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Lenten Bible Study



Wednesday Nights, 6:30 pm
 Forest Chapel
 February 28—March 28

Perplexing Parables & the Economy of Mercy will be led by Hilary Floyd, an Academic Skills Instructor & Program Associate for Community & Lifelong Learning, Wake Forest University.

Discussions will include:

- The Laborers in the Vineyard, Matt. 20
- The Wicked Tenants, Mark 12
- The Dishonest Steward, Luke 16
- The Rich Man & Lazarus, Luke 16
- **The Lord's Prayer (comparison between Luke & Matthew versions)**

March Events:

- Weekly:
 Mondays—Thursdays
 12 pm Narcotics Anonymous, Chapel
- Mondays
 6 pm Zumba Class, Fellowship Hall
- Tuesdays
 6 pm Zumba Class, Chapel
 Girl Scouts—2nd & 4th Tuesdays 6:30 pm, FH
- Wednesdays
 5:30 pm Dinner, Fellowship Hall
 6:30 pm Bible Study, Chapel
 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal
- Fridays
 12 pm AI-Anon, Board Room
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- Sunday, March 11
 Noon—Business Meeting, Sanctuary
 12:15 pm Missions Meeting, Board Room
- Sunday, March 18
 GUM, 3rd Sunday Refreshments after 11 am service
 3 pm, Moms Demand Action, Sanctuary
- Tuesday, March 20
 7:30 pm, PFLAG in Chapel
- Saturday, March 24
 2 pm, March for Our Lives Greensboro
- Sunday, March 25
 9-10:45 am, Girls Scout Troop Fundraiser Breakfast
- Wednesday, March 28
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Trouble in the World

I've always been a little jealous of people who just know what it is they're supposed to do with their life. We all know these people. The teachers that have been leading their own mock classrooms of stuffed animals since they were six years old. The doctor who's been obsessing over science since they were old enough to walk and talk. That was never me.

Just like Christian talked about last Sunday, my career goals have changed no less than a hundred times over the course of my life. When I was really young, there was no doubt in my mind that I was going to be a professional basketball player. However, my love of shooting three pointers and my dislike of passing or playing hard defense made this goal seem a little more out of reach. In middle school, I had a CSI and Law and Order obsession that made me feel very sure that I was going to spend the rest of my life scooping bad guys off the street. But, once I realized the job wasn't quite as glamorous as it's depicted in a TV show, and it wouldn't be as simple as getting the culprit to confess before the end of the hour, I set my mind towards other ambitions.

During my teenage and young adult years, I switched back and forth between several different options of vocation choices, but none of them ever gave me the feeling I was looking for. In fact, in college, I couldn't even bring myself to declare a major until fall of my senior year. Which, in case you were wondering, ended up being Communication. A major that I was never too sure about but as it turns out, in this precise moment, is kind of helpful.

I knew I had a calling but I couldn't quite pinpoint what it was.

And my story is not unique. I'm not the only one who has experienced this problem. My mom loves to tell me "I'm ____ years old, and I still don't know what I want to do with my life!". I have classmates in my divinity school classes who are anywhere from forty to sixty years old, married with children, who have left their careers as lawyers, doctors, investment bankers, etc in order to start an entirely new vocational path. One of my housemates and good friends, in fact, made the decision in her last semester of college to turn her Econ degree and a future in financial advising in for three years of seminary and a job as a pastor.

The world is full of people trying to discover their calling. It can be as easy as realizing you were meant to be a police officer at 10 years old or as difficult as not finding your true vocation as a writer until late into your middle ages.

Trouble in the Text

What we have here in our texts today are two different stories of calling and two very different reactions to these callings.

In our first passage, Jonah is our reluctant and skeptical follower. Our lectionary text for today begins with God's instructions to Jonah to go and prophecy to the people of Ninevah. But if the name Jonah rings a bell

for any of you this could be because he may have been a popular character in your Sunday School classes as a child. Something about him and large fish, maybe?

Yes, indeed, we've actually entered into the story in the middle of the action but it is important to know that God's first instructions to Jonah don't exactly go well. God has told Jonah, the Israelite, to go to Ninevah. A little bit of context here- Israel and Ninevah aren't exactly the best of friends. In fact, prior to this story, Ninevah had held an oppressive hold over the Israelites for about 100 years. It's safe to say this wasn't the most pleasant sounding errand in Jonah's mind. I'd like to imagine myself, a proud Kentuckian, being sent in to Tar Heel nation to save their basketball team. I'm not sure I could do it.

