

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2014

the news

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT COLLEGE PARK CHURCH

REACH | 14



SOMEWHERE ELSE

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One early morning in Capernaum, the disciples, after looking everywhere for Jesus finally found Him and exclaimed, “Everyone is looking for you!” Why? The night before, the “whole town” had brought the sick and demon-possessed to Him to be healed. And many more needed Him the next day.

But Jesus’ reply was very interesting: “Let us go *somewhere else*—to the nearby villages—so I can preach there also. That is why I have come.” (Mark 1:38, NIV, italics added)

So why would Jesus want to go *somewhere else* when there was so much need and opportunity right where He was? In His own words, because “that is why I have come.” Jesus came to fulfill the words of Isa. 49:6, to be a light to the nations and to bring God’s salvation to the ends of the earth. If He spent all His time in one area, people in other areas would not have the opportunity to be saved.

The same is true of His church today. We are not spread evenly over the world. We are bunched together. Over one-third of the world, 2.7 billion people, still live in areas where there is no viable, witnessing church. As much need and opportunity as there may be in areas where the church exists (like our own country), if we continue to simply stay where we are, the dark third of the world will continue to stay dark. And the mission of our Savior will not be fulfilled.

So some of us need to go somewhere else. And the rest of us need to help send them. This is what we’ll be learning about and challenged by at REACH|14. George Chavanikamannil, the founder of our ministry partner in India (Good News for India) will be sharing with us the needs and opportunities in another part of the world, a somewhere else that is really something else! We will also hear about our other global partnerships and get to meet a dozen or so of our own missionaries to learn about what they are doing somewhere else to advance the Gospel.

ARE YOU ONE WHO SHOULD GO?

At REACH|14, we will be introducing the 2015 Vision Trips for you to consider and pray about. Or should you *send*? You can do that by praying, encouraging, or giving. Whatever role God has designed for you, we want to help you find it at REACH|14, so that whether you go or send, your life will make a difference for all eternity somewhere else.

REACH|14 SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, OCT. 12

FOCUS: Partnerships

SPEAKER: George Chavanikamannil,
founder and director of Good News for India

SUNDAY, OCT. 19

FOCUS: Vision Trips

SPEAKER: Pastor Nate Irwin

KIDREACH – 9:45 SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Our children will be learning about India, one of our Strategic Partnerships.

MISSIONARY CHRISTMAS TREE – THE ATRIUM

Choose a College Park-supported missionary from our Missionary Christmas Tree to bless them with a Christmas gift. Available before and in between all three Sunday morning services or until the tree is empty!

FRESH ENCOUNTER SERVICE

SANCTUARY – 6-7 P.M.

Join us, as we seek the Lord's face, praying for our College Park Missionaries and Strategic Partnerships. *Child care available with online RSVP.*

OCT. 22-29

MEALS WITH MISSIONARIES

Share a meal with some of our visiting missionaries.

Online registration begins Sept. 21.

FRIDAY, OCT. 24

LADIES LUNCHEON – THE CHAPEL – 11-1:15 P.M.

The 10th Annual Ladies' Luncheon is designed to help College Park women get to know our women missionaries in an intimate setting. *Child care available with online RSVP.*

SATURDAY, OCT. 25

MEN'S BREAKFAST – THE CHAPEL – 8-9:30 A.M.

Worship & enjoy fellowship with missionary men over the breakfast of God's Word plus great breakfast food and coffee! Sons are welcomed & encouraged to bring their dads. *Child care available with online RSVP.*

SATURDAY, OCT. 25

LADIES COFFEE – JODY LAMOTTE'S HOME – 2-3:30 P.M.

For those who missed the Ladies' Luncheon, join us for the REACH|14 Ladies' Coffee and get to know our women in an intimate setting. Daughters are welcomed and encouraged to bring their moms.

