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Wednesday Night Bible Study May 3, 10, & 17 6:30 pm, Forest Chapel



David Faccaro
will Lead the Study

Rev. Fraccaro is the Executive Director of FaithAction International House. Prior to coming to Greensboro, David worked as an immigration specialist with the Interfaith Youth Core in Chicago, educating students and faith communities throughout the United States on immigration issues. David has also worked for the National Council of Churches, and the Riverside Church in New York City as Coordinator for Sojourners Visitation Ministry with Detained Immigrants and Asylum Seekers, the group that inspired the independent movie, *The Visitor*. Rev. Fraccaro is an ordained minister in the United Church of Christ, and has been a human rights volunteer for the UCC in Bolivia, Kenya and East Timor, and with the United Nations. His blogs and editorials have been featured in the *Washington Post*, *New American Media*, and the *News and Record*, and his work has been featured in *Sojourners Magazine* and the *Associated Press*. David is a graduate of Union Theological Seminary (Masters of Divinity) and Columbia University (Masters of Human Rights). Prior to graduate school, David worked as an actor and singer performing in theaters across the United States.

May Events:

- Wednesday, May 3
1st Wednesday Night Dinner 5:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall, the Girl Scouts will be preparing the meal as a fundraiser.
Bible Study 6:30 pm, Forest Chapel
- Friday, May 5—Sunday, May 7
Youth Beach Trip to Oak Island
- Sunday, May 7
Missions Meeting 12:15 pm, Board Room
Deacons' Meeting 6:00 pm, Board Room
- Wednesday, May 10
Bible Study 6:30 pm, Forest Chapel
- Tuesday, May 16
Mostly Men's Occasional Book Club, 6:30 pm at Sticks & Stones
PFLAG 7:30 pm, Chapel
- Wednesday, May 17
Bible Study 6:30 pm, Forest Chapel
- Thursday, May 18
Forever 39 11:30 am at K&W
Zumba 6:00 pm, Chapel
- Sunday, May 21
GUM Donations—Canned Green Beans
Business Meeting 12:00 (after 11 am Worship)
3rd Sunday Refreshments after 11 am service, Chapel
- Wednesday, May 24
Bible Study 6:30 pm, Forest Chapel
Pastor Usey will be speaking on the Biblical Canon

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CPBC in Action

Refugee Update

It was a bright Saturday. Rain had been forecast, but **there wasn't a cloud in sight! Fifty potted plants, fifty brooms, bearing flowered stickers proclaiming "With Love from the Islamic Center of the Triad and College Park Baptist Church" were ready to go. May Zamamiri, the Refugee Coordinator from the Islamic Center of the Triad (ICT), and her many volunteers were unloading plastic tubs full of clothes (men's, women's, children, and category called "Pakistani clothes"....which were silky and embroidered and very elegant). This was the "Share the Love" event at 3100 Summit Avenue on April 22.**

This apartment complex at the intersection of Summit and Cone Avenues is often the first home for refugees that come to Greensboro from Syria, the Congo, Tanzania, Sudan, and many other places. College Parkers and volunteers from the ICT teamed up to share the love with flowers, clothing, household goods, and a general cleanup. College Park provided the flowers, household donations, and plenty of strong backs and willing hands to give the refugee families a cleaner environment and some new items to grace their homes. Though there are 3 dumpsters that serve the complex, our College Park volunteers collected over 50 trash bags full of overflow trash, yard waste, and trash scraps. Thank goodness we had a volunteer (Mark) with a truck that could haul away **what wouldn't fit in the dumpsters!**

We met new friends in the complex as ladies and **children came out to help with the raking. We don't** expect that this improvement will be permanent, but we did brighten the lives of the people we met and we were greatly blessed in return!

We started working with May Zamamiri and the ICT volunteers as CPBC and the ICT worked together to help the HJazi family after the baby, Nomo, was attacked by the dog on February 14. The baby continues to improve and except for the scars on his little face and his missing **ear, he is just as rowdy and charming as ever. We don't** have a date for the next surgery yet.

