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Sunday October 23rd
1:00 arrive, 1:30 eat
Bring a Dish to Share



October Events:

- Sunday October 2
Deacons' Meeting 6 pm, Board Room
- Tuesday, October 4
Assisters' Coffee, Dessert & Conversation
7:00 pm, CP Parlor
- Wednesday, October 5
1st Wednesday Night Dinner 5:30 pm, FH
Bible Study with Lia Scholl 6:30 pm, Chapel
- Thursday, October 6
Triad Behavioral Health film "Hungry Heart" 6 pm in Sanctuary
- Sunday, October 9
Newcomers' Coffee & Conversation 10 am, Chapel
Missions Committee Meeting 12:15 pm, Board Rm.
- Wednesday, October 12
Bible Study with Lia Scholl 6:30 pm, Chapel
- Sunday, October 16
GUM Sunday, 3rd Sunday Refreshments
After 11 am service
- Wednesday, October 19
Coal Ash Stories 6:30 pm, Chapel
- Thursday, October 20
Forever 39 at K&W, 11:30 am
- Sunday, October 23
Church-wide Picnic at Triad Park, Shelter #1,
1:00 pm
- Wednesday, Oct. 26
Halloween Party, 6—8 pm

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by Hannah Usey & Eli Harris

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Mission Trip Reflections



These trips have affected me very much and I spend much of the next year if not years reflecting on them. One **thing I've learned is that when you're not focused on yourself and getting pleasure, joy creeps up and surprises you unexpectedly.**

This year we arrived and pulled up to this house that looked like a meth lab house in the middle of nowhere. I wasn't sure of what to expect from this trip, I knew it would be blazing hot and work wouldn't be easy but we had been prepped not to think of the trip in terms of personal pleasure and that made a difference. Our first day at VBS I felt a little anxious. I wasn't sure how I was going to communicate with kids who only knew Spanish. I was in charge of the games. As soon as we got there Keith and I were shocked. If you could close your eyes and imagine a house that you wouldn't want your kids to be in, that was the house. I led the games in the backyard. The backyard was covered in dog poop and nails and broken glass. None of that mattered eventually though. Like I said, joy crept in and it was just you and the kids. Seeing how hungry they were for just a little of your attention was crazy. It didn't take any words to be **filled with God's spirit. Who knew a little kid pulling at your hair could make your day?** The first day was hot, crowded and a little chaotic. But the next few days were truly touching and spiritually moving. You bonded with kids and watched them laugh and learn about God.

These trips are suppose to be about helping other people - or so I thought, but they ended up helping me. Every evening of the mission trip Lin ends the day by asking "where have you seen God today?" This is always key for me and all throughout my week I think about it. I saw God several times at my mission site, but honestly I think I saw God the most outside of my formal duties. Just watching us youth interact and care for each other. We are a family and sometimes just being surrounded by the people who care and love you while worshiping God is moving enough to bring tears to my eyes. I'm not normally an emotional person (sort of like my dad) but in that environment everyone is so raw and vulnerable and I found myself crying because of the happiness I felt. Talking about God isn't really a common or cool thing in our time of day but seeing a variety of people in different stages of development feel comfortable enough to speak about God and their relationship with God was amazing. You don't get something like this anywhere else. Like I said earlier, I constantly think about these trips. I think

about the late night talks I had on the roof with Maggie, playing soccer with the Laredo youth group, blasting Miley Cyrus in the car with Adam, bonding with the younger freshman girls, or playing Pokemon Go. I especially think of this one night I drew away from the group and just walked around and talked to God for hours surrounded by the beautiful desert.

Another thing I've learned from these trips is you are encouraged to step outside your comfort zone. This is something that is hard for me but I've learned to address a variety of major challenges in different spheres. I don't know if you have ever been to Laredo, Texas, but it sort of **feels like a different world. You're forced to immerse yourself in a different culture, but I learned that our connections as Christians span geography.** This stretched me and helped me realize just how different other cultures are. Each have their own unique blessings and challenges different from my own. The challenges of Laredo blew me away, the poverty is in your face from the minute you get there. Many dogs roamed freely and the children seemed poorly dressed and often quite hungry. But the strengths and blessings of the culture slowly emerged for me. For example, the Hispanic people struck me as so vibrant and emotional, free and expressive. In one worship service, during song time I literally just stopped singing and closed my eyes and enjoyed listening to this one woman behind me who was singing loudly and with such obvious passion sometimes even raising her arms and closing her eyes. She was really into it. This was another God moment for me.