SUNDAY, OCT. 26

FOCUS: Missionaries

SPEAKER: Pastor Mark Vroegop

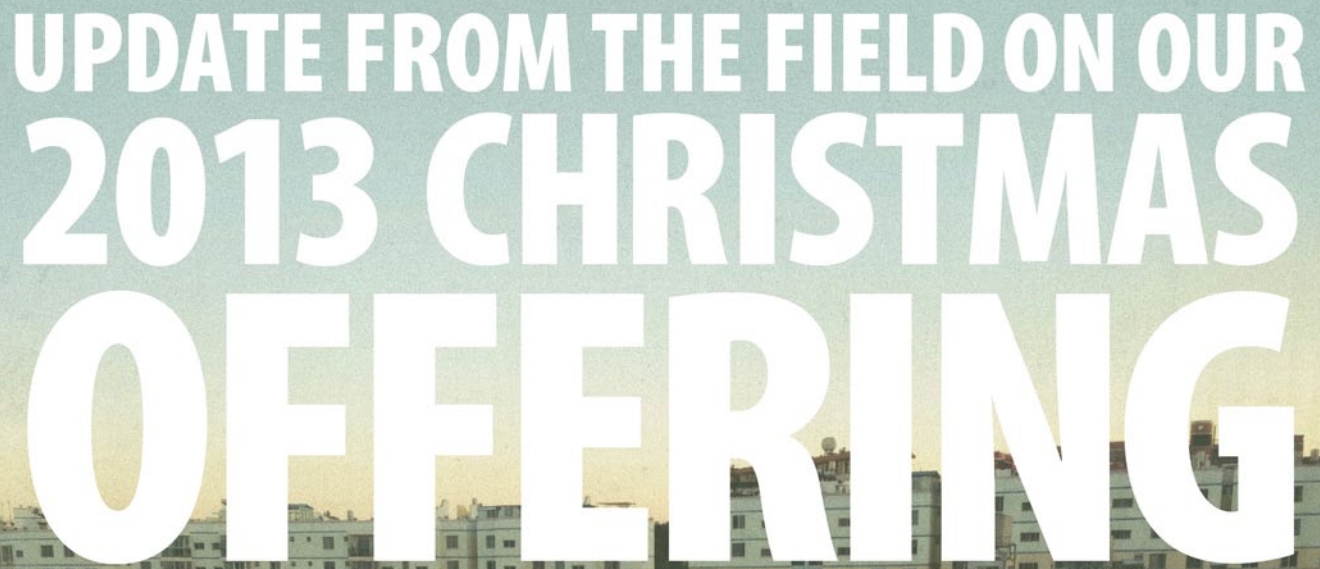
VISION TRIP DISCOVERY MEETING

EAST ROOM – 11:30 A.M.

Explore what Vision Trips are all about and learn more about the steps to going on one of our 2015 trips.

KIDREACH FOR PRESCHOOLERS

Our preschoolers will learn about missions in their classrooms at all services.



UPDATE FROM THE FIELD ON OUR 2013 CHRISTMAS OFFERING

Article by Paul Spilker

Recently Pastor Nate Irwin received a report from Wycliffe Bible Translators outlining the progress of the Cloud Mountain project made possible by your generous gifts to the 2013 Christmas Offering. The goal of the offering was to “give the gospel” through the means of Bible translation in a remote region of east Asia.

By God’s grace, the 2013 Christmas Offering was \$1.1 million and was gratefully received by Wycliffe Bible Translators, who are leading the translation efforts.

Here are a few status updates from the field:

In the East Hillside region, the team is nearly completed with rough drafts of a biblical story set and is drafting the Gospel of Luke. The team continues to see success in literacy training through the use of a mobile library.

In the Alpine Meadow region, a trial recording of Jonah and a “Creation to Christ” gospel presentation has been completed. A translated of Matthew 5-8 has been approved.

In the Low Ridge region, a translation of Revelation and Hebrews was completed, and one team member’s parents became believers.

In the Summit region, the team held a “How to Share the Gospel” meeting and saw several people come to faith.

In the Plateau region, a usable alphabet and oral story of Jonah is being created.

Please continue to pray for these projects, for the translation teams, and for favor from local authorities.

If you would like to receive a full report, with substantial information and prayer requests, contact Pastor Nate Irwin (irwin@yourchurch.com) or Joshua Harber, College Park Elder (joshua.harber@wycliffe.org)

Thank you for joining in the work to translate Scripture and give the gospel to some of the hardest-to-reach places of the word.



Article by Ron Page

Some folks love 'em.

Me? I've never had french fried spiders, and never expect to. And I've traveled extensively overseas. (The fact is that most of the strange foods I've choked down have been right here in the USA — can you say raw lamb meatloaf?)

So what? So much for your excuse that to go on a Vision Trip, you'd have to give up eating for the duration of your time away for lack of palatable food.

The truth is God lives in places other than the USA. He dwells among people that eat stuff that we may consider odd.

He's loving, working, and saving.

He also said in His Word, "Go!" Have you "Gone?" If not, "Why not?"

You won't starve. You'll meet people and grow as God stretches you.

You'll encounter new experiences and places. You'll make new friends.

