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Schedule

Sunday Mornings

8:30 am

Tessera

10 - 10:30 am

Coffee Time

10:30 am

Blended Service

Wednesday Night Bible Study 6:30 pm Pastor Usey's Home

July Events:

Weekly:

Mondays—Thursdays

12 pm Narcotics Anonymous, Chapel

Mondays

6 pm Zumba Class, Fellowship Hall

Tuesdays

6 pm Zumba Class, Chapel

Wednesdays

6:30 pm Bible Study at Usey's Home

Fridays

12 pm Al-Anon, Fellowship Hall

July 2 - 5 Church Offices Closed

Wednesday, July 4 CP at Grasshoppers Game 6 pm gates open, 7 pm 1st pitch (no Bible Study)

Sunday, July 15

GUM Sunday (Canned Mixed Vegetables) 3:00 pm—Moms Demand Action, Chapel

July 16-19, July 23-26, July 30-Aug. 2 9 am—2 pm—Theatre Camp, FH

July 16-19

8 - 3:30 pm, Generation Hope, Toddler Hall

July 17

7:30 pm PFLAG, Chapel

July 19

11:30 am, Forever 39, K&W

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Carnegie Hall Debut

I want to share with you a condensed overview of an incredible experience. Let this stir your imagination.

Sunday, June 17, 2018, at 8:30pm, 9 members of the College Park Baptist Church choir sang as part of a 250-member choir and full orchestra, in the Isaac Stern Auditorium, on the Ronald O. Perelman Stage, at Carnegie Hall in New York City. This storied and majestic space has been hosting performances since 1891.

We performed: *Our Father, A Journey Through The Lord's Prayer*, by Pepper Choplin. Yes, Pepper is his real name. But before you chuckle, feel for his younger sister. Her name is Santa. No really, Santa. Heaven knows what **Mr. and Mrs. Choplin were thinking.... maybe conception** happened after a particularly memorable chili night and years later on Christmas.

Pepper Choplin is a full-time composer, conductor, and humorist. He has gained a reputation as one of the most creative writers in church music today. He has a BS from UNCG and Masters from SW Baptist Theological Seminary. He has published over 300 anthems for church and school choirs. Over 100 groups have commissioned him to write original works for them. Since 1991, his choral music has sold over 1 million copies. WOW!

Currently he attends Greystone Baptist Church in Raleigh. Our pastor prior to Michael Usey, the Rev. Mike Jamison, pastored at Greystone Baptist after leaving CP.

What was so integral to performing this piece, *Our Father*, was how we were able to understand from the composer himself what he wanted to convey and express with each word and note, and we could not get enough of it.

As the publisher's description says of *Our Father*: "It is rare to find a major non-seasonal cantata with such power and meaning. The Lord's Prayer forms the foundation of this creative work experience."

AND, AND, the most awesome part of this Pepper Choplin bio., is that he is an NC STATE fan. People, it don't get no better than this.

On May 5, 1891, at 8 pm the 1st concert was performed at Carnegie Hall. With folks like the Rockefellers paying \$1-2 to listen to some dude named Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky conduct his own composition of Marche solenelle.

Since 1894, and I quote from the historical biography of Carnegie Hall: "The prestige of making a Carnegie Hall appearance has unfailingly attracted the world's finest performers to its stage." You kinda see where this may be going?

Do you recognize some of these names: Paderewski, Rachmaninoff, Arthur Rubenstein, Horowitz, and Van Cliburn?

You seasoned adults remember the Bugs Bunny cartoon when, in a performance hall setting, the orchestra members start whispering among themselves:

"Leopold! Leopold!" Yes, Leopold Godowsky has conducted there.

Other names you may recognize: Menuhin, Itzhak Perlman, YoYo Ma, Caruso, Placido Domingo, Pavrotti, and Leotyne Price. WHOAHHHH

How about Louis Armstrong, Count Basie, Billy Holiday, Dizzie Gillespie, Ella Fitzgerald, Mel Torme, **Miles Davis....Benny Goodman, Duke Ellington, Judy** Garland, Ethel Merman, Nat King Cole, Frank Sinatra, Liza Minelli, Tony Bennett.

You youngsters remember a group called The Beatles, how about The Rolling Stones, and Stevie Wonder?

Now you can add to that list: Chuck Joyce, David Soyers, Caroline Joyce, Stephen Jones, Juanita Blackmon, Wayne Jones, Tom Hardin, Kate Jones, and last but not least, Susie Karczewski (the only one whose name sounds like she may have been related to half of those famous performers mentioned earlier).

