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Winter Calendar

December 10	Advent 2
December 13	Love Feast Service in Chapel featuring Market Street Brass, 6:30 pm
December 17	Advent 3
December 20	Christmas Banquet, 5:30 pm
December 24	Advent 4, 10 am Service in Chapel Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, 5 pm
December 31	10 am Service in Chapel
January 3	Wed, Night Dinner 5:30 pm featuring Grimsley Madrigals



December Events:

Weekly:
Mondays—Thursdays
Narcotics Anonymous, Noon—Chapel
Mondays & Thursdays
Zumba Class 6 pm, Chapel
Tuesdays
Girl Scouts—2nd & 4th Tuesdays 6:30 pm, FH
Fridays
Al-Anon Noon, Board Room

Sunday, December 10
Brian Carden Ordination 6 pm, Chapel
Tuesday, December 12
Women of Valor 7 pm, Elkins Home
Wednesday, December 13
Love Feast 6:30 pm, Chapel featuring Market Street Brass

Sunday, December 17

- GUM Donations—*Canned Corn*
- Girl Scout Chili Sale 10 am—1 pm
- 3rd Sunday Refreshments in Chapel after 11 am service
- Youth Christmas Party 5-8 pm

Tuesday, December 19
PFLAG Potluck 6:30 pm, Youth Room

Wednesday, December 20
Christmas Banquet 5:30 pm, FH

Thursday, December 21
Forever 39 11:30 am, K&W

Sunday, December 24
10 am Service Only, Chapel
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, 5 pm

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I've wanted to be baptized for a while now, since the end of 2014 - December 24, 2014, to be exact, the day my mother passed away. In an instant my life was changed **completely and I didn't know what to do with myself.** I was feeling a little shell-shocked, not really knowing how to respond. I mean, what do you do when someone tells you that a huge part of your life has just been ripped away? So my family and I decided to come to the Christmas Eve service night. Immediately, I was surrounded by people who were there to support me. The first person to come up to me was none other than Lin herself. She hugged both Maggie and me and told us that we were loved. That moment began to reshape for me what it means to be "Christian" and a follower of Jesus.

I have come to believe that following Jesus is about not being overcome by loss, but about letting it make you **stronger, and also realizing that it's okay if you can't** always be strong. It is about knowing that you have family who can support you and being that family for others. On that night after my mother's death - on the day I lost one of the most significant parts of my own family - I also discovered that I have family here in a way I hadn't before understood.

Moving forward, the youth group has continued to be a huge source of support I am honored to have Lin baptizing me - and to have Elijah, a good friend from youth reading my statement - and to have Jared Webb, one of our SS teachers as a mentor in faith. In youth, we practice weekly this idea of family - of living together. This is the place where vulnerable Christian community becomes most real for me.

Why? For a week out of each year, we live together, serve together, study and worship together. We get annoyed with each other and bite each other's heads off and then find ourselves in need of forgiveness. When we have questions about faith, this is where we ask them. When we are struggling to overcome our lack of self-confidence, this is the place we begin to find courage first. When we need to get over ourselves, these are the people who love us enough to tell us. This is the place we share our deepest regrets and our most profound joys. I am grateful for these people and I look forward to youth group as the highlight of my week. I know that I can count on these friends and our amazing youth sponsors if I ever need anything. Well, anything within reason.

This church also remains a constant source of love and support. This church is more than just the place I come to **worship, it's my second home. I am a teenage boy trying** to figure out myself and the world - I struggle with anger and inattention, though I have been working on them forever.

I am afraid to think of where I would be without College Park.

But that is why it is so important for me to be baptized - because I believe in the transformative power of God's

love to always be making me more who God wants me to be - through this community, through prayer, through my own personal relationship with Jesus. I don't have it all together - I will likely struggle my whole life to feel like I ever "have it all together" - but this is the gospel as I understand it. God's love is bigger than all that. God's love envelops me in the family of God here in this place and calls me into more significant relationship with God and the people around me.

I feel that following Jesus isn't just about going to church or praying the right things - instead, I believe following Jesus is about following him with my actions, which for me includes going to church and praying. It also includes caring for my friends, owning my mistakes, helping Rydell with the slides in Tessera, showing up to

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Dipe! Wipe! Swipe!