The land of Texas itself has its own look and beauty. The last night we celebrated the completion of the pizza oven with a big communal party with the Laredo church. That evening I remember just walking around soaking in the beautiful setting sun and vast horizon with new friends. The people themselves sometimes showed this remarkable inner strength that showed itself in their hardships. For instance, this one Mexican woman had been volunteering her humble home all week for vbs. She hosted the kids who were dropped off by their parents each day. In the last hour she asked for prayer and my group circled around her. She shocked me when through a translator she explained "look I need prayer because sometimes parents drop their kids off and don't pick them up for days. Leaving me with long term child care and mouths to feed. But I just pray for patience and love **to use this opportunity to share God's love and not think about the cost to me.**" She went on to apologize that she had nothing to give us, the youth group, but she asked for the grace to get through what she was doing. I stood dumbfounded at her generous spirit and lack of resentment. I came in thinking we were the haves of a have-not world but I was challenged by her amazingly Christian attitude, so much better than my own. These trips have caused my faith to grow and stretch in so many ways. They certainly have changed me and I'm thankful **for this church for helping to make them happen. I'm also thankful to Lin for her awesome planning and leadership and for making these trips really meaningful.**

Hannah Usey
12th Grade

Reflections continued,

One of my favorite parts of the youth trips we go on with College Park is the connections that are formed. But **this year was different than any other trip I've been on. This year the overall goal wasn't just a building mission, but a mission to build relationships.** Not only did I become closer with others in our youth group, I became close with people we met in Laredo.

Throughout the week our youth group had the opportunity to bond with the Laredo congregation and their youth. We joined together for two church services, ate lunch together and had a pizza party. I along with some of the College Park and Laredo youth got the chance to work with some of their young children for vacation bible school. During this time we had a Bible lesson, played games, sang and did crafts. I became very close with a young girl named Aide and a little boy named Eddie. Everyday I was excited to see all the kids and hang out for even just a couple of hours. The hardest thing to do was say goodbye to them on the last day of vbs. **What I hadn't realized until that moment was that** not only had I hopefully changed their lives, but they had changed mine. I will always remember seeing them laugh and giggle at the simplest of things and hoping that I somehow made as much of an impact on their lives as they had made on mine.

Although this trip to Laredo was one of the farthest ones **we have taken, the distance doesn't matter. We could** have gone all the way to the other side of the world and it **wouldn't have been as beneficial. During this trip we** became fully immersed into a culture very different from ours and created bonds with this community that will never be broken. We may never see any of those people again, but I will always remember this precious week we spent together, serving their community together



Elli Harris
9th Grade



**He Wasn't Talking
to Himself.**

Jesus' Prayers

Fall Sermon Series
Sundays
8:45 & 11 am

A silhouette of a person stands on a hill against a background of a starry night sky with a bright light source on the horizon.

TOTAL KITCHEN REBUILD



On September 18th, the GUM team: Lamont, PJ, Jim & Eddie prepared the last meal in the old kitchen.

KITCHEN MAKEOVER BEGINS

Hooray! The long-awaited kitchen time-warp from 1950s to 2016 is set for takeoff! Demolition began September 19. Hopefully, the renovation will be completed by mid December.

While the current kitchen has stayed busy with weekly youth dinners, Wednesday night dinners, cooking for Greensboro Urban Ministry and many other events, it has many limitations and is worn out! Due to the extensive needs, the kitchen team took the leap of faith for a complete rebuild to serve the next seven decades.

The first phase of kitchen upgrades was made when the elevator was installed—including adding the beverage center with icemaker, tea and coffee makers, along with enlarging the doorway and serving windows. A new freezer was also purchased so we could buy more in bulk.

The estimate for this capital campaign project is \$205,000. Why so much? Of that, about 75% goes toward demolition and construction. The most expensive pieces are the waterproofing, electrical and plumbing –totaling \$50,000. Other big ticket items include the complex range exhaust system with fire suppression, dedicated HVAC, flooring and ceiling. The remainder covers commercial equipment including a Hobart dishwasher, on-demand hot water, stainless steel shelves, dish carts (reduce paper plate waste) and work tables.

KITCHEN FYI

- The Fellowship Hall will be accessible during construction, including the hallway by the elevator.
- Youth meetings will continue at the church on Sunday nights
- We will still be cooking for Greensboro Urban Ministry during the kitchen renovation. We'll be



Sept. 27—The kitchen after several days of demolition, including jack-hammering the entire floor.

preparing food there at GUM.

- Stay tuned for Wednesday night dinner plans.

Thanks to the Kitchen Construction team P.J. Stocks, Lisa Shortt and Adam Team!

HOW TO HELP?

All of the funds for the kitchen rebuild will be raised in 2016-2017 via your generous donations, separate from our regular offering for the general budget.

General Budget Update through September 25 , 2016

YTD Giving:	\$213,043
<u>YTD Budget:</u>	<u>\$234,756</u>
Difference:	-\$21,712

Capital Campaign

(Kitchen Renovations)

\$205,000	Total Cost
<u>\$59,998</u>	<u>Available Funds</u>
\$145,002	Amount needed

3 Ways 2 Give

For added convenience, we now 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.


