

June 2023
College Park Baptist Church



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3435 Crill Avenue
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The monthly newsletter is also available on our website at: www.cpbcpalatka.org
Our email address is: collegeparkbc@bellsouth.net

From Rev Stephen Wilt

What opportunities lie before College Park Baptist Church? As believers in Christ as Savior, we have the privilege and responsibility of living out our faith in a dark world. Our community needs to see that knowing Christ as Savior has impacted our lives. One way, but certainly not the only way that impact becomes evident to others is by our involvement in the ministries of our church. It's the place where we gather to learn God's Word, to encourage one another, to confess our sins around the Lord's table, and to engage in corporate prayer. In Acts 2:42, when the newly formed church practiced their faith in this way, a sense of awe developed around them.

As your newly called Interim Pastor, I pray that as we learn and work together, people in the Palatka area will witness what God is doing among us and be struck with awe. Too much to expect you say? Not if God is in it!

Perhaps we've allowed Covid and other pressures in our society to diminish our local church involvement. And, we may say, "Well, we're members." But membership results from our testimony of knowing Christ as Savior and that we desire to grow in our faith in cooperation with other believers. Though we should be committed to a local church in membership, we need to remember that being a member is only one of the starting points in our growing in Christ.

Hebrews 10:24-25 says, "And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.

If our feet chose just to be included in an inventory of our body parts, but didn't function, other parts would be called upon to compensate for the loss. The same is true of the body of Christ. We need each other. To be healthy, the gathered body relies on each of us to do our part to build one another up and be built up in our own faith at the same time. Let's get together this week around God's Word and ask Him to use us to bring a sense of awe about our God to the people of Palatka!



June Birthdays

Merrow	Anna	6	1
Truett	Donna	6	4
Hill, Jr	Bryan	6	9
Kirkland	Billy	6	13
Nelson	Sandy	6	16
Herring	Tom	6	17
Hill	Sharon	6	23
Rodda	Chrissy	6	23
Rosier	Margie	6	25
Cornwell	Kristi	6	26
Kelly	Matthew	6	30

We are planning a youth activity for Friday June 2, 2023, 3:30 to 7:00 pm. So youth clear your calendars and invite your friends. Don't forget to RSVP so we are sure we have enough food beverages and snacks.

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, to start the prayer chain, or to reach a deacon or staff member.
Office # (386) 325-7991

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 04/30/2023: Annual expenses to date:\$8,562.58
Annual giving to date: \$6,976.58

Anyone interested in helping with lawn maintenance please contact Lawrence Oliver or Rick Lynes.

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.

From the Pastor Search Team:

Supply Pastor, Interim Pastor or Pastor?

Supply Pastor –each Sunday since the beginning of January, there have been several speakers who have delivered the Sunday AM message from the pulpit which is the primary work of a supply pastor. The Pastor Search Team appreciates the work of Ben Rodda, Chris Stewart, Steve Wilt and Brad Hall in supplying these messages. One or more of them may speak again when there is a need to fill in.

Interim Pastor – the interim pastor has responsibility for shepherding the church until a permanent pastor is identified and his focus will be transitional ministry. He will lead the church to hold and practice sound, biblical doctrine and theology consistent with the SBC Faith and Message. Additionally, he will seek to preserve the unity and growth of the church. The interim pastor will be accountable to the College Park Baptist Church Council and the Pastor Search Team. It is not to be assumed that the interim pastor will be considered for or advance to the permanent pastoral position. When a permanent pastor is chosen and arrives, the interim will step down coordinating with the arrival of the incoming permanent pastor.

Pastor – the pastor has ultimate responsibility for the spiritual welfare and guidance of the church. He will utilize deacons, ministerial staff, and lay leadership as appropriate to maintain the spiritual welfare and guidance of the church body. His duties will include preaching the gospel, administering church ordinances, exercising watchful and responsible care to the church fellowship, working with the fellowship as a visionary leader of the church, and much more.

Final details are being worked out to bring in an interim pastor for several months to allow the Pastor Search Team to continue the organizational work that's necessary before a new pastor can be invited to join the College Park Staff. These include bylaws review, job description and other organizational efforts.

We sincerely ask that you continue to pray for the work of the Team and unity of the congregation.

Thank you.

June 2023

Check out the church calendar on our webpage. We have added meetings and holiday events.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Putnam County Medical Mission 5-8pm	2 Youth only 	3
4 9:30am Grow Groups 10:30am Coffee fellowship 11am Worship Service Facebook.live	5	6	7 5:30pm Church Dinner 6pm Bible Studies, Children's Ministry 7pm Music	8	9	10
11 9:30am Grow Groups 10:30am Coffee fellowship 11am Worship Service Facebook.live 3:00pm WOM 4:30pm Church Council	12	13	14 5:30pm Church Dinner 6pm Bible Studies, Children's Ministry 7pm Music	15 Putnam County Medical Mission 5-8pm	16	17
18 9:30am Grow Groups 10:30am Coffee fellowship 11am Worship Service Facebook.live 	19	20	21 5:30pm Church Dinner 6pm Bible Studies, Children's Ministry 7pm Music	22	23	24
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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.

Interim Pastor - Stephen Wilt
 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