

JEREMIAH 29:13



An unstable economic and political landscape. The nation's leadership seems increasingly corrupt and predatory. Multiculturalism leads people to blur the lines between religions and make syncretistic, selfserving spiritual cocktails. The people of Yahweh feel more and more like an ostracized minority.

Sounds like something you might hear on Fox News or Christian radio, right?

But this is Israel in the days of the prophet Jeremiah. Pluralistic, economically uncertain, politically corrupt.

Jeremiah's words rarely find their way into Hallmark cards and Lifeway flower prints (and even then, usually out of context). In fact, he's been nicknamed the "weeping prophet" throughout Church history.

Jeremiah may seem like a strange topic of study for modern Americans, on the face of it. But Dr. D.A. Carson thinks Jeremiah's situation resonates with the presentday West's, and that God's words through him can speak powerfully to the 21st century.

During THINK 15, Dr. Carson will take us through some of Jeremiah's key messages. Under the banner "The Weeping Prophet: Jeremiah Confronts the 21st Century," we'll hear about Jeremiah's calling, the problems we share with sixth century Israel, and the hints of redemption and new creation that we see in Jeremiah's book. kidTHINK 15 will take place on both Friday and Saturday this year. Children, kindergarten through grade 6, of THINK 15 attendees are invited to sign up for the weekend event as they will learn about the prophet Jeremiah, worship, and play games together.

Child care (ages 4 months through PreK) will also be offered for children of THINK 15 attendees. Space is limited for both child care and kidTHINK 15, so children must be registered in advance. There is a nominal \$5 charge for children in child care.

Join us on Feb. 27 - Mar. 1 for this enlightening and edifying event! **Registration for both THINK 15**, **kidTHINK 15**, **and to volunteer will be open Jan. 7**.

Planning on coming to THINK[15? Could you give some of your time and volunteer? The THINK weekend is only possible with the many hands and feet of volunteers who help put it on each year. Would you consider giving some of your time and volunteer for a shift at the bookstore, providing coffee and snacks, or cleanup? Signup to volunteer when you register for THINK. Questions? Email Shannon Lewis: slewis@yourchurch.com

yourchurch.com/think15



This spring at College Park Church will be a historic one as we launch the community for our first multisite campus in Fishers. As an overflow of our Next Door Mission to reach the unchurched in our city, we will start multisite campuses in the Indy metro area with the longterm vision of launching a family of healthy churches.

The northeast suburbs of Indianapolis (Fishers & Noblesville) are one of the fastest growing areas in the midwest. In fact, Fishers is on pace to become Indiana's second largest city in the next 20 years. There is a need for more gospel centered churches in this area, and College Park is well positioned with people, health, and resources to start a new local gathering that we pray will reach the unchurched in that area.

On February 8, the Fishers campus group will have its first meeting as an campus "incubator" at 9:45 a.m. in the Ministry Center. The vision for this gathering is to start worship services, build community, and plan for a tentative June soft launch at a school in Fishers. Parents, you can continue to utilize the nursery, preschool and elementary Next Generations ministry at the main campus. There will be a dedicated drop-off zone outside doors 7 and 8 and special check-in stations for you to drop off your children and drive to the Ministry Center.

IF YOU LIVE ON THE NORTHEAST SIDE OF INDIANAPOLIS, WOULD YOU PRAYERFULLY CONSIDER JOINING THE FISHERS CAMPUS AND COMING TO THE INCUBATOR ON FEBRUARY 8?

We need many people to join the campus, be trained, and serve. Ready to join? Contact Dale Shaw (dshaw@yourchurch.com) or Dustin Crowe (dcrowe@yourchurch.com) with questions.

CAMPUS LEADERSHIP UPDATE

The Elders are pleased to announce that Chris Beals has been hired in the role of Campus Pastoral Resident and will start January 19.



Chris will spend several months working closely with Mark Vroegop and Dale Shaw (Campus Launch Pastor) and will join the Fishers campus startup team to prepare the Fishers campus for launching in 2015.