Ibrahim and Amani have both gotten their learners permits and are starting lessons to learn to drive. The Islamic Center of the Triad is going to find them a car that will be big enough to hold all of them. The generous contributions to CPBC for the HJazi's benefit will provide support for an Arabic speaking young woman to translate for them at their medical appointments, provide transportation to medical appointments, and assist them in learning how to track and pay their monthly bills. The money donated thru the Church related Go Fund Me account is being put into a trust for educational and medical expenses for the 5 children. The other Go Fund Me account will be managed by the Islamic Center of the Triad on behalf of the family. Due to the publicity surrounding the family, some Arabic speaking faculty from Elon University and the Holy Comforter Episcopal Church in Burlington have provided additional funds to

move the family to a larger apartment and subsidize their rent for six months. This will give the family more space and reduce hazards from the steep stairs. **The HJazi's moved last week and their new address is 123D Yester Oaks Way East, Greensboro, NC 27215.** College Park is currently working with African Family Services Coalition to find another refugee family for the Summit Ave apartment.

Before last December I was aware of refugee issues and knew there were many refugee families in Greensboro; but I had no idea of the challenges they faced or the challenges that arise from trying to help them. I have been greatly blessed through this work. I have met many people, both at College Park and in the greater community, whose generosity is unbelievable. **I have met our wonderful refugee families; the HJazi's as well as Mamoun, Raveen and Mohammad.** Charlie and I have traveled to Atlanta and met amazing people in the Syrian Care Network who are creating entire supportive communities to help refugees with their transition to the challenging life of the U.S. I have had the distinct honor to become friends with May Zamamiri, who is truly an Islamic Saint, if there is any such thing. May works with 60 refugee families through the ICT and carries a car full of odds and ends so that no immediate need can go unmet.

I have substantially expanded my connections with my **College Park family....and sincerely thank each and every** one of you for the time, interest, labor, support, and love that you have given to all of the refugees that we have touched so far. There are many more opportunities to help. The next is moving Mahmoud and Raveen to their new house on April 29. (Stephanie Kretz and Karlan Barker are leading this effort.)

Keep your eyes open for more opportunities to join this wonderful outreach to our new neighbors!

Alice Stewart

3 Ways 2 Give

For added convenience, we have three ways for you to give to the church general budget or special offerings:

- Write a check or give cash at one of our Sunday services or at the office during the week. If you **don't have envelopes with an assigned number (for better record keeping)**, contact the church office.
- **Set up bill pay through your bank online. It's a favorite since there are usually no fees to you or the church, and it's very easy.**
- Pay online with a credit card at: www.CollegeParkChurch.com. Choose the option to cover the credit card fees or let the church pay them.

Kitchen Rebuild

After four months of construction, the kitchen rebuild project is finally completed. The new kitchen facilities include: waterproofing, electrical and plumbing, complex range exhaust system with fire suppression, dedicated HVAC, flooring and ceiling, commercial equipment including a Hobart dishwasher, on-demand hot water, stainless steel shelves, dish carts (reduce paper plate waste) and work tables.

Thanks to everyone who has given to make this possible. However, there is still a balance owed on the project, so don't stop giving!

Kitchen Rebuild Update April 23, 2017

(Kitchen Renovation)
\$205,000 Total Cost
\$93,372 Available Funds
\$111,628 Amount Needed



The new kitchen is being used here by the Girl Scouts, who had a pancake breakfast fundraiser.



UNCG Parking Permits



Did you know that College Park rents parking spaces to UNCG students, faculty and staff? Annual Parking Permits are \$350 (including summer school) – valid August 1 of the current year through July 31 of the following year. Semester Parking permits are \$200 per semester. Fall permits are valid August 1 – December 31. Spring permits are valid January 1 – May 31. Summer permits are \$40 per session. Call our church office at 336.273.1779 or email us at cpbcgbo@bellsouth.net for more information.

Dipe! Wipe! Swipe!

Our College Park Nursery is growing by six babies this Spring! There are many ways we can help welcome these sweet newborns to the world and to our church family. Here is one suggestion: diapers, wipes and gift cards are always helpful in those first few months. Below is a list of families who have recently welcomed a little one or will welcome a new baby soon. We have included addresses and registry information if known.



Lauren and Stu Bradshaw welcomed baby girl, Sloan Harper on March 6th.
Address: 13294 US 158, Reidsville, NC 27320
Registered: BabiesRUs

Caryanne and Lin Story-Bunce are due in May.
Address: 305 Lindley Rd., Greensboro, NC 27410
Registered: Target

Mariah Hughes is due in May.
Address: 4605 W Market St., Greensboro, NC 27410.
Registered: Target and BabiesRUs

Erica Palmer and Craig Bowyer are due in June.
Address: 404 Crestland Ave., Greensboro, NC 27401

Lori and Jon Suarez are due in July.
122 E. Keeling Rd., Greensboro, NC 27410
Registered: Amazon.com and BabiesRUs

Megan and Jeremy Fox are due in August.
Address: 754 Cedar Creek Dr., Asheboro, NC 27205

Failure Imagined

Get Up! Go See!

