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**DO UNTO OTHERS,
ALL OTHERS.**

*Summer Sermon
Series Sundays
8:30 & 10:30 am*

June Events:

- Weekly:
Mondays—Thursdays
12 pm Narcotics Anonymous, Chapel
- Mondays
6 pm Zumba Class, Fellowship Hall
- Tuesdays
6 pm Zumba Class, Chapel
- Fridays
12 pm AI-Anon, Fellowship Hall

Please Note New Summer Worship
Schedule Beginning Sunday, June 3rd:

- Tessera 8:30 am in Chapel
- No Sunday School
- Blended Worship 10:30 pm in Sanctuary

Sunday, June 3
6 pm—**Deacons' Meeting, Board Room**

Tuesday, June 5
6:30 pm—**Mostly Men's Occasional Book Club, Sticks & Stones**

Sunday, June 17
GUM Sunday (Mac & Cheese)
3rd Sunday Refreshments in Chapel after 10:30 am Service

Tuesday, June 19
7:30 pm—Moms Demand Action, FH

June 20-23
Passport Kids Camp at Eagle Eyrie

June 25-28
9 am—2 pm—Theatre Camp, FH

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Rydell Goodbye

This morning we honor Dr. Rydell Harrison's time with us. I feel fortunate to have kept him on staff this long, as we have been family for 12 years. He is a true brother: we **knew one another's rhythms and idiosyncrasies**. He was a pleasure to conference with, brainstorm with, even just visit with. When we sat down and, as a staff or in random pairs, we **didn't put off each other**. We have been honest and real and authentic—and felt safe to be so. This has made it so much easier to work with him.



He also is a lovely mix of being a realist but also an idealist. His heart for ministry is real and rock solid. He cared about and loved the whole mix that is College Park: the adults, the youth, the

children. He cared passionately about creating meaningful and varied worship experiences, about developing grounded Christians, about molding future generations. But it was grounded in the reality of working with a web of not-quite-ideal environments and people. He was not thrown by that absence of perfection, **not overwhelmed or made cynical**. He'd long ago made peace with the church being a flawed place, but one that he still chose to invest in.

Let's not forget what we had in Rydell. His music ministry skills are incredible. From the start, he knew a huge range of traditional sacred music: from his background in soulful black churches to his long education through prestigious classical music programs. With his extended exposures to many denominational traditions, he brought a rich awareness and appreciation of varying hymn and church music traditions—both contemporary and traditional. But he was so versatile—not wed to any single style. And what a gift that was to a congregation as varied as ours! He conducted (and soloed in) a challenging Mozart Requiem, played piano and sung a soulful spiritual *he wrote himself*, explained **an odd choral structure to the choir when they're** challenged by an odd anthem, led *all music* in our more **contemporary Tesseræ Service, spiced up our 11 o'clock** svc with innovative blended worship, such as playing a bongo to accompany a traditional hymn that features its beauty in a fresh way, led the youth to sing from the heart, complete with solos and an unselfconscious freedom that is clearly due to his modeling.

In fact, his gift with our youth—and now-emerging adults as they've aged into the next stages of life—was **genuinely remarkable**. If you've talked with Haley Turner or Katie Hensley, you'd realize that some of our most musically inclined youth had their career goals indelibly influenced by his powerful mentoring and modeling. Many still keep in touch with him on a regular basis. Like

Lin and like me, he believed that pushing our youth into positions of being lay leaders, develops them in ways **nothing else can**. He's touched every one of my kids' lives—and is a key part of the constellation of reasons that each has developed a vibrant, authentic lifelong faith. So **I'm personally indebted to him**.

Many families here at CP feel similarly indebted. He had that magic combination of a playful sense of humor and an helpless ability to be emotionally real and present, **sometimes when it's least expected because it bubbles up** from within him in the moment. Ann has long been a fan **of Rydell's, and was moved when he shared with the choir** from the heart about how individual pieces affect him. She has long appreciated his mix of music expertise and great people skills, accepting people where they are but reminding the choir of their responsibility to do more **than merely "perform" a flawless piece of music**--but instead to seek to channel the living spirit of God in worship.

Rydell was so much more than just a music minister. Of course his job title here reflected that: Music and Worship Minister. But he was a true minister—in every sense. He preached, prayed publicly, offered insightful sermon commentary during casual talk back or bible study, and found common ground with people of all walks of life. This magic mix of so much more than music expertise—is why we need to remind ourselves of how fortunate we were to have found Rydell. He brought a passion for the church and for people. Rydell, we love you, my friend and brother. We appreciate your **years with us, and we know that you're destined for more** great things as you leave us. Thank you for an awesome run this last 12 years! We already miss you greatly.

