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A new year is here. And with this new year comes that imfamous question, "What is your new year's resolution?"

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Registration opens January 5!

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After seeing her granddaughter on an ultrasound screen, a grandmother's heart was changed.



As we look forward to a new year, one question will frequent our conversations: "What is your New Year's resolution?" Even if your resolution is to not make any more New Year's resolutions, Christians should consider how they think about this topic.

BEGIN WITH PRAYER AND A THOROUGH STUDY OF GOD'S WORD

Rather than creating a laundry list of all the things we would like to change about our lives, the New Year can be a time to reflect and reorient our lives to be more Christhonoring. We would be wise to first seek the glory of God and make resolutions to assist us in our sanctification.

FOCUS ON DEPENDENCE, NOT INDEPENDENCE

If we are not careful, we will try to keep our resolutions in our own strength. Instead, we must remember that we are weak, and it is Christ who strengthens us. We must depend on Him continually to do all things, including keeping resolutions.

REMEMBER, THE MOST IMPORTANT LIFE-CHANGE HAS ALREADY OCCURRED

Jesus paid for our sin on the cross and has given us His righteousness. We are redeemed and the gospel frees us from the burden of performance. Whether we succeed or fail in the coming months, we can rest assured that nothing can separate us from the love of God.

S FROM OUR PASTORS & STAF

START A BIBLE-READING PLAN

The M'Cheyne One-Year Reading Plan

In one year you read the New Testament and Psalms twice and the Old Testament once.

http://bit.ly/MCheyneOneYearPlan

The Discipleship Journal Reading Plan

It takes you through the Bible once in a year with four readings per day and includes "off" days.

http://bit.ly/DiscipleshipJournalPlan

Bible Eater

The flexible format of this plan includes occasional reading sessions where you finish an entire book in one sitting. http://bit.ly/BibleEater

Download the YouVersion Bible App *bible.com/app*

BE A CARRIER OF EXTRAVAGANT GRACE

Commit an amount from your personal budget to use to give Extravagant Grace to others. What impact could \$25 or \$100 (or another amount) have from your pocket every month?

Be inspired by how lives were impacted through our November Extravagant Grace series: *yourchurch. com/extravagantgrace*

PRAY GOD WOULD OPEN ANOTHER DOOR, OPEN YOUR MOUTH, AND OPEN HEARTS

Did God put people on your mind and heart in 2013 with whom to share the gospel? Who are those people in 2014?

Are you thinking about THINK? If not, then you should be! Continuing the tradition of presenting thought provoking, insightful teachers of theology, College Park welcomes Dr. John Piper for THINK|14.

For many, Dr. John Piper will need no introduction, for his preaching, teaching, books and website are known throughout the world. Dr. Piper is the founder and Chancellor of Bethlehem College & Seminary and was the senior pastor at Bethlehem Baptist Church, Minneapolis, Minnesota for thirty-three years. Dr. Piper received an undergraduate degree in Literature (with a minor in philosophy) from Wheaton College, obtained a Bachelor of Divinity degree at Fuller Theological Seminary, and then completed doctorial work in New Testament Studies at the University of Munich. He is a prolific author with fifty books, and has an expansive website (DesiringGod.org) rich with commentary, sermons and other resources. But his life's work, in his own words, is "the ministry of preaching."

During THINK 14, Dr. Piper will present his challenge to each of us to dig deeper into the Bible and to consider the application of this study to our own lives. THINK's annual spotlight on theology and in-depth study both help us grow as individuals and as a church body.

As part of THINK|14, College Park is also proud to present kidTHINK|14 on Friday night only, for children in kindergarten through grade 6. Unlike previous years, there will not be kidTHINK on Saturday.

THINK 14 REGISTRATION OPENS JAN. 5 AT YOURCHURCH.COM/THINK14,

and we highly recommended that you register early. We anticipate THINK|14 will be a "can't miss event." Child care will be available Friday night and all day Saturday for those who register specifically for child care. Limited space is available.

If you want a more personal perspective on THINK|14, consider volunteering for the THINK|14 conference. College Park needs a great group of volunteers to make this event a success. Sign up to volunteer through the main registration form or contact Shannon Lewis at slewis@yourchurch.com. Volunteers will be able to attend most sessions of THINK.

Mark your calendar and start thinking about THINK today!