We can help. Keep your eyes open for more details regarding the trips planned for 2015:

- Arizona
- Canada
- Caspian (two trips)
- Dubai
- East Asia
- Hungary
- India
- Kenya
- Kuwait
- Thailand
- Ukraine

To learn more, join us at the Vision Trip Callout Meeting during REACH|14 on October 25. More info to come.

Oh, and we promise: we'll have some snacks to share during the meeting.

No fried spiders.



Article by Joseph Rhea

Kids want to grow. They measure their height against those wall-rulers weekly if not daily. They go for grownup clothes, grownup books, grownup seats in the car. And, when they're old enough, we let them play with sparklers on the Fourth of July – their eyes light up, their mouths shape an ooh – but eventually they tire of those and want to set off the bigger, brighter, boomier stuff. They're no longer satisfied with small flickers. They want more.

Part of the reason we've created IGNITE is because we want College Park Church to be a place where we are continually growing into a mature, passionate group of worshipers of the one true God. Whenever we see God's people worshiping in the Bible – as in Nehemiah 8, Isaiah 6, Hebrews 12, and Revelation 7 – we get a glimpse of the power of authentic worship.

Authentic worship is focused: God is the biggest and brightest being in the room, and people pay attention. Authentic worship is passionate: people fall on their faces, lift their hands, shout and sing. Authentic worship is contagious: people want to know the reason why God's children passionately invest themselves in proclaiming His greatness and love.

We want IGNITE|14 to be a catalyst for sparking an even greater passion to see God's glory spread in our

church, our city, and our world. The same God whose presence makes mountains shake like Jell-O; the God whose face is so holy that even Moses couldn't see it and live; the God who sees the spark of each synapse in your brain and at the same time feels the warmth of stars burning across the far end of the universe; that God gave his own Son so he could join us when we worship. That God is there while we sing or chat with our neighbor, pray or check ESPN on our phones, acknowledge him or think about where we'll eat lunch.

He's. Right. There.

What would happen if we could see God like the angels and the saints in glory flocked around his throne? Would we cover our faces or fall on our knees or shout with wonder and gratitude? Probably all of the above! We would certainly invest ourselves in worshiping him like he deserves with all the passion we have to give. We would trade the sparklers for the biggest rockets we could find!

IGNITE|14 is an invitation to worship with a true vision of God's holiness, hugeness and love. To join other College Parkers in asking God to simultaneously grow our passion in worship alongside our theology, our giving, and our serving. He's. Right. There.

Join us Friday, Sept. 5 at 7 p.m.

FOR THE JOY OF THE NEXT GENERATION

College Park is a wealthy church. Even with less than a dime in the bank, we would be a wealthy church. Our fortunes are visible to anyone touring our nurseries and education spaces especially on Sunday mornings and Wednesday nights.

“Behold, children are a gift from the Lord, the fruit of the womb a reward. Like arrows in the hand of a warrior are the children of one’s youth. Blessed is the man who fills his quiver with them!” (Ps. 127:3-5).

And blessed is the church with cribs and classrooms bulging with more than 1,000 such “rewards” from infants to senior high.

Surrounding these riches, are faithful parents and a dedicated team of 500 volunteers and staff who are investing their time, energy and hearts as stewards of these precious gifts. Even though there is still room for more to serve, we are praising God for providing us with so many gifted and dedicated servants to support the various programs and activities for children and youth.

However, ministry for the children and youth at College Park is not defined by the various programs and activities that we offer but by the vision we have for their lives. The activities and events exists to support and move us toward that vision.

In the familiar parable of the talents, two of the three servants were faithful and commended with these words “Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.” (Matt. 25:23) The unfaithful servant was condemned and cast “into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.” (Matt. 25:30)

Every child at College Park Church will one day stand before Jesus and give an account for their lives. One way to express our vision for the next generation is that on that day our children will look into the smiling face our Savior and hear him say “well done good and faithful servant” and that they will enter into the joy of their master.

As we enter this next season of ministry and engage in the various activities and programs for children and youth this ultimate joy is our aim. Joy for them and joy for all of us who have been called to be faithful stewards of the “rewards” that have been entrusted to us. May God unite us in this vision and exceed our hope for the joy of the next generation.

IMPORTANT SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER DATES FOR CHILDREN’S MINISTRIES

October 19 – kidREACH for Elementary children at the 9:45 hour

October 22 – No Awana (fall break)

October 26 – kidREACH for Preschool children

SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER

WEEKLY EVENTS

SUNDAYS

PRE-SERVICE ELDER PRAYER
7:15-7:45 a.m. – Prayer Room A

SUNDAY MORNING SERVICES
8:00, 9:45, & 11:30 a.m.

