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Children
are NOT a
distraction
from more
important work.

They are
THE MOST
important work.
C.S. Lewis

April Events:

Weekly:
Mondays—Thursdays
12 pm Narcotics Anonymous, Chapel

Mondays
6 pm Zumba Class, Fellowship Hall

Tuesdays
6 pm Zumba Class, Chapel
Girl Scouts—2nd & 4th Tuesdays 6:30 pm, FH

Fridays
12 pm AI-Anon, Fellowship Hall

Sunday, April 8
Bright Sunday—Wear Colorful Clothes
12:15 pm Missions Meeting, Board Room
6 pm Deacons' Meeting, Board Room

Tuesday, April 10
7 pm Women of Valor, Elkins' home

Wednesday, April 11
5:30 Dinner, FH
6:30 Music Program Meeting, Chapel

Sunday, April 15—GUM (*Canned Fruit*)
9-10:45 am—**Girl Scouts' Breakfast**
Fundraiser, Fellowship Hall
3rd Sunday Refreshments after 11 am
service

Tuesday, April 17
7:30 pm, PFLAG in Chapel

Thursday, April 19
11:30 am—Forever 39, K&W

Wednesday, April 25
5:30 pm—**Girl Scouts' Spaghetti**
Fundraiser, Fellowship Hall

Sunday, April 29
3 pm—Healing Rhythms, Chapel

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Radical Hospitality

Mark 11:1-11

Introduction:

I grew up in the suburbs of Central Jersey. My mom was born in Alabama and my dad in North Carolina. I can remember visiting distant relatives on family vacations from New Jersey and being struck by how different life was in the south. We shopped at Piggly Wiggly, drank pop instead of soda **and I giggled when I heard words like y'all and sho'nuff.**

From the second we showed up to moment we left, everyone worked tirelessly to make us feel at home. Those vacations were my first encounters with southern hospitality. Everyone, even strangers, seemed so polite. Everywhere we went, folks offered us food, a cold drink or anything else they thought would make us feel more at home.

Amina Mahmood is a Pakistani Muslim woman whose description of hospitality sounds similar to my childhood **voyages to the south. In her culture, guests are seen as "God's Blessing" and should be welcomed with open arms which means cooking a lot of food.** On her blog, Mahmood recounts her visit to Turkey to spend time with her former roommate Behiye, her husband Hakan, and their 2 year old toddler.

I was given my own room for the duration of the stay and was not allowed to help out with household chores for the majority of my stay. My hosts paid for my bus fares, tickets to several tourist sights, and declined reimbursement and offers to pay for gas or commuter ferry tickets as we traveled across the country to visit other family members and historical places. I was not allowed to pay for my own meals when eating out, attempting to do so was considered offensive. Wherever we went I was given the best available accommodations in the house or apartment. People I had never met in my life gave me gifts at the first meeting, many items being homemade (for example embroidered scarfs, hand-knit socks), mementos from their home town or village, or a simple gift of apples or figs growing fresh in their yard.

In our house, Monica and I work hard to make our guests feel perfectly at home. We often find ourselves welcoming our **sons' close friends and we treat them like they are our own children:** *Hey Curtis, would you like something to eat? Great, here's \$5. Bring me a cheddar style burger from Cookout while you're out. Ahmad, it's great to see you again! On your way out back to play basketball, go ahead and take the garbage out!*

Hospitality is defined as " *a cordial and generous reception toward guests; kindness in welcoming strangers and guests; an act or show of welcome.*" The Greek word for hospitality, philoxenia, means literally "love of stranger." Hospitality was expected in ancient times, for strangers and travelers, for widows, orphans, the poor.

In the Bible, hospitality was the process of receiving outsiders and changing them from strangers to guests. It was different from simply entertaining family and friends. In the second chapter of Exodus, the daughters of Jethro, a priest in Midian, tell their father that Moses aided them, and he replies, " *And where is he? Why did you leave him? Invite him to have something to eat.*" None of us are as hospitable as Jethro, who also gave a daughter to Moses as a wife. Oddly enough, this was not considered extreme in those days.

Leviticus also talks about the transformation from stranger to guest: " *When an alien lives with you in your land, do not mistreat him. The alien living with you must be treated as one of your native-born. Love him as yourself, for you were aliens in Egypt.*" Hospitality is at the heart of who we are as followers of Christ. Matthew and Luke uses the image of a great banquet to which strangers are invited to describe Christianity.