TAKE A SMALL STEP

There is an old saying that the journey of a thousand miles always begins with one step. Instead of seeing an insurmountable trek, the journey is simplified into a basic element—one foot put in front of the other. Similarly in spirit to this idea, each fall College Park focuses on global missions with our three week REACH conference. During REACH, the challenges, peoples, mission fields and tasks of taking the gospel to the far reaches of the globe is presented to us, yet we do not have to travel abroad. Instead, here at home we listen, pray, and give.

This year, REACH|13 provided opportunities to meet and hear from missionaries during worship and in small gatherings, to see global missions through the eyes of children at kidREACH|13, and to hear powerful mission- focused sermons from Pastor Mark, Pastor Nate and Dr. Joe Stowell, the President of Cornerstone University. The need to hear the gospel and the corresponding opportunities to take the gospel across the globe were vividly recounted in our congregational "living room." Our journey to experience global missions was a few small steps.

However, while REACH|13 is over, the global missions journey is not complete. There are many people yearning to hear the gospel–desperate to be free from the burdens of sin.

What will you do? Will you take another step for global missions? Not everyone has to go a thousand miles; there are opportunities to serve right here.

- ▶ **First Friday** in January is part of the Prayer Week 2014 and will focus on Kenya.
- ▶ Journey Into Missions (JIM) Night (the second Monday of each month) In January 2014, the missions pastor from Sojourn Church in Louisville will be speaking.
- ▶ Barnabas teams continue to meet monthly to support their missionaries.
- ▶ **DELTA Force** is still in development—with a monthly prayer meeting the second Sunday of the month.
- ▶ **Vision Trip** early bird registration for the 2014 Vision Trips passed, but there is still room on most trips and people are encouraged to sign up.

BECAUSE LIFE MATTERS

A newly pregnant 16-year-old sat in tears as her mother and aunt angrily shouted at her. "You will have an abortion!" they told her.

The client and her relatives had come into Life Centers for the young girl to get a free pregnancy test. It came back positive, and tempers flared. The mother and aunt recounted the girls' siblings and cousins who have had abortions, and told her she needed to do the same. The Center Director knew that she needed to intervene, but how? She heard the voice of the Lord nudging her. "Fight for her," He said, over and over again.

The Director tried to calm the angry women and comfort the girl. She shared that in the state of Indiana, no one could legally force the girl into having an abortion. The client had to make the decision herself. The Director told them that there was help available, support for new mothers and their babies. Before they left, she convinced them to make an appointment for an ultrasound. And then they allowed the Director to pray with them.

Months went by and she received a call from the client. "My mom wants to bring you something," the client said. Soon after, the client's mother brought a small envelope to the Center and handed it to the Director.

It was a baby shower invitation.

After seeing her grandbaby on an ultrasound screen, the grandmother's heart was changed. She got behind her granddaughter's decision to carry the child. The baby was born in April of this year, and has been a blessing to the entire family. Life Centers and its incredible volunteers and friends surrounded the client and her new baby with love—blessing them with supplies galore and keeping in touch.



Scared and confused young women come into Life Center locations each and every day feeling the pressure of abortion. They feel alone and are looking for hope. God works through the Life Centers volunteers and staff to give these women the love and support they so desperately need.

Our mission is simple: to transform lives and save babies. Won't you join us on this journey? We are always looking for volunteers and financial donations. Every gift given—big and small—makes a tremendous impact.

Hear more amazing Life Centers stories by signing up for our enewsletter at **www.lifecenters.com** or liking us on Facebook at **facebook.com/lifecenters**.

UPCOMING EVENTS

PRAYER WEEK 2014

Our tradition at College Park is to start every new year with a dedicated focus on seeking God's face for the first week of the year.

TUESDAY-WEDNESDAY, DEC. 31- JAN. 1

24-HOUR BIBLE READING & PRAYER 12:00 p.m. - 12:00 p.m. // Sanctuary

THURSDAY, JAN. 2

NOON PRAYER & FASTING TIME 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. // Prayer Room

FRIDAY, JAN. 3

FIRST FRIDAY GLOBAL MISSIONS PRAYER 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. // Ministry Center

SATURDAY, JAN. 4

MEN'S PRAYER TIME 7:00 - 8:15 a.m. // Ministry Center

SUNDAY, JAN. 5

THRONE OF GRACE PRAYER 9:45 a.m. // Prayer Room

MONDAY, JAN. 6

EARLY MORNING PRAYER TIME 6:00 - 7:00 a.m. // Prayer Room

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 8

DOWNTOWN NOON PRAYER TIME 12:00-1:00 p.m. // Downtown TBD

THURSDAY, JAN. 9

PRAYER TIME IN FISHERS

12:00 - 1:00 p.m. //
Delaware Township Community Center
9090 E. 131st St. Fishers, IN 46038

WEEKLY EVENTS

SUNDAY

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 & 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

WEDNESDAY

AWANA 6:15-8:15 p.m.

