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"Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ" (Romans 1:1). With this first phrase of his letter to the Romans, Paul identifies himself as a servant. It's his identity as a servant that led him to serve in specific ways, which is different than if Paul just sprinkled service into his life. Paul provided an example of Being a servant and Doing service. When serving flows out of our identity as servants in Christ, then we serve not to get something or feel like we've done enough good, but we serve out of gratitude for what Jesus has done for us and out of fullness for who Jesus is for us. Being isn't against doing, and we don't become by doing. But, if we live out our identity in Jesus, it will naturally flow into doing through love and service.



SERVE 14 is College Park's annual one-day church-wide service event that focuses on serving others. But this one day is a reminder that we should be servants year-round. We share our lives and serve others in deeds, and then those bridges of grace open up doors for us to

share the gospel in words. That's why this year's theme is Being and Doing. Our hope is that as a church, we'd focus first on our identity in Jesus, and then our gospel-identity will lead to transformed behaviors.

SERVE 14 SATURDAY APRIL 26











SERVE 14 marks our fifth year of sending College Parkers into the city of Indianapolis to serve as "salt" and "light" to our community. We invite you to join us, Saturday, April 26, for SERVE 14, where we'll live out our identity as servants in acts of service to others around our city.

REGISTRATION FOR SERVE|14 **OPENS MARCH 12, 2014 AT YOURCHURCH.COM/SERVE14.**

If you have questions or would like to help as a Team Leader or with the commencement service that Saturday morning, please email Dustin Crowe at dcrowe@yourchurch.com.

Our hope is it doesn't end on that day but that SERVE 14 catapults you into seeing yourself like Paul did ... as a servant of Jesus Christ.

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PREPARING OUR HEARTS FOR

WHY GOOD FRIDAY IS GOOD NEWS

BY DUSTIN CROWE // YOURCHURCH.COM/THE-COLLEGE-PARK-BLOG/WHY-GOOD-FRIDAY-IS-GOOD-NEWS

On Good Friday we remember the death of the Son of God on a bloody and horrific cross. It seems paradoxical, at first, that we could call such a day Good Friday. To understand more of this mystery, it might help to dive into the pool of theology and consider the doctrine of the atonement. The doctrine of the atonement answers the question, "Why did Jesus die on a cross," and "How do we explain all these verses with sacrificial language?"

"Atonement is commonly defined as the reparation of a broken relationship that exists between God and his people but that is restored through the death and resurrection of his Son Jesus Christ." [1] The heart of "penalsubstitution" is implicit in the name, with "penal" signifying Christ's death was because of a legal penalty/punishment imposed and "substitution" signifying Christ died in our place taking that penalty.

One author provides the following explanation: "According to this view, sin, which is primarily a violation of God's law, not his honor, results in the just penalty of death. But in love Jesus Christ, our substitute, in his life perfectly fulfilled the law and in death bore the just penalty for our sins. Expressed otherwise, on the cross Christ took our place and bore the equivalent punishment for our sins, thereby satisfying the just demands of the law and appeasing God's wrath. As repentant sinners appropriate Christ's vicarious sacrifice by faith, God forgives sins, imputes Christ's righteousness, and reconciles the estranged to himself." [2] A couple of items should be highlighted from this paragraph.

First, sin is seen primarily as a violation of God's law and as a judicial matter. It is not seen first and foremost as an enslaving power, a dishonoring of God, or a failure to live out his example. Rather, it is primarily transgression of God's law which brings condemnation and death.

Second, Jesus (the God-man who is fully righteous) bore the penal consequences and penalties of our sins (for us), satisfied God's wrath against sin, and provides reconciliation and righteousness (for us). He is the substitute taking our deserved place and providing the undeserved gifts of righteousness and reconciliation with God—which is applied through faith.

I want to point to at least one passage where penalsubstitution is clearly present as God's wrath and mercy meet. Romans 3:22-26 follows on the heels of Paul's conclusion that all men are sinful and deserving of judgment, and that one can be made righteous through works of the law. "For there is no distinction: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sin. It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus."