Hospitality at College Park :

At College Park, practicing hospitality is one of the things we do well. I vividly remember walking through the sanctuary doors for the first time. Shortly after moving back to land of crepe myrtles and sweet tea (North Carolina) from the **land of skyscrapers and nor'easters (NYC), I found myself** searching for a new church. I was teaching during this period of my life. It was after divinity school and just starting grad school to be a principal and, in addition to the challenges of professional transitions, I was trying to figure out how to simultaneously wear all of my identity hats. In my dissertation, I described my identity as gray.

In reflecting on my positionality, I have been forced to name the identities that cause me to live in gray areas. Although I am many persons, I have not been able to name one identity that feels most comfortable. I am African American, but not always in the traditional sense of what that means to others. In my speech, I was told I talked white, until I was an adult and then I was told I was articulate.

My dress is usually "country club" rather than "night club". I am male, but not always in the traditional sense of what that means to others. Because I identified as a single parent for a number of years, I find that it is important for me to be both mother and father; nurturer and disciplinarian and I do not subscribe to traditional gender roles.

I am middle class (now) and grew up middle class, but I have experienced what it feels like to live from one check to another and I know what it is like to not feel safe in my own neighborhood. Although it is often perplexing to me and those around me, the grayness of my identity is the reason I view the world as both an insider and an outsider. Having identities that represent majority groups

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.

Katherine & Nathan Sparrow welcomed baby girl Ellison Gilmore Rose Sparrow on Feb, 8th, 11 lbs., 21 in. Address: 2308 Berkley Pl., Greensboro 27403

Selassie Amana & wife Angie welcomed their new son Kellan on Sunday, March 4th. Address: 1606 Milan Rd., 27410-3024

Christian & Chrissy McIvor are expecting a girl in June. Address: 5207 Carolwood Dr., Greensboro 27407

has not shielded me from the stress of negotiating life as **an oppressed person. Just as hybridity “signaled the demise of the ‘great white race,’”** those who share my grayness often stand in opposition to dominant groups of which they are members. The emotional fatigue that is the result of my struggles through life with unjust systems has caused me to stand in solidarity with the oppressed and those who identify as multi-marginalized.

Because of this gray and complicated identity, the notion of attending a predominantly white Baptist church in the south was completely foreign. Although several friends and colleagues recommended College Park, it was Zach Usey, one of my favorite 5th grade music students at the time, who finally convinced me to give it a shot. After learning that his dad was the pastor, I told Zach that I was thinking about visiting. His response was classic laid-back Zach, *“Cool. You should come and be our music minister.”*

We arrived just before 11, avoiding all unnecessary small talk and I tried to blend in and not be seen. As a **6’5, 300 pound black guy with shoulder length dreadlocks, I knew there was no way I wouldn’t be noticed. I didn’t mind being noticed, I just didn’t want to be seen. I didn’t want to go through the identity-negotiation dance that I had become accustomed to.** Identity negotiation when happens individuals feel their **identities conflict with others’ perception and understanding.** Over the years, this negotiation had become exhausting and, although I knew the church-folk would be kind, I was afraid of walking into yet another space that forced me to choose one identity over another in order to fit in. People were more than kind. By the end of the service, it was clear that folks weren’t interested in me fitting in. People wanted me to feel that I belonged.

In her book, *Daring Greatly*, Brene’ Brown cites the need to fit in as the biggest barrier to belonging: *“Fitting in is about assessing a situation and becoming who you need to be in order to be accepted. Belonging, on the other hand, doesn’t require us to change who we are; it requires us to be who we are.”* As we continued attending and meeting new people, I realized College Park would be by home. I felt that I belonged and I no longer needed to chose one identity over another.

Jesus and Hospitality:

This idea of negotiating competing identities began long before I came on the scene. Mark’s account of Jesus’ ministry is all about Jesus’ desire to keep parts of his identity hidden. Throughout the first 10 chapters of Mark, Jesus is portrayed as commanding his followers to maintain silence about his Messianic mission. Throughout his ministry, Jesus had been telling his disciples not to disclose to the world that he is the Son of God. Even demons are silenced who cry out, *“We know who you are!”* If a leper is healed Christ says, *“See that you don’t tell this to anyone”* (Mk. 1:44). If a little girl is raised from the dead we are told, *“He gave them strict orders not to let anyone know about this”* (Mk. 5:43). When Peter on behalf of the apostles says, *“You are the Christ,”* then we read that *“Jesus warned them not to tell anyone about him”* (Mk. 8:30).

