

MARCH/APRIL 2015

the news

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT COLLEGE PARK CHURCH



SERVE | 15

SERVE



April 25 will mark one of the most dangerous days of the year for our church.

That Saturday is the date for SERVE|15—College Park’s annual event where we mobilize the church to engage in service projects all over the city.

So what could possibly be dangerous about setting aside one day a year to serve our neighbors and our ministry partners?

The other 364 days in the year.

See, it’s very easy to fall into the subtle trap of thinking that this is what it means for our church to serve—sign up, show up, clean up...move on. I can check the box that I participated in SERVE and have filled my “serve quota” until next year.

But when we scan the pages of the New Testament, we’re confronted with a very different picture. What we see is service was not a one-day event, but an everyday calling. We read words like: “do not grow weary in doing good” (2 Thess. 3:13), “let our people learn to devote themselves to good works” (Titus 3:14), and “as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith” (Gal. 5:10).

As those who have been ransomed by the One who came not to be served, but to serve (Mark 10:45), we have been created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them (Eph. 2:10). We are saved to serve!

So if the call to serve isn’t a call for one day but for every day, why have SERVE—a one-day event? We do SERVE

A ONE-DAY EVENT, AN EVERYDAY CALLING



for two reasons: to coordinate our serving and to kick-start our serving. First, we coordinate our individual acts of service in order to multiply the impact on those we serve. We can accomplish more in less time by working together. Second, we also do SERVE in order to kick-start service in our everyday lives. Maybe you do a project with a ministry partner and find your heart gripped by what they're doing. Maybe God stirs something in you while you're serving and uses this one day to grow in you a desire to serve every day.

So come join us for SERVE|15. It's going to be one great day...and a great way to change your every day!

Are you interested in leading a project for SERVE|15? Email Dan Weller, dwell-er@yourchurch.com

Are you IN to SERVE? Register for SERVE|15 projects starting on Friday, Mar. 13 at yourchurch.com/serve15

SERVE|15

SUMMER IS FOR SEEING AND SHOWING CHRIST



In the spring of 1995 the lead pastor of my former church introduced a phrase that helped me think about summer in a fresh and Christ-centered way.^[1] The phrase stuck and for the past 20 years “Summer is for Seeing and Showing Christ” has influenced the way I think about summer.

As the summer of 1995 approached we were reminded that God makes daylight longer, temperatures warmer and frees up our schedules so that we can see his glory in ways that are harder to see and savor in the winter months. Thus, “summer is for seeing.”

And summer is for “showing” Christ to others. Summers give us a chance to be outside and connect with neighbors who have been hidden in their homes all winter long. Summers give us the opportunity to enjoy casual conversations on the sidewalk, in the park, and across the fence. The lighter schedule of summer can free us up to reach “next door” to others and share in the joys of various activities and events that are unique to this time of year.

It is my prayer that the events and activities we are planning for summer 2015 will help the next generations at College Park to see Christ in fresh and life-changing ways. It is also my prayer that they will provide opportunities for us to show Christ to others.

June 15-19 Worship Arts Camp offers second through eighth graders the opportunity to spend a week learning to see and savor the glory of God and the beauty of Christ in worship. From the cameras, costumes, and choreography to the sets, songs, and sounds – the children do it all.

July 13-17 Vacation Bible School and Extreme Teens will bring hundreds of children and youth of all ages together to see and enjoy the One whose kingdom is like a treasure hidden in a field and a pearl of great price

(Matthew 13:44-46). Registration for volunteers opens Apr. 11, and registration for children and youth opens May 31.

July 20-24 CEF Five-Day Clubs are coming to Fishers. As part of their “Good News Across America Initiative,” Child Evangelism Fellowship (CEF) will be bringing in a team to join with College Park to provide five exciting days of lessons from the Bible, creative learning activities, meaningful songs that will show Christ to the children “Next Door” in Fishers and introduce them and their families to College Park Fishers.

July 27-31 SpringHill Summer Day Camps will be once again hosted at College Park Church for another full week of action-packed, Christ-revealing activities for kindergarten through third grade children. SpringHill provides a complete camp experience including fun activities, Bible-based curriculum, and highly-trained camp counselors on site at College Park Church. Their faith will be challenged while having more fun than they can imagine. Registration is open now.

Residential Camps: Several College Park children and youth over the years have had the eyes of their hearts opened to the summertime glory of Christ and the beauty of His creation through one of the residential camping programs offered at SpringHill in Seymour, IN or Twin Lakes Camp in Hillsboro, IN.

Of all that summer is to enjoy, nothing compares to the joy of seeing and showing Christ. May those, young and old, in our homes and in our neighborhoods see Christ in ways they have never seen before and may God grant this to be the most spiritually fruitful summers for his glory and for the joy of the next generations.