Chris is married to Lindsay, and they have a oneyear old daugther Ellie. Chris and his family are from Dayton, Ohio, where Chris formerly served as Pastor to the Next Generations at Far Hills Community Church. Chris earned his M.Div. from Southern Seminary and also has served in roles at Parkside Church in Cleveland.

LEARN MORE

More about our Next Door Mission yourchurch.com/nextdoor

More about the Fishers Campus yourchurch.com/fishers

FAQs about our strategy for multiplication yourchurch.com/commonquestions

CAUGHT IN THE CURRENT

Article by Pam Tomasik

There are conversations that really don't matter, and then there are conversations that make a difference. I vividly remember one that made a difference in my life. My friends and I were skipping stones on a tranquil lake in northern Wisconsin, discussing issues like identity, roles of women, and sexuality. As we tossed those stones in the lake, every now and then, one would cause a ripple that we could barely feel. As small and subtle as the ripple seemed, it still swayed the ducks, pushed debris in every direction, and finally made its way back to us. Then we wondered: what kind of ripples affect us, our identity, and the choices we make?

Have you experienced the ripple effect? Are you ever swayed, pushed or deviated off course by the pull of a cultural current? Whether a ripple, wave or riptide, we all have been exposed to cultural definitions, presuppositions and expectations regarding our sexuality. Issues of intimacy are explicit in movies, television, social media, books—and they even lurk in magazines found at the grocery store counter! There is a battle in our hearts and minds as to where we place our trust. In James 1:6, we find a clue as to why we get caught up in the current. James writes, "... the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea that is driven and tossed by the wind." James refers to this person as "doubleminded." We have a choice to make: do we turn to our culture for wisdom, or to God and His Word?

Caught in the Current is a College Park event for women (ages 15 and up) designed to identify sexual currents running through our society, explore how they touch our lives, and learn practical ways to confront them. Jeff and Rose Colon with Pure Life Ministries will address how we can set ourselves apart to live according to God's Word. There will be breakout sessions for teens, marrieds, unmarried women ages 18-35, and unmarried women ages 36 and up.

Join us for a morning of candid dialogue, **Saturday**, **Feb. 7**, **from 9 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.**, on how you can navigate upstream in a sexually charged society. This will be a conversation that makes a difference!



Article by Pastor David Michael

Technology has impacted individuals and families for decades, but keeping pace in today's ever changing digital landscape can be a daunting task even for the most digital savvy.

What will they come out with next? The iPhone10? A phone that reads our minds?

Technology offers many benefits (and conveniences) while it also poses many threats to all of its users but especially to its younger users, our youth.

How do we even keep up with what is happening with technology and all of its advantages, threats, and complexities? Even more, how do we, as Christian parents and role models serve and protect and nurture our children in this rapidly tech-filled world?

#TechTalk: Renewing the Family in a Tech-filled World

is a College Park one-day conference for young people and their parents.

Tim Keeter will be our guest speaker to inform, inspire, challenge, and equip us for faithful stewardship and management of the technology in our lives. As a husband, a father of three, an elder in his church, a

certified biblical counselor and passionate follower of Jesus, Tim understands the potential threat of technology to our souls and our families.

In an interview for the Association of Certified Biblical Counselors (ACBC), Tim stated, "1 Cor. 10:13 reminds us that even the temptations that come with digital devices and the World Wide Web are "common to man." That means we can trust God to give us the grace to be faithful and that other believers out there have learned to handle these things well – some of them are even writing about it." *Watch the rest of the interview: vimeo.com/84702331*

Among other things Tim will introduce us to "good filtering and monitoring tools" and emphasize the value of having them in place while at the same time, remind us that our greatest threat is the human heart, which a filter cannot control.

So, let's watch our devices for more digitized details about this important conference and be sure to create an all-day event on your electronic calendar for **Mar. 21**, with multiple programmed reminders so that we and our teens will not miss this opportunity to learn and grow.