**CHILDREN'S NURSERY
AND SUNDAY SCHOOL**
8:00, 9:45, & 11:30 a.m.

THE ROCK
9:45 -11:10 a.m. – Jr. High room

ADULT BIG GROUPS
9:45 & 11:30 a.m. – various rooms

THE GROVE
6:00 - 7:30 p.m. – Ministry Center

WEDNESDAYS

THE ROCK (SMALL GROUPS)
6:30 - 8:00 p.m.. – Jr. High room

THE GROVE (SMALL GROUPS)
6:30 - 8:15 p.m. – Ministry Center

FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THESE EVENTS

VISIT YOURCHURCH.COM/EVENTS

CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE – 317.875.0282

STOP BY A WELCOME DESK
IN THE COLLEGE PARK ATRIUM

AUG. 2014-MAY 2015
THURS 6:30-8 P.M.

THE ROCK JUNIOR HIGH ROOM

MARTIAL ARTS MINISTRY **R**

Gospel-centered martial arts provides skills that can help kids and adults prevent, defuse, and end physical and emotional attacks. It also provides an arena to build great relationships and be disciplined as we use our minds and bodies together. For more information & to register, go to yourchurch.com/martial-arts-ministry

CLASSES BEGIN LATE AUG./EARLY SEPT.

TRINITY EVANGELICAL **R** DIVINITY SCHOOL (TEDS) CLASSES

This fall there will be two classes offered, Ecclesiology and Eschatology and the Gospel of John on various Friday's and Saturday's. This is a fantastic opportunity to start the process of seminary education without moving and quitting a job.

? Kelly Alexander
kalexander@yourchurch.com
yourchurch.com/trinityextension

THURSDAY, SEPT. 4 – 6:30-7:30 A.M.

B1 (BASEMENT)

FAITHFUL MEN BIBLE STUDY

Our weekly Thursday morning study will resume with the study of the book of Matthew. All men are welcome to attend. If interested, just show up the first day.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 4 & 11
9:15-11:15 A.M.

COMMUNITY BIBLE STUDY

Join Community Bible Study (CBS) for their Visitor Days as they begin their new study in Joshua. CBS is an interdenominational Bible study ministry (with corresponding children's ministry) that seeks to make disciples in the community through a caring, in-depth Bible study available to all.

? Karen Pourcho – 317.407.6270
karenpourcho@comcast.net

FRIDAY, SEPT. 5 – 7 P.M.

IGNITE|14

IGNITE|14 will be a special night of dynamic worship at College Park. Rooted in our mission to ignite a passion to follow Jesus, IGNITE is about igniting your hearts to worship our great savior with new passion. A majority of our worship music will be original to College Park artists, and we are planning to develop a live worship album from our evening together. *Child care is not available although children are encouraged to attend with their parents.*

SUNDAYS, SEPT. 7-OCT. 19 – 8 A.M.

EAST ROOM

PRE-MARITAL COUNSELING **R**

This class covers the basic foundations of Biblical marriage, communication, the roles of husbands and wives, and sexual intimacy in marriage. It is required for all engaged couples getting married at College Park and is strongly encouraged for every engaged couple that calls College Park their home church. yourchurch.com/marriage

SUNDAY, SEPT. 7 – 8, 9:45, & 11:30 A.M.

PARENT DEDICATIONS

Meet some of the newest and smallest additions to College Park during this special time when parents and the church body dedicate themselves to be examples of faith in Christ, and to teach their child the mighty deeds of God (Psalm 78).

SEPT. 9-NOV. 18

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES **R**

Come join our community of women as we grow in Christ through the study of God's Word. A variety of morning and evening studies are available on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. You may also register at the Women's Ministry table in the commons on Sundays.

yourchurch.com/women

SECOND & FOURTH THURSDAYS,
STARTING SEPT. 11

MOMS CONNECTION REGISTRATION STILL OPEN **R**

Are you a mom of elementary-age kids and older? If so, you are invited to join Moms Connection Step 2 this fall. Moms Connection Step 2 is designed to bring community & encouragement to motherhood. Moms meet for a light brunch, a speaker, and discussion. Topics will be geared towards moms with school-aged children who face new challenges as their children grow older. Child care is available. Register or get more information yourchurch.com/momsconnectionstep2.

COME JOIN US IN A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO REACH HUNDREDS OF KIDS WITH THE GOSPEL EACH WEEK THROUGH GOOD NEWS CLUBS!