Newcomers' Coffee & Conversations

Sunday, October 9
10:00 am in the Chapel

Visitors & New Members

You're invited to join Pastor Michael Usey
& other CP members for refreshments.

If you would like to attend,
please contact the
church office: 336-273-1779 or
cpbcgbo@bellsouth.net
by Thursday October 6.



I LOVE TO TURN THE SWITCH AND HAVE MY LIGHTS. JUST LIKE ANYBODY ELSE
BUT AT WHAT COST?

ACT AGAINST COAL ASH, APPALACHIAN VOICE, COLLEGE PARK BAPTIST CHURCH, RESIDENTS FOR COAL ASH CLEAN UP, AND WORKING FILMS PRESENT:

COAL ASH STORIES

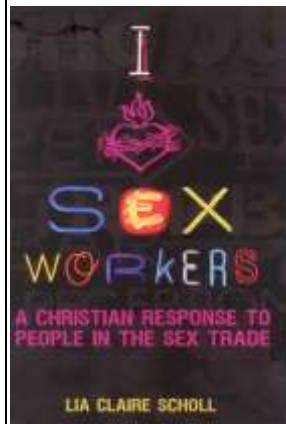
You're invited to Coal Ash Stores, featuring four short films on coal ash, public health concerns, related policy, and ways that communities are responding. Open to the public, please invite your friends and neighbors!

COLLEGE PARK BAPTIST CHURCH
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19th, 6:30 PM, CHAPEL
Co-hosted by: ACT Against Coal Ash, Appalachian Voice, Residents for Coal Ash Clean-Up, and Working Films.
For more info contact: Rachel Hutto,
rachelshutto@gmail.com

CP Halloween Party

Wed. Oct. 26, 2016
6-8 pm

Fall Bible Study with Lia Scholl
Wednesday Nights, 6:30 pm
Oct. 5 & 12
In Forest Chapel



Sex Workers! Drug Users! Women Returning from Prison! For 15 years, Lia Scholl ministered with and among strong women in the most precarious of situations. Through her work, she learned to overcome obstacles like strip club managers, badly behaved Christians, and being terminally uncool, to reach across cultural boundaries to build relationships. And you can, too. Lia will talk about the conditions that impact individuals across that cultural divide, like stigma and economic insecurity, and the ways to help, not by rescuing, but by walking alongside as those individuals build agency and options in their lives. Her book, *I Heart Sex Workers* (Chalice Press, 2013) will be available for purchase.

Women of Valor

New Book Read



Next Book Discussion
Tuesday, October 11th
7 pm at Beansboro Coffee

Mostly Men's Occasional Book Club

New Book Read
(Please don't read the back cover)



Next Book Discussion
Tuesday, October 18th
6:30 pm at Sticks & Stones

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 fall the class is reading *Buechner 101*.

Bible 101—(Room 305)

Class is reading the bible together. This fall, the class will read through the four gospels.

Pathfinders—(Fellowship Hall)

Class explores a variety of faith topics. This fall, the class will discuss the many ways faith is portrayed in art, music and poetry.

Adult 3—(Parlor)

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

Nate Usey's New Address

PCV Nate Usey

Peace Corps, P.O. Box 766

St. George's, Grenada, West Indies

Operation Bed Roll

Diana Washburn is planning to continue making bedrolls for the homeless. You do not need to be able to crochet. If you would like to help, please contact Diana at dbw1731@gmail.com. For more information, go to the website: <http://www.greensboro-nc.gov/index.aspx?page=4980>

Licensed  Instructors

ZUMBA
fitness
Thursdays 6:00 pm
Forest Chapel
\$5.00 Drop in Rate

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.

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.



www.collegeparkchurch.com

Congratulations to Ed Smithey and Sterling Suddarth, who were appointed to Battalion Chiefs with the Greensboro Fire Dept.



Community Discussion of Opioid Addiction

Triad Behavioral Resources & New Vision Therapy will present the film "The Hungry Heart" on Thursday, Oct. 6 at 6 pm in the Sanctuary. Anyone who has encountered or has questions about addiction is invited to attend. Light snacks and refreshments will be served. Call 336-389-1413 for more information.

Socks, Gloves & Scarves for GUM

We are collecting wool-blend socks, gloves and scarves for us to give at Greensboro Urban Ministry on December 18th. We usually feed 70+ homeless people. **There's a bin at the parking lot entrance. We'll also provide Christmas music, so we're also looking for carolers for that evening (leave church at 5:45 PM).** As usual, help is needed for cooking and serving too.