WOW, are you kidding me? To have stood and sung where these musical icons also performed is beyond belief!

Now imagine other future performers like: Haley Turner, Elijah Pickard, Sarah Harris, Sarah Ramsey, Mitzi, Marjorie, and maybe a Christian and a River someday.

And for me personally to reflect back and think that I was given the opportunity to perform at Carnegie Hall with my wife, Susie, my daughter in law, Kate, and standing next to my son, Stephen, on Father's Day, June 17, 2018.

Wayne Jones 24 June 2018



CP Choir at Carnegie Hall





Nine College Parkers traveled to New York City and sang in concert at Carnegie Hall on Sunday, June 17th.

Carnegie Hall Debut II

COLLEGE PARK CHOIR SINGS AT CARNEGIE HALL June 17, 2018

One of the things I was most excited about was singing with such a huge number of people. The largest singing group I've ever been a part of was 60. But 250 was just mind-blowing. Basses alone numbered 50 or so. In the first rehearsal our first sound almost brought tears to my eyes. Just thrilling. We're talking Mormon Tabernacle size choir. And from all over—to my right a man from Ohio, on my left a man from Georgia, behind me a man from Ukraine, in front of me and a few seats over a man from Brazil.

But the man running the show, Pepper Choplin—the composer and director—impressed me beyond words. He amazed us all with his musicality, but I was struck by the depth of his thoughtfulness when he talked to us about what The Lord's Prayer means to him and what he wanted to convey to both singers and the audience in the 9 movements or anthems.

- The first anthem *We are not alone* sets the mind at peace before beginning the prayer itself. The words are repeated over and over as a haunting reassurance, sometimes hushed and other times swelling to an indisputable truth. "We are never alone. God is with us. Ever and ever."
- Our Father in Heaven says that God is the father of us all, celebrating humanity's kinship as we are all brothers and sisters within His creation. We call on Him to save us and to live among us.
- Holy be Thy name acknowledges God's preeminence as we experience his holiness.
- Let your Kingdom come —we most often call out for the Kingdom of God when the world seems especially cruel and unjust, when pain and suffering are all around us. Choplin even ventures to ask in the midst of trying times, "Where is God?"
- Give us this day The prayer asks for our daily sustenance, but it also recognizes God as the giver of the day. This anthem calls on us to show our gratitude by living the day well and by cherishing each moment of life.
- Forgive us— Here we ask to be forgiven and to have the capacity to forgive others. But Choplin takes forgiveness an important step further by asking God to help us to forgive ourselves: "Though mistakes are in the past, we hold them in our grasp. And guilty memories remain, guilty voices stirring all the pain."
- Lead Us Not Into Temptation— In this most intense piece we pray that God will lead us far from the things that entangle us and change our lives in destructive ways. And finally *Thine Is the Kingdom* celebrates the power and majesty of God who created us, who leads us and who dwells in our souls.

I think we were all in awe of Pepper Choplin not just as a musician but also humorist and all-round good person, not to mention a Glenn Campbell look-a-like.

Thanks to him, I will never pray the Lord's Prayer in the way that I have all these many years. I'd also like to say, and I'm pretty sure the other 8 choir members will agree, that we are all truly grateful to JoAnn Hill, our interim director, Christian, our other interim director, and David Soyars, our organist/accompanist for preparing us for the last 2.5 months for this grand opportunity and privilege. Also, we are tremendously indebted to Mark File and David Soyars for taking care of all the detailed paper work, hotel and travel information and flat out making this experience possible. Without them we would never have even gone, much less found our way around once there.

And, if you thought you were going to hear stories about any naughtiness or bad behavior that went on during this trip, as Pepper Choplin said, "What happens in New York, goes on Facebook."

Tom Hardin 24 June 2018



Eagle Scout Project

My name is Max Goetz and I am a Scout with Troop 316. I am working on my Eagle project this summer to help Canine Assistance Service Dogs, Inc., a non-profit that



Max & Ryker

trains and places service dogs with people with disabilities to help them achieve greater independence. Since the training begins when the dogs are puppies, the nonprofit needs an enclosed area to serve as a dedicated space for puppy exercise and train-

My Eagle project is to

build the fence - I have estimated the cost of materials at around \$600. I have a GoFundMe site for donations called Eagle Scout Puppy Project: https://www.gofundme.com/eagle-scout-puppy-project. Please donate to help me raise the money to fund my Eagle project. If you prefer, you can donate to me directly. Any leftover funds will be given to directly support Canine Assistance Service Dogs, Inc.