Our College Park Nursery is growing! 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.

Caryanne and Lin Story-Bunce welcomed baby girl Maryn Cole on May 1st.
Address: 305 Lindley Rd., Greensboro, NC 27410
Registered: Target

Mariah Hughes' baby girl Ava Nicole was born May 28.
Address: 4605 W Market St., Greensboro, NC 27410.
Registered: Target and BabiesRUs

Erica Palmer and Craig Bowyer welcomed baby boy Finn on June 23rd.
Address: 404 Crestland Ave., Greensboro, NC 27401

Lori and Jon Suarez welcomed James Oliver on July 6th.
122 E. Keeling Rd., Greensboro, NC 27410
Registered: Amazon.com and BabiesRUs

Megan and Jeremy Fox welcomed baby boy Austin Gaither on August 24th.
Address: 754 Cedar Creek Dr., Asheboro, NC 27205

Ashley Bumgarner & Scott Killian welcomed baby Linden Wright on November 7th.
Address: 8754 Moody Rd., Liberty 27298

Rachel & Adam Carroll welcomed baby Joseph Koontz, born Nov. 13; 7 lbs., 10 oz., 21 1/4 inches.
Address: 1218 West Northwood St., Greensboro, NC 27408

Katherine & Nathan Sparrow are due in January.
Address: 230 MLK Jr., Dr., Greensboro 27406

Christian & Chrissy McIvor are due in May.
Address: 5207 Carolwood Dr., Greensboro 27407

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move furniture for people in the congregation, or going out of my way to be helpful at home. Following Jesus is about living your life without worrying about other **people's perception of you, but instead giving your focus** to the relationship between us. It's about finding the grace to be yourself instead of constantly trying to change for others. It's not about trying to make sure everything **is perfect and stuff doesn't hit the fan** - but it's about knowing that when it does that I am loved and not alone and I'm part of a community that will help me clean it up.

Ultimately, I think following Jesus comes down to this - these two great commandments - to love God with passion; and to love ourselves and others without condition.

Living in this community has taught me a lot about this and I'm grateful for the family I have found here.

Andrew Bowyer
5 November 2017

Hats, Scarves, Gloves & Socks for GUM



Please bring wool-blend socks, knit hats, gloves & scarves for (GUM) Greensboro Urban Ministry. Hopefully we will have enough items to give out to homeless people on Dec. 17 and Jan. 21.

Drop off in the designated GUM donation bin in the parking lot entrance.

Questions? Contact Eileen Lloyd
at eileenmarie6@yahoo.com or
336-549-7766.



Girl Scout Chili Sale!

*Make your holiday season easier
with a ready-made meal!*

Sunday, December 17

Available for Pick-Up

10:00 am - 1:00 pm

\$8/pre-packaged quart

Beef & Vegetarian Options Available

**Made with love by Girl Scout Senior Troop 2485
Funds raised will be saved for a "Big Trip"**

**Pre-Orders Welcome & Encouraged.
Email mcintyrepalmer@gmail.com**

Thank you for supporting Girl Scouts!

Food, Film & Fellowship

Lexi & John Eagles, Alice Stewart, & Charlie Wilson invite you to a **potluck dinner and "movie night"** on Fri., Dec. 8, at Alice and Charlie's house, 21 Piccadilly Circle (British Woods off Battleground Ave). Come around 6pm and bring a dish to share. We plan to eat together while we watch and then discuss the film. We will be watching *The Shack*: After suffering a family tragedy, Mack Phillips [Sam Worthington] spirals into a deep depression causing him to question his innermost beliefs.



Facing a crisis of faith, he receives a mysterious letter urging him to an abandoned shack deep in the Oregon wilderness. Despite his doubts, Mack journeys to the shack and encounters an enigmatic trio of strangers led by a woman named Papa [Octavia Spencer]. Mack finds important truths that will transform his understanding of his tragedy and change his life forever. RSVP desired but not required. Call Lexi at 336-854-8823 or email: lexieagles96@gmail.com.