For more information check out yourchurch.com/summeratthepark

[1] Piper, John, Summer is for Seeing and Showing God, Minneapolis: Bethlehem Baptist Church, May 9, 1995 <http://www.hopeingod.org/document/summer-seeing-and-showing-god>



FISHERS CAMPUS

Article by Paul Spilker

God is faithful to build His church, and He has been faithful to provide for the start of our College Park Fishers campus.

Almost 30 years to the day since College Park Church was planted, we launched our first multi-site campus “incubator,” targeted toward our city’s northwest suburbs Fishers and Noblesville. On the first Sunday of the incubator, Feb. 8, we had 340 people worshipping together and committing together to help reach our city.

We began the “incubator” in February with the goals of building community and starting worship services. There are a number of volunteer needs for the Fishers campus, and those will continue to grow through the spring as we prepare for a summer launch in a temporary site at Fall Creek Intermediate School in Fishers.

Additionally, as people have committed to Fishers, their spots on other teams have opened up for new volunteers in areas such as Children’s Ministry, First Hand Ministry, TechServe, and Worship Arts.

- Sign up to volunteer through the Serving Hub: yourchurch.com/servinghub
- See pictures from the first Sunday of the incubator: collegeparkchurch.smugmug.com
- Read about the Fishers campus: yourchurch.com/fishers
- Want to get involved or have questions? Contact Dale Shaw (dshaw@yourchurch.com) or Dustin Crowe (dcrowe@yourchurch.com)

HOW TO PRAY FOR THE FISHERS CAMPUS:

- Pray for God to prepare the way for unchurched individuals in Fishers to hear and receive the gospel
- Pray for unity and community to form among the Fishers campus families
- Pray for God to raise up leaders (volunteers and staff) for the campus needs. In particular, pray for God to lead us to the right worship leader and Next Generations leader.
- Pray for wisdom for the decisions surrounding the temporary (school) location and long-term planning, including provision of a site to build in the future



Article by Katie Schulenburg

It has been mentioned once or twice on a Sunday and you may have seen it in an edition of the eNews but, if you haven't heard the message yet, you are needed to help the ministries of College Park Church be fruitful!

Our large size or even what you experience on a Sunday morning may deceive you to believe your specific gifts aren't needed, but they (and you) are.

God has given each of us spiritual blessings beyond measure in Christ (Ephesians 1), but He has also given us unique spiritual gifts to use to further His kingdom (Ephesians 4).

Are you currently using your God-given gifts to bless the church body and community?

Volunteering even in a small way (or even with a small time commitment) can make a huge difference.

Do you like to work with your hands? Do you enjoy interacting with others, making them feel welcome? Do you like to design? Is teaching one of your gifts? Do you like to work with numbers? Is connecting with students fulfilling for you?

All things you can do (and there are more!) to serve at College Park.

TAKE SOME ACTION & SERVE!

- Visit the *Serving Hub* to learn more about volunteer openings and to sign up: yourchurch.com/servinghub
- Volunteer with the *Next Generation*. To serve with our Children's Ministries go to yourchurch.com/volunteeratthepark

AT COLLEGE PARK CHURCH

MARCH/APRIL

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

TUESDAYS THROUGH MAY 5, 6-8 P.M.

ROOM E112

GRIEF SHARE SUPPORT GROUP

Grief Share is a prayer and support group that follows the Grief Share video series. It is meant to help people who have had loss in their lives learn how to deal with their grief. Join the group on any Tuesday throughout the spring.

🔗 Don Bartemus
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FRIDAY, MAR. 6, 6 P.M.

MINISTRY CENTER, NORTH ROOM

FIRST FRIDAY GLOBAL MISSIONS PRAYER

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

🔗 Ron Page
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SATURDAY, MAR. 7, 8-3:30 P.M.

COLLEGE PARK CHAPEL

BRIDGES SEMINAR **R**

Did you know that there are nearly seven million Muslims living in North America? Consider coming to a training seminar hosted by the Crescent Project to learn how to minister to Muslims. Cost: \$20.

crescentproject.org/collegepark

MONDAY, MAR. 9, 6:30 P.M.

WORSHIP ARTS ROOM

JOURNEY IN MISSIONS NIGHT (JIM)

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. Register for childcare at yourchurch.com/journeyinmissions

SATURDAY, MAR. 14, 8 A.M.-NOON

MEET AT MAIN ENTRANCE

20SOMETHINGS SERVE MIDWEST FOOD BANK **R**

Join us for a great time bonding with others in their twenties as we serve our city. We will be assisting Midwest Food Bank with their food stocking and then enjoy a lunch together afterwards.

🔗 Peter Wolfgram
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SUNDAY, MAR. 15,
11:30 A.M.-12:30 P.M.

