

October 2024
College Park Baptist Church



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3435 Crill Avenue
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Solomon said, “As a man thinks so is he”. To put it another way, transformation is the product of what we think about. There is a direct relationship between our thoughts and actions. God has given us the strength for the journey.

As we go through the transformation of interim to permanent pastor, pray that our thoughts are: How can I best support my pastor? When we listen to the message instead of critiquing it, ask “what is God saying to me and what did I learn”.

Pastors feel the weight of people’s expectations and it’s a heavy burden. Pray for our pastor and those who lead worship. Pray that God would reveal himself, through the service leaders, to you and the whole congregation. Give thanks to God for our Pastor and learn from him. If we all took a positive attitude with us into our church services and participated as eager disciples, it would start a revival in our city!

Your Deacon Rick Lynes

Jess Motes Resume

Jess and his wife Emily were married on February 8, 2020. Their daughter Piper will celebrate her second birthday this November, and their foster daughter, Alani, turned one year old in June.

After graduating from Palatka High School with honors in 2017, Jess Motes received an Associate of Arts Degree from St. Johns River State College in 2018 with an emphasis on public speaking. He furthered his ministry training at Baptist College of Florida in Graceville, Florida receiving a Bachelor’s Degree in Ministry Studies in 2020. He has completed 27 credit hours toward a Master of Divinity degree at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and will need 43 credit hours to complete the degree.

Pastor Motes participated in a one-year internship here at College Park Baptist Church. He visited the sick and widowed, preached and taught the Word of God regularly, planned festivals and events, discipled others, and performed many other tasks of a pastor.

He continued his ministry here at College Park Baptist Church as a part-time youth pastor for another year. In that capacity, he planned lessons, activities, and trips for the youth, providing advice and prayer as needed. He preached in the morning worship service periodically and assisted in organizing programs.

Pastor Motes accepted the call to pastor Terry Parker Baptist Church in Jacksonville. He has held that full-time position for more than 3½ years. In that role he prepared and preached weekly sermons and Bible studies. He helped cast a vision for the church and initiated ideas for impactful ministry. His other duties as Pastor included counseling, conducting weddings and funerals, and reaching out to the local community. Jess has expressed to the search committee his excitement for beginning a bi-vocational ministry that will afford him opportunities to connect with the community.

When Pastor Steve and Sue Wilt came to College Park Baptist Church as interim pastor in March of 2023. We were delighted. We were sure that the Lord himself had guided them to us. The two brought with them hearts to follow God and years of experiences, education, leadership and shepherding. As with many other churches following the COVID closures, we were searching for ways to work, study and show Christian love in the post-covid environment and reenergize College Park. The small group that was left was hanging on and praying.

The Wilts brought with them a fresh energy and their faith that College Park could continue in strength and growth. They shared that with us often during their participation here. The pastor has been very informative about practices he had used in other churches and Sue has been alongside showing us her faith as well.

On Sunday September 29 Pastor Steve delivered his final sermon as interim pastor. He installed Jess Motes as our pastor. We’re excited about a great future here with Pastor Jess and Emily, and we agree that the Lord himself put them here with us.

It’s with grateful hearts that we thank God for these two families. We ask God to continue to bless them and to direct our church.

The Pastor Search Team

The Church office is open Monday-Wednesday
8:00 AM to 3:30 PM. Call if you need anything.
Phone 386-325-7991 or Text 386-530-4851

Church Budget 8/31/2024: Monthly expenses: \$7090.60
Monthly giving: \$7206.26

October Birthdays

Spikes Jr, Lewis 10/1
Harrell, Dale 10/3
Hartzog, J. T. 10/10
McNeely, Milissa 10/10
Jordan, Suzanne 10/30

If you or someone in your immediate family is hospitalized, your Deacons would welcome an opportunity to visit them. They have also begun to do some home visits. If you would like a visit at home, or in the hospital, contact the church office at 386-325-7991.



Women On Missions Upcoming Projects

October 14th Senior Soup Lunch at 11:00 AM

Items for shoeboxes packing party 10/30 after Wednesday night dinner

We still need lots: small toys, sunglasses, gloves, socks, shirts, small notepads, shoes, hats, hair brushes, soap, wash cloths, crayons, markers, colored pencils, glue sticks, pencil sharpeners, pencil cases, bandanas, sewing kits, flashlights w/ batteries, first aide kits, etc.

***October 24-27 St Johns River Baptist Association
On Missions Connection***

39 Missionaries speaking in 50 places

***We will have speakers at College Park Baptist Church
for Wednesday night (23rd) and Sunday (27th)***

For more information call 386-328-5575

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 5:30pm Dinner 6:00pm Bible Studies Children's Ministry 7:00pm Music	3 Putnam County Medical Mission 5-8 pm	4	5
6 9:30am Grow Groups 10:30am Coffee fellowship 11am Worship Service Facebook.live	7	8	9 5:30pm Dinner 6:00pm Bible Studies Children's Ministry 7:00pm Music	10	11	12
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Pastor - Jess Motes
 Pastoral Assistant – Chris Stewart
 Accompanist – Jeannie Brown
 Bass Guitar– Jerry Teske, Vocals – Denise Spikes,
 Deacons – Rick Lynes, Lawrence Oliver, Jerry Teske,
 Harold Wilson, Chris Stewart & Lewis Spikes
 Prayer Chain Coordinator - JoAnn Morgan
 Church Secretary – Christi Bellamy
 Financial Secretary – Ilene Fulghum

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