When I moved to Greensboro for graduate school, I lived with a young couple on Walker Ave. He too was a writer. He was also a drinker, and when he got drunk, he turned into a sullen, violent bully. The man had **major demons. He'd brought his deer rifle to grad school.**

Late one night he came home and blasted his stereo. **I shouted for him to turn it down, but he didn't hear me or wasn't in a mind to. Eventually I got out of bed and went into the room with the stereo. He wasn't around.** I ripped the needle off the album. It made that horrible noise. I went back to bed. He burst into my bedroom incensed. I sat up, still angry at him but now surprised and terrified too. He was going to pound me senseless. **I don't know why he didn't.**

Maybe because they needed my money to make the rent. Maybe because the album was mine. All he did was leave me with a threat. **"If I ever...."** This set the stage for the epic failure that shames me to this day.

One morning weeks after the stereo incident, I heard his girlfriend pleading for him to stop. She sounded truly afraid. They were in their bedroom. There was scuffling. Was he still drunk from the night before?

*Get up! Go see! You, with your experience working in mental health. Just appearing at their bedroom door, asking, "Everything OK?" might be enough. But I lay there, paralyzed with fear. Where was the pissed-off **Mark who'd gotten up to silence the damn stereo? Her** sporadic cries, the commotion lasted a minute or two or three maybe. Then quiet. I still didn't get out of bed.*

I avoided them for days, though I might've seen her wearing sunglasses. I don't remember for sure because if she had worn them, I suspect I tried to erase it from my memory. I moved out at the end of the semester.

They got married and in a few years moved away. This was long before my faith awakening at College Park, so **God didn't cross my mind then. I know now I'm loved and no act nor absence of an act is beyond forgiveness, but the gut-twisting memory of what a coward I was, how I could've stopped an act of domestic violence and didn't, remains and likely always will. I am a coward. I've had opportunities since to earn a little redemption, and I failed those as well.**

It hasn't changed me, but I keep moving—not much good in a crisis, better at the grind, I suppose. It's how I live with myself.

Which is where God factors in.

Mark Fleming

Ultimate Frisbee



Ready to get out and run? Join us for Ultimate Frisbee Monday nights, 6:00 pm, at Lake Daniel Park (corner of Radiance and Mimosa). No experience is necessary. Bring a red shirt, a white shirt, and some water and you are good to go! You will learn as you play! Or just bring a chair and relax and chat with your friends and watch the game. Ultimate Frisbee is a non-contact sport (most of the time) played on a field with two end zones. If you have the Frisbee, you cannot run, but must pass it to another team mate. Points are scored by catching the Frisbee in the end zone. If we have enough players, we can have beginner and advanced games going at the same **time. Follow on Facebook at "College Park Frisbee."** For more information, contact Stephen Jones at stephen.jones25@hotmail.com.

Bill Withers is turning 90!

Shower of birthday cards.

Shower of blessings for someone who was born into Forest Ave. Church (*predecessor to College Park*).

Bill Withers will be 90 years old on May 18th.

Joy to the fishes in the deep blue sea for his service to you and to me.

Happy Birthday Bill!



Address: 810 Greenwood Dr., Greensboro, NC 27410

Green Flamingos Eco-Justice Challenge

College Park is committed to promoting and maintaining environmentally friendly practices in our church and community. We believe that environmental stewardship is a religious value and a moral responsibility.



This month's eco-justice challenge is to go paperless! It is estimated that the average American consumes 700 pounds of paper products per year- the highest in the world. Reducing paper waste not only saves trees but can also save money. You know those bills and **other mail that you've been meaning to switch over to digital copies?** This month, we encourage you to analyze the paper consumption in your daily life. What tasks and activities could you adjust or tweak so that you reduce your paper use? Did you know that you can receive the College Park Collage digitally too?

Girl Scout Troops Update



College Park is home for several Girl Scout troops. All of these girls and their leaders are deeply grateful to College Park for providing a wonderful place for our girls to meet, to work, and to have fun together. We all love the variety of places to meet and play - the conference room for serious work, the prayer room for deep conversations, the fellowship hall and stage for sleepovers and performances. College Park is a perfect home! Thank you!!

Here are some updates with their goings-on!