The reasons for this were that there was considerable misunderstanding as to the nature of the Messiah; the

crowds thought of that figure as a political revolutionary. Jesus needed to maintain a more low-key presence for the first year or two of his ministry as a rabbi and as a physician while steadily pastoring and training the **Twelve. He couldn’t have done that if he were constantly** having to hide from the multitudes. If Rome suspected that he was a revolutionary who claimed to be the **Messiah they’d have taken and arrested him. If Jesus had** immediately thrown down the gauntlet to the chief priests by teaching that he was the promised Messiah **then he wouldn’t have survived the two or three years of** ministry he had to have. So our Lord taught the crowds in the form of parables which stuck in their minds, but whose meaning was not clear until after Pentecost.

As Jesus enters the final period of his ministry, all that **secrecy ends. Today’s text recounts the palm waving parade during Jesus’ arrival in Jerusalem. Jesus’ journey** to Jerusalem actually began nine months earlier as he and the disciples passed through 35 locations on the road to Jerusalem. They have zigzagged through Galilee, Samaria, Perea and Judea, stopping, preaching, healing keeping the Sabbath in each place, and then moving on. As they arrive at the gates of Jerusalem a new attitude has entered the Lord. His secrecy is replaced by a massive coming out party and Jesus makes his identity as **God’s anointed King spectacularly clear.**

In Mark 10, Jesus has just healed Bartimaeus in Jericho with crowds of people looking on, and then he permits Bartimaeus to join them as they walk to

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ST. JUDE TRIKE-A-THON

- 1 SIGN UP**
Set up your family's personal fundraising page at <http://fundraising.stjude.org/PreferredChildCare> and join the Trike-A-Thon event Facebook page.
- 2 GET SPONSORS**
Share your fundraising page with friends and family to receive online donations.
- 3 COLLECT DONATIONS**
Convert all addition donations to checks that will be collected at the Trike-A-Thon.
- 4 JOIN THE RIDE**
Bring a helmet and a tricycle/bicycle to participate in the St. Jude Trike-A-Thon.

SATURDAY, APRIL 14TH
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
GIBSON PARK
5207 W WENDOVER AVE
JAMESTOWN, NC, 27282



Registration will close on Sunday, April 1st.

MUSIC | SNACKS | ARTS & CRAFTS | FACE PAINTING | PRIZES

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Jerusalem. During the early weeks of his ministry when he cast many demons out of a man he encountered, Jesus refused to let the man follow him and told him to go home to his family. But here the sighted Bartimaeus **“followed Jesus along the road;” for all to see...a walking miracle!**

Then, consider the next unusual step; once again Jesus **deliberately arouses people’s curiosity and draws their attention to his actions, but in what a strange way. We are told, “Jesus sent two of his disciples, saying to them, ‘Go to the village ahead of you, and just as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ tell him, ‘The Lord needs it and will send it back here shortly.’”** The disciples lead the animal to Jesus. He mounts it and rides down the slope of the Mount of Olives into the Kidron Valley and then up the hill to Jerusalem.

So, why would Jesus choose to ride a colt into Jerusalem? The gospels tell us numerous times that Jesus walked wherever he went. Why would he suddenly decide to ride? Most of us miss the point, but you can bet that the first century faithful knew exactly what Jesus was doing. They were well acquainted with the words of **the prophet, Zechariah, who centuries before had said, “Shout aloud, O daughters of Jerusalem! Your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a colt, the foal of an ass.” (Zechariah 9:9).**

As he rides, people throw palm branches before him and some spread their cloaks on the road. It is a poor man’s red carpet treatment. Those who are part of his procession, those leading him and those following, are **shouting, “Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!”**

Radical Hospitality:

Jerusalem was packed with people who had also

traveled there for Passover and the crowd went far and above the cultural call of duty to be hospitable to the visitor riding into town. Rather than offering a **refreshing glass of water or kneeling to wash Jesus’ feet, their excitement over Jesus’ arrival led them to break branches from trees to wave in the air and rip the clothes from their bodies to toss into the streets.**

Our Palm Sunday ritual of singing three verses of *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna* while the kids wave pre cut **stems doesn’t capture the desperation, promise and hope** felt by the crowd as Jesus rode through town. Living in a democratic society 20 centuries later, we are so far removed from the conditions of the first century Jews that we fail to hear the defiance in their shouts.