AT COLLEGE PARK CHURCH

WEEKLY EVENTS

SUNDAYS

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

CHILDREN'S NURSERY AND SUNDAY SCHOOL 8, 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 - 7:30 p.m. – Ministry Center

WEDNESDAYS

THE ROCK (SMALL GROUPS) 6:30 - 8 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

JANUARY 2015

MOMS CONNECTION SPRING 2015 REGISTRATION R

Moms Connection is a place for moms to connect with the Lord and with one another over brunch, conversation, a speaker, and a craft. While our Step 1 program for moms of preschoolers will have a waiting list, Step 2 is open to moms of children first grade and up.

yourchurch.com/momsconnection Emily Weller

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SPRING CLASSES START JAN. 9

COLLEGE PARK CHURCH

TRINITY EVANGELICAL DIVINITY SCHOOL (TEDS) CLASSES R

College Park Church hosts an extension site for Trinity Evangelical Divinity School (TEDS) in Deerfield, Illinois. Students can earn a Master of Arts in Christians Studies, or a Certificate in Biblical Studies from the College Park Church site. If you're not interested in pursuing a degree program, you can still benefit by auditing classes. yourchurch.com/trinityextension

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FRIDAY, JAN. 9 – 6 p.m.

MINISTRY CENTER NORTH ROOM

FIRST FRIDAY GLOBAL MISSIONS PRAYER

Join us as we pray for our missionaries and partners, fellowship over dinner, worship, and hear updates about what God is doing around the world. Register for child care at **yourchurch.com/firstfriday**

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SATURDAY, JAN. 10 – 9 A.M. - 1 P.M.

MEMBERSHIP CLASS

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; registration required. 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, JAN. 12 - 6:30 P.M.

WORSHIP ARTS ROOM

JOURNEY IN MISSIONS NIGHT

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

JAN. 13 - MAR. 25

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES R

Women's Bible Studies for the Spring semester will run Jan. 13 - Mar. 25. There are a variety of studies offered on Tuesday mornings, Wednesday mornings and Wednesday evenings. Come join our community of women as we grow closer to God together and one another through the study of His Word.

yourchurch.com/womensbiblestudies

FRIDAY, JAN. 16 – 6:30 p.m.

NEWCOMER NIGHT

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 finds ways to serve and connect. Dress casual and come hungry. (Child care is not provided) yourchurch.com/connect

SUNDAY, JAN. 18 – BETWEEN SERVICES

WORSHIP ARTS ROOM

WORSHIP ARTS MINISTRY **OPEN HOUSE**

Are you interested in joining the band, choir or tech crew? Stop by to meet our team and learn more about our ministry. We'd love to talk to you!

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SUNDAY, JAN. 18 -8, 9:45, & 11:30 А.М.

SUNDAY MORNING BAPTISMS

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, Jan. 18 at all services. If you would like to participate in a baptism service, learn more at yourchurch.com/baptism.

SUNDAYS, JAN. 18 - MAR. 1 – 8 A.M.

EAST ROOM

PREMARITAL COUNSELING CLASS

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 who calls College Park their home church. yourchurch.com/marriage

SUNDAYS, JAN. 18 - MAR. 1 - 11:30 A.M.

ROOM B5 (BASEMENT)

PURSUING A CROSS-CENTERED MARRIAGE

A seven-week class offered to couples of any age or marriage stage. This class led by Chuck and Tillie Pyatte and Craig & Shannon Lewis will be going through a study on based John Piper's book This Momentary Marriage.

yourchurch.com/marriage

TUESDAYS STARTING JAN. 20 – 7 - 8:30 P.M.

EAST ROOM

SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY II

Join us as we begin a new Systematic Theology II study with Pastor Joe Bartemus. We'll be studying the doctrines of Christ, Salvation, the church, and last things. If interested, please just show up the first evening.

SATURDAY, JAN. 24 – 9 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.

MEN'S PLANNING AND PRAYER TIME **R**

Join other College Park men on Saturday, Jan. 24 to learn how to plan wisely for our relationships with God and with others! Tracks address the needs both of men who are new to planning and men who have been planning for years. The day will include talks on principles to plan for as well as a "workshop" time in which to apply the material and begin making plans for the year. The day will close with a free pizza lunch/prayer time for anyone who wants to stay for it.

