

September 2024
College Park Baptist Church



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Genesis 1:27 says, “So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. (ESV)”

Over the last century, we’ve seen a gradual, yet determined move in our culture away from acknowledging humanity’s accountability to a creator God. Science has captured the thoughts of many on this subject as superior to the “antiquated text” of the Bible. To some, this move appeared to be without consequence. Though excellent science points to the fundamental flaws in the thinking that our universe came into existence by some natural but undefined events, God has continued to be pushed aside in the discussion.

As evolutionary thinking permeated large segments of the scientific community and now floods even elementary school classrooms, God’s role in the world’s coming into existence no longer enters the conversation. A visit to a natural history museum will confront us with the evolutionary timelines no longer as theory, but as settled fact and indisputable. Bringing God into the discussion brands us as uneducated or duped.

I believe recent developments in our society have taken resistance to the creator God to a new level. The transgender movement directly contradicts God’s Word and reveals the ultimate resistance to God. God’s creative act of humans is “male and female.” He alone determines which we will be.

The transgender movement has surged in recent years. We’ve attached “gender dysphoria,” a sophisticated terminology to the movement that gains this perspective on gender a certain respectability.

The Mayo Clinic says, “Gender dysphoria is the feeling of discomfort or distress that might occur in people whose gender identity differs from their **sex assigned at birth** or sex-related physical characteristics.”

Perhaps you’ve concluded that this approach to gender does not affect you or your family, but beware! Note that our medical community now uses the term “sex assigned at birth.” I noted recently that doctors’ information forms now use this term. Someone has said that he who controls the vocabulary, controls the discussion. Calling our sex at birth “assigned” like our name, allows the narrative to start in the wrong place. We were not “assigned” gender at birth. God in His providence determined our gender at conception. No level of denial of that fact can change it.

Of the 60 biblical references to the womb, one of the more significant ones is Jeremiah 1:5 that says, “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, And before you were born I consecrated you; I have appointed you a prophet to the nations.”

Not only did God know him in the womb but had determined his occupation as a prophet. The idea that people, not God, determine one’s gender is the ultimate of audacity. It denies God his place as creator and replaces Him with human preference. It says, “I will be my own God.”

What should be our response to those struggling with gender dysphoria? The simple answer is to treat them with love and understanding. They should not be shunned or mistreated. They need the Christian community to come alongside them, enabling them to see the love of God through us. Then God’s truth can influence their lives in meaningful ways, helping them to see that God alone determines gender and building hearts submissive to God

Pastor Stephen Wilt

The Church office is open Monday-Wednesday
8:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Call if you need anything.
Phone 386-325-7991 or Text 386-530-4851

Church Budget 7/31/2024: Monthly expenses: \$9210.81
Monthly giving: \$9360.24

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.

September Birthdays

Deno David	9/2
Cornwell Amy	9/7
Deno Jeff	9/12
Parnell Michelle	9/14
Stokes Ashley	9/14
Sullivan David	9/15
Haring Holly	9/17
Rawls Jennifer	9/17
Bundrick Lorelee	9/18
Morgan JoAnn	9/19
PayneShamberley	9/22
Williams Greg	9/24
Metzler Ashley	9/30



The Pastor Search Team is pleased to announce the extending of a call to a candidate on Sunday, September 22 for the bi-vocational pastoral position. We will enjoy breakfast and “meet and greet” at 9:30 AM (no Grow Groups that morning). The candidate will then preach at the morning service starting at 11 AM with the members’ vote following. Please pray that God’s direction will be evident.

The candidate, Mr. Jess Motes, is returning to this area from his previous church, Terry Parker Baptist Church, in Jacksonville. Many members already know Jess, who grew up in College Park Baptist. He presents as the best of the candidates meeting the desired qualifications and brings a willing heart and a thirst to share God’s message. The Search Team feels that God is at work in this decision for Jess to be at College Park.

All members are urged to attend the breakfast in the fellowship hall to visit with Jess and to meet his wife Emily and their daughter Piper. After breakfast, we will hear the message that Jess has prepared for the morning service. Immediately after the service, a written ballot will be distributed for all members to offer their ‘no’ or ‘yes’ vote on the calling of Jess to be the bi-vocational pastor for College Park Baptist Church.

This is a very important decision for our church.

Members’ attendance and participation will be greatly appreciated.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:30am Grow Groups 10:30am Coffee fellowship 11am Worship Service Facebook.live	2	3 Deacon Ordination Council	4 5:30pm Dinner 6:00pm Bible Studies Children's Ministry 7:00pm Music	5	6	7
8 9:30am Grow Groups 10:30am Coffee fellowship 11am Worship Service Facebook.live 11:30am Deacon Ordination 3:00pm Deacons Meeting 3:00pm WOM 4:30pm Church Council	9	10	11 5:30pm Dinner 6:00pm Bible Studies Children's Ministry 7:00pm Music	12	13	14
15 9:30am Grow Groups 10:30am Coffee fellowship 11am Worship Service Facebook.live	16	17	18 5:30pm Dinner 6:00pm Bible Studies Children's Ministry 7:00pm Music	19 Putnam County Medical Mission 5-8 pm	20	21
22 9:30am Pastoral Candidate Churchwide Breakfast 11am Worship Service Facebook.live 12:00 Call Business Meeting	23	24	25 5:30pm Dinner 6:00pm Bible Studies Children's Ministry 7:00pm Music	26	27	28
29 9:30am Grow Groups 10:30am Coffee fellowship 11am Worship Service Facebook.live	30					

Interim Pastor - Dr. 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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