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We all know the easy answers: adopted child of God;<br/>servant serving King Jesus; a new creation in Christ.The LIVE content is designed for adults. However,<br/>we'll also have a track for youth to go through LIVE<br/>and a Family Devotional for children as well, so all<br/>ages can participate.But do our lives reflect it? If someone were counting<br/>out the hours of your time, the secret thoughts and<br/>desires in your heart, would they agree with you or<br/>would they say something like:The LIVE content is designed for adults. However,<br/>we'll also have a track for youth to go through LIVE<br/>and a Family Devotional for children as well, so all<br/>ages can participate.

"Man obsessed with success at work."

"Mom desperate to homeschool her kids as close to perfection as possible."

"Woman consumed with outer signs of wealth and beauty."

*"Man who lives for the pleasures money can buy."* 

All true Christians have their sense of self ultimately grounded in the death, resurrection, and return of Jesus. But sin tempts us with mistaken identities, or alternative roles for us to live out. It offers us scripts: ways to think, to feel, and to act according to that false role. Because it can be subtle, we always need to be asking ourselves, "Am I living as a child of God, or am I living out a mistaken identity?"

Beginning Aug. 10, LIVE | 14 will launch in its combination sermon series/small group format. For four weeks, we'll discuss how Christians are tempted to live out scripts based on an identity other than that found in Jesus Christ. We'll explore four major mistaken identities specifically, but use tools that can be applied to any false identity that tempts us. And we'll work together in groups to begin seeing those mistaken identities replaced with the Christian's true identity in Christ. The book we're using as a resource this year is *Who Am 1?: Identity in Christ* by Jerry Bridges. This short, profound book walks through eight aspects of our identity in Christ, explaining each and helping us understand how to live them out. As always, we want to throw down the gauntlet for a summer reading challenge: **pick up the book at the resource area** in the lobby and read it this summer, so you can begin thinking through identity-related issues! *(Books cost \$6.)* 

yourchurch.com/live

# **GROWING IN**

# KNOWLEDGE

# **AND FAITH**



**GROWING CLASSES AT COLLEGE PARK** 

Growing 100 is designed to equip you to use God's Word to How did Growing 100 equip you to minister to help yourself and others grow in Christlikeness through the others? Any examples? After we had completed the typical trials and struggles that we all face. Dawn Sites, first series of Growing classes, no less than eight different who took Growing 100 last year, was able to put what she circumstances came up where we specifically utilized learned into practice in a number of ways. We interviewed this training. One in particular was with a woman who Dawn to dig a bit deeper into why she took the class and shared with me that she was struggling with anxiety how it was helpful to her. and depression. I asked if she would read a book with me that had been recommended in class, *Depression*: What motivated you to take Growing 100? My Looking Up from the Stubborn Darkness by Ed Welch. The husband, Terry, and I had both been advocates for two of us read together through a season of her deeper couples going through counseling at Twelve Stones struggle. It was helpful and taught me much in the and thought that the training would equip us to better process.

help fellow Christians. We have found that it has helped us care for others in a number of different ways.

In what ways did God use Growing 100 in your own life to help you grow spiritually? The training was a weekly reminder of the power of the Word of God for answers to the questions that came up. It equipped me to use God's Word practically to care for my own soul and renew my mind. The format was logical and the multitude of scriptures with each topic helped to drive home the messages. The readings that I was able to do helped make applications more personal.

One specific example I remember related to a work scenario where I would have an underlying anxiety when I received emails from certain people. In the class, we were reminded that this kind of anxiety is sin against a holy God, but then we were given ways to combat that with the Word of God. I have found that praying and thinking on God's Word has really made a difference in my approach to work and receiving emails.

Who do you think Growing 100 would be a good class for? Truly, this class would be good for every 10. A Biblical View of Anger person at College Park Church. This is an important opportunity to be trained to care for one another's souls. Register for this free class at In our culture we have been lulled into thinking about yourchurch.com/growing100 life's problems in a way that is neither Biblical nor helpful for creating true heart change. As we have learned, we are all counselors, but the real question is whether we are Biblical in the counsel we provide. yourchurch.com/growing100

Interview transcribed by: Jeff Ballard

We have also used the information on "fear vs faith" and have found that very useful. The information on guilt has also been very helpful. When someone says, "I just feel so guilty," now my thought is that there is a reason for this and it needs to be probed more deeply.