Hosanna is often thought of as a declaration of praise, similar to hallelujah, but it is actually a plea for salvation. The Hebrew root words are found in Psalm **118:25, which says, “Save us, we pray, O LORD!”** The Hebrew words *yasha* (deliver, save) and *anna* (beg, beseech) combine to form the word *hosanna*—I beg you to save! or please deliver us!

In our reading of the text, we can easily miss the fact that this was a non-violent protest against the ruling authorities. The people were desperate, and they saw in Jesus the leader for whom they had been yearning. So when Jesus came riding into town, they demonstrated radical hospitality, replacing traditional customs with **shouts of “Hosanna!”**

Bishop Robert Schnase in writing about radical hospitality says this: **“By radical I don’t mean wild-eyed, out of control or in your face. Radical means “drastically different from ordinary practice, outside the normal,” and so it provokes practices that exceed expectations, go the second mile, and take welcoming the stranger to the max. Radical hospitality has social, political and economic implications; it is the act of extending community beyond the margins.**

Radical hospitality doesn’t just welcome, it transforms; so that as we love our crooked neighbors with our crooked hearts, we create authentic community. Radical hospitality shifts us from *we are glad you are here* to *we are better because you are here*.

Radical hospitality calls us to carve out safe spaces for guests and hosts to brave uncertainty and become vulnerable.

Radical hospitality is a spiritual practice. I speak of radical hospitality today because there is a world out there that needs a home, that needs community, and I want us to stretch spiritually, to stretch ourselves open. I know that when we take the risk—**yes, of course, we’ll blunder, we’ll make mistakes**—but when we take the risk, our lives will grow so much richer and deeper because we have extended ourselves. Our creativity will **blossom, because we won’t be stuck with our old assumptions, our narrow ways of perceiving reality.** Our world will grow wider and softer and more trusting.

In his book, *Reaching Out*, Henry Nouwen says **“Hospitality means primarily the creation of free space where the stranger can enter and become a friend instead of an enemy. Hospitality is not to change people, but to offer them space where change can take**



**Nathson “Nate” Fields
Death Row Exoneree
Chicago, Illinois
Out of the Belly of the Beast:
An Innocent Man’s Journey from
Death Row to Freedom
Free and open to the public!**

Convicted and sentenced to death in 1986, Nathson Fields spent 12 years on death row for a crime he did not commit. In 1998, the Illinois Supreme Court overturned his conviction and ordered a retrial after the judge in his case was convicted on bribery and misconduct charges. Mr. Fields was moved from death row to max. security in the Cook County Jail where he awaited retrial on a million dollar bond. After 5 years, fellow death row exoneree Aaron Patterson, who had been pardoned, released, and compensated for his wrongful conviction, posted Mr. Fields’ bond. Mr. Fields waited another 6 years for his retrial. In 2009, he was acquitted of all charges – 23 years after his conviction. Mr. Fields recently won a multi-million dollar federal lawsuit against the city of Chicago, but the city has appealed, delaying payment.

**Thursday, April 19, 5:00-6:30pm
School of Education (SOEB) 120**

*The Departments of Sociology, Political Science, Geography,
Anthropology, Communication Studies, and the Humanities
Network & Consortium*



Healing Rhythms

Sunday, June 11
3:00 pm, Forest Chapel

Monica Citty-Hix will be leading this time:
an hour devoted to tending our grief through
guided meditation, drumming and reflection.
Come and join us in the circle. We'll provide
a variety of drums or you may bring your own.

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Free and open to all.

place. It is not to bring men and women over to our side, but to offer freedom not disturbed by dividing lines.”

People need to know God loves them, that they are of supreme value, and that their life has significance. People need to know that they are not alone; that when they face life's difficulties, they are surrounded by a community of grace; and that they do not have to figure out entirely for themselves how to cope with family tensions, self-doubts, periods of despair, economic reversal, and the temptations that hurt themselves or others.

People need to know the peace that runs deeper than an absence of conflict, the hope that sustains them even through the most painful periods of grief, the sense of belonging that blesses them and stretches them and lifts them out of their own preoccupations. People need to learn how to offer and accept forgiveness and how to serve and be served. People need to know that life is not having something to live on but something to live for, that life comes not from taking for oneself but by giving of oneself. People need a sustaining sense of purpose.