If most of us here were to put ourselves in Jonah's shoes- I think we would have probably done the same thing he does. He runs away from his calling. And, long story short, this desperate running from God leaves him sailing on some pretty stormy seas and, eventually, smack in the middle of the belly of a whale. Eventually, God decides to have him spat out of the fish safely back onto dry land, but I think we can all agree this wouldn't have been a very pleasant experience.

So, it's safe to say, when our text picks up with God commanding Jonah to go to Ninevah for the second time, Jonah wasn't taking any chances. After a long and tiring journey, Jonah arrives in Ninevah and delivers a message of 8 words, the shortest sermon to ever be recorded in the bible. (I tried to run the idea of doing the same thing for this sermon by Michael and Lin but they didn't seem to go for it.) Jonah says to the people of Ninevah: "Three more days and the city of Ninevah shall be overthrown".

Now lets flip over to Mark for our second story. It paints us a picture of a group of followers who have a much different reaction to their calling than Jonah does. When Jesus comes to Galilee to spread his ministry, he happens upon an ordinary pair of fisherman named Simon and Andrew. He sees them casting out their nets, a job they had more than likely done their whole lives, and he calls out to them, compelling them: "Follow me and I will

Dipe! Wipe! Swipe!



Our College Park Nursery is growing! There are many ways we can help welcome these sweet newborns to the world and to our church family. Here is one suggestion: diapers, wipes and gift cards are always helpful in those first few months. Below is a list of families who have recently welcomed a little one or will welcome a new baby soon. We have included addresses and registry information if known.

Katherine & Nathan Sparrow welcomed baby girl Ellison Gilmore Rose Sparrow on Feb, 8th, 11 lbs., 21 in. Address: 2308 Berkley Pl., Greensboro 27403

Christian & Chrissy McIvor are expecting a girl in June. Address: 5207 Carolwood Dr., Greensboro 27407

make you fish for people”. And immediately, they dropped their nets and followed. In a similar fashion, he goes a little further down the road and he sees James and John mending nets in their boat. He calls out to **them and they immediately leave the job they’re doing**, they leave their home and their own father to be by Jesus’ side.

Good news in the Text

What we have here are two different kinds of followers. **There’s Jonah who ran from the call and then there’s the fisherman who dropped everything they’d ever known without ever asking a single question. But here’s the good news:** every single one of these people ended up answering their call. And the people being called were not the big and the powerful of society but some of the most ordinary people you could think of: a group of fisherman and one young man scared out of his mind.

After Jonah’s proclamation of death and destruction, the Ninevites (by all appearances) start to get their act together. Much like folks living in Hawaii this past week could tell you, thinking that the end of the world is gravely imminent can bring out a real sense of urgency in people. The citizens of Ninevah begin to fast and adorn themselves with sackcloth.

God in this story, is so impressed by their dedication that the whole destroying Ninevah thing starts to sound a little too harsh. God decides to spare Ninevah. The city is not destroyed and the Ninevites live out their days peacefully. Jonah goes from being the guy stuck in the belly of the whale, to saving an entire city full of people.

Things don’t go so badly for our brave fishermen either. Whatever feeling they had that day when they saw Jesus and heard his voice calling out to them, whatever power that must have come over them to make them **want to leave their families and the only life they’d ever known**, must have continued throughout the rest of his ministry and long past his death. They become his dedicated disciples who continue to spread his message and his ministry after he is crucified. Part of the reason why Christianity exists today is because of their calling.

Good news in the World

Now, one thing that’s important for us to realize is that both of these stories are pretty heavy duty examples of what it means to answer your calling. The good news for us is that **calling doesn’t always have to be a large scale thing. It doesn’t always mean saving a city or abandoning everything and everyone in your life. That’s not** necessarily what God is asking of you. Sometimes part of our calling is doing smaller, simpler tasks. Sometimes it means using whatever power you do have to make an impact in your community.

Calling doesn’t have to be an individual thing either. Another big difference between the stories of Jonah and the disciples is that Jonah had to figure out his calling all on his own. This may explain why Jonah story gets a little rockier in places. This would explain the fear and apprehension that Jonah felt, this could be why he runs away from the voice calling out to him. The disciples, on the other hand, had each other to lean on. Abandoning everything they’d ever known was probably a lot easier

Private Film Screening of the documentary: **FATTITUDE**
Monday, March 26th
7:30-9:00 Film Screening
9:00-10:00 Panel Discussion
Regal Greensboro Grande Stadium 16
(Friendly Center)
Tickets will NOT be available the night of the screening.
Buy your ticket here:
www.tugg.com/events/fattitude-dgqw

**EVERY BODY
DESERVES RESPECT.**

TASTING ABUNDANCE Three Birds
Community & Cultural Experiences

with their brothers there, walking side by side with them through the entire journey.