#### **GROWING 101 SCHEDULE**

#### SUNDAYS, SEP. 7 - NOV. 9 – 9:45-11 A.M. – CHAPEL C

- 1. What Makes Biblical Counseling Unique?
- 2. The Origin and Purpose of Biblical Counseling and Qualities of a Biblical Counselor
- 3. How to Grow and Change & Issues of the Heart
- 4. The Doctrine of Progressive Sanctification
- 5. Key Elements 1 & 2: Gather Data, Discern Problems
- 6. Key Elements 3 & 4: Establish Involvement, Give Hope
- 7. Key Elements 5 & 6: Give Instruction, Assign Homework
- 8. Guilt and Repentance
- 9. Trials and Suffering



The hot weather and painful looking sunburns Here are a few quick stories from those at College announce the arrival of summer. For the second Park who've already shared their lives this summer: summer in a row College Park is focusing on building "We had known our neighbors for many years but had relationships and engaging in evangelism. For this never had them over for dinner. So this was a good year's summer focus we want to share our lives by impetus for us to do what we should have done long opening our homes and eating meals together. ago! We enjoyed the conversation and they were Share your life by opening your home and eating a curious about what we, as Christians believe. God meal with a neighbor, coworker, an international opened a door for us to share our faith, and we pray it will lead to further conversations." student, or anyone else that God brings into your path.

"We had a great experience sharing a meal with our Our goal is to have as many College Park people elderly next door neighbor. We've been "talking over as possible join us this summer (May 18-Aug. 3) in the fence" with her since we moved into our house three sharing our lives. For those participating, you can visit years ago. Most of our front yard conversations have our webpage: yourchurch.com/sharingourlives. been about flowers or the weather and we continue to There's a quick form on that page where you can let be hopeful that this meal will be a step toward having us know that you participated and share any stories conversations that reach a little deeper." if you'd like.

"We had our next door neighbors, a couple who was The next Sunday when you're at College Park please recently married and close in age to us, over for dinner. Having just moved into our home, it is awesome stop by the Local Outreach wall in the atrium. It's been redesigned and each week there will be already seeing God at work in relationships with our cards representing meals that have been enjoyed neighbors who aren't yet believers. And it's just the illustrated on the wall, as well as some guotes and beginning." pictures shared by those who have participated. Over the summer we will see this visual image grow and celebrate the ways our church members are sharing yourchurch.com/sharingourlives their lives with those around them.



With the Great Commission, Jesus calls His followers to go to the world to share the Gospel to those who are lost. But while God is calling us to go to the world, He is also bringing the world to us.

ENGAGING WITH INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

THROUGH THE FRIENDS INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS HOSPITALITY PROGRAM - FISH

International students from around the world pass through U.S. customs each year to pursue graduate and undergraduate degrees. Many come from countries where Christianity is limited or outlawed, and they come with stereotypes of Christianity. Sadly only 15-20 percent of the international students ever visit an American home during their time in the U.S., and few ever engage with a believer in Jesus Christ to learn and experience the truth of Christianity

The **College Park FISH** (Friends International Students Hospitality) program is an outreach ministry to connect Christian families with International students at the University of Indianapolis for the purpose of serving those that God is bringing to our community. The purpose of FISH is:

1. To be a friend who provides hospitality and encouragement to international students that are attending college in Indianapolis, in a new culture far from their home.

2. To help international students learn the American culture, English language, and expose them to an American home and Christian lifestyle.

3. To enable international students to see and experience the Light of Jesus through the atmosphere and activities of a Christian home, through the actions of a Christian family, and through spiritual discussions seasoned with love.

