

May 2024
College Park Baptist Church



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We've been looking at 1 Peter in our AM services recently. This past week we examined chapter 2, verses 4-8. Verse 5 became of special interest to me as I prepared for that sermon. I thought a recap of that verse would be appropriate for this Newsletter.

1 Peter 2:5 You yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, **to offer spiritual sacrifices** acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. (ESV)

Since we are so far removed from the sacrificial system that God established for Israel, we tend to forget that our privilege before God as His children includes several spiritual sacrifices. Not the kind of flesh and blood, but the spiritual kind.

The English dictionary provided by Oxford Languages defines sacrifice in part as ". . . surrendering a possession as an offering to God. . . ." Looking elsewhere in God's Word we can find definition for the sacrifices of the New Testament Church.

1. We learn in Romans 12:1 that our bodies are to be surrendered to God for His use as He sees fit. Since we died with Christ at Salvation, the life that now animates our bodies is His.
2. We see in Hebrews 13:15 that we are to offer Him our praise. He is the audience of our praise. When we praise Him, whether by simple verbal expression, or in music, it is for His benefit.
3. Since our bodies are His, our good works become a sacrifice to God (Hebrews 13:16). We serve the needs of others not only to their benefit, but so that God is glorified.
4. When we give of our resources, time, or energy, Philippians 4:18 reminds us that our giving is directed not to the church or some other human agency, but to God. Giving when the plate is passed or spending a day serving in some way constitute a sacrifice to Him.
5. In Romans 15:16, the Apostle Paul characterized those who trusted Christ as sacrifices. When we are obedient in sharing the Good News with the lost, and they come to saving faith, we offer a sacrifice to God.

What sacrifices will you offer to God this week? The opportunities abound for us to honor our God. Let's resolve to spend quality time seeking to honor Him with our sacrifices!

Let's put our bodies fully at His disposal, let's praise Him, let's serve His interests by ministering to the needs of others, let's give of our time and resources, and let's excite some angels by seeing someone come to saving faith.

From Pastor Steve

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

May Birthdays

Allen Cherie	5/10
Padgett April	5/13
Payne Jim	5/13
Spikes Denise	5/13
Yarborough Libby	5/13
Bundrick Alisa	5/15
Rash Christine	5/16
Wilson Harold	5/16
Tomson Patrick	5/21
Bellamy Christi	5/24
Taylor Kathi	5/30
Teem Sabrina	5/31

Church Budget 3/31/2024: Monthly expenses: \$7814.92
Monthly giving: \$10,481.00

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.

Membership. The names listed each month on the birthday list are still considered members due to no actual contact from them to make a change in their membership status. So if you have specific information about their attendance elsewhere write it down and pass it to church council so we could update their status. Thank you.

Sunday AM fellowship has finally moved. Meet & Greet!

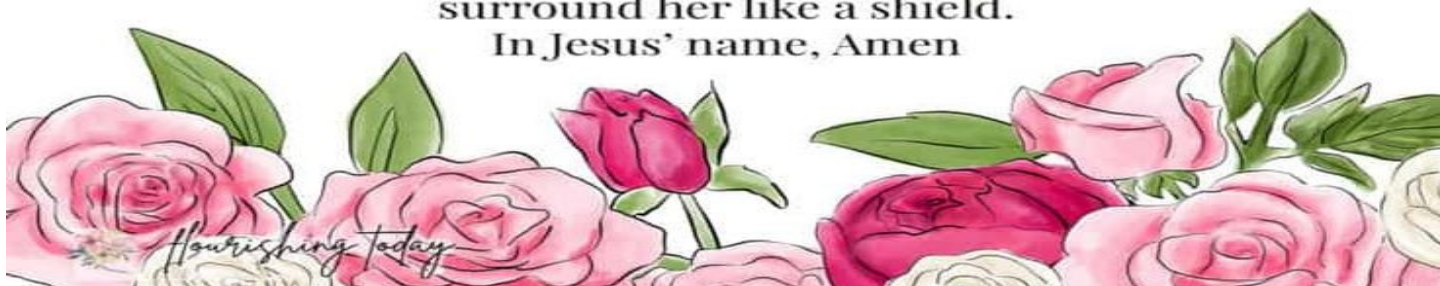
- Where: The room to the foyer's left side (as you enter).
- Availability: 10:30-10:55 am
- Menu: Coffee, tea, hot chocolate, juice, water and snacks.