Our theme for this Advent season is *Wait For It*. For the next 4 weeks we will show the practice of waiting might leave room for gospel to transform us, for our creator to renew us, for the Spirit to meet us. In a way we do so well for Lent but often not for Advent, we will make waiting a spiritual practice that allows us to become more available to a living, active God. Here are some ways you can participate in worship and community as during this advent season.

- What are you waiting for? Submit a 10-15 sec voice recording telling us what you're waiting for - a new bike, inner peace, a new job, etc. These will be used in worship.
- Draw us a picture! Draw us a picture that answers the question "what are you waiting for?" Turn these into the church staff or church office. These will be used for worship artwork.
- #waitforitcpbc Use our advent hashtag to mark images throughout the season of advent that remind you of our theme.
- Daily Devotions We have devotions for all ages to guide your daily advent prayer time. Please take one for your family.

CHRISTMAS BANQUET

WEDNESDAY
DECEMBER 20, 5:30 P.M.

CATERING BY Maria's
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COST \$10 PER PERSON
\$40 MAX PER FAMILY
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ONLINE: [HTTPS://GOO.GL/UDHSHZ](https://goo.gl/uDhshZ)
EMAIL: CPBCGBO@BELLSOUTH.NET

Angel Trees



Wow!! Thanks to the generosity of College Park members and friends, the Angel Tree cards are nearly gone. And we have received ample cash donations to cover any missing items. Please bring your unwrapped items to any angel tree by the following due dates -- Prison Fellowship Angel Tree gifts: Dec. 13; Peck Elementary and ARFP (Animal Foster & Rescue Program), Dec. 17. If you still want to shop, Greensboro Urban Ministry needs gloves, socks, scarves and hats. These items will be distributed on Dec. 17 when College Parkers cook, serve dinner and sing Christmas carols at GUM. A donation box is in the side foyer. **Peck Elementary School's social worker requested** the following items to have on hand for children in need: leggings for girls (sizes XS to XL), underwear for boys (all sizes), belts and coats (all sizes). These items can also be left under an Angel Tree (please label). With much gratitude from the Missions Team.



College Park Holiday Post Office

Christmas cards for church members, don't fight the crowds at the post office. Simply place them in our own holiday post office located in the hall between

the church office and the parlor. Then take the postage you saved and make a donation for missions during the Sunday offering. **Write "missions" on your envelope or check memo line. Also, don't forget to check the slot marked with the initial of your last name to find cards someone has left for you.**



GUM Holiday Honor Cards

The 2017 holiday honor cards in support of Greensboro Urban Ministry are now available for a minimum donation of \$5 per card. It is a great way to honor a friend or a loved one while helping the needy and homeless. All donation proceeds directly benefit GUM. Please see Steve or Michelle Phillips on Sundays at College Park or contact them at (336) 315-3928 or michellephillips532@hotmail.com. Thank you!



Love Feast

Wednesday, December 13
featuring Market Street Brass
In Forest Chapel, 6:30 pm



Returning Peace Corp Volunteers (PCVs)

Jacob Borders, who served Cameroon as a PCV, returns home in December from his full term (27 months), exhausted but content.

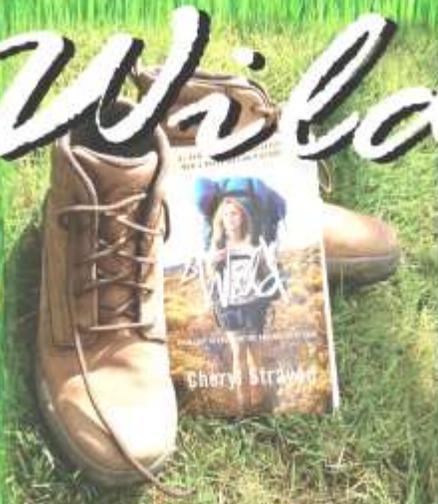


Nate Usey, who served in the Eastern Caribbean Islands (Grenada) also returns this week a few months early (**completed 20 months**) due to a mandated "medical separation." (Nate's school site, plagued by recurrent mold issues that led to parts of the school being partitioned off from use) has led to Nate having both respiratory and nausea symptoms serious enough to merit curtailed service at the site. PC offered an early release at this late date, which Nate was fine with. Both are excited to return home and welcome the U.S. and family with renewed appreciation!