13 May 2018
Michael Usey

Dipe! Wipe! Swipe!



Our College Park Nursery is growing! There are many ways we can help welcome these sweet new-borns 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.

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

Tisha Douglas & Courtnee Hummel are expecting a baby.

Jesus, Flat Tops & Jerry Garcia

Luke 15 1-10

I went down hard. It was the state soccer championship game--with one minute to go and the score tied 1-1. . . Wait, actually it was at the end of a summer practice, but I knew that I was hurt after colliding with another player. I was originally told that it was a minor leg injury. The doctor guessed I'd be out for about 3-6 weeks but I'd be able to push through and return to the field. They scheduled an MRI just in case, and when the MRI results came back, they found that I had torn my ACL. This was the worst possible news. ACL Tears require surgery and take months to recover. I was devastated and knew this would be the end of my senior season on the field. It just felt like a terrible dream. The coach was really kind and encouraged me to stay connected to the team, but sucked being stuck on the sideline watching games and not being able to be out of the field with the teammates and brothers that I had made over the past 4 years. I felt sort of **lost and didn't really know what to do. I thought this was just going to define my senior year in a terrible way, but in many ways, I've come to see it as a blessing in disguise.**

After about a month or so of sitting around and feeling sorry for myself, I decided to get a job to occupy my time. **I've always had a pretty business savvy. I remember one boy scout camping trip I borrow a bunch of Enos from friends at home and packed them in my bag. Throughout the weekend, I rented the Enos for a certain price per night. The price varied depending on availability and request. I made \$80 which wasn't bad for a 6th grader.** It was my earliest lesson in supply and demand! There was also the time in middle school that I sold baby turtles from a nearby pond to classmates - but my parents caught on and set me straight. Throughout high school **I've done some lawn care and worked weekend mornings at a diner being a busboy, but this was my first job that I where I would work regular hours, for multiple-hour shifts, and get a legit paycheck.** I applied for a job at a restaurant cooking, which is something that I really enjoy doing, and I got it. I was glad that I had something to do. **It wasn't the same as being out on the soccer field, but at least I wasn't sitting around anymore either. It didn't take long for the excitement to wear off.** Most of the guys working with me are significantly older with some colorful stories to tell. When they were my age, most of them were in or headed to prison. To be honest, I just **didn't think we had anything to talk about or anything much in common, so I just kept to myself.**

Then, over time, a couple things happened. I noticed how hard everyone else was working and how much they cared about their job--and I began working evenings with this one guy who would often crack jokes to try to get me to talk - so finally, I decided that I was going to open up and try to do the same. It was one of the best decisions I ever made.

For the sake of his story I'm going to call him Tom.

Tom and I got pretty close over the winter because of the fact that most nights it was just me and him for 6 hours alone in a restaurant. Tom has had a pretty diverse background and history. He has multiple felonies and got into a lot of trouble when he was younger. When Tom was 17 he was sent to jail for 10+ years. While he was in jail Tom and his cellmate decided to escape. According to Tom, they jumped 2 guards and put on their clothing. They then proceeded to get off of the of the main area and go to the backside where they planned to jump the gates and **run out. It's the kind of thing you see in Prison Break.** **After Tom's cellmate jumped the gate and landed, Tom** started to climb up. He got to the top, but when he jumped over, his arm was caught in the barbed wire. He fell down the fence and his arm and veins were completely sliced open. He was in critical condition, bleeding on the ground. Luckily one of the guards spotted **them and saved Tom's life. Tom then proceeded to show me the scar that ran down his entire arm from his forearm to his upper bicep.** I was always curious about that scar. He explained that day that he decided that he **was going to change. He didn't want to die or just waste the rest of his life in prison.** He wanted to be his own person and be free to do the things that he wanted to do.

Very quickly, while listening to Tom's story, I realized how shallow I'd been in my perceptions of the people I worked with. I had decided early on what kind of people I thought they were based on their past, their look, their lack of education - and I was terribly wrong for that! Tom eventually moved on to a new job, and in his place they **hired a guy that I'll call Charles.**