Greenwood Forest Baptist Church, a small church in Cary, North Carolina recently discovered what it meant to answer a call together as siblings in Christ. They were called to action as a community when a member of their church was detained during one of his regular checks in with immigration.

Gilles Bikindou, a native of the Republic of the Congo, came to the United States legally 12 years ago while fleeing political persecution on an education visa granted **by his country’s government. This visa soon lost funding after Bikindou refused to falsely testify in court on his government’s behalf about state-sponsored crimes** committed at their hands. After multiple failed pleas for political asylum, he was arrested by ICE many years ago, but they later released him on an order of supervision. This order allowed him to work and drive and required him to show up for weekly check ins with immigration officers in Charlotte, appointments that he attended religiously, never missing a single time over the past 10 years.

Last week, without warning or notice, Bikindou was arrested and detained by ICE officers and sent to a detention center in Georgia. It is still unclear at this time if Bikindou, who suffers from a serious, life threatening, medical condition which requires him to take medication only sold in the United States and Canada, has had any access to said medication or received any kind of medical attention while in detainment.

Greenwood, as Bikindou’s church family, felt their calling to take action. This past week the church gathered with other religious leaders in their community to pray and to rally their elected officials into action and ask for a **delay in Bikindou’s deportation. The church is also actively filing legal motions in court on Mr. Bikindou’s**

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behalf. The Reverend Lauren Efird has led her church in their calling into active resistance against an injustice being committed against one of their own. This will be an emotionally trying, frustrating, and exhausting calling to follow but one that the church has decided is worth it.

You can look all around us and find inspiring stories of people following callings that benefit the greater good.

There's Amy Wright and her husband in North Carolina who, inspired by two of their own children born with down syndrome and the knowledge of the vast unemployment among adults with disabilities, started their own coffee shop that employs over 40 adults with special needs.

There's Alice Tapper, daughter of CNN journalist Jake Tapper, who (at just 10 years old) created the "Raise Your Hand" Girl Scout Patch. The goal of patch being to motivate young girls to gain confidence in an educational system that often ignores or overlooks them.

And we can't forget to honor those who risked everything to follow a calling. Malala Yousafzai, who was shot in the head by the Taliban while fighting for her own right to education.

Harvey Milk, the first openly gay politician elected to public office in the United States who later would be assassinated by a disgruntled political opponent.

Heather Heyer, who was run down by a white supremacist during protests in Charlottesville this past summer.

Calling is a messy and complicated thing. It's not always easy and its not always fun. Sometimes calling means you must drop your nets and follow. Sometimes it means leaving the places and the people you're most comfortable with, even if it's just for a little while.

Sometimes we're called to do things as grand as saving an entire city of people and sometimes we are called to do things as small and simple as going out of our way to show kindness and compassion to a stranger.

As for me, I haven't quite figured this whole calling thing out just yet. But I do feel like I'm at a great place in my life now to figure this out. I serve in a church dedicated to community, justice, and service. I spent a summer in New York City, working for a non profit whose ministry works to serve and do good for the community that it's a part of. Everyday I'm in classes and interacting with people who change my life in a positive way and make me strive to be a better person.

What my long term calling turns out to be hasn't quite been decided yet but everyday I feel God calling me to small, seemingly insignificant acts of goodness. To choose love over hate. Understanding over judgment. To be quicker to listen than I am to speak.

God is calling us all into these simple yet radical acts. And whether this calling has us dropping our nets at Jesus' feet, throws us into the belly of a whale, or keeps us right where we're standing, we can be guaranteed of one thing: the God who calls us will be the same God there with us all the way through.

Jana Dye, WFU Intern
21 January 2018

CP Missions & Senior Wheels Fundraiser Spaghetti Dinner

Wednesday, March 28, 5:30 pm
College Park Fellowship Hall
Everyone Welcome!

\$5.00/Person, \$16/Family
Additional Donations Welcome
Go online to make reservations:

<http://goo.gl/xpXCdp>



Promoting Independent Lifestyles

SENIOR RESOURCES OF GUILFORD

Senior Wheels Medical Transportation Program provides rides for seniors age 55 and over who are ambulatory to medical appointments in Guilford County and to regional medical facilities. We are hosting a dinner to honor one of Senior Wheels' top fundraisers, our beloved Betty Withers.



DIANA WASHBURN

"I suffered a major stroke in March of 2005. I was obese, stressed, and had untreated high blood pressure and high cholesterol. I was unable to talk, walk, work, drive or perform any tasks that required two hands, but the one thing I did have was an incredible drive to be the best I could be. Unable to use my right side, I became left side dominant. I have lost 100 pounds, got an assistance dog, Saffron, and became independent again. My life changed forever and so did my attitude about my health. I joined the local Aphasia group. I also found ways to overcome my disability and continue to enjoy doing the same crafts I did before the stroke. This stroke has not and will not stop me from my love of volunteering with the community."