Conclusion:

In *The Five Practices of Fruitful Living*, Robert Schnase writes: *The first movement toward the transformed life begins when we face the startling reality of God's unconditional love for us.* As a school for love, the church becomes a congregation where people learn from one another how to love.

Twelve years ago, I encountered radical hospitality for the first time at College Park and it literally transformed my life. Twelve years ago, I started down a new path and,

even when I felt I was making the road by walking on it, **you wrapped me with an unconditional love that wasn't tied to what I could do as a musician or minister.** You made me feel like I belonged and had a home.

Over the last twelve years, you restored my faith in the church. Together, we stood to support gay marriage; fought to protect the dignity of trans people in our community; and marched to affirm our commitment to **women's rights.**

Together, we challenged the acceptance of Islamophobia as a way of life; battled childhood food insecurity in our community one backpack at a time; and opened our hearts, homes and wallets to refugee families seeking peace.

And, even when many of you couldn't fully comprehend the pain of having to remind the world that your black life matters, or fully understand the fear of raising five African American sons whose lives could be reduced to a hashtag at the hands of those who vow to protect us, you locked arms with me, held me up and wiped my tears.

Over the last twelve years, you became my teachers, my mentors, my friends, my brothers and sisters and most of **all my ministers.** **And even though you didn't know about** my deep seated feelings of never being enough, you gave **me the courage to stand and say, "Yes I am imperfect and vulnerable and sometimes afraid, but that doesn't change the truth that I am also brave and worthy of love and belonging."**

As I head to Connecticut, my hope is that you will be the gifts of God to the people of God and not only hear the *Hosannas* as shouts of praise but also hear them as cries for deliverance.

Please pray with me:

Disturb us Lord,
When we are too pleased with ourselves,
When our dreams have come true
Because we dreamed too little,
When we arrived safely
Because we sailed too close to the shore.
Disturb us Lord,
When with the abundance of things we possess
We have lost our thirst for the waters of life;
Having fallen in love with life,
We have ceased to dream of eternity
And in our efforts to build a new earth,
We have allowed our vision of the new Heaven to dim.
Disturb us Lord,
To dare more boldly,
To venture on wilder seas,
Where storms will show Your mastery;
Where losing sight of land,
We shall find the stars.
We ask you to push back
The horizons of our hopes;
And to push back the future
In strength, courage, hope, and love.
This we ask in the name of our Captain,
Who is Jesus Christ.

Rydell Harrison
25 March 2018

College Park Bake-Off

2018 Awards

Best of Show	Mamma Mia Vegan Papovli's Greek Cake	Erica Palmer
Judges' Award	Don't Forget to Wipe After Eating Miss Mimmie's Famous Chocolate Pie	Stephen Jones
Quite Legendary	Abby Normal	Wayne Jones
Most Mythological	Moana Cake	Eva & Lizzie Townsend
Engineering Marvel	Close Encounters of the Trinitarian Kind	Craig Bowyer
Most Calories in One Bite	Candy Triple Feature	Mike Kirkman
Like Grandma Used to Make	Movie Candy Macaroons	Rachel Kirkman
So Good It Will Make You Hit Your Mama	Holy S##T	Christian McIvor
Served in Valhalla's Buffet	Nightmare Before the Bake-Off	Ryan Shaney
Delicious but I'm Only Eating One	Miracle Max's Miracle Pill	Isaac Cravey
Most Crunch	Concession Stand Combo	Ben Kirkman
Expanding the Definition of Edible	Mount Doom Chocolate Chip Kahlua Cake	Mike Baumann
Coollest Use of Candy	Captain Jack's Treasure Treats	Grant Kirkman
Most Colorful	Over the Rainbow	Elijah Pickard
Most Lemony	Florida Project Citrus Bar	Matthew Cravey
Best Use of Marshmallow	Popcorn Cupcakes	Tim & Amy Lowrance
Possibly Not Legal	It's a Wonderful Cheesecake	Bobby Phillips
Empty the Liquor Cabinet	Why is the Rum Gone?	Brad Guyer
Not So Pretty, but Delicious	T. Rex Droppings	Nate Usey
Discomfort By Chocolate	The One Ring Brownie	Atticus O'Brien
Totally Nuts	Eowyn's "I am no man" Pkaken with Crushed Nuts	Kari Baumann
Most Fruits on One Plate	Mr. Bean's Strawberry Surprise	Zach Usey
Most Historical	Pride & Prejudice Protein Tea Tarts	Edna Tan
Most Musical	Olaf from Frozen	Iris Pickard
People's Choice #1 (tie)	Abby Normal	Wayne Jones
People's Choice #1 (tie)	Popcorn Cupcakes	Tim & Amy Lowrance
People's Choice #3	T. Rex Droppings	Nate Usey
People's Choice #4	Florida Project Citrus Bar	Matthew Cravey

