

## 2009 Senior Servant Award

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When I heard that Becky Clemmer would be the Senior Servant Leadership honoree, I immediately told Michael that I wanted to be a part of this special recognition event. You must know that this is not something that Becky wanted and she may have been pretty frank in telling some about that. Nonetheless (and most likely against her will), we have the honor of honoring and thanking Becky for her years of dedication and service to College Park.

First of all, it is interesting to note that her name is not really “Becky” – imagine that. It is really Bettie. Apparently as a child two neighborhood women started calling her “Becky” and it stuck. Becky grew up in Durham, North Carolina and graduated from Durham High School. In the past few years she has attended her fiftieth class reunion.

Her ties to Durham are deep and strong. She continues to visit family on a regular basis. The Durham tie that will seem the strongest is Duke basketball. You think ACC rivalries are strong – try living in a house where one is a Duke fan and the other a Carolina fan. Needless to say, there were many interesting Duke/Carolina games in the home of John and Becky Clemmer. The sports theme was a thread that ran through this long partnership. John proposed at a baseball game. Back to the Duke loyalty, and I know it is football season, but I wonder what John would say about Duke’s three conference wins in a row . . . and there might be a bowl bid, surely you jest.

A true family woman, Becky has a very broad definition of ‘family.’ John and Becky were married for 55 years. They were married in September of 1949. There are three daughters, Angela, Cindy, and Robin, seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Some of them are here to honor her today. Most of you know that John and Becky ran a pest control business for years. Becky’s email is ncbuglady. Not only does this speak to Becky’s dependability, loyalty, industriousness, and “can do” attitude but this also meant that Becky was at home on weekday afternoons when many neighborhood moms were working. The Clemmer home was open to these neighborhood children. Speaking of good neighbors, Becky’s neighbor Maxine is a long time friend and companion who often visits with Becky here at College Park.

In our ten plus years at College Park, I have had the pleasure of knowing Becky for most of that time. Even though there are no “assigned” seats in our place of worship, we all know that there are indeed “assigned” seats. Becky and the Burkheads are holding down this side but you already knew that. Each week Becky greets us with her grand smile and we know that we are indeed in our place at College Park.

Shortly after we joined College Park, the call was issued for folks to help a senior adult Sunday School class with transporting elders to doctors appointments as a part of a program “Senior Wheels.” Being new to Greensboro and wanting a place to serve and meet new people, I volunteered to drive for Senior Wheels. Becky was the point person and made the assignments. Very predictably she would call monthly to let me know the plan. I would always know when she had called because my husband Keith would mock, yes, Keith, would mock Becky saying, “Ginger, Becky Clemmer called about your Senior Wheels rider.” That voice is memorable and apparently John thought so as well.

We could not talk about Becky without mentioning her many years of service in the College Park nursery. Becky’s daughter says that after Sunday School the Clemmer girls would rendezvous to meet their mom in the nursery. I am sure that some of you were rocked by Becky in the nursery. A regular Sunday attendee, Wednesday was rarely a Clemmer event. Word on the street was that John’s palate preferred Becky’s cooking to College Park’s. Becky was active in Circles (remember those). She has many enduring and memorable friendships with College Park ties with Agnes, Betty, Judy, and Mrs. Snipes.

I have always had a connection with Becky and while preparing for this day I now know why. After finishing high school Becky wanted to go to nursing school but could

not afford it. In my almost 20 years as a nurse I know that Becky has been “nurse” to many even though she received no formal training for this role. She cared for John and has cared for others. She has the heart and compassion of a nurse.

Becky would not want any of us to “recognize” her. I really believe that what makes a “saint” generally, and her in particular, is that the person sees nothing “special” in what they do or how they live their life. In that respect Becky is a saint. She has been saint to many of us in subtle ways. Becky’s daughter was very quick to point out that Becky just wants to do what she does and not be recognized. It is that saintly spirit that we recognize today.

Ginger Burkhead

## Thank You

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Dear College Park:  
Thank you for all the calls, visits, thoughts and prayers during my recent illness. They were greatly appreciated.

