 Susan Finley, Handbell Director  
 Rydell Harrison, Minister of Music & Worship  
 Darlene Johnson, Sexton  
 Matt Lojko, Deacon Chair  
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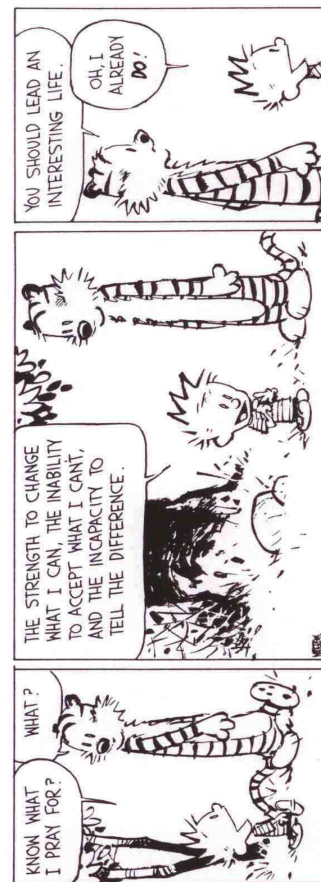
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May Peanut Butter Donations = 23 Pounds  
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## Looking Ahead

### June

15-18 Passport Kids  
 16 Ladies Night Out , 6:30 pm, Kiosco Mexican Grill  
 23 Grasshoppers Game, 7:00 pm

### July

21 Ladies Night Out , 6:30 pm, Kiosco Mexican Grill  
 23 Amy Stocks & Tyler Gallaher are getting married at Atlantic Beach  
 29 - Youth Mission Trip, San Francisco, CA  
 August 6

### August

18 Ladies Night Out , 6:30 pm, Kiosco Mexican Grill  
 28 Children's Back to School Picnic

### October

9 Brian & Deanna Miller's baby is due.  
 26 Children's Halloween Party

### November

5 Brunswick Stew at Barry & Cheryl Pillow's Home.

### December

4 Children's Christmas Party

### Reminder

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