

*March 2024*  
**College Park Baptist Church**



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Our Deacons have been evaluating the membership rolls of our church. They've been prayerfully addressing the fact that many former members have joined other churches, moved out of the area, become disinterested in attending anywhere, died, or have simply become unfindable.

Church membership is not only about identification. Joining a church is not like joining the health club or the rotary and seldom if ever participating in their activities. Joining the visible body of Christ is about participation. It's not about preserving family traditions or securing the use of the church facilities for weddings or other prominent family events.

The church is a body, and missing parts of the body create challenges for the parts that remain. As your interim pastor I have given considerable thought to how we might address the fact that our body has many missing parts.

- One solution is to improve the health of the body by the faithful teaching of God's Word that brings spiritual growth. I am seeking to do that by faithfully opening God's Word in our services.
- Another solution is to convey to the missing parts the value they potentially bring to the body. We've spent considerable time and energy seeking lost members, exhorting them to return.
- A last recourse is to be sure that our membership rolls reflect the reality of our church. Let me be clear, those who are unable to attend due to age or other infirmity need to be preserved as members in honor of their history with the church.

What are the consequences of keeping able but absent members on the rolls?

- First, keeping able members on the rolls who never attend church allows them to ignore God's Word. Hebrews 10:25 commands us to gather as a body. Failing to do so is more than a preferential choice, it is disobedience to God's Word.
- Second, chronically absent able members lose the opportunity for being taught God's Word, engaging in corporate prayer, finding supportive fellowship in their challenges, and observing communion that stimulates confession of sin.
- Third, when able members of the body are chronically absent, the work of the ministry is hindered for a lack of workers.
- Fourth, chronically absent able members deny church leaders the opportunity to give an account of those under their care as commanded in Hebrews 13:17. That text places accountability for the body squarely on its leaders.

As your leaders, we covet your prayers as we navigate the membership "waters" with a view to glorifying God and enhancing the visible body of Christ.

Pastor Steve

**THANK YOU FOR BEING A PART OF WHAT GOD IS  
DOING AT COLLEGE PARK BAPTIST CHURCH.**

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

Church Fundraising Goals  
Crill Avenue sign – need \$8000.00 received \$7,597.80

**Church Budget 1/31/2024: Monthly expenses: \$6,412.48**  
**Monthly giving: \$8,081.53.**

If you or someone in your immediate family is hospitalized, Pastor Steve would welcome an opportunity to visit them. He has also begun to do some home visits. If you would like a visit at home, or in the hospital, contact him at 610-509-3270.

### March Birthdays

Bennett Cody 3/1  
Allen Chuck 3/5  
Amis Bridget 3/12  
Rickett Ryan 3/15  
Fulghum Ilene 3/18  
Thompson Jerry 3/19  
Fulghum Marshall 3/21  
Fricker Jennifer 3/23  
Lynes Debbie 3/23  
Allen Ben 3/29  
Long Robert 3/29  
Reece Rosa Lee 3/29

### LIFELINES

**Where?** To be announced

**When?** Beginning soon!

**What?** A midweek small group opportunity for learning how to apply God's Word to everyday life

**Who?** Anyone who will commit to a weekly gathering in an informal home setting.

Bring your Bible, a pen and notebook, and a desire to spend 75 minutes:

- Encouraging each other (c. 15 minutes)
- Interacting with God's Word (c. 30 minutes)
- Praying (c. 20 minutes)
- Fellowshiping (c. 10 minutes)

### Sunday AM fellowship is moving!

- Where: The room to the foyer's left side (as you enter).
- Availability: 10:15-10:55 am
- Menu: Coffee, tea, hot chocolate, and snacks

Caution: Out of respect for the space and commitment to the worship time, please do not bring food or beverages into the sanctuary.

The other room is for private conference with church leaders before or after the service or for prayer.

Both rooms are available during the Sunday service as safe space for parents with active children or disabled adults. They are equipped with chairs and bibles. The audio of the service is available as well.

Anyone interested in helping set up and maintain these rooms please contact the church office.

**Clean-up Workday** – Sat. March 23, 8:30 am. In most churches, things accumulate. To recover usable spaces, we will organize what's useful and dispose of items no longer of use to the church's future ministry. See a council member if you would like to help. Everyone is invited.

**Easter (3/31) at CPBC** will begin at 9:00 am with breakfast prepared by the Brotherhood. At 9:45 am, Communion will point us to Christ's crucifixion. We have planned a few unique features for the Communion service that will enhance our understanding of that day at the cross. Then the sermon will take our thoughts to the victory of the resurrection. Invite your neighbors, friends, and relatives. It will be a memorable day.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<b>3</b> 9:30am Grow Groups 10:30am Coffee fellowship 11am Worship Service Facebook.live 12:30 ByLaws Committee	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 5:30pm Church Dinner 6pm Bible Studies, Children's Ministry 7pm Music	<b>7</b> Putnam County Medical Mission 5-8 pm	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
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<b>24</b> 9:30am Grow Groups 10:30am Coffee fellowship 11am Worship Service Facebook.live	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 5:30pm Church Dinner 6pm Bible Studies, Children's Ministry 7pm Music	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>31</b> 9:00am Churrchwide Brotherhood Breakfast 9:45am Worship Service  <b>Happy Easter!</b>						

Interim Pastor - Stephen Wilt  
 Pastoral Assistant – Chris Stewart  
 Accompanist – Jeannie Brown  
 Bass Guitar– Jerry Teske, Drums- Lewis Spikes, Jr.,  
 Vocals – Denise Spikes,  
 Deacons – Rick Lynes, Lawrence Oliver & Jerry Teske  
 Prayer Chain Coordinator - JoAnn Morgan  
 Church Secretary – Christi Bellamy  
 Financial Secretary – Ilene Fulghum

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