Adam Team

Dear Friends at College Park:  
Thank you for your recent gift to the Gypsy Smith Leadership Training School. We noted the scholarship money in honor of Michael’s anniversary with you. As you know, 25-30 pastors are trained in a 3 year cycle of 4 sessions a year to learn ways to spread the Good News among their own people and to grow spiritually through church. Your partnership with us allows that to take place. Thank you.

Your Missionaries—Blessings to you,  
Tammy & Ralph Stocks

## The 18th Annual Winter Walk for AIDS Sunday, 12/6/2009 – War Memorial Stadium

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Opening ceremony starts at 2:00pm, walk begins at 2:30pm. Registering is easy, simply go to [www.winterwalkforaids.kintera.org](http://www.winterwalkforaids.kintera.org) <<http://www.winterwalkforaids.kintera.org/>> and click on Participant Information. If there is love in your heart, will you pray with your feet? At the heart of every major religion there is a devoted marriage between prayer and social action. In the case of AIDS, which thrives on silence, fear and prejudice, the need for visible action and support has never been more keenly felt. Plainly, every time a church steps to the streets in love, it is safer for God’s children living with the virus to step out themselves.

## Ed & Wendy Smithey Reaffirmation of Wedding Vows

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Everyone is invited to attend as Ed and Wendy renew their wedding vows. This reaffirmation will take place in the sanctuary on Wednesday, November 11, at 6:45 PM.

## Uncorked Fall Event

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Uncorked is a periodic gathering of College Parkers for fellowship. The fall event will be Thursday, November 19, 7:30-9:00 p.m., at Vintage 301 (formerly The Press; [vintage301.com](http://vintage301.com)). Restaurant location: 301 Martin Luther King Jr Drive about a block south of Natty Greene’s. Some munchies provided; you purchase your own beverage. Contact Cindy for more info ([cindydillon6@gmail.com](mailto:cindydillon6@gmail.com)). Stop by to catch up with old friends and make new ones!



## Youth Beach Retreat

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The youth beach retreat is scheduled for November 20-22. Cost per youth is \$50. We will leave at 5:00pm on Friday, November 20, and will return at 2:30pm on Sunday, November 22. The youth will not meet for Club Jesús that Sunday night. Please sign up outside Lin's office if you plan on coming!

## Children’s Committee Reminder

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The Children's Committee would like to remind parents to make sure their children have appropriate clothing for going outside as the weather turns colder. Volunteers and childcare workers may take children to the playground during worship if the weather is favorable.

## People of Faith Against the Death Penalty Invites Everyone to a 15th Anniversary Banquet

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People of Faith Against the Death Penalty's 15th anniversary banquet will take place on Saturday, November 7, 2009 at Temple Emanuel in Greensboro, NC. The event will feature keynote speakers Jennifer Thompson-Cannino and Ronald Cotton, who are the authors of Picking Cotton.

The schedule for the evening is as follows:  
6:00 PM - Reception and Book Signing  
6:30 PM - PFADP Membership Meeting  
7:00 PM - Banquet Dinner and Presentations

Tickets, sponsorships and ads are available for purchase on the website. Please visit there website for more details at [www.pfadp.org](http://www.pfadp.org). Temple Emanuel is located at 1129 Jefferson Road in Greensboro.

## Finance Committee Budget Update

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Total receipts, as of October 31, 2009, were approximately the same as budget due to higher than budgeted receipts for parking permits and steeple rental income. It appears actual expenses will be close to budgeted expenses for the year.

On the other hand, actual giving through October was \$18,000 less than the year-to-date budgeted giving. Therefore, it is important for everyone to continue to financially support College Park through the remainder of 2009 and in future years. We have begun the budget process for 2010 and will present the budget during the Wednesday night business meeting in November, with a church vote planned for the January 2010 business meeting.

Thank you for your prayers and financial support of the mission of College Park.