Women of Valor
New Book

Wild



Cheryl Strayed

Tuesday, Dec. 12, 7 pm
Lisa Elkins House, 828 Sydney Shores Court

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: 9:45—10:45 am Sundays

God in Books—(Room 303)

The class will be reading *The Wordy Shipmates* by Sarah Vowell this fall.

Bible 101—(Room 305)

Class is reading the book of James this fall.

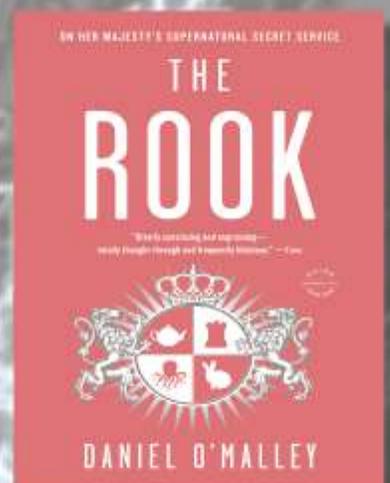
Pathfinders—(Fellowship Hall)

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



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"What is surprising and inspiring...
is the thought and research behind it." — *Time*

DANIEL O'MALLEY

Tuesday, Jan. 16,
6:30 pm
Sticks & Stones



Prayer Requests

Please write prayer requests on a visitor information card and place in the offering plate or put prayer requests in the prayer box in the Prayer Room.

Women's Retreat

Inner Ground is offering a retreat this winter on Mothering. Details are on the website & registration is now open. Space is limited to 10 women. I hope you will join us. Contact Monica City -Hix if you have questions.: <http://innerground.org/events/finding-and-nurturing-the-mother-within/>

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



www.collegeparkchurch.com

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.

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

Brendan Banner: Methodist University, Box 12685, 5400 Ramsey St., Fayetteville, NC 28311

Lexi Eagles new email: lexieagles96@gmail.com

Diane Ingold new email: dianeingold@gmail.com

Vickie Lumpkin new email: vglumpkin@gmail.com

Carly Maas: ASU Box 11840, Lovill Hall, Boone, NC 28608

MacKenzie Phillips: 15673 Lee Hall, Raleigh, NC 27607

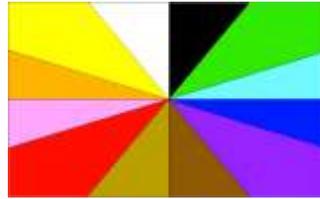
Blair Ramsey: 708 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Mill Creek Condominiums Unit E-7, Chapel Hill 27514

Hannah Usey: UNCW Box 21824, 601 S. College Rd. Wilmington, NC 28403

Zach Usey
Calle agentes comerciales
Número 1 (DMZ)
11202 Algeciras, Cádiz, Spain

Cheyenne Walden: 920 W. 37th Pl., Suite 3304D
Los Angeles, CA 90007

Bill & Betty Withers: Heritage Greens, 801 Meadowood St., Suite 109, Greensboro, 27409



Unity flag magnets are now available for \$2/2 magnets. Take an extra magnet to give to a friend as a way of spreading the love and message of unity.

You may also order and pay online:

<http://www.collegeparkchurch.com/unity-flag/>

Kitchen Rebuild Update December 2017

(Kitchen Renovation)

\$205,000 Total Cost

\$129,732 Available Funds

\$75,268 Needed to Pay for Kitchen

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.



Zumba classes meet Mondays (\$3) and Thursdays (\$5 or \$20 for 5 classes) at 6 pm in the Chapel. Be sure to join us for fun & fellowship!