Best of Show

Mamma Mia Vegan Papovli's Greek Cake

Erica Palmer

College Park Bake-Off



Welcome JoAnn Hill
Interim Adult Choir Music Director



JoAnn Hill is a retired music educator and conductor, who loves the power of music. She headed the music division at Davidson County Community College for 25 years, conducted the Lexington Choral Society for 35 years, and served as Director of Music for First Presbyterian Church, Lexington, for 32 years.

Dr. Hill lives in Lexington with her husband Jim and two fur babies, Smokey and Tuxie, and has a daughter who lives in Winston- Salem. An avid line dancer and shagger, JoAnn is looking forward to becoming a part of music worship at College Park for this interim period.

Christian McIvor
Handbell & Children's Choir Director



Christian directs the Handbell Choir and the Children's Choir, helping to coordinate the Instrumental Music Ministry program, and assisting with Children's and Young Adult Ministry programs.

The **Children's Choir (1st & 3rd Sunday mornings each month, 10am-10:40am)** will be structured like a general music class, but centered on singing. Basic music literacy skills and basic beginning instrumental skills (percussion, Orff instruments, tone chimes) will be covered. The songs and **activities selected for the Children's Choir** will always reflect the values of College Park church, and kids the primary focus.

Being a part of the CP community has been one of the great joys of his life, and he looks forward to continuing to serve and grow with the College Park family in the years to come!

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.



Movie Night Invitation for Food, Film, & Fellowship

Lexi & John Eagles
Alice Stewart & Charlie Wilson invite you
to a potluck
dinner and "movie night"

Friday, April 20
6:00 pm
Bring a dish to share.

At Alice & Charlie Wilson's Home
21 Piccadilly Circle
(British Woods off
Battleground Ave).

The April film is yet to be determined, so if you plan to come and have a favorite, let us know.

We enjoy a meal together, watch a film, and then talk about ways it moved and challenged us.

RSVP desired but not required.
Contact Lexi at 336-854-8823
or lexieagles96@gmail.com.

Children's Hour Wednesday Schedule!

6:00 pm - Music from Around the World (Tone Chimes)

6:30 pm - Stories from Around the World

In this short hour, we engage our children in activities that guide them to think about what it looks like to practice our faith in the world. We do this by reading stories from around the world, learning about ministries around the world, and playing music from other parts of the world. We hope your child can join us on Wednesday evenings.



What else do we offer families on Wed. Night?

6:00 pm - Adult Handbell Choir, Sanctuary

6:30 pm - Adult Bible Study, Chapel

7:30 pm - Adult Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

Childcare!

Childcare is provided every Wed. night, 5:30 -7:30 pm.

Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser



Girl Scout Troop 02485
(9th Grade Seniors *which meet at CP*)

Sunday, April 15

9:00—10:45 am

CP Fellowship Hall

Breakfast includes: pancakes,
sausage, coffee, & orange juice
\$5.00 per person, \$20 per family

Support Girl Scouts
Making the World a Better Place

They are raising funds for a service trip to
Costa Rica in 2020.

Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser

Girl Scout Troop #02485
(9th grade Seniors which meet at CP)

Wednesday, April 25,

5:30 pm

CP Fellowship Hall

Everyone Welcome!

\$5.00/Person, \$20/Family

Go online to make reservations:

<http://collegetparkchurch.com/wednesday-dinner>

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DINNER AND AUCTION

WEDNESDAY, MAY 2

5:30 - 7:30 PM

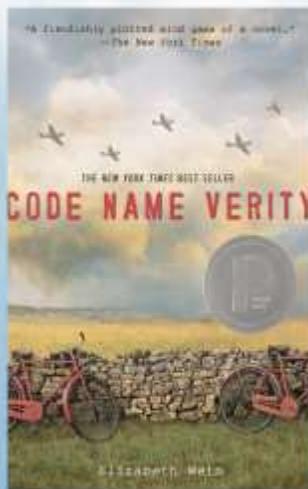
FELLOWSHIP HALL

CP Youth are hosting a Spring Fling
Auction to raise money for the youth
mission trip to New York City. The night
of fun will include dinner (\$7/person),
silent auction,
live auction, raffle &
live music.