Clubs meet afterschool weekly to bring children a fun, fast-paced club where they hear the gospel presented, learn Bible verses, sing songs, and play games. We specifically need small group leaders, even if you prefer not to teach...and we train you!

Location: Brookside Elementary School (3150 E 10th St., Indianapolis)

Time: 3:30-5:30 p.m. on Thursdays

Contact: Becky Leatherbury
317.627.8234
rsleatherbury@gmail.com

Location: Hoosier Road Elementary School (11300 E 121st St., Fishers)

Time: 3:45-4:45 on Thursdays

Contact: Paula Gates – 317.501.1932
paula.gates67@gmail.com

SEPT. 12-13

THE ROCK: ONE VOICE RETREAT **R**

Junior high students will head out to Twin Lakes Camp for an overnight retreat! Students will join other youth groups for exciting activities, a message from Cedarville University's Bible Department Chair, Dr. Jason Lee, and worship with HeartSong. yourchurch.com/students

SUNDAYS, SEPT. 14-OCT. 26 – 11:30 A.M.

PURSUING A CROSS-CENTERED MARRIAGE **R**

Come and join other couples as you explore, together, the foundation for a Christ-centered marriage and how to live out your marriage for the glory of God. yourchurch.com/marriage

FRIDAY, SEPT. 19 – 6:30 P.M.

NEWCOMER NIGHT **R**

Newcomer Nights are a great way to start connecting at College Park. Come, enjoy a meal in a member's home with others who want to get to know you as well as help you find ways to serve and connect. Dress casual and come hungry. (*Child care is not provided*) yourchurch.com/connect

SUNDAY, SEPT. 21
8, 9:45, & 11:30 A.M.

BAPTISM SERVICE **R**

Baptism is an ordinance of the church whereby a believer expresses their faith and desires to be identified with Jesus. We will celebrate baptisms on Sunday, Sept. 21 at all services. *If you would like to participate in a baptism service, learn more at yourchurch.com/baptism.*

STARTING TUESDAY, SEPT. 23 – 7-8:30 P.M.

EAST ROOM

COLLEGE PARK INSTITUTE

Join us and Pastor Joe Bartemus for this fall's College Park Institute class—Systematic Theology. We'll be studying the different doctrines of the church such as the doctrine of Christ, the church, end times, etc. It will be a great study for those wanting to get a bit deeper in their understanding of our Christian faith. If interested, just show up the first evening.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 26 – 7-8:30 P.M.

PARILLA HOME

ACTIVE ADULTS "PLUGGING IN" NIGHT **R**

We want to make a big church feel small. That's why Joseph Rhea and Bob Martin will be offering a tour of what it looks like to plug into community and serving at College Park! If you are new or just feel not fully plugged in, join us for dessert and a great night of finding out how our lives fit into relationships and ministry at our home church! All Active Adults (age 55+) are welcome. Register at yourchurch.com/activeadults

? Karen Davis – 317.802.9314
bkdavis3201@gmail.com

FRIDAY, OCT. 3 – 6-7:30 P.M.

MINISTRY CENTER

ACTIVE ADULTS FIRST FRIDAY PRAYER **R**

Active Adults (age 55+) are joining in our monthly missions prayer gathering! Don't miss out on this opportunity to get updates on God's global work and prayer for the world after dinner together. All Active Adults should bring a side dish or dessert; main course is provided.

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yourchurch.com/activeadults

OCT. 3-5 – 6-7:30 P.M.

SPRINGHILL CAMP

GROVE (SR. HIGH) FALL RETREAT **R**

Filled with fun, music, friends, adventure, and time to learn and connect with God, this retreat is the largest senior high event of the year!

? Melissa Crowe
mcrowe@yourchurch.com
yourchurch.com/retreatsandevents

SATURDAY, OCT. 4 – 9 A.M.-1 P.M.

MEMBERSHIP CLASS **R**

The class is designed for those pursuing membership at College Park and is open for those who simply want to investigate more about the church. Enjoy breakfast, lunch, and a walk-through of the vision and values of College Park Church. Child care provided. Register online and fill out an application (*each family member attending the classroom part of the day should fill out an application*).

yourchurch.com/membership

MONDAY, OCT. 13 – 6:30 P.M.

