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College Park Baptist Church



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3435 Crill Avenue
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Our email address is: collegeparkbc@bellsouth.net

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Our Church Mission -Random Thoughts

All of us, whether healthy or unhealthy, young, or old, find it necessary to visit our physician on occasion. All the medical professionals first inquire into the state of the patient's health. The oximeter to measure the oxygen saturation level in the blood stream is placed on the finger, the weight is checked to determine whether we have been taking in excessive or poor quality nutrients, the heart rate and blood pressure is measured to determine if we can get oxygenated blood to all the body's cells. A stethoscope is used to hear if the heart or lungs have any abnormalities. At the summation of the examination the physician's advice usually always includes a statement to the effect younger folks are told by the physician to "quit eating junk food and eat your fruits and vegetables. Older folks usually are told to lose a few pounds and get more exercise. And so, it goes in our everyday lives.

Unfortunately, sometimes, some folks, if they don't like what the Dr. tells them, determine to quit that doctor and find another Doctor. Other folks just determine to quit going to the Dr. at all.

Occasionally one is required to have a physician's certificate of good health to assume new duties in the workplace which requires a revisit to the Doctor and new directives.

We, all of us, as members of College Park are collectively the church body. We may each be required during this period of church life to step up and undertake new roles in the service of worship to God," our Great Physician". To continue the mission of the church, it is time to assess the health of the church by going to the great physician. Is all the body receiving oxygenated blood from the heart? Is each member of the body receiving the nutrients of love, encouragement, forgiveness, and fellowship that God expects us to give one to another? Are we going before the Great physician in prayer to ask if our heart and lungs are strong enough to keep us in the race for the prize of the high calling in Christ Jesus that we are to be part of? Or, Is surgery by God necessary to repair a weakness that precludes us from knowing and attaining Gods will for each (and thus all) of our lives.

God, by His grace, gives us many opportunities to regroup, reexamine, check our health, and to unify in fulfilling our mission in service to Him. The mission of College Park Baptist Church has not and will not change. We are still admonished to "come together in love"; BE Present: To Humble ourselves and Pray": Be Patient, To Study the Word in order that we might be approved of God. But first we are to Pray for each other and for wisdom for each other. Please pray for the Pastor Search Committee as we ask God's will and for wisdom in the process of finding a new pastor and fulfilling our mission.

I will try to remember that I too must be PRESENT, Participate in Service to God and to each member, and be Prayerful in seeking God's will.

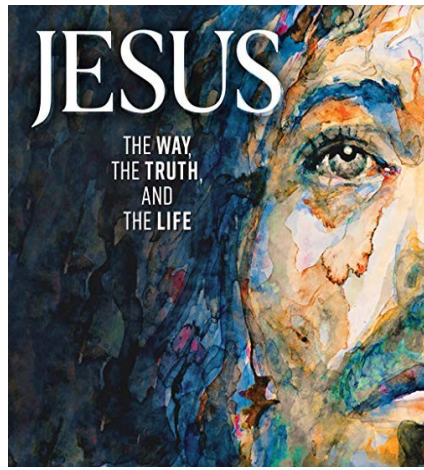
Gods Blessiings,

Lawrence Oliver

February Birthdays

Ryan	Debi	2	1
Teske	Cindy	2	1
Lee	Cody	2	5
Teske	Jerry	2	5
Fralick	Kendra	2	6
Holloway	Darlene	2	7
Williams	Patti	2	9
Johnson	Marie	2	10
Franklin	Erin	2	19
Lovitt	Trae	2	23
McKinley	Erin	2	24
Mew	Louise	2	24
Sapp	Anthony	2	24
Hicks	Mike	2	25
Tennant	Lisa	2	25

There is always a place
for you here.



The Church office is open Monday-- Thursday
9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Call if you need anything.
We have contacts for all types of assistance.

For any **prayer** requests or updates, please call,
text, or email the information to start the prayer
chain, or to reach a deacon or staff member.

Office # (386) 325-7991
Text # only (386) 530-4851
Collegeparkbc@bellsouth.net

Bring your offering to the church during the week, send to our
locked mailbox by US postal service, give online through the
link on our website (cpbcpalatka.org), or text 386-222-6325.

Church Budget 12/31/2022: Annual expenses to date:\$123,854.71
Annual giving to date: \$118,601.01

Soccer registration is open. Practices will begin after March 12th .
Games will begin April 1st. Anyone interested in participating in any
capacity please let the church office know as soon as possible. We
need prayer partners, head coaches, assistant coaches, referees, and
even practice helpers (previous players). Scholarships (\$45.00) are
needed.

With the oncoming of Spring (and soccer), property/lawn maintenance
will become a priority. Gary Nilsson has been chairman of this large
responsibility and he needs assistance of every kind. Anyone
interested please contact him.

We are always collecting for Operation Christmas Child Samaritan's
Purse Shoeboxes. There is a donation box in the Fellowship Hall.

Wednesday Night Dinner is served each Wednesday at 5:30 pm.
We have a special account used to pay for the food items needed to
maintain this project which is supported by separate contributions.
To help continue this mission, there is a donation jar on the kitchen
counter.

Committees Report

A joint meeting of the Personnel and Pulpit Committees has been held to begin the process of a pastor search. A separate meeting of the Pulpit Committee was later held to discuss our current needs and requirements. A brief training session led by a member of the Baptist Association will be held for the committee, and a schedule is coming together for pulpit supply and the pastor search. This will not, and should not, be a quick process. Please be patient with the Pulpit Committee and know that the work is happening even if it's not visible to the membership. If there are ideas or comments that you may have, please submit them to the Pulpit Committee by written note dropped to the church secretary. Most of all, please keep our church, this process and the Committee in your prayers. Please pray for discernment, guidance, unity, cohesion, patience, Church staff, the Pastor search committee, the outgoing pastor and family, and the Incoming pastor and family, and that the Holy Spirit be present in this process and in all decisions.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 5:30pm Church Dinner 6pm Bible Studies, Children’s Ministry 7pm Music	2 Puthan County Medical Mission 5-8pm	3	4
5 9:30am Grow Groups 10:30am Coffee on the porch 11am Worship Service Facebook.live	6	7	8 5:30pm Church Dinner 6pm Bible Studies, Children’s Ministry 7pm Music	9	10	11
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19 9:30am Grow Groups 10:30am Coffee on the porch 11am Worship Service Facebook.live	20	21	22 5:30pm Church Dinner 6pm Bible Studies, Youth & Children’s Ministry 7pm Music	23	24 Soccer Evaluation 4-7 pm	25 Soccer Evaluation 9-12 am
26 9:30am Grow Groups 10:30am Coffee on the porch 11am Worship Service Facebook.live	27	28				

Easy Access - Keep an eye on things new and upcoming instantly by looking at our website: www.cpbcpalatka.org. We have also gone mobile, which means quick access from your phone or computer. We even have a Facebook page, College Park Baptist Church, for current information. Or use our email collegeparkbc@bellsouth.net for quick reminders if you do not have time for a phone call. And yes, the phone number has not changed, 386-325-7991.

Church Pastor -
Pastoral Assistant – Chris Stewart
Accompanist – Jeannie Brown
Chairman of Deacons – Ben Rodda
Prayer Chain Coordinator - JoAnn Morgan
Church Secretary – Christi Bellamy
Financial Secretary – Ilene Fulghum