Troop 02485/8th Grade Cadettes

This troop of nine girls has just wrapped up their Silver Award Project this spring, which is one of Girl Scouts' Highest Awards (Bronze, Silver, Gold) and requires 50 hours per girl to complete. Working in teams, these girls devoted the past year to working with children at Partnership Village (PV), which is an Urban Ministry housing community with supportive services for families (and men and women) getting resettled after experiencing homelessness. The girls organized a drive to collect duffel bags and needed items to send PV children to summer camp last summer. Then they developed a "Healthy Snacks" program, complete with cooking classes and a cookbook, teaching the children how to make a number of different healthy snacks on their own. They had some adventures this past year, including a treetop adventure at Skywild, camping at Keyauwee Girl Scout Camp, and sleepovers at the church. They have loved cooking and serving meals to the church members (especially using the new kitchen!!) Thank you for all your tremendous support! Their next adventure? They will "bridge" to become Senior Scouts this summer, and are saving money for a "big" trip in two years.

Troop 02483/5th Grade Juniors

In our fourth year of scouts, these 11 girls have grown and learned to work together. They are working on their Bronze Award this spring, which is the highest award for Junior Scouts. Each girl must contribute 20 hours toward a troop project. This group has chosen to dedicate their energies to helping our imperiled pollinators by creating a pollinator garden at Lindley Elementary School, where most of the girls are students. They will plant bee-friendly species and create an educational program for students at the school. This year, they have learned wilderness skills at Camp Keyauwee, learned how our local government works, earned some badges, and are headed to Great Wolf Lodge later in May to celebrate a great year. They will bridge to become Cadette Scouts this summer and look forward to more fun times together next year.



**American Red Cross
BLOOD DRIVE**

Give Blood • Give Life

A Red Cross Blood Drive at College Park is scheduled for Friday, June 30, 2017, 2 pm—6:30 pm in Forest Chapel. The Red Cross will provide a link for appointment sign-up approximately 5 weeks before the day of the blood drive. That will be the official making-an-appointment place.

We'll need some folks to staff registration and the canteen. The Red Cross will provide some basic snacks for the canteen, but additional baked goodies are welcome. Please contact Keith Burkhead at kburkhead@triad.rr.com or Kate Scherer-Jones at scherer.katelyn@gmail.com to volunteer or with any questions. And watch the bulletin and the Collage for updates.

Please support this effort to give the gift of life. It only **takes about an hour. It's open to all in our community.** Consider making the gift of life possible for someone in need.

Why Donate?

Every two seconds someone in America gets a blood transfusion. Five million patients will need blood this year. Summer can be a difficult collection time for blood donations because of busy schedules, traveling, time spent on vacations, and students being out of school. So blood-product donors are especially needed during this time.

Benefits of Donating

- It feels great to donate!
- You get free juice and delicious cookies.
- **It's something you can spare** – most people have **blood to spare... yet, there is still not enough to go around.**
- You will help ensure blood is on the shelf when needed – **most people don't think they'll ever need blood, but many do.**
- **You will be someone's hero** – in fact, you could help save more than one life with just one donation.

Blood and Platelet Donors Must

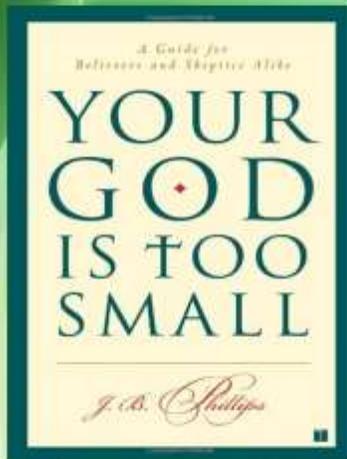
- Be in good general health and feeling well
- Be at least 17-years-old
- Weigh at least 110 lbs.

Come prepared

- Have a light meal and plenty to drink.
- Wear something comfortable with sleeves that can easily be rolled up above the elbow.
- **Bring your donor card, driver's license or two other forms of identification.**
- Bring the names of medications you are taking.

God & Books

New Book Study
Beginning April 16th



Adult Study Group
Room 303

College Park Sunday School Opportunities

Nursery

Birth-23 months (Parking Lot Entrance) Childcare provided by both Preferred Childcare, Inc. employees and College Park volunteers.