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

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 2

WOMEN'S SPRING BIBLE STUDY REGISTRATION OPENS

Join us this spring in the study of God's Word, and experience greater intimacy with Him and a loving community of women. Register online or on Sunday morning, Jan. 5, 12, and 19. Day and evening studies begin on Tuesday, Jan. 21 and Wednesday, Jan. 22. Studies offered will be listed online.

vourchurch.com/women

FRIDAY, JAN. 6

6:00 p.m. // Ministry Center North Room

FIRST FRIDAY MISSIONS PRAYER

Join us as we gather every first Friday of the month at the College Park Ministry Center to pray for missionaries and our partners around the world. This evening will include dinner, praise and worship, prayer, and the updates that will keep you in the know and help you pray for the globe.

Ron Page – rpage@yourchurch.com

SATURDAY, JAN. 11

8:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. // Chapel

How intentional do you plan to be in 2014 in leading your own heart and your family in an effort to bring glory to God? As men, we are resposible before God to lead well and to seek opportunities to help train & equip us to be effective stewards of all the Lord has entrusted to us.

yourchurch.com/MensPlanningTime

SUNDAYS, JAN. 12, APR. 13, & JUL. 20

11:30 a.m. // Chapel

DISCIPLESHIP ROUNDTABLE

Discipleship is an essential part of following Jesus, but so many people have defined it so many ways that it's almost a useless word in Christianity. Join the Community Life leadership as we discuss the church's vision for it, learn how College Parkers are engaging in discipleship, & encourage those involved to stay active in their ministry.

② Joseph Rhea - jrhea@yourchurch.com

MONDAY, JAN. 13

7 p.m. // College Park Chapel LIFE AFTER LIVE

We hope that the lessons from each LIVE event will take lifelong root in our lives; but we forget what we learn, and hearthabits are hard to break. Mark Schuitema and Andrew Rogers will talk about how to keep applying what we learned about anger to our lives, offering instruction and fielding questions. Gary Meeks - garymeeks@yourchurch.com

MONDAY, JAN. 14

6:30 p.m. // Worship Arts Space (S|110)
JOURNEY IN MISSIONS

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.

Ron Page – rpage@yourchurch.com

FRIDAY, JAN. 17 6:30 p.m.

NEWCOMER NIGHT R

A fun night to get a glimpse of what community is like at College Park. Share a meal, ask questions to learn more about us, and get to know members of College Park Church. (There is no childcare provided at this event.)

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☑ Jenny Brake – jbrake@yourchurch.com 317.875.0282 x164

SUNDAY, JAN. 19 Worship Arts Room

CHOIR OPEN HOUSE

Learn more about being a part of helping lead our congregation in worship in the adult choir at our Winter Open House during the Sunday Morning services! yourchurch.com/choir

SUNDAY, JAN. 19 6:00 p.m.

FRESH ENCOUNTER SERVICE

Join us for our evening of prayer and worship to seek the face of God together. This is the main time that the body of College Park Church prays together and we will have a special focus on global outreach.

TUESDAYS, JAN. 21 - APR. 7 7:00 p.m.

East Room (S|106 A & B)

COLLEGE PARK INSTITUTE APOLOGETICS CLASS

This College Park Institute class will help the students to learn some of the arguments against Christianity and how to better support our faith. Questions like "Is there a God?", "Why is there suffering?", "Can I trust my Bible?", will be presented with biblical answers.

SUNDAYS, JAN. 19 - MAR. 2 8:00 a.m.

PRE-MARITAL COUNSELING R TAUGHT BY JEFF & PAM BRYANT

This class covers basic foundations of Biblical marriage, including conflict resolution, communication, and finances. Class cost is \$50 per couple for materials.

yourchurch.com/marriage

FRIDAY, JAN. 24 6:00 p.m. // East Room

ACTIVE ADULTS & 20SOMETHINGS GAME NIGHT

The Active Adults community of those age 55+ will be hosting the 20somethings for an evening of playing games together across the generations! Join us for a chance to learn card and board games and meet new friends.