Charles is also a middle aged man with multiple **felonies who really can't get a job anywhere else and has a family to support.** While working at the restaurant has become a kind of teacher for me - He looks out for me. **Often, when something comes up at the restaurant, he'll turn it into a life lesson or an opportunity to pass on some wisdom.** I remember one night after working an 8 hour shift I was exhausted and we had almost finished cleaning up the kitchen. I had swept 20 minutes earlier but there was a little extra debris on the floor that had to be cleaned up. Me being extremely tired and ready to go home decided to just sweep it under the fridge and move on. Directly after that Charles came around the corner and proceeded to pretty much tear me a new one. At the end of his speech, which went on for a bit, he said to me **"Jon I know you are tired, but never take shortcuts. Be grateful you won't always have to work a job like this--but while you're here, take pride in your job and create habits you can take with you. You don't always need to work so hard - work smart and everything will come from there."** **This is something that I have thought a lot about. It's like on the soccer field, when you're at the end of the game you. You're mentally and physically tired but you still need to finish it out. You don't need to sprint to get in the right position all the time but time your sprint and use your energy more efficiently. This is a moment that I will keep for the rest of my life - not just the advice, but the kindness he extended in caring enough to share it.**

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As I stand here at the end of a 4-year high school career, I realize I've learned more from these two men in one year than I have in my 4 years at Grimsley combined. Maybe not about math or history--but about the things of life that I've come to believe matter even more. I've learned something about who I am (or was), about who I hope to become, and about how I might better understand the world of people around me. I don't attend the youth group here like my sisters do - I got out of the habit of coming and just never got back into it - but I do come almost every Sunday to one of the worship services. From the sermons here, I have learned a lot about who I think God is. I think this intersects with what I've learned from my experiences this year.

I believe and am grateful that God is a God of second chances. Tom is a good person. He's done some things that got him in trouble, but he isn't the same person as he was back then. It doesn't seem fair to keep judging him for his past when he's made great efforts to become someone different. Let's be honest, none of us is the same person we were 5 or 10 or 20 years ago. Maybe our mistakes were more tame, but we've all made them - and we wouldn't want that to be all people saw of us. From personal experience I can tell you I'm not the same kid that I was 2 years ago. Just like any typical high school kid I was sneaking out of the house and getting in trouble. I can tell you, and my parents can definitely tell you, that I have had my fair share of second chances, and third chances and maybe even fourth chances. It's the grace of the Bible - at least as I understand it. That God sees who we have the capacity to be and God helps us learn from and move beyond our mistakes.

I believe and am grateful that we are all equally children of God. Everyone has a story and every person matters. It seems like a crappy thing to say but we aren't very good listeners, especially to people who aren't like us, aren't doing the same things as us, or don't share our experiences. But what I've learned is that everybody in this life has something to teach. You can't just dismiss things that people say just because you don't think that you can learn something from them. It's not fair to judge the quality of somebody on how they look or their education level or what mistakes they have made in their life. We are all different and we all make mistakes, everybody still has the ability to contribute and help just like anybody else. Nobody in this life means any more or deserves anything more than anybody else. Deep down we all want at the very least to be treated equal to everyone else - so why aren't we treating others in the same way? Everybody in this life deserves the space to be seen and heard - to be made to feel important or valuable.

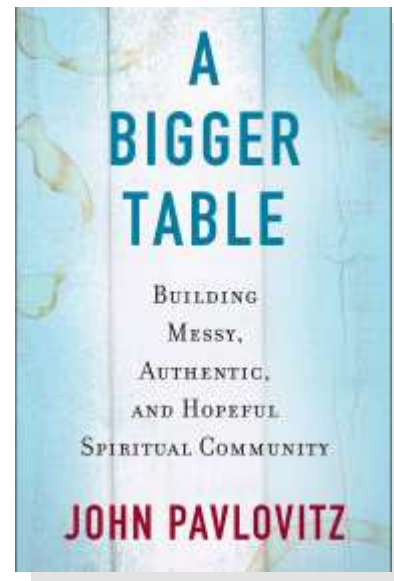
I also believe that God created us all different and we miss out of knowing an important part of who God is when everyone in our life is just like us. If we want to get a good glimpse of God in this world, then we need to be in community with lots of different people. This is one of the things that I love so much about College Park. This community is filled with people who have very different

stories - who have come from different places - have a variety of church and life experiences - and who might not be welcomed in other similar kinds of communities. Here you say that all people are loved by God and are free to be and worship - and because of that we this place is filled with the warmth and welcome and love of God. I think that this place that really tries to follow Jesus'iz call to love everyone and in doing so we have a better idea of who God is - because everyone brings a different part of God with them to this place. If we want to know God, we must open up to people who aren't like us.

I'm not the same person I was 6 months ago and I have Tom and Charles to thank for that. I'm also not the same person I was 7 years ago when we first started coming to College Park - and I have you all to thank for that. The parables this morning could be read as stories about finding - but I read them as stories of being found. In my job experience and in my time at College Park, I have found what I think it means to be a child of God and follower of Jesus - and while I know that is still evolving and there is more still to learn. I know that I'm a happier and better person because of it.