COLLEGE PARK CHAPEL

VISION TRIP TRAINING (SESSION 1 OF 2)

Involvement in a Vision (missions) Trip is more than just going. Good, thoughtful preparation is a must. If your application for a trip has been submitted and confirmed, plan to attend both training sessions.

🔗 Ron Page
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FRIDAY, MAR. 20, 6:15-7:30 P.M.

THE ROCK

ACTIVE ADULTS SEDER MEAL R

What exactly did the Jewish people do during their Passover Meal and what does it all mean? Active Adults will host a Seder Meal with Jon Lieberman of Chosen People Ministries. He will explain the details as we partake of the meal. Reservations and payment required. Limited seating. Register by contacting Mary Ann Parilla at maparilla@yahoo.com or 317.564.4075.

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SATURDAY, MAR. 21, 8 A.M. - 4 P.M.

COLLEGE PARK CHURCH

**#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 for a discussion about technology and how it impacts the family in the 21st century. yourchurch.com/techtalk

? Gary Meeks
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**SUNDAY, MAR. 21,
11:30 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.**

COLLEGE PARK CHAPEL

**VISION TRIP TRAINING
(SESSION 2 OF 2)**

This is the second of two required training sessions for those approved to go on a 2015 Vision Trip.

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MONDAY, MAR. 23, 7 P.M.

MINISTRY CENTER NORTH ROOM

**LIVE LEADER CALL-OUT
DESSERT NIGHT R**

We are looking for mature, godly men and women who would consider the ministry of leading a four-week LIVE[15 temporary small group this August. Interested individuals or couples are invited to a LIVE Leader Call-Out Dessert Night to come hear the scope and topic of LIVE[15 and hear what leading a temporary group entails. We will present some material and allow for questions as we explore the possibility of God calling you to this ministry.

? Gary Meeks
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MAR. 27-31 AND APR. 6-11

**STUDENT MINISTRIES
RED RIVER GORGE
CAMPING TRIPS R**

Camping trips for both junior and senior high students. For more information, visit the Retreats & Events page at yourchurch.com/retreatsandevents. *Pricing for these trips has not yet been set.

? Melissa Crowe
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**BEGINNING TUESDAY,
MAR. 31, 7-8:30 P.M.**

EAST ROOM A

SINGLES BIBLE STUDY

The church is a place for single people. Come join us for a nine-week series for singles ages 25-40 and discover eight single people in the Bible who embodied a life of faith we can follow. We will hear personal stories from guest teachers, discuss the book "They Were Single Too" by David Hoffeditz, and pray together.

? Bob Martin
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FRIDAY, APR. 3, 7 P.M.

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

Come join the College Park family for our annual Good Friday service. This evening will be a special time to remember the death of our Savior through communion, worship, and reflection. For more details, and childcare information, visit yourchurch.com/goodfriday

SUNDAY, APR. 5-8, 9:45 & 11:30 A.M.

EASTER SERVICES

Bring your friends & family to our Easter services, celebrating and worshipping our risen Savior. For more details & childcare information, visit yourchurch.com/easter

FRIDAY, APR. 10, 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 childcare at yourchurch.com/firstfriday

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SATURDAY, APR. 11, 9 A.M.-1 P.M.

EAST ROOM

MEMBERSHIP CLASS R

The class is designed for those pursuing membership at College Park or for those who simply want to investigate more about the church. Enjoy breakfast, lunch, and a tour as you find out more about the vision and values of College Park Church. Childcare is provided. Register online and fill out an application for each family member attending the classroom part of the day.

www.yourchurch.com/membership

R MARK DENOTES REGISTRATION REQUIRED TO PARTICIPATE IN EVENT.


SATURDAY, APR. 11, 8:30-11:30 A.M.

COLLEGE PARK CHAPEL

COMPASSIONATE CARE CONFERENCE R

Will I have enough money to retire? How do I keep from getting scammed? Do I really need a will? And why would I ever want to plan my own funeral? These are questions we may be asking for ourselves or about our parents. You'll hear answers to these questions and many more at this morning conference featuring an overview of all these topics. Continental breakfast included.

yourchurch.com/careconference

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MONDAY, APR. 13, 6:30 P.M.

WORSHIP ARTS ROOM

JOURNEY IN MISSIONS NIGHT (JIM)

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MAY 12-JUNE 23

SUMMER WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES

Mark your calendars! Several Women's Bible Studies will run May 12-June 23. Study information will be available on the web at the beginning of April and registration will open on Apr. 10.

SUNDAY, APR. 26 - FRIDAY, MAY 1

WARRENTON, MO.

CHILD EVANGELISM FELLOWSHIP TRIP R

College Park's annual trip to help and encourage those at Child Evangelism Fellowship in Warrenton, Missouri includes grading Bible lessons submitted by children, adults, and prisoners throughout North and South America, helping with repairs and grounds keeping, and kitchen assistance. This time of service is greatly appreciated by the CEF staff. Cost: \$10/day for food and lodging, as well as assisting with gasoline costs.