Toddlers

2—3 1/2 yrs. (Parking Lot Entrance)

1st, 3rd Sundays—Music & Tone Chimes

2nd, 4th, 5th Sundays—Hands-on Faith Lessons

Children's Sunday School

PreK—1st, 2nd—5th (Children's Library & Youth Room)

1st & 3rd Sundays—Music & Tone Chimes

2nd, 4th, 5th Sundays—Hands-on Faith Lessons

Sunday Morning Youth Gathering

6th—12th grades (Fellowship Hall) For more information:

<https://cpbcyouthchaos.wordpress.com/youth-Sunday-school/>

Adult Study Groups

God in Books—(Room 303)

Class reads & discusses a variety of Christian literature. This spring the class will be reading *I Asked for Wonder* by Abraham Heschel.

Bible 101—(Room 305)

Class is reading the book of Exodus this spring.

Pathfinders—(Fellowship Hall)

Class explores a variety of faith topics.

Adult 3—(Parlor)

Class uses the Smith & Helwys Sunday school curriculum to guide conversations of faith, Bible and life.

MOSTLY MEN'S OCCASIONAL BOOK CLUB



NEXT MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 16
STICKS & STONES
7 PM

1st Wednesday Night Spaghetti Dinner

Prepared by Girl Scout Troop #02485

Wednesday, May 3

5:30 pm

in the Fellowship Hall

Please make your reservations early, online at:
collegeparkchurch.com/first-wednesday-night-dinner;
call 336-273-1779, or email: cpcgbo@bellsouth.net



Announcements

College Park Website

Our redesigned church website is now very mobile friendly with several new features. To keep better informed about happenings of the church, check out the online

Collage blog that is updated frequently. And see a weekly **calendar of events**. The "Library" is an archive of memoirs, sermons, etc. Give your offering online, read about our latest mission projects or the capital campaign, and share the site as you try to explain our uniqueness to your friends and family.



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Options for Children during the Worship Service

There are several child care Options during the worship service: Nursery (birth—24 months) Room 201 main floor, Toddlers (2-3 yr.) Room 104 lower level, Wee Worship (PreK -1st grade) Room 110 lower level. Your child is also welcome to stay in the service with you. Kids Worship binders are available with activities related to the sermon. Look for the bins at the front and back of the sanctuary.



New Members/Address Changes

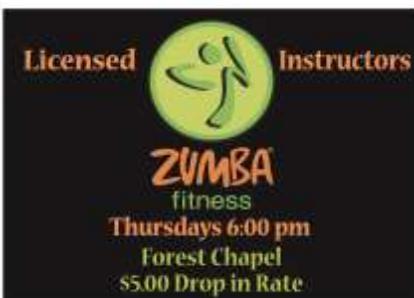
Duncan & Gina Chapman
4708 Wellford Court
Jamestown, NC 27282

Courtnee Hummel
8 EAMS/TRP, UNIT 61233, APO, AE 09309

Nate Usey's Peace Corp Address:

PCV Nate Usey
Peace Corps, P.O. Box 766
St. George's, Grenada, West Indies

Jeff Valentine & Lee Carter
653 Piedmont Crossing Dr.
High Point, NC 27265-8721



Consider joining us at least once (\$5.00) or commit to 5 classes and save \$5.00 (5 classes card for \$20). Brisa, the instructor is fun and inspiring.

Visit New York

Have you been waiting for an affordable opportunity to visit New York City? Our family apartment is available again this year with dates in July and August and some other holiday week-ends. Close to Times Square and Broadway. Contact Angela Brady-Fleming by phone [336-501-0270](tel:336-501-0270), text, or fleming1301@yahoo.com.



Passportkids

This Summer our 3rd-5th graders will spend June 20-23 with Passport at Eagle Eyrie, VA. The theme this year is "Do Justice. Love Kindness. Walk Humbly." During the week of camp, the kids will consider how following Jesus with our lives demands action. You can sign your child up here, on this website. There will be a meeting immediately following the 11 am service on April 2 for all families interested in participating. To signup: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/409094fa9a728a02-passportkids3>

College Park VBS, August 14-17

Come join us for a week of exploring the depths of God's oceans and the wideness of God's love. Campers 4-years-old through 5th grade (rising 6th grade) are welcome to join us. Please register your camper on the College Park website.

This year our camp will run Monday - Thursday evening, 5:30 - 7:45 pm. We will offer childcare for children birth - 18 months, a toddler class for children 2 - 3 yrs., and an adult bible study 6:00 - 7:00 pm that will cover the same stories your children are learning in VBS. If you are interested in volunteering for VBS, please visit the signup page or email linbunce@gmail.com.