Article from Guilford County Women's Journal. Diana Washburn has been selected as one of the American Heart Association 'Guilford Go Red Women' for 2018. She was honored at the annual Red Heart Ball, as well as featured on a billboard, news, magazines and will appear in the Greensboro Christmas parade.

A Good Foreman: *A memoir for Mary Hutchinson*



Mary Foreman Hutchinson had many loves in her long life. Let me highlight just a few. Mary loved the North Carolina coast. She enjoyed fishing, swimming in the ocean, walking on the beach, and visiting the Pine Knoll Shores Aquarium with her children and grandchildren

Her parents had a boarding house on Carolina Beach. She could bait a hook with bloodworms and fish from the surf. Hayley remembers touring the aquarium with her grandmother, and how enthusiastic she was about the sea life she saw there. She swam in the ocean, something she enjoyed her whole life, even up until recently. **“I’m so happy when I’m on the beach,” she told Andrea not long ago.**

Mary loved Disneyworld. She and various members of her family would make annual treks to ride the coasters and people watch. She rode even the scarier ones, like Tower of Terror, Space Mountain, and her favorite the **Rockin’ Roller Coaster with Aerosmith, which is a loud, fast, dark ride that puts you in a stretch limo that rockets out of the starting gate. It’s the only inversion coaster (one that goes upside down) in Disneyworld, and the second fastest at 57 mph. “Make it a superstretch,” right Mary? She and Pat went often and enjoyed their trips and she brought the grandchildren along too.**

Mary was born in Salisbury in 1936, an only child to her parents Bill (who was a traveling salesman) and Isabel, who was a nurse; together they raised Persian kittens. Mary received her associate’s degree in business from Kings College in Charlotte, NC. She met her husband to be when he was fresh out of eight years with the Coast Guard. **She told her friend Caroline, “I’m going to marry him,” and she did.**

Mary was organized and had several interesting jobs during her long career, which included working for Rowan County Social Services; Klopman Mills in Asheboro; Iredell County NC Division of Motor Vehicles/ Highway Patrol; Guilford County Employment Security Commission, and she retired with 28+ years of service from Norfolk-Southern Railway here in Greensboro. She worked during a time in which many women did not work, and Hayley always admired that she both worked hard at interesting jobs, but also held down a second shift at home, because Mary was the one that cooked and cleaned and did the family finances. She was always the good foreman!

She helped her husband AJ with his college classes too. She joked that his BA should have been hers since she wrote all his papers! Really, Mary could do most anything.

She loved flowers and she could root and grow anything. Mary had the greenest thumb. She loved all flowers and always had some around her; she especially liked roses and hydrangeas. Which is the reason we just sang, **“Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, open to the sun above.”** And spring in North Carolina was her favorite time with all the lush foliage and remarkable blooms.

Mary loved to shop. She especially loved the **department store Belk’s, and she’d been to most of the Belk’s in North Carolina.** Mary and her husband everyday went somewhere; he tried to plan some fun trip everyday after they both retired. She and AJ were avid collectors and spent their days traveling to many collectible stores to find their treasures. She especially loved dolls, and it was a joy for her to find an antique doll and restore it to its original condition. She was an artist and was good with her hands. Her friends would bring her rare dolls for her to fix, and she did.

Mary loved to sing. She sang *Home on the Range* for her high school talent show. She was a part of the choral group at Kings College. When she came to hear Hayley sing at UNCG, she gave her the good advice not to lock her knees when she was performing. This was information Mary had learned firsthand when she herself passed out in Aycock Auditorium singing with her college group.

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INTERACTIVE
RESOURCE CENTER



UNDERWEAR NEEDED

The IRC is in great need of new men’s & women’s cotton underwear (bottoms only).
Adult sizes: small, medium, large, X-large, XX-large, XXX-large, 1 X, 2X, and 3X.

The College Park Missions Committee will be collecting these items Feb. 18 - March 31.
A box marked IRC will be available in the side foyer for your donations.

Questions? Contact Eileen or Lyndon Lloyd
(336-549-7766) eileenmarie6@yahoo.com
or Karlan Barker (336-317-4355)

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Mary stayed current with technology. This is probably why she was such a success in all her various jobs. She was smart and technologically savvy. Here she was at 81, and she texted easily and often—you didn't have to wait days to get a text back from Mary. She had a Facebook page, and she could research information on the internet with ease. If **you texted her, she'd text you back quickly, not after days and days** like too many of her peers.