 Miriam Fisher
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FRIDAY, MAY 1, 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 childcare at yourchurch.com/firstfriday

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SUNDAY, MAY 3, 9:45-11 A.M.

COLLEGE PARK CHAPEL

MARRIAGE PANEL: MONEY MATTERS R

Marriage Panels are designed for you to come and hear from other couples as they share candidly about the joys and challenges of marriage. Our May Marriage Panel, "Money Matters," will focus on practical money issues and challenges that many couples face on a regular basis.

yourchurch.com/marriage

MONDAY, MAY 11, 6:30 P.M.

WORSHIP ARTS ROOM

JOURNEY IN MISSIONS NIGHT (JIM)

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

JUN. 15-19

WORSHIP ARTS CAMP R

If your kids are going into 2nd through 8th grade this summer, they won't want to miss College Park's Worship Arts Camp. Registration opens Apr. 1.

yourchurch.com/worshipartscamp

 Amy Hughes
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OUR COLLEGE PARK FAMILY

NEW COLLEGE PARKERS

Bianca Rebekah Speckhart born January 4, 2015 to Isaac and Becky

Elizabeth Grace Stull born January 16, 2013, adopted January 9, 2015 to Craig and Trina

Katherine Ruth Dunkel born January 22, 2015 to Brian and Melissa

Samuel Philip Jolink born February 1, 2015 to Mark and Jenna

David Bradley Mott born on February 14, 2015 to Jed and Elizabeth

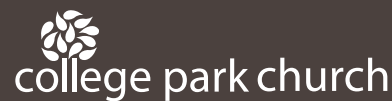
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HAVE YOU EVER ASKED YOURSELF ONE OF THESE QUESTIONS?

Will I have enough money to retire? How do I keep from getting scammed? Do I really need a will? And why would I ever want to plan my own funeral?

These are questions we may be asking about ourselves or about our parents.

Answers to these questions plus many more will be answered at the Compassion Care Conference hosted at College Park Church on Saturday, Apr. 11 from 8:30-11:30 a.m. The conference is free, but registration is requested. Register at yourchurch.com/careconference.



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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MAKING THE MOST OF EASTER

As Christians we know how to make the most of Christmas. Whatever our views on Santa, Lifetime holiday TV specials, or gift-buying, we know pretty well how to direct our attention to the real meaning of the holiday—the incarnation, the birth of our Lord and Savior. Not just the long-awaited Davidic King, but God made flesh. What a thing to celebrate!

It's wonderful that we make the most of Christmas and the Christmas/Advent season. But Christmas isn't the only Christian holiday that deserves celebration and, if we look back at Church history, it actually isn't the most famous.

That title goes to Easter.

By commercial holiday standards, Easter's pretty pathetic. It's always on a Sunday, so there are no work closings. Non-Christian traditions are limited to:

- Going to church with your parents or grandparents and hoping there's a good meal after
- Dressing up and maybe buying a nice new dress
- Hiding eggs, real or plastic, for kids to find
- Candy
- A rabbit, who managed to sneak into the egg thing somehow

Thrilling, right? And so... non-merchandisable. The Easter bunny even makes a pretty uninspiring movie protagonist; he's more of a side character. From a worldly perspective, Easter's a pretty unspectacular holiday. But for Christians, the story couldn't be more different.

The Easter season is a time we set aside to focus on the fact that God didn't just become a human being, he became a human being for the purpose of redeeming His people from sin. He didn't just come to show us a better

way, He came to be the way, and that involved Him dying on the Cross for our sins. Through His death He paid the price, once for all time, for our death to sin and liberation from judgment. And the core event of Easter—Jesus' resurrection—signed, sealed, and delivered that work for all time.

Here is a sampling of promises we have only and entirely because of Jesus' resurrection:

- Jesus really was the king he claimed to be (Acts 2:36)
- Sin won't own our lives (Romans 6:4)
- Assurance that we too will be raised from the dead (Romans 6:5)
- One day creation will be freed from corruption (1 Corinthians 15:42-3)

Death will not ultimately win over creation (1 Corinthians 15:25)

We will one day live in the presence of God, where Jesus is (Colossians 3:3-4).

We could keep going.

As you can see, the cornerstone of Easter is the event that gives us hope—hope for a relationship with God, hope for victory over sin in the present, hope for immortality in the future. Easter is the key to the happy ending of our world's story—the only key.

So I say, by all means, celebrate Christmas. But around Eastertide, Christians should stuff themselves so full of God's resurrection-promises that we become downright giddy. Let's reflect on the promises sealed, the victory earned, the relationship with God established through the death and resurrection of Jesus, and let's show the world the beauty of hope, real hope, that Easter provides.