Youth Sunday
13 May 2018
Jonathan Coughlin

All Church Summer Read



“A Bigger Table offers the very wise reflections of a pastor with a heart like Jesus and a life journey that has led him to reject much of organized American Churchianity. John Pavlovitz is a pastor, writer and activist from Wake Forest, North Carolina. A twenty-year veteran in the trenches of local church ministry, **John is committed to equality, diversity, and justice.”**

Families Are Like Fudge & Other Things We've Learned as Brothers

Family is complicated! Can I get an "amen!"?

When we started writing this sermon, we looked up some quotes to see how other people describe family - **here are some of the ones we liked best...**

- Families are like fudge - mostly sweet with a few nuts.
- Home is a place where part of the family waits till the rest of the family brings back the car.
- Family is the places where the most ridiculous and least respectable things in the world go on.
- The advantage of growing up with siblings is you become very good at fractions.
- Happiness is having a large, close-knit family in another city (but in our case another state).

These quotes are funny and families are tough. Most people think of a family as - mom and dad, married, with a couple children - boy and girl, who live in their two-story home with a dog named Buster - You gonna name your dog Buster?

You get what I'm saying! It's the kind of family you see in commercials. I don't know about you, but when I see commercials like that I just think - that's not real at all. We are grateful that other communities in our life do a better job of showing what a true family looks like. From being at CP, we know that *sometimes* families have a **mom and dad ... and that some families have two moms or two dads**, some have a single mom or dad, some have children by birth or adoption - some families **look alike and some don't.**

And we also know that family life is not always happy and easy. We know that sometimes parents get divorced, **and dads don't show up, and well-deserving couples aren't able to have the children they've dreamed of**, and not all siblings grow up together, and families fight, and grandparents become parents to their grandchildren.

We are brothers - well, step-brothers (though we rarely use that phrase). The story of our family is complicated - **but what we've learned from being family** has helped us better understand our faith.

(DJ)

Until I was 9, it was just me and my mom. Though I **didn't get it as a kid I could tell that raising me alone was hard on my mom.** But there were lots of people who jumped in and who watched me while mom had to work, but at the end of the day, we came home to just the two of us. It had to be exhausting for my mom. She worked at least three jobs on top of having to raise me. She also went back to school and earned her Masters degree **during that time. Looking back at it, it's hard for me to even put myself in her shoes - I can't imagine the strength that it took to put aside the exhaustion and put me first.** She never made her struggle my struggle, but instead made it seem like everything was fine.

(Zach)

It's hard for me to remember the earliest days as family. I think my earliest memory is of Justice being born - I would have been 2. I also remember dancing around while dad played the piano. After that, most of what I remember about being a family begins after my **parent's divorce. For the first couple years, dad lived in New York and we lived with mom in North Carolina. I don't remember it much, but I'm sure it was hard on everyone.** Then my mom met Corry, my stepdad. We could all tell he made her happy and he really cared for us.

When dad moved back to NC it made the divorce easier on us and my parents have remained good friends. I remember a conversation I had with my dad in elementary school when I was upset trying to figure out whose house I would stay at over the weekend. Dad **calmed me down and said, "Zach, it doesn't hurt me when you stay at your mom's." That made me feel so much better.**

When I was in third grade, I played on a 3rd-5th grade basketball team at Lindley Recreation. It just happened that Xavier Harrison was also on my team. When our rec season ended, the AAU basketball season started up. Our team needed some players, so I invited Xavier to play with us. Over the season we carpooled to tournaments **and hung out after practices. I don't exactly know when it went from being friends to dating - that's not the kind of thing you really care about as a child - but I do know this was the beginning of what has become Harrison party of 4 - you mean 7? - yea, that's right. All I really knew at the time was that dad was dating a basketball mom.** Xavier had told me a little about but not much. The first time I actually met DJ was when I went with Dad to a basketball practice. DJ had long braids at the time - I leaned over to **Xavier and said, "who is she?" I've never let DJ forget it. I didn't have much of an opinion about it at the time - I guess we all knew at some point Dad would likely get married - and Monica seemed really nice - so it was no surprise to us 2 years later when Dad proposed.**

There were early moments when we could see what it **might be like to be a family... I have this memory of the first time Monica really cooked for us - you mean the only time - and we all sat down for dinner as a family.** And I have a memory of everyone playing Mario Cart in the living room or our old house - and I won - **no you didn't, I won.**