Thank you! Max Goetz



Casserole Committee

College Park Casserole Committee needs new team members! We deliver food (homemade or picked up at a favorite place) to folks in need—with a new baby at home, or after surgery, or for any reason that makes nourishment hard to accomplish alone.

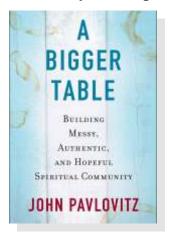
Signups are sent to your email via Sign-Up Genius, and you choose a date that works for you. All the details (food preferences, address, phone, best times, favorite carryouts) come in the email. Contact me with any questions you have or simply to be put on the team list.

Lexi Eagles 336-314-8295 or lexieagles96@gmail.com.



Summer Bibl e Study

Pastor Usey's Home 111 W. Keeling Rd. Wednesdays, 6:30 pm



"A Bigger Table offers the very wise reflections of a pastor with a heart like Jesus and a life journey that has led him to reject much of organized American Churchianity. John Pavlovitz is a pastor, writer and activist from Wake Forest, North Carolina. A twenty-year veteran in the trenches of local church ministry, John is committed to equality, diversity, and justice."

AMERICAN BAPTIST CHURCHES USA



June 15, 2018

Mr. Jeff Sessions, Attorney General U.S. Department of Justice 950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20530-0001

Dear Attorney General Sessions,

I am writing to you today on behalf of the 5,000 congregations and 1.3 million members of the American Baptist Churches USA (ABCUSA). As General Secretary, I serve as the national pastor of the denomination. ABCUSA has a long and distinguished record of service in welcoming immigrants and refugees to communities throughout the United States.

The American Baptist family would like to communicate our deep concern over the unjust immigration policies of the United States government, and in particular, the unconscionable separation of children from their parents on our southern border. As a fellowship of Christ-followers who recall the trials of the child Jesus and his parents, who fled from persecution in their homeland to another country (Matthew 2:13-18), we adamantly oppose separating children from their relatives. A just society can fulfill its fidelity to its own laws and border security without resorting to such unwise and harmful practices; instead, we urge that compassion, fairness and family-affirming policies characterize our response to the plight of families on our borders. We note that destructive practices such as the separation of children from parents place a serious burden on our law enforcement agents and officials, who in carrying out such policies find their own consciences ethically compromised and troubled.

Furthermore, we strongly disagree with your erroneous appropriation of the New Testament (in particular, Romans 13) to justify inhumane and unjust governmental actions. No responsible Christian theologian would assert that Romans 13, or any other passage in the Bible, supports the horrific separation of children from parents that we are witnessing at the present time. In fact, both the Old and New Testaments call those who believe in God to welcome refugees and immigrants with open arms and friendship, with loving care and concern, and with the willingness to assist others in enjoying the prospects of a future based on hope and opportunity.

Accordingly, American Baptists wish to express our sincere hope that the separation of children and parents will immediately cease. We urge Congress and the President to approve and implement without delay more compassionate and just immigration policies and procedures. As the leading law enforcement official of our government, it is your privilege and responsibility to lead such an effort. Thank you for considering our position.

Sincerely,

Rev. Dr. Lee B. Spitzer, General Secretary

American Baptist Churches USA

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Connections

Are you a college student or recently graduated student living away from home? Are you a family with a heart for young people? If so, Connections is the ministry for you.

Connections is a recent College Park ministry that hopes to connect college students/early young adults with families in the hopes of building nurturing relationships. If you'd like to participate in this ministry, as a student or family, please signup in the hallway outside the Chapel.





CPBC KICKBALL TEAM

Come play with us! Do you remember the fun you had playing kickball as a child? Surely it is nothing close to the fun you will have playing on the CPBC Kickball Team. Fellowship with friends new and old. If interested, sign up sheet on the information board outside the church office.