Mary loved her kids and grandkids. Andy said, she was my rock. She bought me my first drum set so many years ago. She called Alex her Speckled Freckle, which I think Alex should legally change his name to now. She loved Alex and Hayley and Caroline fiercely. She was devastated **by her daughter Pat's death some years ago.** In the last couple of weeks she told her family that she had heard Pat say to her, **"I'm waiting for you, mother."** I know that for many parents who have lost a child, that they find it much **easier to cross over themselves, and they don't cling so desperately** to this life, believing their lost child will be waiting for them on the other side.

Andrea said to me, **"She was my rock. I could tell her anything and she listened without judgment. I got my strength from her. She was so compassionate and always saw the good in people. She always had a smile for folks. We shared the same sense of humor and we would find situations ridiculously funny and laugh until we hurt. I'm so much like her. I wish I had all day to sit and talk about her and with her."**

Mary loved God. **She wasn't much for church, but AJ remembers that she read her Bible everyday in the morning, and she carried the Lord's Prayer with her in her wallet. You carry what's most important to you in your wallet, what you want to remember.**

The writer of the NT letter of 1 John wrote,
God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them. This is how love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on the day of judgment: In this world we are like Jesus. There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love.

We love because God first loved us. Whoever claims to love God yet hates a brother or sister is a liar. For whoever does not love their brother and sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen. And God has given us this command: Anyone who loves God **must also love their brother and sister."**

And Mary did, she loved all those around her, with a full heart and clear mind. And for that we will always be grateful.

Michael Usey
24 February 2018

Harm Reduction Training

In conjunction with UNCG, CP will be sponsoring a **new program called "Harm Reduction" which will help prevent drug overdoses, save lives of those who have overdosed, etc.** If you are interested in participating, please plan to attend the training on Sat., March 17th from 1—2 pm at the MHRA building, UNCG, Suite 3605.

Please RSVP to cnhollem@uncg.edu
Questions? Contact John Fahr, johnsfahr@gmail.com
Plan to take notes.

Children's Hour Wednesday Schedule!

6:00 pm - Music from Around the World (Tone Chimes)

6:30 pm - Stories from Around the World

In this short hour, we engage our children in activities that guide them to think about what it looks like to practice our faith in the world. We do this by reading stories from around the world, learning about ministries around the world, and playing music from other parts of the world. We hope your child can join us on Wednesday evenings.



What else do we offer families on Wed. Night?

6:00 pm - Adult Handbell Choir, Sanctuary

6:30 pm - Adult Bible Study, Chapel

7:30 pm - Adult Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

Childcare!

Childcare is provided every Wed. night, 5:30 -7:30 pm.

GOD'S TROMBONES: African American Cadences and Culture

MARCH 15-16, 2018
All events are free and open to the public.

Thursday, March 15, 10am, Hodges Reading Room, Special Collections, UNCG Jackson Library:
Randall Burkett, lecture, Research Curator for African American Collections, Emory University. A University Libraries sponsored event.

Thursday, March 15, 7pm, UNCG Faculty Center:
Ross Gay, poetry reading, Associate Professor of English, Indiana University

Friday, March 16, 10am-3:30pm, EUC Auditorium, Symposium:
Paula Marie Seniors, Associate Professor of Africana Studies, Virginia Tech
N. Frank Woods, Assistant Professor of African American and African Diaspora Studies, UNCG
Shaun Spencer-Hester, Executive Director, Anne Spencer House and Garden Museum
Lori Brooks, Professor of History, Fordham University
Sherrie Marcia Damon, DMA, UNCG
Keith Cartwright, Professor of English, University of North Florida

Friday March 16, 5pm, Music Recital Hall, Rm. 100, School of Music and Performing Arts, 100 Melver Street:
God's Trombones, Dramatic Reading by members of the UNCG community.

Friday March 16, 7:30pm, Music Recital Hall, Rm. 100, School of Music and Performing Arts, 100 Melver Street:
Kenny and the Tigers Trombone Shout Band

For disability accommodations, please contact the English department at 234-5311 at least one week prior to the event. In all situations, a good faith effort (up to the time of the event) will be made to provide accommodations.

All events sponsored by the Class of 1992 Alumni Fund, Department of English, with support from the Honors College, African American and African Diaspora Studies, the Department of History, Religious Studies, Women's and Gender Studies, Languages, Literatures, and Cultures, the Humanities Network Consortium, and the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.



Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser



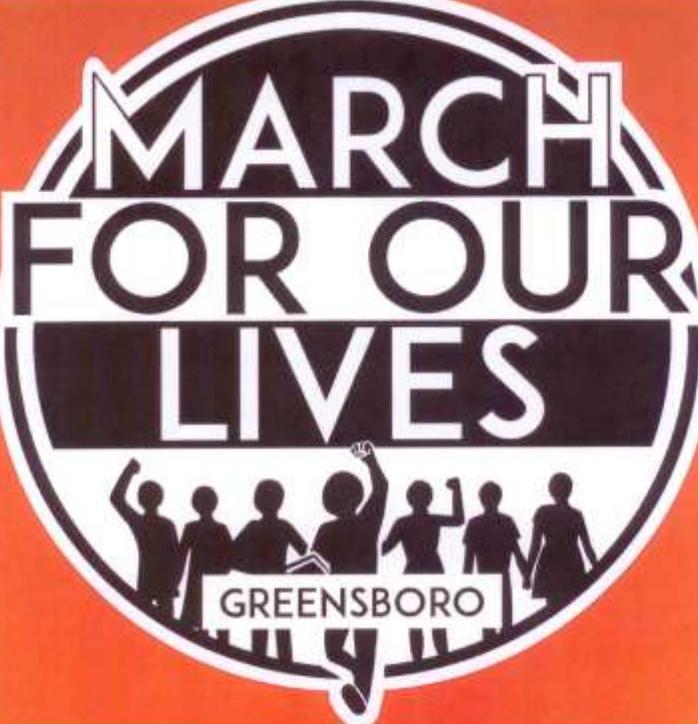
Girl Scout Troop 02485
(9th Grade Seniors *which meet at CP*)
Sunday, March 25
9:00—10:45 am
CP Fellowship Hall

Breakfast includes: pancakes, sausage, coffee, & orange juice
\$5.00 per person, \$20 per family

Support Girl Scouts
Making the World a Better Place

They are raising funds for a service trip to Costa Rica in 2020.

MARCH FOR OUR LIVES



GREENSBORO

March 24 at 2p.m.
March from Government Plaza to LeBauer Park followed by a rally with speeches and performances.

A March by students, for students to demand gun control action and ensure the safety for all students.

EASTER EGG HUNT



Sunday, March 25
Bring a bag lunch to eat after the 11 am service. Then we'll hunt for eggs!

Wrapped Candy (no chocolate) is needed for Easter Egg Hunt.
Donation box in the parking lot entrance foyer.



DINNER AND AUCTION

WEDNESDAY, MAY 2
5:30 - 7:30 PM
FELLOWSHIP HALL

CP Youth are hosting a Spring Fling Auction to raise money for the youth mission trip to New York City. The night of fun will include dinner (\$7/person), silent auction, live auction, raffle & live music.

Donations are needed for the silent auction & raffle baskets. They may include new or gently used items of value. Please leave donations in Lin's office by **March 25th**. Donations are tax deductible.



SPRING FLING FUNDRAISER YOUTH MISSION TRIP

AUCTION

Donations Needed by March 25th

 **YES**

New or gently used
items of value



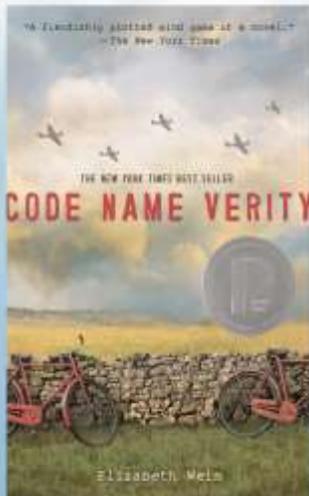
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Broken, obsolete
or yard sale items



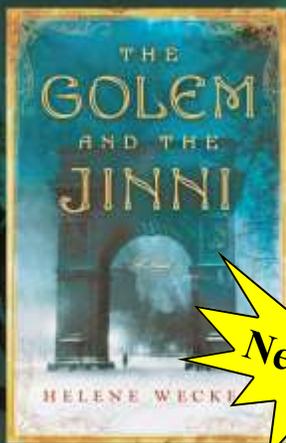
WOMEN OF VALOR

NEW BOOK



**NEXT MEETING APRIL 10,
7 PM, LISA ELKINS' HOME**

Mostly Men's Occasional Book Club



New Date

**Tuesday, April 3
6:30 pm, Sticks & Stones**

College Park Sunday School Opportunities

Nursery

Birth-23 months (Parking Lot Entrance) Childcare provided by both Preferred Childcare, Inc. employees and College Park volunteers.