Hey! What’s for dinner?  
CPC Wednesday Night Fellowship

**November 4**  
Meatloaf, Baked Potatoes  
Salad, Apple Pie

**November 11**  
East Coast Chicken Cobbler,  
Chicken Fingers, Salad,  
Lemon Meringue Pie

**November 18**  
Sausage, Rice & Beans, Pigs in a Blanket  
Mixed Green Salad/Rolls,  
White Chocolate Pecan Pie

**November 25**  
Thanksgiving Break!

# Dedication of Memorial Benches

18 October 2009

11:45 AM

## Nate Usey's Eagle Project

### Dedication Litany

Laughing God, hallow our laughter on this playground.

**Parent God, your love brings us to life. Let these benches be a place of resting and watchfulness.**

Surprising God, your gifts are new to us each morning.

**We take joy in anticipating the surprises we and our children will encounter in this space.**

Good people of College Park, receive these benches as a gift of love.

**Loving God, we remember with gratefulness the people whose names decorate these benches, those whom we miss and love and remember:**

#### Ann Elizabeth Pillow

She lived her shortened life fully and brought great joy to others.

#### Andrew David Russoli

He attempted to live every day with strength and honor.

#### Thu Nguyet Doan

She was a faithful mother, loving wife, gifted engineer and the cornerstone of her family.

#### Sylvia Leigh Previtte

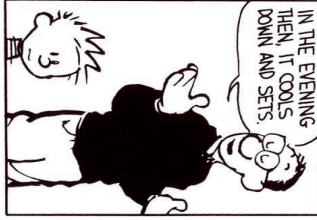
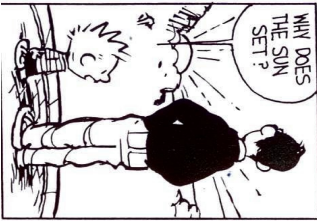
She was a caring mother, superb wife, involved church leader and loving daughter.

#### Four very different, shortened lives;

Four disciples of Jesus who lived lives of faith and service to others.

**May these benches be a blessing to all, as these four were to us.**

**Amen.**



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October Peanut Butter Donations = 61 Pounds  
Total Peanut Butter Donations for Year = 557 pounds  
Total Other Food Donations for Year = 503 Pounds  
Grand Total for Year = 1,060 Pounds

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## Looking Ahead

### November

- 11 Ed & Wendy Smithey Reaffirmation of Wedding Vows
- 15 GUM—Youth
- 18 Business Meeting
- 19 Uncorked, 7:30—9:00 PM at Vintage 301
- 20-22 Youth Beach Retreat
- 25 No Wednesday Activities
- 29 1st Sunday of Advent

### December

- 9 Christmas Dinner
- 12 Children's Christmas Party—5:00—7:00 PM  
at Mike & Rachel Kirkman's Home
- 16 Lovefeast
- 20 Youth Christmas Party  
GUM
- 30 No Wednesday Activities

### 2010

### January

- 30 Asa Carnish Due

### February

- 7 Male Bake-Off
- 14 Children's Valentine Party after Worship in FH
- 21 Patrick Whitehead Due

### March

- 28 Easter Egg Hunt after Worship

### Every Member a Minister

Lin Bunce, Associate Minister  
Phyllis Calvert, Treasurer  
Cindy Dillon, Minister of Small Groups  
Rydel Harrison, Minister of Music & Worship  
Kathy Kirshner, Deacon Chair  
Matt Lojko, Mouse Swim Team Coach  
Georgia Murray, Office & Media Manager  
Helen Morehead, Sexton  
Ralph & Tammy Stocks, Missionaries  
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## Youth Trip to Hungary

This summer our youth will be going to Hungary to join with Ralph & Tammy Stocks in leading VBS with children in their village. While in Hungary, our youth will design and lead the VBS program, experience Hungarian culture both in the city of Budapest and in the small Romany villages, and they will tour some of the oldest religious structures in that region. This is an incredible opportunity for our youth. If your youth is interested in going, please sign her/him up outside Lin's office and turn in a \$100 deposit by **December 1**. The exact cost of the trip is still to be determined, and will be affected by the number of youth committed to go.

## Passportkids Summer 2010

This coming summer our kids will attend the Passportkids Summer Camp at Eagle Eyrie, June 19 – 22. If you are interested in sending your child to Passportkids this year, you can sign up outside Lin's office. Cost of camp is \$235. A \$60 deposit is due by December 1, 2009.