SATURDAY, JAN. 25 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

MEMBERSHIP CLASS R

Learn more about College Park's mission, core values, and ministry opportunities. Whether you come just to learn or intend to become a member, it's one of the best ways to discover formal aspects of life at College Park. The class includes lunch.

yourchurch.com/connect

SUNDAY, JAN. 26 various times

THE BRIDGE RELAUNCHES!

The BRIDGE is a small group community for men and women who are new to College Park. This newcomers' small group mirrors what we do throughout Community Life, but offers a quick and easy onramp for those who are new to our church. We desire to see every College Parker grow and connect, and we believe small group community is God's design for how we're to live out our faith and to mature as Christ-followers. If you're new to College Park, we invite you to jump on and get connected through the BRIDGE.

② Joseph Rhea - jrhea@yourchurch.com

FRIDAY, FEB. 7

6:00 p.m. // Ministry Center North Room **FIRST FRIDAY MISSIONS PRAYER**

Join us as we gather every first Friday of the month at the College Park Ministry Center to pray for missionaries and our partners around the world.

Ron Page – rpage@yourchurch.com

FRIDAY, FEB 14

WIDOW'S MINISTRY & **20'S SOMETHING VALENTINE'S DAY DINNER**

Save the date for the "Active Sisters of Faith" (Widow's Ministry) annual Valentine's Day Dinner with 20 Somethings. Details coming soon.

Bob Martin - bmartin@yourchurch.com

FRIDAY, FEB. 21 6:30 p.m.

NEWCOMER NIGHT R

A fun night to get a glimpse of what community is like at College Park. Share a meal, ask questions to learn more about us, and get to know members of College Park Church. (There is no childcare provided at this event.)

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SATURDAY. FEB. 22 11:00 a.m.

ACTIVE ADULTS SATURDAY BRUNCH

Meet at the church at 10am to carpool to Fort Harrison for a morning of spiritual encouragement over a delicious brunch. For those age 55+.

Raren Davis – bkdavis3201@gmail.com

SUNDAYS, FEB. 16 - MAR. 23

9:45 a.m. // C224 (second floor Kids' Wing)

PURSUING A CROSS-CENTERED MARRIAGE R

Explore the foundation for a Christ centered marriage. Join this couples' class and learn how to live out your marriage for the glory of God. yourchurch.com/marriage

FRIDAY-SUNDAY, FEB. 28 - MAR. 2

THINK 14 R

See pages 4-5 for details.

SUNDAY, MAR. 9

BIBLICAL FOUNDATIONS OF MARRIAGE R

Come hear a panel of College Park couples discuss an issue related to having a properly grounded marriage. They will field questions from Community Life Pastor Mark Schuitema and from the audience. yourchurch.com/marriage

MONDAY, MAR. 10 6:30 p.m.

WOMEN OF HOPE R REFRESHED, RENEWED, AND RESTORED

An evening designed for women to hear how God desires us to live our lives with a confident hope and expectation of all He has promised. Hear Sarah Vroegopshare her life journey, experience worshipful music & drama, and have fellowship over delicious desserts. Child care not provided. Space is limited.

yourchurch.com/womenofhope

HOW WILL YOU GROW THIS NEW YEAR?

If you resolve in 2014 to grow spiritually, the Growing 100 and 200 series classes are a great way to do that! These Soul Care Training classes are designed to help you do just that: grow. They will also equip you to minister to & encourage others with God's all-sufficient Word. Currently, we are offering the first two levels of the Growing classes—Growing 100 & Growing 200.

The **Growing 100** training will equip attendees with the foundations of accurately handling the Word of God in their own lives and the lives of others. It also teaches participants to apply the Word in the areas of marital issues, parenting issues, anger, depression and a variety of other important topics.

The **Growing 200** training builds on what participants learned in the Growing 100 classes and delves into equiping participants how to apply the Word in the areas of conflict resolution, identity and gender, biblical decision-making, and a variety of other important topics.