WHY GOOD FRIDAY IS GOOD NEWS CONTINUED...

Paul was addressing the legitimacy of calling into question the righteousness of God's character for having passed over previous sins. God had not immediately exacted punishment for sins, but instead, he put off their punishment for a later time. God demonstrates that he is righteous in that he makes sure the penalty of sin is paid: death. Jesus dies because we have broken the law of God and he takes our penalty upon himself. Therefore, Jesus takes our sin and God demonstrates that He is righteous in his execution of judgment. However, lest we think God is merely wrathful and not loving, this passage brings both ideas together because God is the one who provided Jesus as the substitute, so that we might not have to die ourselves, but rather, that we might be forgiven our sin, have God's wrath appeased, and receive the righteousness of God. Thus, God is both just and the justifier. He is both righteous, as is seen in carrying out his law and responding in judgment against sin, and loving, as is seen through the gift of his only Son to die in our place so that we may be saved.

Three reaons it matters:

- The applications flowing out of the atonement will never be exhausted but here are three simple ones. First, there is no more fundamental question for man than how can I be forgiven by a holy God. As we meditate upon the sections of Scripture which point us to the cross we're both given a theology of atonement as well equipped with a powerful message to be proclaimed.
- 2) Second, the gospel and the a theology of atonement is not just important for "getting saved" but is the

foundation for living each day out of freedom in Christ. We are prone to want to do something to earn God's favor or to be crushed by the weight of the law when we fall short, but the doctrine of the atonement reminds us ALL that God's wrath was poured out on Jesus and ALL of our sins were paid for. This means for those who have trusted in Christ, there is no longer God's wrath or a reminder of sins; all we have is grace and mercy. God is now 100% for you and delights over you!

3) Finally, John Piper reminds us atonement is ultimately good news because we are restored to God himself.

The ultimate good of the gospel is seeing and savoring the beauty and value of God. God's wrath and our sin obstruct that vision and that pleasure. You can't see and savor God as supremely satisfying while you are full of rebellion against him and he is full of wrath against you. The removal of this wrath and this rebellion is what the gospel is for. The ultimate aim of the gospel is the display of God's glory and the removal of every obstacle to our seeing it and saving it as our highest treasure. [3]

 Simon J. Kistemaker, "Atonement in Hebrews," in The Glory of the Atonement ed. by Charles E. Hill and Frank A. James III (Downers Grove: InterVarsity Press, 2004) 163.
 Bruce Demarest, The Cross and Salvation (Wheaton: Crossway, 1997) 158-59.
 John Piper, God is the Gospel (Wheaton: Crossway Books, 2005).52.

> FRIDAY, APR. 18 // 7:00 PM GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE yourchurch.com/goodfriday

SUNDAY, APR. 20 // 7:00 PM 8:00, 9:45, & 11:30 AM EASTER SERVICES yourchurch.com/easter

THE GAME CHANGING RESURRECTION OF JESUS

BY JOE BARTEMUS // YOURCHURCH.COM/THE-COLLEGE-PARK-BLOG/THE-GAME-CHANGING-RESURRECTION-OF-JESUS

Easter is coming in just a few weeks. It is the high day of the Christian faith. We are approaching our annual celebration of the resurrection of Jesus. That event was without doubt the greatest "game changer" ever in human history.

As I write this, much of the country is more interested in the NCAA men's basketball championship. The term "game changer" is used often in basketball and sports. Some would say that the defense of Syracuse was the game changer in their victory over Indiana (sad day last year for many in our state). Others who follow professional basketball would say that LeBron James is the most significant "game changer" since Michael Jordan. If you are not a sports fan you probably say "Who cares? Those games are just that—games." And you are probably right.

The fact is, there is one true "game changer," and that is Jesus. It is really much more than a game. It is life. The event that we celebrate changes everything. If Jesus really rose from the dead (and he did as certainly as Julius Caesar was a Roman emperor), then everything has changed. The rules of life and death are turned upside down. There is no greater news than this—He is risen! He is risen indeed!!