Deadline: Sunday, July 8



- 4 Exciting Sessions: M-Th: 7/16-19; 7/23-26; 7/30-8/2; 9 am—2 pm
- Kids build confidence & showcase their talents
- Drama games & team builders
- Acting, Singing & Dancing
- Full musical production at the end of the week

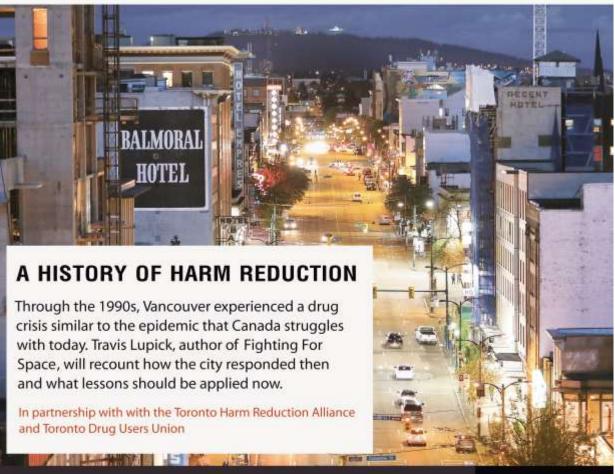
For more information and to register: <u>apluskidstheatre.com</u>

FIGHTING FOR SPACE

The Fentanyl Crisis & Where We Go From Here

FREE PRESENTATION + Q&A

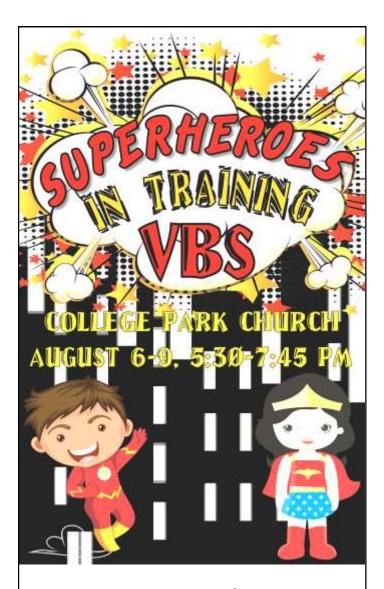
In association with the release of Travis Lupick's Fighting for Space: How a Group of Drug Users Transformed One City's Struggle with Addiction



SUNDAY, JULY 1 AT 1:00 PM College Park Baptist Church 1601 Walker Ave., Greensboro

fightingforspace.com





Vacation
Bible
School
Mon.-Thurs.
Aug.6-9
5:30-7:45 pm

http://www.signupgenius.com/ go/409094fa9a728a02-deep

Ultimate Frisbee

Ready to get out and run? Join us for Ultimate Frisbee Monday nights, 6:00 pm, at Lake Daniel Park (corner of Radiance and Mimosa). No experience is necessary. Bring a red shirt, a white shirt, and some water and you are good to go! You will learn as you play! Or just bring a chair and relax and chat with your friends and watch the game.

Ultimate Frisbee is a non-contact sport (most of the time) played on a field with two end zones. If you have the Frisbee, you cannot run, but must pass it to another team mate. Points are scored by catching the Frisbee in the end zone. If we have enough players, we can have beginner and advanced games going at the same time. Follow on Facebook at "College Park Frisbee." For more information, contact Stephen Jones at stephen.jones25@hotmail.com.

SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES FOR COLLEGE PARK KIDS

The best summer ever is right around the corner. Here are some great opportunities that will make it even better!!

A+ Kids Theatre

Throughout the week campers will rehearse and perform a full musical on the last day for family and friends. So with 4 great sessions and 4 great shows, your kids will spend their days singing, laughing and learning how to shine on stage. Register today and save during the early period. apluskidstheatre.com Theatre camp is offered June 25 -28, July 16-19, July 23-26, July 30- Aug. 2. Monday Thursday, 9-2

Generation Hope

Generation Hope anti-racism summer camp will be offered for rising 1st & 2nd graders the week of July 16-20th from 8 am - 3 pm. If you would like more information regarding enrolling a camper or would like to donate, please contact Beth Webb at beth.d.webb@gmail.com.

College Park VBS

This year our camp will run Monday - Thursday evening, Aug. 6-9, 5:30 - 7:45pm. Come join us for a week of exploring the heroes of our faith and what it means to be a hero for God's world. Campers 4-years-old through 5th grade (rising 6th grade) are welcome to join us. We will offer childcare for children birth - 18 months, a toddler class for children 2 - 3 yrs., and an adult bible study 6:00 - 7:00pm that will cover the same stories your children/grandchildren are learning in VBS. http://www.signupgenius.com/

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Creation Project

Have you taken a photograph that always reminds you of the infinite beauty of God's creation, or have you made a piece of visual art through which you felt able to express God in and through the act of