December GUM Donation

Oatmeal (18 oz. container)

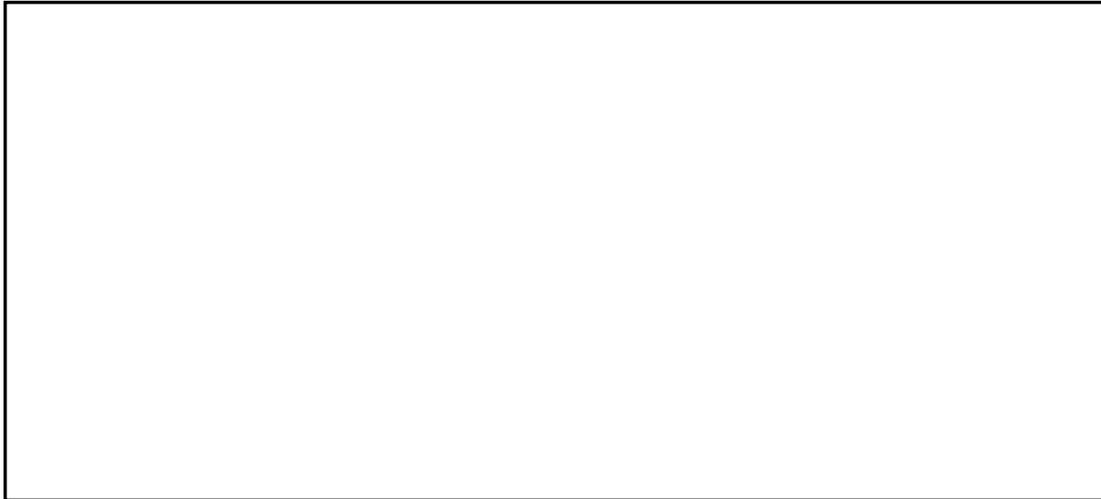
Place donations in the wicker basket in the side foyer entrance (beside the bookshelves).



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Greensboro, North Carolina 27403-2318

Return Service Requested



Looking Ahead—December

Dec.	
1	AI-Anon Noon, Board Rm.
2	Wreath Pick Up 10 am—Noon, Parking Lot
3	8:30 am Tessera, 9:45 SS, 11 am Worship; Deacons' Meeting 6 pm, Stephen Jones' Home.; Youth 6 pm
4	NA Noon, Chapel; Zumba 6 pm, Chapel
5	NA Noon, Chapel
6	NA Noon, Chapel; Wed. Dinner 5:30 pm; Bible Study 6:30 pm; Choir 7:30 pm, Choir Room
7	NA Noon, Chapel; Zumba 6 pm, Chapel
8	AI-Anon Noon, Board Rm.; Peck Elementary Party 5 pm, FH
10	8:30 am Tessera, 9:45 SS, 11 am Worship; Youth 6 pm; Brian Carden Ordination 6 pm, Chapel
11	NA Noon, Chapel; Zumba 6 pm, Chapel
12	NA Noon, Chapel; Girl Scouts 6:30 pm, FH
13	NA Noon, Chapel; Love Feast 6:30 pm in Chapel featuring Market Street Brass; Choir Rehearsal 7:30 pm
14	NA Noon, Chapel; GNC Holiday Party 5 pm, FH; Zumba 6 pm, Chapel
15	AI-Anon Noon, Board Rm.
17	GUM Sunday; 8:30 am Tessera, 9:45 SS; 11 am Worship; 3rd Sunday Refreshments after 11 am Service; Girl Scout Chili Sale 10am—1pm; Youth Christmas Party 5-8 pm
18	NA Noon, Chapel; Zumba 6 pm, Chapel
19	NA Noon, Chapel; PFLAG 6:30 pm Potluck Dinner, Youth Room
20	NA Noon, Chapel; Christmas Banquet 5:30 pm, FH
21	Forever 39 11:30 am, K&W; NA Noon, Chapel; Zumba 6 pm, Chapel
22	AI-Anon Noon, Board Rm.
24	10 am Service in Chapel; Christmas Eve Candlelight Service 5 pm
25	NA Noon, Chapel
26	NA Noon, Chapel
27	NA Noon, Chapel; No Wed. Night Activities
28	NA Noon, Chapel; Pendergraft Meeting 5:30 pm, Board Rm.; Zumba 6 pm, Chapel
29	AI-Anon Noon, Board Room
31	10 am Service in Chapel

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