Tom Wright is a controversial writer, but he wrote a book of about 800 pages on the resurrection of Jesus. He has many helpful things to say. Here is a quote from page 737 that rings in my ear (I can only hear in 1 ear—and that is enough as long as it works):

"History matters because human beings matter; human beings matter because creation matters; creation matters because the creator matters. And the creator, according to some of the most ancient Jewish beliefs, grieved so much over creation gone wrong, over humankind in rebellion, over thorns and thistles and dust and death, that he planned from the beginning the way by which he would rescue his world, his creation, his history, from its tragic corruption and decay . . . The story of Jesus of Nazareth which we find in the New Testament offers itself . . . as an answer to the problem."

Jesus' resurrection is the true answer to life's absurd dilemma of death. Death is more than merely lack of life. It is the reversal of the creation. God made life and death destroys life. It seemed to be the winner—until Jesus rose from the dead. Then the "rules of the game" were changed in an infinite way. Death did not have the last say. God did! Creation is not now subject to death but has access to true life. Jesus' resurrection is the power of true life.

As you reflect on Jesus' resurrection this weekend, allow its magnitude to challenge, comfort and encourage you. Remember these Biblical applications at the greatest "game changing" event ever:

CHALLENGE

I Cor. 15:50 — "Be steadfast, immovable always abounding in the work of the Lord" (which is resurrection work).

COMFORT

I Thess. 4:16 — "For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of the archangel, and the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will be raised first" (looking for Mom and Dad and many others). "Therefore comfort one another."

ENCOURAGEMENT

Phil. 3:10 — "That I may know him and the power of his resurrection . . . " May we live to know him and how his resurrection is the key to all of life—family, health, work, play, problems, church, money, etc. etc.

HE IS RISEN!!! HE IS RISEN INDEED!!!!!!

UPCOMING EVENTS

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, MAR. 5

12:00 -1:00 p.m. // Prayer Room NOON PRAYER Spend your lunch hour recentering your mind and heart on Christ.

FRIDAY, MAR. 7

6:00 p.m. // Ministry Center North Room
FIRST FRIDAY 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. Ron Page – rpage@yourchurch.com

SUNDAY, MAR. 9

BIBLICAL FOUNDATIONS OF MARRIAGE

Come hear a panel of College Park couples discuss an issue related to having a properly grounded marriage. Come and engage in this time of Q&A (beginning at 9:45 a.m.) as Mark Schuitema moderates questions from the audience. yourchurch.com/marriage

MONDAY, MAR. 10

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. Proge – rpage@yourchurch.com

MONDAY, MAR. 10

WOMEN OF HOPE

Come as a community of women to be refreshed, renewed and restored through an evening of worship and by words of encouragement from Sarah Vroegop as she shares from I Peter and her life journey. yourchurch.com/womenofhope

FRIDAY, MAR. 14

6:30 p.m. // Ministry Center
20s GOT TALENT

Don't miss this night of performance & laughter at the annual "20s Got Talent" Talent Show! We'll be hosting our talented 20somethings for a night of singing, comedy, drama, music, and the unexpected—all performed by our very own 20somethings. We'd love to have you participate in this year's show! Contact Brittany Hosford (brittanyhosford@gmail. com) to sign up to perform.

SATURDAY, MAR. 15

9:30 -11:00 a.m. // East Room END OF LIFE DECISIONS SEMINAR

Learn how to make end of life decisions with funeral pre-planning in this seminar led by David Ring of Indiana Funeral Care. There will also be a time to speak to David individually to set up funeral planning.

SUNDAYS, MAR. 16 - APR. 27

9:45 -11:00 a.m. // Chapel C

TUESDAYS, MAR. 18 - APR. 29 7:00 -8:30 p.m. // E|106

GROWING 103: FAMILY AREAS FOR GROWING **R**

Family Areas will focus on marriage and parenting, with topics like the purpose of marriage, the role of husband and wife, the Biblical view on sexuality, the goal of parenting, as well as how to improve communications. **yourchurch.com/growing100**

SUNDAY, MAR. 16 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.