Toddlers

2—3 1/2 yrs. (Parking Lot Entrance)

1st, 3rd Sundays—Music & Tone Chimes

2nd, 4th, 5th Sundays—Hands-on Faith Lessons

Children's Sunday School

PreK—1st, 2nd—5th (Children's Library & Youth Room)

1st & 3rd Sundays—Music & Tone Chimes

2nd, 4th, 5th Sundays—Hands-on Faith Lessons

Sunday Morning Youth Gathering

6th—12th grades (Fellowship Hall) For more information:

<https://cpbcyouthchaos.wordpress.com/youth-Sunday-school/>

Adult Study Groups: 9:45—10:45 am Sundays

God in Books—reading: *You Are What You Love, the Spiritual Power of Habit*. What do you want? This not-as-simple-as-it-seems question is at the heart of *You Are What You Want*, the winter read of the God in Books Sunday school class. According to the author, the question is the "first, last, and most fundamental question of Christian discipleship" and "is buried under almost every other question Jesus asks each of us." Seeking clarity in the new year? The balance that comes with it? Please join us for thoughtful discussion as we seek to better ground our Christianity in these turbulent times. Room 303, after Tessera.

Bible 101—(Room 305) is studying the book of Joshua.

Pathfinders—(Fellowship Hall)

Class explores a variety of faith topics.

Adult 3—(Parlor)

Class uses the Smith & Helwys Sunday school curriculum to guide conversations of faith, Bible and life.

Pink Pad Project

Celebrating International Women's Day & the One Year Anniversary of the Pink Pad Project, College Park is collecting items during the month of March (3/1-31).

The Pink Pad Project is a community-based initiative that provides feminine hygiene products to homeless women. Needed products include, but are not limited to tampons, pads, panty liners, flushable wipes and vaginal wash.

Please help us meet the goal of 365 items.

Learn more at:

<https://www.facebook.com/ThePinkPadProject/>.

Project founder Imani Barnes is an under-graduate student at UNCG.

Announcements

College Park Website

Our redesigned church website is now very mobile friendly with several new features. To keep better informed about happenings of the church, check out the online

Collage blog that is updated frequently. And see a weekly **calendar of events**. The **"Library"** is an archive of memoirs, sermons, etc. Give your offering online, read about our latest mission projects or the capital campaign, and share the site as you try to explain our uniqueness to your friends and family.



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Options for Children during the Worship Service



There are several child care options during the worship service: Nursery (birth—24 months) Room 201 main floor, Toddlers (2-3 yr.) Room 104 lower level, Wee Worship (PreK -1st grade) Room 110 lower level. Your child is also welcome to stay in the service with you. Kids Worship binders are available with activities related to the sermon. Look for the bins at the front and back of the sanctuary.

Address Change

Chuck & Caroline Joyce: 366 Carlisle Park Dr., Kernersville 27284-7111

Matt Lojko: 4-D Stadleridge Dr., Greensboro, 27410

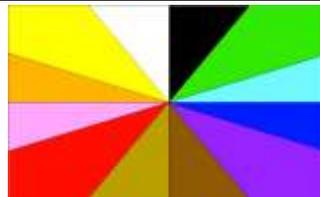
Juanita Blackmon: 4607 Farrar Dr., Greensboro, 27410

Please wear your name tag on Sundays.

If you do not have a name tag, please contact the church office and one will be ordered for you.



Zumba classes meet Mondays (\$3), 6 pm in the Fellowship Hall & Tuesdays (\$5 or \$20 for 5 classes) 6 pm in the Chapel.
Be sure to join us for fun & fellowship!



Unity flag magnets are now available for \$2/2 magnets. Take an extra magnet to give to a friend as a way of spreading the love and message of unity.

You may also order and pay online:

<http://www.collegeparkchurch.com/unity-flag/>

Prayer Requests

Please write prayer requests on a visitor information card and place in the offering plate or put prayer requests in the prayer box in the Prayer Room.

Budget Update February 2018

(Kitchen Renovation)

\$205,000 Total Cost

\$145,400 Available Funds

\$59,600 Needed to Pay for Kitchen

(Regular Budget)

\$38,131 Donations thru February

\$58,672 Budget

- \$20,541 Difference

3 Ways 2 Give

For added convenience, we have three ways for you to give to the church general budget or special offerings:

- Write a check or give cash at one of our Sunday services or at the office during the week. If you don't have envelopes with an assigned number (for better record keeping), contact the church office.
- **Set up bill pay through your bank online. It's a favorite since there are usually no fees to you or the church, and it's very easy.**
- Pay online with a credit card at: www.CollegeParkChurch.com. Choose the option to cover the credit card fees or let the church pay them.

March GUM Donation

Dried Beans (1 lb. or larger)

Place donations in the wicker basket in the side foyer entrance (beside the bookshelves).