But then blending families brings some difficult **changes... (DJ) You would think that them dating for 2 years, things after the wedding would be smooth sailing - but I think things got harder for me.** For the first 9 years, I was the only kid. In many ways I was glad to have brothers, but it was more like three new friends I got to play with at home. But I was also a little selfish and possessive - a little? - ok, a lot - **It wasn't just sharing my stuff. I had to share the bathroom, the kitchen, the TV - but the hardest part was having to share Monica's attention.**

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(Zach)

I'm sure it didn't help any that some weeks we were at our mom's. It's also hard to learn how to be a brother. It's one thing when you're born into it, it just part of who you are together - but when it happens later in life, it take some real effort. My brothers and I had to be careful not to make DJ feel left out. We included him in things we had going on even on our mom's side of the family.

We went to his games and he came to ours. We found things to get into around the house like video games and **basketball ... and Monopoly!! That gets a little competitive.** But honestly, I think the best thing that happened to our family was Seth. Seth gave us something in common that we love and he brings a lot of laughter to **our family. For me, I wasn't sure how I felt about my mom being pregnant, but now the bond I have with Seth has been so unexpected but a huge blessing. He's really like my best friend and I enjoy making my mom made with him. Because of Seth, we have figured out how to be better brothers to him and to each other.**

(DJ)

There's actually a lot about faith that we have learned from our family. The first is grace and forgiveness. In a house full of 5 boys, there's a lot of grace and forgiveness needed. From mess making to rule breaking, there are several opportunities per hour to practice grace and forgiveness. Grace and forgiveness aren't terms that I can say I understand much - like in the bigger picture. But I think offering and receiving grace and forgiveness in our home has shown me how it might work. I know that I was real difficult to get along with in the beginning. But my family kept offering me opportunities to learn from my mistakes and to be better. I have come to think that a true family provides a space where kids can screw up and both be held accountable and also offered forgiveness - and I believe that's how God works also.

(Zach)

We've also learned that "family" can keep growing because love has the ability to multiply. I have learned this from watching our family expand. I have also learned this from parents who always warmly welcomed friends and family, co-workers and students into our home with open hearts, full plates, and warm smiles. Our house has an open-door and at any time might have an extra mouth or three to feed. Our friends feel as comfortable as we do in our home. I'm grateful for the way this has taught us to love others. I believe that the love of God is like this, too.

(DJ)

We've learned that family is not about blood. Before Rydell, all I knew about being a dad was based on my experience with my own dad - and so I knew what kind of dad I didn't want to be. But over the 10 years I've known Rydell, he has taught me about the kind of dad I hope to be one day. As a teenager, I know there must have been times that didn't make it easy for Rydell, and honestly, I can't imagine how hard it must have been to raise someone else's kid, but Rydell has never treated me any different than he treated his other sons and my brothers

have also made me feel a part of them. Keisha and Corey have also taken me in as one of their own. The same is true for me. Corey and Monica are more than step-parents. **I know people who don't have a good relationship with their step-parents, and maybe that term is more fitting for them, but they are like second parents - a second mom and a second dad - to me. I have my own relationship with each of them and I feel comfortable talking to them about things going on in my life. I'm grateful our families are close.**

And I'm glad we have many kinds families. College Park is one of our most important families. You all have helped raise us since we were little! Over these years you have become extra sets of aunts, uncles, grand-parents - you have taught us, loved us, nurtured us, supported us—fed us - **We honestly don't know who we'd be without you.**

All of this is why I've chosen to be baptized today. The most recent lesson we are learning as a family is that love reaches across states - though that is sometimes painful. It's hard for me to imagine what my life looks like next - home will be different, my family will be 632 miles away, I will begin school in a new city. I have no idea what it will look like to go to church.

What I have found myself thinking in this difficult time **of transition is that God's love finds us wherever we are - in whatever we are going through. I believe that distance does not change the way my family loves me - and I know that God's love also will not change. I believe that because of College Park I have gotten to know a more inclusive, loving, forgiving, challenging side of God's love. I'm grateful that College Park is another place I can call home - and I'm thankful for people like Jerry and Lisa Elkins who have become my Greensboro grandparents - to my youth group for being a place where I can be myself.**

I don't believe that being baptized today will magically change anything about me - but I do believe that it shows how important this community is to me, and it says that I want to continue following Jesus and the example you have set as a community of believers.