SUNDAYS, MAR. 16, 23, 30

11:30 a.m. // E|101 ENGAGING OTHERS WITH THE GOSPEL MESSAGE

Learn how to engage others with the gospel message without getting into arguments. Join others for three weeks to go deeper in what the gospel message is and how to share it with others.

TUESDAY, MAR. 18

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER DESSERT NIGHT

Marriage Encounter Dessert Nights exist to give couples a recharge in their marriage, encouraging people to keep their eyes on Jesus and the glory of God. A little dessert doesn't hurt, either. *Childcare not provided*. **yourchurch.com/marriage 3** Gary Meeks–garymeeks@yourchurch.com

TUESDAYS, MAR. 18 - APR. 29

7:00 -8:30 p.m. // E|101 GROWING 203: THEOLOGY FOR LIFE R

Growing 203 focuses on seeing how theology is applicable to our every day life. Topics covered are the Sufficiency of Scripture, Attributes of God, Justification by Faith Alone, the Holy Spirit's Role, Sin, Nature, and the Believer, the Role of Church for the Believer, and Eternal perspective. **yourchurch.com/growing200**

FRIDAY, MAR. 21

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. *Childcare not provided.* yourchurch.com/connect

Jenny Brake – jbrake@yourchurch.com 317.875.0282x164

SUNDAY, MAR. 30

6:00 p.m. // Worship Arts Room

ACTIVE ADULT HYMN SING

The classic hymns of the faith are rich & inspiring. Join us for an evening of singing together and encouraging one another with these beautiful worship songs. Karen Davis – bkdavis3201@gmail.com 317.802.9314

WEDNESDAY, APR. 2

12:00 - 1:00 p.m. // Prayer Room

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FRIDAY, APR. 4

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

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SATURDAY, APR. 12

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**

SATURDAY, APR. 13

11:30 a.m. // Chapel DISCIPLESHIP ROUNDTABLE

MONDAY, APR. 14

6:30 p.m. // Worship Arts Room JOURNEY IN MISSIONS NIGHT

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FRIDAY, APR. 18 7:00 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, & childcare information, visit **yourchurch.com/goodfriday**

SUNDAY, APR. 20

EASTER

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

SATURDAY, APR. 26

SERVE 14

Our annual spotlight event where we go out into the neighborhoods and city around us to serve others. *Learn more on pages 2-4.*

SUNDAY, APR. 27 6:00 p.m.

FRESH ENCOUNTER SERVICE

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APRIL **6 - 11**

ACTIVE ADULTS CEF TRIP R

This is one of the year's biggest opportunities to bond with other Active Adults friends & serve at Child Evangelism Fellowship (CEF) all at once! We will be serving at CEF in Missouri through Bible test grading, preparing materials, cooking, and encouraging staff. Register by March 11 by contacting Miriam Fisher at 317.244.1928.

SAVE THE DATE

JUNE 7

BLOOM: BLOOMING IN THE SON

A day of worship, crafts, & friendship for girls (6th-8th grade), centered around discovering what it means to bloom in Christ.

JUNE 16 - 20 WORSHIP ARTS CAMP

A week-long day camp where children in 2nd - 8th grades will learn to use their various creative gifts in worship.

JULY 14 - 18

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

At this year's VBS, kids will become part of the International Spy Academy where they will "spy" the one true God and see what He has for them. Registration for volunteers starts April 13 & registration for kids opens June 1. yourchurch.com/vacationbibleschool

JULY 28 - AUGUST 1 SPRINGHILL DAY CAMP

At SpringHill's Summer Day Camp, kids get five action-packed days of SpringHill fun at College Park Church. yourchurch.com/springhilldaycamp

NUT THESE EVENTS BY visiting yourchurch.com/events 🐝 calling the church office – 317.875.0282 🐝 stopping by a welcome center in the College Park Atrium

HAS YOUR HEART EVER BEEN TORN REGARDING YOUR INVOLVEMENT WITH MISSIONS?