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SATURDAY, FEB. 7 – 8 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.

CAUGHT IN THE CURRENT: NAVIGATING UPSTREAM IN A SEXUALLY CHARGED SOCIETY R

Women of all ages and life stages are faced with the constant pull of a sexuallydriven culture. How do we as women set ourselves apart to live according to God's Word? Join us for a churchwide women's half-day conference for ages 15 and up as we discover the answer. Jeff and Rose Colon of Pure Life Ministries are our keynote speakers, and the day will include breakout sessions on various topics for women of all ages.

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FRIDAY, FEB. 6 – 6 P.M.

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SUNDAY, FEB. 8 – 9:45 A.M.

MINISTRY CENTER

FISHERS CAMPUS INCUBATOR STARTS

Starting February 8 the Fishers campus will start meeting weekly to prepare for launching a campus in the summer of 2015. vourchurch.com/fishers

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yourchurch.com/journeyinmissions

SUNDAY, FEB. 22 - 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).

SATURDAY-SUNDAY, FEB. 27 - MAR. 1

THINK/15 R See pages 2-3 for details. Registration opens Jan. 7 for both THINK/15 and kidTHINK/15. Child care will be offered for children age 5 and under. yourchurch.com/think15

SATURDAY, MAR. 21 – 8 A.M. - 1 P.M.

COLLEGE PARK CHURCH SANCTUARY

#TECHTALK: RENEWING THE FAMILY IN A TECH-FILLED WORLD R

How can I glorify God when I use technology? What does my use of technology say about me as a worshipper? Join other parents and youth to have a discussion about technology and how it impacts the family in the 21st century.

yourchurch.com/techtalk

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COLLEGE STUDENT MINISTRY SUNDAY LUNCHES

We have now launched our schoolyear ministry for those who are college age—and we would love to have you join us! Every other Sunday after the third service, we meet for Sunday lunch and conversation to apply that morning's sermon. To check out our schedule, get directions, or sign up for our email list, visit **yourchurch.com/collegeministry**

College Ministry Table Talk leader

- ? Maureen Goeman
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JAN.- MAR. 2015 FRIDAYS – 6 - 8:50 p.m. SATURDAYS – 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

GROWING 100 CLASSES R

Each New Year's we are determined once again to eat healthier, workout more, or start another Bible reading plan. Have you ever wondered why it is so hard to follow through on even the godliest of resolutions? Our failure to follow through is not a crowded gym or a long list of genealogies, but it's an issue of the heart. What we do declares to the world what we think is most important.

As we seek to understand our personal Next Door Mission, the Soul Care Ministry invites you to join us for three special weekends in 2015 for the "Growing" series. These classes seek to uncover the true motivations of our heart, and how the Lord has given us all the necessary tools to live godly lives and engage the hearts of others. In addition, the training will equip participants to apply the Word in the areas of marital and parenting issues, anger management, depression, and a variety of other important topics. **yourchurch.com/growing100**

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BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS WITH THOSE "NEXT DOOR" BY SERVING OUR CITY FOR THE SAKE OF THE GOSPEL.

SAVE THE DATE FOR SERVE 15 SATURDAY, APRIL 25

OUR COLLEGE PARK FAMILY

NEW COLLEGE PARKERS

Hannah Louise Krukenberg was born Sept. 12 to Karl and Bekah James Thomasson Pittman was born Aug. 13 to Luke and Brittany Jedidiah Bucher was born Oct. 19 to Daniel and Heather

THE BULLETIN BOARD

DO YOU ENJOY MAKING PEOPLE FEEL RIGHT AT HOME?

Hospitality is just that. Whether it's in your home or at church, it's making people feel welcome. First Hand Ministry is our extended hand of welcome to members and visitors. We are much more than passing out bulletins or giving out handshakes. Team members serve on Sundays and events to help usher people into God's presence.