WOMEN OF VALOR

NEW BOOK



**NEXT MEETING APRIL 10,
7 PM, LISA ELKINS' HOME**

BRIGHT SUNDAY

APRIL 8

ENJOY!

LAUGH!

Bright Sunday is a day set aside to celebrate Jesus' victory over Satan. On Friday, when Jesus was crucified and died, Satan thought he won. He laughed at God. But then on Easter, Jesus rose from the dead and saved us all. So on Bright Sunday, we don't mourn Jesus' death, we celebrate his life. Come laugh, enjoy, and celebrate the life Jesus gave us and his victory over death!

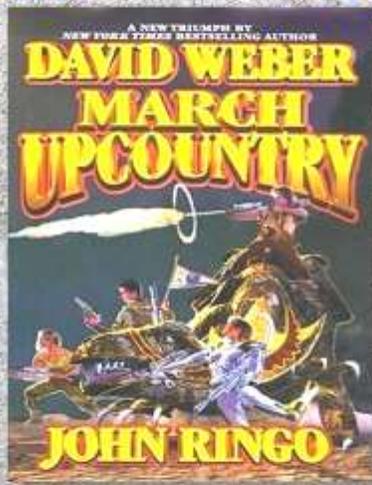
Have Fun!

Celebrate!



Wear Bright Clothes

MOSTLY MEN'S OCCASIONAL BOOK CLUB



**Next Meeting
Tuesday, June 5
6:30 pm
Sticks & Stones**

Join us for Sunday School!

10:00 - 10:45 am

Children's Classes:

Toddler (2-3.5 yrs), Lower Level

Music is 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month.

This spring our toddler class will explore the stories of our faith in a rotation of hands-on lessons and music.

Grades PreK-1st & Grades 2nd-5th, Lower Level

Music is 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month.

This spring our children's classes will explore the stories of our faith in a rotation of hands-on lessons and music.

Youth Class:

Grades 6th - 12th, Youth Room

Guided by the fresh and creative insight of the class leaders, the youth explore the biblical texts while seeking to form a Christian response to world events.

Adult Classes:

Pathfinders, Fellowship Hall

Enjoy friends, share concerns and celebrations, catch up on the week and maybe have a cup of coffee or even the occasional donut (from Donut World, of course).

God in Books, Room 303

Read and discuss a variety of Christian literature.

This spring the class is discussing *You Are What You Love* by James K. A. Smith.

Bible 101, Room 305

Read through the bible together.

This spring the class is reading through Joshua.

Adult 3, Parlor

This class uses the Smith and Hechys curriculum to guide their conversations of faith, bible and life.

Announcements

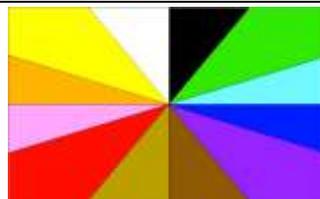
College Park Website

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



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/>

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.



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.

Address Change

Chuck & Caroline Joyce: 366 Carlisle Park Dr., Kernersville 27284-7111

Matt Lojko: 4-D Stadleridge Dr., Greensboro, 27410

Juanita Blackmon: 4607 Farrar Dr., Greensboro, 27410

Please wear your name tag on Sundays.

If you do not have a name tag, please contact the church office and one will be ordered for you.



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.

April GUM Donation

Canned Fruit (any type, any size)
Place donations in the wicker basket in the side foyer entrance (beside the bookshelves).