Families are complicated, but they can also be loving, healing, nurturing, and supportive. Though at one point **we weren't family, it's hard to imagine now. Zach is my brother. And I've at least stopped calling DJ my sister. I think what we've gained most from our family is the joy of finding and being found. We have found out who we are as people because of our relationships to each other. We have discovered who God is in our lives because of our families—all of them.**

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Zach Harrison, DJ Jones



Connections

Are you a college student or recently graduated student living away from home? Are you a family with a heart for young people? If so, Connections is the ministry for you.

Connections is a recent College Park ministry that hopes to connect college students/early young adults with families in the hopes of building nurturing relationships. If you'd like to participate in this ministry, as a student or family, please sign up in the hallway outside the Chapel.



- 4 Exciting Sessions: M-Th 6/25-6/28; 7/16-19; 7/23-26; 7/30-8/2; 9 am—2 pm
- Kids build confidence & showcase their talents
- Drama games & team builders
- Acting, Singing & Dancing
- Full musical production at the end of the week

For more information and to register:
apluskidstheatre.com



2018 High School Graduates

Jonathan Coughlin

Grimsley High School
Will attend UNC Chapel Hill

Zach Harrison

Grimsley High School
Will attend
Guilford Technical Community College

D.J. Jones

Grimsley High School
Will attend
Fayetteville Technical Community College

Zak Luck

Weaver Academy
Will attend UNC Asheville

2018 College Graduates

Morgan Howell

UNC Greensboro
Bachelor of Science in Psychology

Joel Rieves

Guilford Technical Community College
Associate of Arts

Hayley Turner

UNC Greensboro
Bachelor of Arts in Music Education

Mandy Luck

UNC Greensboro
Masters in Education

Jared Webb

UNC Greensboro
PhD in Mathematics Education

Youth Auction & Dinner Fundraiser

Thank you all for your generous support of our Youth Spring Fling Fundraiser. We hope you enjoyed the music and time together as much as you so evidently enjoyed the raffle and silent auction. The event was a huge success!! In total - including dinner, silent auction, raffle, t-shirt earnings - we raised about \$7500. We feel so fortunate to be part of a support community that values the ministries and experiences of our youth. Thank you again!!



SUPERHEROES OF THE BIBLE



College
Park
Vacation
Bible
School
Mon.-Thurs.
Aug. 6-9
5:30-7:45 pm

[http://www.signupgenius.com/
go/409094fa9a728a02-deep](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/409094fa9a728a02-deep)

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.

SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES FOR COLLEGE PARK KIDS

The best summer ever is right around the corner. Here are some great opportunities that will make it even better!!

Passportkids Camp at Eagle Eyrie
Join other College Park 3rd-5th graders for a few days of camp with Passport Camps at Eagle Eyrie. This is a well-run, creative camp that is a ton of fun and involves theologically stretching worship, experiential Bible study, and mission education for children. The theme for camp this year is *Enough*. Date and cost for camp this year - June 20-23, \$250/camper.

A+ Kids Theatre
Throughout the week campers will rehearse and perform a full musical on the last day for family and friends. So with 4 great sessions and 4 great shows, your kids will spend their days singing, laughing and learning how to shine on stage. Register today and save during the early period. apluskidstheatre.com Theatre camp is offered June 25-28, July 16-19, July 23-26, July 30- Aug. 2. Monday - Thursday, 9-2

Generation Hope
Generation Hope anti-racism summer camp will be offered for rising 1st & 2nd graders the week of July 16-20th from 8 am - 3 pm. If you would like more information regarding enrolling a camper or would like to donate, please contact Beth Webb at beth.d.webb@gmail.com.

College Park VBS
This year our camp will run Monday - Thursday evening, Aug. 6-9, 5:30 - 7:45pm. Come join us for a week of exploring the heroes of our faith and what it means to be a hero for God's world. Campers 4-years-old through 5th grade (rising 6th grade) are welcome to join us. We will offer childcare for children birth - 18 months, a toddler class for children 2 - 3 yrs., and an adult bible study 6:00 - 7:00pm that will cover the same stories your children/grandchildren are learning in VBS. [http://www.signupgenius.com/
go/409094fa9a728a02-deep](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/409094fa9a728a02-deep)

Creation Project

Have you taken a photograph that always reminds you of the infinite beauty of God's creation, or have you made a piece of visual art through which you felt able to express God in and through the act of creation? We are looking for photographs and pieces of art created by College Park members to display in our church halls. These pieces will serve as a regular reminder of the awesome beauty of creation, as observed and expressed by our members! If you'd like to submit a photograph or piece of art, please include the following information with the piece:

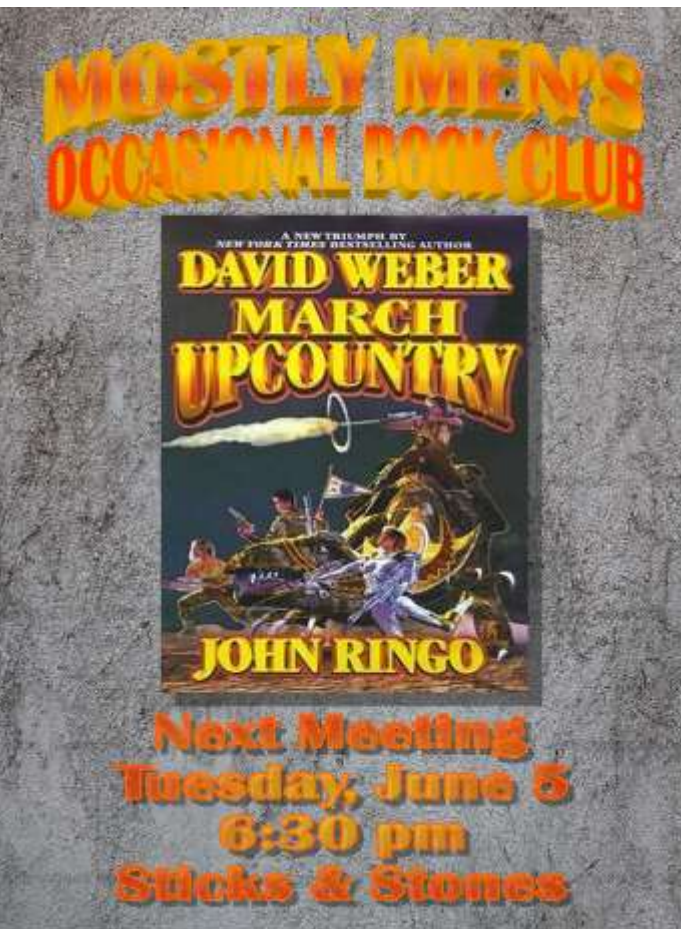


Name/Brief Description of Piece
Name of Photographer/Artist
Date/Year of Photograph/Artwork

...and send a high-resolution photograph to: christianmcivor@gmail.com. Photos should be cropped for standard frame sizes (5x7, 8x10, 11x14, 16x20). Art pieces and works that are already framed can be accepted in the church office throughout the week or on Sunday. We look forward to seeing your submissions!

Creation Justice Ministry at College Park

If you have a passion for environmental and ecological concerns and have interest in being part of a ministry group that works to protect, restore, and rightly share God's Creation at the local level and beyond, please speak to **Christian McIvor** after today's service and/or email: christianmcivor@gmail.com.



Thank You

To: College Park Church

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I want to thank you and the faith community at College Park for your generosity to Inner Ground. By allowing us to use Forest Chapel for our Healing Rhythms program, you enable us to offer this to the community free of charge. That is a gift to our young nonprofit and to those we seek to come alongside and companion on the journey. It is another tangible way that the College Park community offers healing and transformation.

Forest Chapel is a beautiful and sacred space for our drum circle. We experience a spirit of hospitality each time we gather there; a spirit that invites participants to be gracious with themselves and to lovingly tend the wounds they are carrying.

May the Loving One continue to bless your ministry and the faith community at College Park.

With gratitude,

Monica Citty Hix
Founding Director
Inner Ground, Inc.

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 August. Close to Times Square & Broadway. Contact Angela Brady-Fleming by phone [336-501-0270](tel:336-501-0270), text, or fleming1301@yahoo.com.



College Park Choir at Carnegie Hall

In June, several of our Adult Choir members will be singing on the stage at Carnegie Hall?! They will join many other singers from around the US, performing Pepper Choplin's major work, *Our Father*, which sets the Lord's Prayer to glorious music. The composer states that, "Sometimes, when we pray the prayer, we simply recite it out of habit without grasping its power. I hope this cantata will help your listeners connect personally with the prayer so that it will be come a significant moment of communion with God." Our choir has already sung two movements from the work in worship here at CP, and will present four more before it is presented in its entirety, with mass choir and orchestra, in NYC.

JoAnn Hill, Interim Choir Director

Announcements

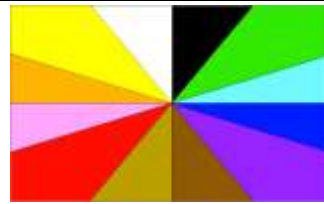
College Park Website

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 Changes

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

Roland Russoli & Sarah Nelson: 2510 Kensington Gardens #207, Ellicott City, MD 21043

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.