October GUM Donation:

Canned Meats (tuna, beef stew, etc.)

Place donations in the wicker basket in the side foyer entrance (beside the bookshelves).



Choir Rehearsal

10:30 am - Sunday morning for 11 am worship (Choir Room)

12:15 pm - Sunday afternoon rehearsal (Choir Room)

6:00 pm—Youth Choir

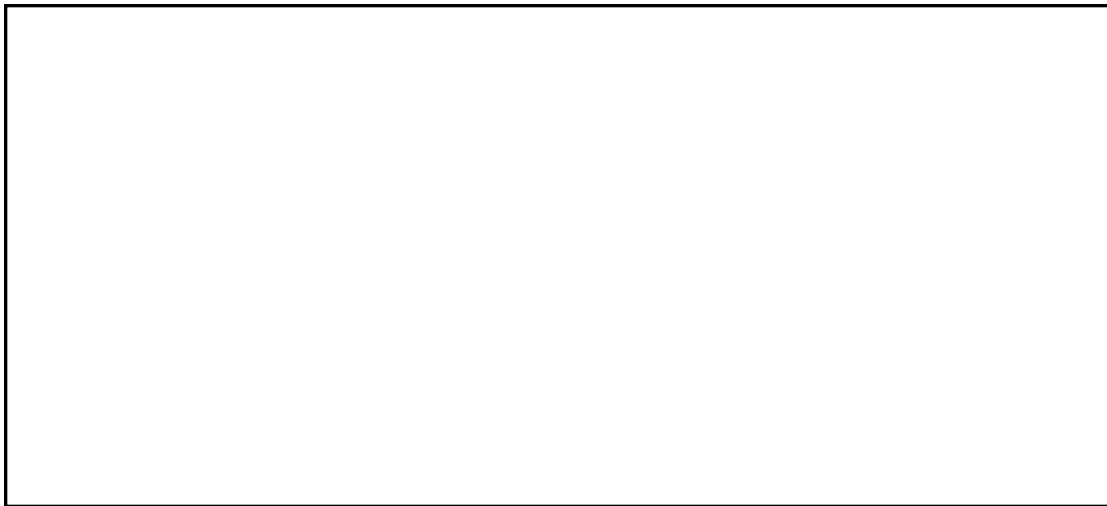
Coffee, Dessert & Conversation

The Assistors invite you to join them on October 4th 7 - 9 pm in the Parlor

This event is for anyone who would like to get to know others in the church in a more personal way.

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Return Service Requested



Looking Ahead—October

- 3 NA Noon, Chapel
Ultimate Frisbee 6 pm, Lake Daniel Park
- 4 **NA Noon, Chapel; Assisters' Coffee, Dessert**
& Conversation 7 pm, Parlor
- 5 NA Noon, Chapel; 1st Wed. Night Dinner,
FH, Bible Study 6:30 pm, Chapel
- 6 NA Noon, FH, Zumba 6 pm, Chapel
Triad Behavioral Health film "Hungry
Heart" 6 pm, Sanctuary
- 7 AI-Anon Noon, Chapel
- 8 Sunday Activities, Missions Meeting 12:15
pm Board Rm.; Youth Activities 6 pm
- 10 NA Noon, Chapel
Ultimate Frisbee 6 pm, Lake Daniel Park
- 11 NA Noon, Chapel
- 12 NA Noon, Chapel; Bible Study 6:30 pm,
Chapel
- 13 NA Noon, Chapel, Zumba 6 pm, Chapel
- 14 AI-Anon Noon, Chapel
- 16 Sunday Activities, GUM Sunday, 3rd Sunday
Refreshments after 11 am service; Youth
Activities 6 pm
- 17 NA Noon, Chapel
Ultimate Frisbee 6 pm, Lake Daniel Park
- 18 NA Noon, Chapel; PFLAG 7:30 pm, Youth
Room
- 19 NA Noon, Chapel, Pendergraft Meeting 5:30
pm Board Rm., Coal Ash Stories 6:30 pm,
Chapel
- 20 Forever 39 11:30 am, K&W; NA Noon,
Chapel, Zumba 6 pm, Chapel
- 21 HRSA Training 8:30-11:30 am, FH
AI Anon Noon, Chapel
- 23 Sunday Activities, Church-wide Picnic 1 pm
Triad Park Shelter #1; Youth Activities 6 pm
- 24 NA Noon, Chapel
Ultimate Frisbee 6 pm, Lake Daniel Park
- 25 NA Noon, Chapel
- 26 NA Noon, Chapel; Halloween Party 5:30 pm
- 27 NA Noon, Chapel; Pendergraft Meeting 5:30
pm, Board Rm.; Zumba 6 pm, Chapel
- 28 AI-Anon Noon, FH
- 30 Sunday Activities

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