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

CP Music Program Meeting

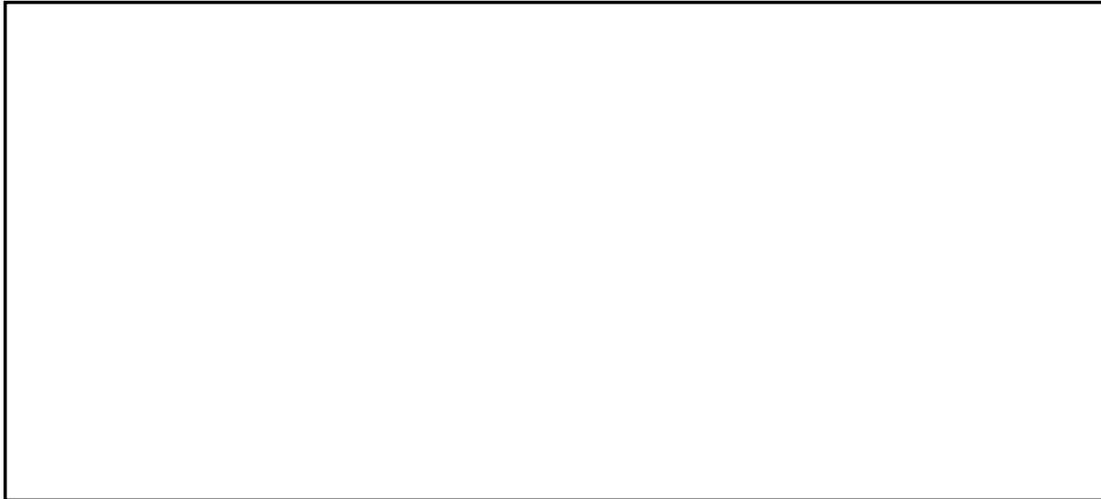
Wednesday, April 11, 6:30 in the Chapel. Come meet with the Personnel Committee to discuss the music program at CP. As we start the hiring process, we want to hear your thoughts. Come ready with ideas and suggestions. Want to serve on the search/interview committee? Be ready to tell us that too! (From those willing to service, the PC and staff will select a small search committee to represent our church.) All are welcome.



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Looking Ahead—April

April

- 1 8:30 am Tessera, 10 am SS; 11 am Worship
- 2 NA Noon, Chapel; Zumba 6 pm, FH
- 3 NA Noon, Chapel; 6 pm Zumba, Chapel; Mostly
**Men's Occasional Book Club 6:30 pm, Sticks &
Stones**
- 4 NA Noon, Chapel; No Wednesday night activities
- 5 NA Noon, Chapel
- 6 AI-Anon Noon, Fellowship Hall
- 8 Bright Sunday; 8:30 am Tessera, 10 SS; 11 am
Blended Worship; Missions Meeting 12:15pm Board
Rm.; 6 pm Youth Activities
- 9 NA Noon, Chapel; Zumba 6 pm, FH
- 10 NA Noon, Chapel; Girl Scouts 6:30 pm; Zumba 6
pm, Chapel; 7 pm Women of Valor, Elkin's Home
- 11 NA Noon, Chapel; Dinner 5:30 pm; Music Program
Meeting 6:30 pm, Chapel; Choir Rehearsal 7:30 pm
- 12 NA Noon, Chapel
- 13 AI-Anon Noon, FH; Camp Kesem 6-9 pm, FH
- 15 GUM Sunday; 8:30 am Tessera, Chapel; 9-10:45
am, Girl Scout Breakfast Fundraiser, FH; 10 SS; 11
am Blended Worship; 3rd Sunday Refreshments
after 11 am Service, Chapel; 6 pm Youth Activities
- 16 NA Noon, Chapel; Zumba 6 pm, FH
- 17 NA Noon, Chapel; Zumba 6 pm, Chapel; PFLAG
7:30 pm, Chapel
- 18 9:30 am—3:30 pm TEACCH, FH; NA Noon,
Chapel; Dinner 5:30 pm, FH; Bible Study 6:30 pm,
Chapel; Choir Rehearsal 7:30 pm
- 19 7:30 am—4 pm TEACCH, FH; Forever 39 11:30 am,
K&W; NA Noon, Chapel
- 20 7:30 am—4 pm TEACCH, FH; AI-Anon Noon,
Chapel
- 22 8:30 am Tessera, 10 SS; 11 am Blended Worship; 6
pm Youth Activities
- 23 NA Noon, Chapel; Zumba 6 pm, FH
- 24 NA Noon, Chapel; Zumba 6 pm, Chapel; Girl Scouts
6:30 pm, FH
- 25 NA Noon, Chapel; Dinner 5:30 pm, FH; Bible Study
6:30 pm, Chapel; Choir Rehearsal 7:30 pm
- 26 NA Noon, Chapel
- 27 AI-Anon Noon, FH
- 29 8:30 am Tessera; 10 am SS; 11 am Blended
Worship; 3 pm Healing Rhythms, Chapel; 6 pm
Youth Activities

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