June GUM Donation

Mac & Cheese (7.25 oz. box)
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!

Online Church Directory

Looking for a CP member's address, phone number or email?

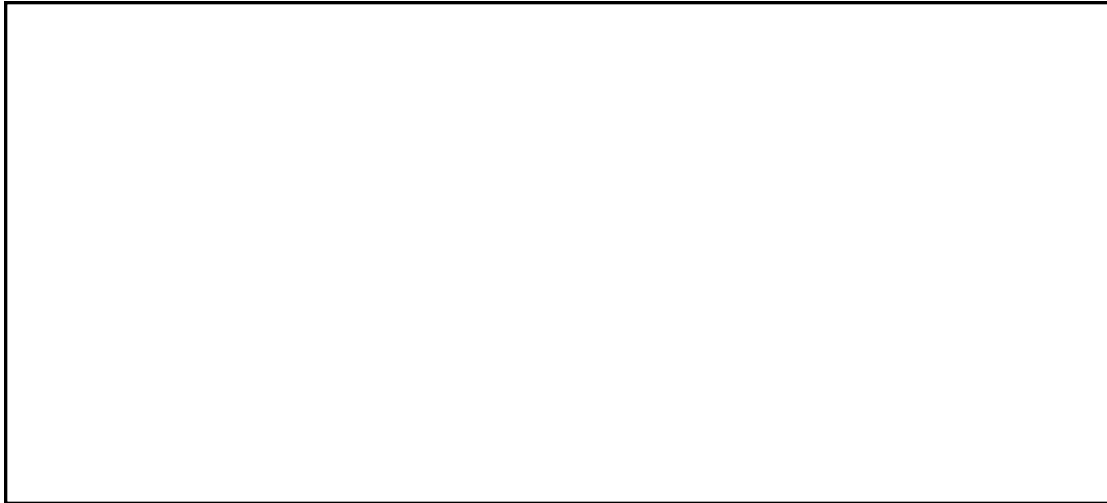
Visit the College Park Online Directory.:

<http://www.churchdirectory.com>, member login: cpbc1601gbo

Please let the church office know if any information needs updating. You can also add a photo of your family by sending it to the office: cpbcgbo@bellsouth.net

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Return Service Requested



Looking Ahead—June

June

- 1 AI-Anon Noon, FH
- 3 8:30 am Tessera, Chapel; 10:30 am Blended
**Service, Sanctuary; 6 pm Deacons' Meeting, Board
Room**
- 4 NA Noon, Chapel; 6 pm Zumba, FH
- 5 NA Noon, Chapel; 6 pm Zumba, Chapel; 6:30 pm
Mostly Men's Book Club, Sticks & Stones
- 6 NA Noon, Chapel; UNCG Training 8-5 pm
- 7 NA Noon, Chapel; UNCG Training 8-5 pm
- 8 AI-Anon Noon, Fellowship Hall, UNCG Training 8-
5 pm
- 9 UNCG Training 8-5 pm
- 10 8:30 am Tessera, 10:30 am Blended Worship
- 11 NA Noon, Chapel; Zumba 6 pm, FH
- 12 NA Noon, Chapel; Zumba 6 pm, Chapel
- 13 NA Noon, Chapel
- 14 NA Noon, Chapel
- 15 AI-Anon Noon, FH
- 16 NA Home Group Anniversary 10-8, FH
- 17 GUM Sunday; 8:30 am Tessera, Chapel; 10:30 am
Blended Worship, Sanctuary; 3rd Sunday
Refreshments in Chapel after 10:30 am service
- 18 NA Noon, Chapel; Zumba 6 pm, FH
- 19 NA Noon, Chapel; Zumba 6 pm, Chapel; PFLAG
7:30 pm, Chapel; Moms Demand Action 7:30 pm,
FH
- 20 NA Noon, Chapel; Passport Kids Camp 6/20-23
- 21 Forever 39 11:30 am, K&W; NA Noon, Chapel
- 22 UNCG TEACCH 7:45am—4 pm, FH; AI-Anon
Noon, Chapel
- 24 8:30 am Tessera, 10:30 am Blended Worship
- 25 Theatre Camp 8:30 am—2 pm, FH; NA Noon,
Chapel; Zumba 6 pm, FH
- 26 Theatre Camp 8:30 am—2 pm, FH; NA Noon,
Chapel; Zumba 6 pm, Chapel
- 27 Theatre Camp 8:30 am—2 pm, FH; NA Noon,
Chapel
- 28 Theatre Camp 8:30 am—2 pm, FH; NA Noon,
Chapel
- 29 AI-Anon Noon, FH

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