Maybe you've been moved to be involved, help, make an impact or get engaged, but don't know where to turn because you've not been called to fulltime missions nor sent abroad. If this describes you, participating in a Barnabas Team might be just the step you need to take.

College Park implemented Barnabas Teams as a way for those at College Park to connect with and encourage our full-time missionaries. Barnabus Teams consist of a small group of people who gather once a month—typically on a Sunday morning—to receive an update on one of our missionaries and to pray for their needs. Frankly, it is just that simple.

For as little effort as required, the benefits of the Barnabas Teams cannot be overstated. Time after time our missionaries identify their Barnabas Team as the most tangible form of support they feel while in the field. Missonaries comment on the encouragement they receive from *just knowing* that their Barnabas Team exists and that there is a group of believers

praying specifically for them and their work. Those of us in the Barnabus Teams have the great privilege to be on the mission field with our missionaries through these prayers—praying for the Lord to work in the missionaries' lives and circumstances for His glory.

As believers, we are challenged in III John 1:5-8 to support and encourage our missionaries. College Park Barnabas Teams are a wonderful way to fulfill this call with prayer and to be a part of the missionaries' exciting work. To join a Barnabus Team, just make contact with a Barnabas Team leader and come to any one of the twenty different meetings that occur each month.

Come join us; we would love to have you!

FIND A BARNABAS TEAM BY:

Picking up a Barnabas Teams brochure in the Lobby or by going to the Care & Outreach/Global Outreach tab at yourchurch.com and selecting a region of the world.

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.

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

NEW COLLEGE PARKERS

David James Spilker born to Paul & Jen on February 16, 2014 Joshua Bingel born to Kyle & Stephanie on January 16, 2014 Amos Grant James born to Joseph & Ashley on December 18, 2013 Jude Carroll born to Matt & Abby on December 3, 2013 Frederick Miller born to Paul & Britta on December 3, 2013



This summer, our elementary kids will have the opportunity to worship in the sanctuary while Elementary Sunday School closes for the summer. Nursery and preschool children's Sunday School will continue as usual. There will be weekly Sunday Kids' Notes available at the Welcome Desks for kids to engage in the sermon and worship experience alongside their parents. We are looking forward to having our elementary kids join us in the sanctuary and all of us learning how to worship God together!

Important Children's Ministries dates to remember: April 20: No Elementary or Preschool Sunday School for Easter

May 14: Awana Closing Ceremony - 6pm - Sanctuary

May 18: Last Day of Elementary Sunday School



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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Bruce Smith EXECUTIVE PASTOR OF OPERATIONS As participants of THINK 14, we just spent several days learning from John Piper as we unpacked from Philippians how to live on earth as a citizen of heaven.

But now what do we do?

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Fitting with good Bible-numerical fashion, we've compiled a list of seven ways you can take THINK with you from here and infuse theology into your daily life:

- Share the biggest thing you learned from this weekend with a co-worker, neighbor, or friend. Leverage your experience as a platform for sharing the gospel.
- ▶ Read the College Park Theology Basics Booklets at yourchurch.com/theology or at the Resource Area. Go through them with your family or with a friend.
- Start attending College Park Institute on Tuesday nights at College Park. The current class is on apologetics (arguments for/against Christianity and how to better support our faith). Mark your calendars for the next class in the fall.
- Create a "theology board" in your home. Write an attribute of God on a chalkboard or posterboard and have your kids draw ways that illustrate that attribute (e.g., God's love).
- Buy and read some THINK books or other recommended resources in the THINK 14 booklet. Ask a friend to read one with you.
- ▶ Go to the College Park Blog (yourchurch.com/blog) and click on the Theology category to read articles our staff has written.
- ▶ Follow @JoeBartemus on Twitter and learn with our Pastor of Theological Development

Learn more at yourchurch.com/theology

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