GROWING 102 HELPING PEOPLE GROW

ортіом 1 – Sundays, Jan. 5 - Feb. 23 // 9:45 - 11:00 a.m. ортіом 2 - Tuesdays, Jan. 7 - Feb. 25 // 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

GROWING 200 -MODULE 1
BIBLICAL DECISION MAKING

Tuesdays, Jan. 7 - 28 // 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

GROWING 200 -MODULE 2 UNDERSTANDING ADDICTION

Tuesdays, Feb. 4 - 25 // 7:00 - 8:30 p.m

Register at yourchurch.com/growingclasses

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NEW COLLEGE PARKERS

Adalynn Paschall

born to Josh & Sarah on October 18, 2013

Olivia Bain

adopted by Matt & Carrie on October 26, 2013

Norah Turner

born to Cole & Emily on October 26, 2013

Alexander McCann

born to Ryan & Tory on December 4, 2013

Noelle Doddridge

born to Jason & Megan on December 9, 2013

Grace File

born to Schuyler & Christine on December 11, 2013

Clara Nix

born to Gabe & Rachel on December 11, 2013

Augusta Elliott

born to Nathan & Rebekah on December 12, 2013

THE TOP TO

The Student Ministries is kicking off the new year with an exciting new sermon series "The Top Ten". This study will cover the ten basic doctrines of the Christian faith and apply them in culturally relevant ways. This semester students will have an opportunity to hear from Pastor Joe, Alex Anderson, and other gospelcentered speakers. Please join Student Ministries to discover how deep theology applies to real life. They meet Sundays Jr. High at 9:45am in the rOck, and Senior High at 6:30pm at the Ministry Center.

Follow Student Ministries on Twitter and Instragram at @rockthegrove, and for more information check out yourchurch.com/students.

WOULD YOU LIKE (TO OFFER) A FREE RIDE?

Do you have a Commercial Driver's License? The Global Outreach Team periodically needs bus drivers to help transport our Vision Trip teams to and from the airport.

MORE INFO Ron Page »» rpage@yourchurch.com »» 317.875.0282 x 159

LOST & FOUND

Items left in the church building can be reclaimed in the lost and found cabinet located by the Coke machine near the main Children's Information Desk. The contents of the cabinet are purged and displayed the first Sunday of each month.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES HOSPITALITY TEAM

Do you love to making people feel welcome? Come and join our Hospitality Crew! As a part of the Hospitality Crew, you will welcome our families and help other parents with check-in.

MORE INFO yourchurch.com/VolunteerAtThePark

Debra Scheffler » dscheffler@yourchurch.com

SECURITY TEAM

The Security Team serves behind the scenes to create a safe environment for our church family, being prepared should an emergency arise. No previous training is necessary, but you must be a member of the church and at least 21 years of age to apply.

MORE INFO Todd Fenoglio »» tfenoglio@yourchurch.com

A LITTLE HUMOR FOR YOUR DAY

Christy was on her first service project in a rural area in central America, serving at a school where educational opportunities were few for the underserved students. As the new employee, Christy's first task was to organize recreation time for the 87 middle school boys in the school.

On her first day, her boss gave her some tips on handling the fun-but-energetic group who loved to be outside as much as possible. Her boss recommended Christy always consult with Don Victor, a local village elder about the weather.

Following this advice, Christy went to Don Victor for a forecast. Don Victor was a rugged, weathered, mountain farmer who obviously had spent decades toiling with the earth.

"Rain tomorrow," Don Victor said, and the next day it did rain. Over the following four weeks, Christy consulted Don Victor every day, and each time he was completely accurate. Soon Christy was in the administrator's office advocating that the school should sponsor Don Victor as an in-house weatherman.

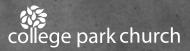
Christy had not seen him for several days, so she went to Don Victor to urge him to come to the school and ask to be put on staff. However, after Christy told Don Victor of her plan, he solemnly declined.

"But Don Victor, your insight into the local weather is uncanny! You should come teach us how you know so much!" Christy pleaded.

"Señora, I am so sorry, but I cannot do that." Don Victor replied.

"But why?" a heartbroken Christy said.

"Because my weather radio just broke."



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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Some of the most treasured and hope-giving verses in the Bible are found in Paul's letter to the Romans. What would we do without the hope of "there [being] now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. . .", knowing that "God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God. . .", and "If God is for us, who can be against us?"

This year, our diet of God's Word will consist of the rich food and profound truths of the gospel from the book of Romans. Starting January 12, we'll begin in Romans chapter one and will reach the end of Romans chapter seven by Thanksgiving.

Here's the plan:

- ▶ January-April: Romans 1-4
- ▶ May-July: Philippians Look for the series guide in April
- ▶ August: LIVE|14 Series on Identity
- ▶ **September-November:** Romans 5-7 (with REACH|14 Oct. 12-26)
- **▶ December:** Advent

Pray that God will richly bless our study and application of His Word, that lives would be changed now and for eternity.