A Prayer for Mothers

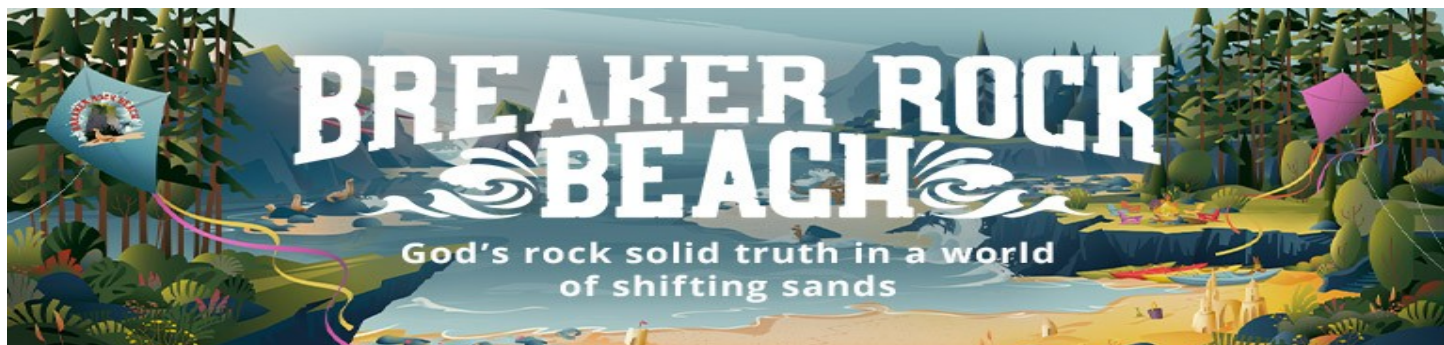
Lord, I thank you for my mother. Before I was born you chose her to be the one to bring me into the world. God I pray your blessing over her. That she would walk closely with you, hearing your voice and following your lead. I thank you for her heart to selflessly serve others. Refresh her as she pours out, Lord. I pray that she would live a long and prosperous life, and even into her older years, she will flourish and produce good fruit. Father, surround her like a shield. Keep her safe from harm and protect her from anything that would try to come against her. I pray that your supernatural grace would be upon her, your unfailing love would fill her and that your favor would surround her like a shield.

In Jesus' name, Amen



Yes, the sign is up and will work. We still have a few technical difficulties keeping it adjusted correctly. These guys have gone above and beyond! Yes the attic, underground and the internet yet there seems to be "a few more miles to go" to get it working full time. Thanks to the each and every one of you who have touched this project in anyway. Church, keep praying!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL will be every Wednesday night in July. There will be a preschool class and a children's class for Bible Study, Missions, Crafts, Music/Dance and Dinner. Dinner will begin at 5pm. We are making plans now, so let us know how you want to be participate in any way.



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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 Putnam County Medical Mission 5-8 pm	3	4
5 9:30am Grow Groups 10:30am Coffee fellowship 11am Worship Service Facebook.live	6	7 Nilsson's Home 7pm	8 5:30pm Church Dinner 6pm Bible Studies, Children's Ministry 7pm Music	9	10	11
12 9:30am Grow Groups 10:30am Coffee fellowship 11am Worship Service Facebook.live Happy Mother's Day	13	14 Nilsson's Home 7pm	15 5:30pm Church Dinner 6pm Bible Studies, Children's Ministry 7pm Music	16 Putnam County Medical Mission 5-8 pm	17	18
19 9:30am Grow Groups 10:30am Coffee fellowship 11am Worship Service Facebook.live 3pm Deacon's Meeting 3pm Women on Missions 4:30pm Church Council	20	21 Nilsson's Home 7pm	22 5:30pm Church Dinner 6pm Bible Studies, Children's Ministry 7pm Music	23	24	25
26 9:30am Grow Groups 10:30am Coffee fellowship 11am Worship Service Facebook.live	27	28 Nilsson's Home 7pm	29 5:30pm Pizza Dinner 6pm Games Night 7pm Prayer Meeting	30	31	

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