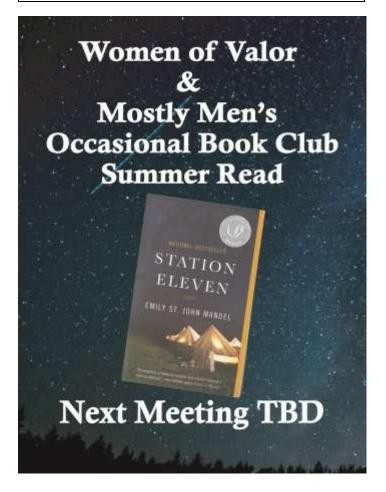
creation? We are looking for photographs and pieces of art created by College Park members to display in our church halls. These pieces will serve as a regular reminder of the awesome beauty of creation, as observed and expressed by our members! If you'd like to submit a photograph or piece of art, please include the following information with the piece:

Name/Brief Description of Piece Name of Photographer/Artist Date/Year of Photograph/Artwork

...and send a high-resolution photograph to: christianmcivor@gmail.com. Photos should be cropped for standard frame sizes (5x7, 8x10, 11x14, 16x20). Art pieces and works that are already framed can be accepted in the church office throughout the week or on Sunday. We look forward to seeing your submissions!

Creation Justice Ministry at College Park

If you have a passion for environmental and ecological concerns and have interest in being part of a ministry group that works to protect, restore, and rightly share God's Creation at the local level and beyond, please speak to Christian McIvor after today's service and/or email: christianmcivor@gmail.com.



Thank You

Dear Michael & Ann.

I've been meaning, for a while now, to tell you how much I appreciate having (re)learned the practice of daily pleasure reading—something for which I completely give CP the credit. For 2+ decades, I (incorrectly) persuaded myself that I lacked time, energy, etc. for reading. You do that long enough and you actually forget that you loved to read for pleasure. CP helps me on so many levels; that's no surprise at all. What is, is how CP helped my to discover my lost love—pleasure reading. No surprise: I have more energy, time, etc. when I read.

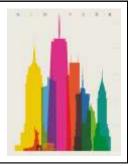
I devour every "Ladies of CP" quarterly read (even though work and family mostly prevent me from attending the discussions), and I generally like all our SS books.

Thank you! Fondly, *Stephanie Kretz*

Visit New York

Have you been waiting for an affordable opportunity to visit New York City? Our family apartment is available again this year with dates in August. Close to Times Square & Broadway. Contact Angela Brady-Fleming by phone 336-501-0270, text,

or fleming1301@yahoo.com.



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.

Mike & Wendy Ferris are grandparents. Their daughter Sarah Brown had baby girl Cora Parker Brown on June 13th, 2 1/2 lbs. She will be in the NICU at Forsyth Hospital for 4-6 weeks. Mike & Wendy's address: 2903 Wynnewood Dr., Greensboro 27408.

Christian & Chrissy McIvor welcomed River Grace, born June 21st. Address: 5207 Carolwood Dr., Greensboro 27407

Tisha Douglas & Courtnee Hummel are expecting a baby.

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



www.collegeparkchurch.com

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.

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 Changes

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

Roland Russoli & Sarah Nelson: 2510 Kensington Gardens #207, Ellicott City, MD 21043

Please wear your name tag on

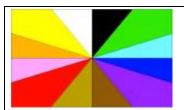


please contact the church office and one will be ordered for you.



Zumba classes meet Mondays (\$3), 6 pm in the Fellowship Hall & Tuesdays (\$5 or \$20 for 5 classes) 6 pm in the Chapel.

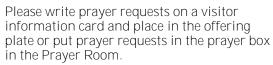
Be sure to join us for fun & fellowship!



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





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.

July GUM Donation

Canned Mixed Vegetables (any size) Place donations in the wicker basket in the side foyer entrance (beside the bookshelves).



Online Church Directory

Looking for a CP member's address, phone number or email? Visit the College Park Online Directory.:

http://www.churchdirectory.com, member login: cpbc1601gbo

Please let the church office know if any information needs updating. You can also add a photo of your family by sending it to the office: cpbcgbo@bellsouth.net

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Chapel

NA Noon, Chapel

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Looking Ahead—July

GUM food donations last month: 192 lbs.

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Every Member a Minister

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Amy Lowrance, Deacon Chair
Christian McIvor, Assistant Minister
River Grace McIvor, Our Newest Musician
David Soyars, Organist
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