VBS Kickoff, August 13

Sunday afternoon, August 13, your families are invited to join us for our VBS kickoff party at the Natural Science Center Aquarium. Cost per ticket is \$8.00/child, \$12.00/ adult. If you have a NSC membership, you can use that toward your admission cost.

Choir Rehearsal

Adult Choir Practice has moved to Wednesday nights at 7:30 pm;

Youth Choir—6:00 pm, Sunday evenings



May GUM Donation

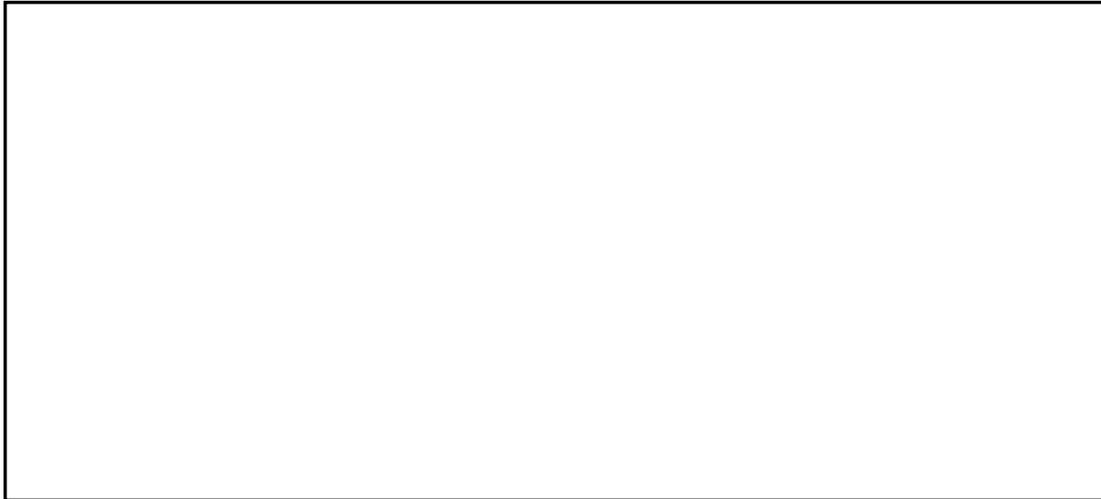
Canned Green Beans (any size)
Place donations in the wicker basket in the side foyer entrance (beside the bookshelves).



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Return Service Requested



Looking Ahead—May

May

- 1 NA Noon, Chapel
- 2 NA Noon, Chapel
- 3 NA Noon, Chapel; Bible Study 6:30 pm, Chapel
- 4 NA Noon, Chapel; Zumba 6 pm, Chapel
- 5 Al-Anon Noon, Board Room; Youth Beach Trip leaving 5:30 pm
- 7 Sunday Activities; Missions Meeting 12:15 pm, Board Rm.; Youth return 2 pm; Deacons Meeting 6 pm, Board Rm.; UNCG Recital 7:30 pm
- 8 NA Noon, Chapel; Frisbee 6 pm, Lake Daniel Park
- 9 NA Noon, Chapel
- 10 NA Noon, Chapel; Bible Study 6:30 pm, Chapel
- 11 NA Noon, Chapel; Foster Care Chronicles 5:30-9 pm, FH; Zumba 6 pm, Chapel
- 12 Al-Anon Noon, Chapel; UNCG History Dept. Commencement 1-5 pm, Sanctuary
- 14 Sunday Activities
- 15 NA Noon, Chapel
- 16 **NA Noon, Chapel; Mostly Men's Occasion-**
al Book Club 6:30 pm, Sticks & Stones;
PFLAG 7:30 pm, Chapel
- 17 NA Noon, Chapel; Pendergraft Meeting
5:30 pm, Board Room; Bible Study 6:30
pm, Chapel
- 18 NA Noon, Chapel; Forever 39 11:30 am,
K&W; Zumba 6 pm, Chapel
- 19 Al-Anon Noon, Board Room
- 21 3rd Sunday: GUM, Business Meeting 12
pm, Refreshments after 11 am Worship
- 22 NA Noon, Chapel
- 23 NA Noon, Chapel
- 24 NA Noon, Chapel
- 25 NA Noon, Chapel; Pendergraft 5:30 pm,
Board Rm.; Zumba 6 pm, Chapel
- 26 Al-Anon Noon, Board Room
- 28 Sunday Activities
- 29 NA Noon, Chapel
- 30 NA Noon, Chapel

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