There are currently volunteer job positions available:

- Usher position openings at the 8 a.m. hour.
- Greeter position openings for all three services.
- Welcome Desk position openings 8 a.m. hour and 9:45 a.m. hour

Contact Jenny Brake at jbrake@yourchurch.com if you'd like to join our team.

ARE YOU GOOD WITH NUMBERS?

The Finance Team is looking for volunteers to join the contributions counting team to serve one Sunday a month. To serve in this ministry area, you need to be a member and complete a background check. This position works with an adding machine and counts cash that is given to College Park Church.

Interested? Contact Jevne Livengood at livengood@yourchurch.com

IS GOD PROMPTING YOU TO LEAD A SMALL GROUP?

We are always looking for qualified, spiritually mature Christ followers who want to lead a small group and help others go deeper with Jesus. If you are interested in becoming a Small Group Leader, contact Emily Weller (eweller@yourchurch.com) for an application.

READY TO JOIN A SMALL GROUP?

We have several open groups all over the city. If you are interested in learning more and joining a group near you, check out **yourchurch.com/smallgroupsignup**.

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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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OUR PASTORAL STAFF

Mark Vroegop Lead Pastor

Eric Anderson Pastor of Worship

Don Bartemus Pastor of Compassion Ministries

Joe Bartemus Pastor of Theological Development

Bill Dinsmore Executive Pastor of Ministry

Nate Irwin Pastor of Global Outreach

David Michael Pastor for Next Generations

Andrew Rogers Pastor of Soul Care

Mark Schuitema Pastor of Community Life

Dale Shaw Pastor of Local Outreach

Bruce Smith Executive Pastor of Operations

Joe Wittmer Pastor of Student Ministries

Article by Katie Schulenborg

PRAYER WEEK

How do you ring in the New Year? Does your family have a tradition? Do you start the New Year with prayer? College Park does.

The College Park family has had two traditions to welcome in the New Year for the past six years.

Our first tradition is this: scripture is read for 15 minutes at a time by different College Parkers for 24 hours on New Years Eve through New Years Day. Our second tradition is setting apart the first week of the New Year to focus on prayer and is what we call "Prayer Week."

The idea for both the twenty four hours of scripture reading and Prayer Week came from Pastor Mark Vroegop who started these traditions in 2008.

Each year the continuous scripture reading starts in the book of Matthew and each year we end in a different section of scripture. At the end of each segment of reading the reader(s) sign their name in a special Bible that is used yearly.

Prayer Week this year starts Sunday, Jan. 4 and includes prayer meetings all over the city including downtown on the Circle and in Fishers.

The schedule for Prayer Week 2015 is below.

sunday **JAN 4**

PRAYER WEEK BEGINS AT ALL SUNDAY SERVICES

THRONE OF GRACE PRAYER

Come and pray for the services and the church with others from College Park. • During the 9:45 a.m. service • the Prayer Room



EARLY MORNING PRAYER

Join Pastor Don Bartemus as he leads in a morning prayer time filled with song, scripture, and group prayers. • 6 a.m. • the College Park Church Chapel



STATEHOUSE PRAYER SERVICE

Come & pray for Indiana and our leaders on the opening day of the Indiana General Assembly at the 11th Annual Statehouse Prayer Service . • 12 - 1 p.m. • the Indiana Statehouse

wednesday JAN. 7

PRAYER ON THE CIRCLE

Pray with others from Christ Church Cathedral and other churches for our city, state, nation, and world.
12-1 p.m.

the Christ Church Cathedral on

Monument Circle in downtown Indianapolis

PRAYER TIME IN FISHERS



Prayer with others from College Park for the city of Fishers and the group of College Parkers committed to the Fishers campus. • 7 p.m. • the Delaware Township Community Center in Fishers.

FRIDAY **JAN 9**

FIRST FRIDAY MISSIONS PRAYER

Join us as we gather pray for missionaries and our partners around the world. Light dinner provided and child care is available. Look for further details on yourchurch.com • 6-7:30 p.m. • the Ministry Center North Room