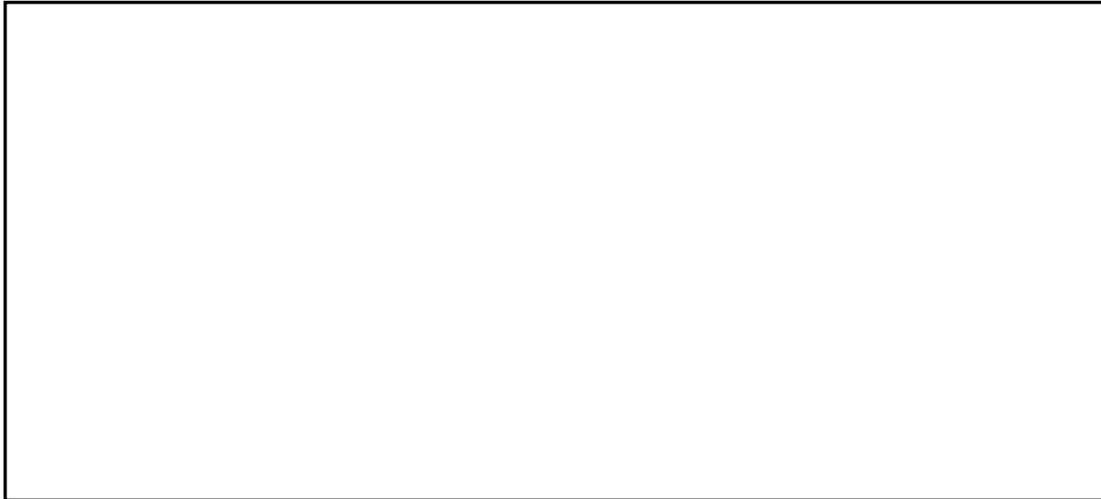


CP Music Program Meeting: April 11 @6:30 in the Chapel. Come meet with the Personnel Committee to discuss the music program at CP. As we start the hiring process, we want to hear your thoughts. Come ready with ideas and suggestions. Want to serve on the search/interview committee? Be ready to tell us that too! (From those willing to service, the PC and staff will select a small search committee to represent our church.) All are welcome.

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Return Service Requested



Looking Ahead—March

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- 1 NA Noon, Chapel; NA Staff Meeting 7-9 pm
- 2 AI-Anon Noon, Board Room
- 4 8:30 am Tessera, 9:45 SS, 11 am Worship; Noon, Bake-Off, FH; 6 pm Deacons' Meeting
- 5 NA Noon, Chapel; Zumba 6 pm, FH
- 6 NA Noon, Chapel; 6 pm Zumba in Chapel
- 7 NA Noon, Chapel; Wed. Night Dinner, 5:30 pm, FH; Bible Study 6:30 pm, Chapel; 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal
- 8 NA Noon, Chapel
- 9 AI-Anon Noon, Board Rm.
- 11 8:30 am Tessera, 9:45 SS, 11 am Worship; Missions Meeting 12:15pm Board Rm.
- 12 NA Noon, Chapel; Zumba 6 pm, FH
- 13 NA Noon, Chapel; Girl Scouts 6:30 pm; Zumba 6 pm, Chapel
- 14 NA Noon, Chapel; Wed. Dinner 5:30 pm; Bible Study 6:30 pm, Chapel; Choir Rehearsal 7:30 pm
- 15 NA Noon, Chapel
- 16 AI-Anon Noon, Board Rm
- 18 GUM Sunday: 8:30 am Tessera, 9:45 SS, 11 am Worship; 11 am Blended Worship; 3rd Sunday Refreshments after 11 am Service, Chapel
- 19 NA Noon, Chapel; Zumba 6 pm, FH
- 20 NA Noon, Chapel; Zumba 6 pm, Chapel; PFlag 7:30 pm, Chapel
- 21 NA Noon, Chapel; Wed. Night Dinner 5:30 pm, FH; Pendergraft Meeting 5:30 pm, Board Rm.; Bible Study 6:30 pm, Chapel; Choir Rehearsal 7:30 pm
- 22 NA Noon, Chapel; Pendergraft 5:30 pm, Board Rm.
- 23 AI-Anon Noon, Board Rm.
- 25 8:30 am Tessera, 9 am Girl Scout Fundraiser Breakfast, FH; 9:45 SS; 11 am Worship
- 26 NA Noon, Chapel; Zumba 6 pm, FH
- 27 NA Noon, Chapel; Girl Scouts 6:30 pm, FH; Zumba 6 pm, Chapel
- 28 NA Noon, Chapel; Wed. Night Dinner 5:30 pm, FH; Bible Study 6:30 pm, Chapel; Choir Rehearsal 7:30 pm
- 29 NA Noon, Chapel; 5:30 pm Pendergraft Meeting, Board Room
- 30 AI-Anon Noon, Board Room

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