WORSHIPS ARTS ROOM

JOURNEY IN MISSIONS NIGHT **R**

Whether you are exploring your call to go or just learning about missions, join our monthly missions fellowship led by Nate Irwin, Pastor of Global Outreach. yourchurch.com/journeyinmissions

SEPT. & OCT. 2014 (DATES/LOCATIONS TBD)

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER DESSERT NIGHTS **R**

Join other couples in a host couple's home for dessert and discussion around a relevant marriage topic. Sign up online for the night and home that best fits your schedule and location. yourchurch.com/marriage

OUR COLLEGE PARK FAMILY

NEW COLLEGE PARKERS

Madelyn Bucksten was born April 24, 2014 to David and Sara
Stella Nishida was born March 6, 2014 to Jake and Casondra
Ellie Pryor was born May 23, 2014 to Chad and Leslie
Emily Grace Schotts was born May 27, 2014 to Darryl and Grace
Karisa Jamie Henney was born June 7, 2014 to Jeff and Laura
Zachary Buit was born June 4, 2014 to Rachel and Tyler
Torin Schneider was born June 6, 2014 to Ian and Heather
Phoebe Albert was born June 16, 2014 to Andy and Samantha
Eve Lynn Mae Beer was born June 16, 2014 to Jesse and Kaely
Josiah Trump was born June 27, 2014 to Greg and Julie
Jude Hillen was born June 30, 2014 to Dan and Jana
Mia Woodyatt was born July 1, 2014 to Chad and Aubry
Caroline Filbert was born July 7, 2014 to Stephen and Haley
John Jack DeCamp was born July 16, 2014 to Dave and Christy
Truman Swender was born August 6, 2014 to Dennis and Heidi

THE BULLETIN BOARD

INTERESTED IN GETTING INVOLVED WITH THE NEXT GENERATION AT COLLEGE PARK?

Volunteer opportunities are available in both Sunday School and Awana for Children's Ministries. Contact **Debra Scheffler** (dscheffler@yourchurch.com) for more information on how to get involved.

Enjoy a bit of an older crowd? Volunteer with Student Ministries. Volunteer opportunities are available for leader positions, support volunteers, and an operations team. Contact **Melissa Crowe** (mcrowe@yourchurch.com) for more information on how to get involved.



NEW TO COLLEGE PARK?

Stop by our Guest Reception Area after one of our three services, grab a drink, ask for a Welcome Brochure, and experience how we strive to make a big church feel small.

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Joe Bartemus
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Nate Irwin
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David Michael
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Pastor of Soul Care

Mark Schuitema
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Pastor of Local Outreach

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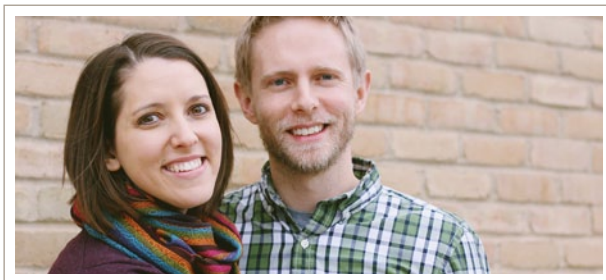
Joe Wittmer
Pastor of Student Ministries

MEET THE RESIDENTS

Article by Paul Spilker

What is the pastoral residency program? For three years, College Park has had and benefited greatly from a Pastoral Residency program. The residency is designed to give younger men with aspirations for pastoral ministry a two-year term of hands-on ministry experience, preaching exposure, leadership opportunities, and special projects related to theology, discipleship, or church polity. For instance, the August 2013 College Park Institute Forum on Human Sexuality was an outgrowth of the residents' work with our Elders to articulate a biblical view of sexuality and navigate the related cultural issues.

MEET DAN WELLER



Dan Weller started in June as Pastoral Resident for Local Outreach. Dan serves alongside Pastor Dale Shaw and Dustin Crowe to lead the Local Outreach Council, coordinate SERVE, and serve with our local partners. Dan also serves on an Elder task force to clarify our membership process. Dan and his wife Emily hail from Minneapolis, MN where they both served on staff of Bethlehem Baptist Church.

MEET ERIC SWANSON



Eric Swanson started in August as Pastoral Resident for Soul Care. Eric hails from Michigan (a proud MSU grad) and Louisville, KY, where he completed his M.Div degree at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and was actively involved at Sojourn Church. Eric got married in June to his wife, Jessica. Eric will serve on our biblical counseling team and work with Pastor Andrew Rogers to develop counseling training.

Finally, please pray for great fruitfulness for the first resident we “launched” to full-time ministry outside our walls: Jeff Ballard and his family moved to Ithaca, NY in July where Jeff ministers with the students and community of Cornell University.