A testimony from an international student highlights the impact that two College Park women (Barbara and Diana-in picture above) had on her and her friend during their two years as college students in Indianapolis. Jenny writes to them after her graduation from the University of Indianapolis,

"I begin to miss you two and hope you will have a good night!... I have so many words in my heart but don't know where to begin. I just want you to know, because of you two to become my American Family, my life in United States is more beautiful. You will always be my American Family forever and I really love you two."

God will be bringing more international students to the University of Indianapolis this Fall. If God is leading you to being a bridge with international students, please consider being involved in the FISH ministry for the coming school year. An introductory meeting about getting involved in the College Park FISH program will be held Aug. 3 (E|101) at 11:30 a.m.

yourchurch.com/fish

Article by Dustin Crowe

# AT COLLEGE PARK CHURCH JULY & AUGUST

## WEEKLY **EVENTS**

#### **SUNDAYS**

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

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

**CHILDREN'S NURSERY** 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

#### **FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THESE EVENTS BY**

**VISITING YOURCHURCH.COM/EVENTS** 

CALLING THE CHURCH OFFICE-317.875.0282

**STOPPING BY A WELCOME DESK** IN THE COLLEGE PARK ATRIUM

#### THURSDAY, JULY 3 – 8 P.M. CONNOR PRAIRIE

#### SYMPHONY ON THE PRAIRIE WITH ACTIVE ADULTS

This summer, be hospitable outside the walls of your home by inviting a friend to patriotic music by the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra. Purchase tickets at the church office. **?** Karen Davis bkdavis3201@gmail.com // 317.802.9314 yourchurch.com/activeadults

#### SATURDAY, JULY 12 – 4-8 P.M.

### HOLLAND PARK, FISHERS

#### 20SOMETHINGS **REUNION & COOKOUT**

If our 20somethings community has been a blessing to you in a previous season of life, those currently in 20s invite you to join us for a family-friendly summer celebration! We'll be cooking out, playing games, and hearing stories of how God has worked in people's lives in their twenties and beyond! ? Brittany Hosford // brittanyhosford@gmail.com

#### JULY 14-18 – 9 A.M.-12 P.M.

#### COLLEGE PARK CHURCH

#### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Agents. The time is here. Collect your disguises, gadgets, & secret identities. You won't want to miss this summer's Vacation Bible School (VBS)–The International Spy Academy! **yourchurch.com/vbs** 



EXTREME TEENS R

Extreme Teens is an amazing, high-energy event for those entering grades 7-9. yourchurch.com/ExtremeTeens



#### BAPTISM SERVICE R

Baptism is an ordinance of the church whereby a believer expresses their faith and desires to be identified with Jesus. We will celebrate baptisms on Sunday, July 27 at all services. If you would like to participate in a baptism service, learn more at yourchurch.com/baptism.

#### SATURDAY, JULY 12 – 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. Childcare provided. Register online and fill out an application (each family member attending the classroom part of the day should fill out an application).

#### FRIDAY, JULY 18 – 6:30 P.M.

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. (Childcare *is not provided)* 

vourchurch.com/connect



vourchurch.com/membership

### NEWCOMER NIGHT R

### SATURDAY, JULY 19

TEEN CHOIR BEGINS R

Pure Sound is a choir for grades 7-12. The regular season begins on July 27 & continues with practice every other Sunday. Students who participated in choir previously will need to register again for the new season. 🛛 😮 Martha Robinson // martha@indianajones.tv yourchurch.com/teenchoir

#### SUNDAY, JULY 20 - 11:30 A.M.

#### THE CHAPEL DISCIPLESHIP LEADERS' GATHERING

Are you currently discipling younger Christians or being discipled? Are you interested in discipleship? Once a quarter, College Park invites those involved or interested in discipleship to gather on a Sunday morning, learn something about the journey of Christian discipleship, and discuss joys and challenges in the life of a disciplemaker. **?** Joseph Rhea // jrhea@yourchurch.com



#### AWANA REGISTRATION **OPENS FOR ALL CLUBS**

Awana will be kicking off our new year in August, and we can't wait to spend this year inspiring kids to be more like Jesus!

#### We want every kid in Awana to connect closely with their table leader and small group of fellow clubbers. In order to provide this tight-knit experience of life and learning, kids must be registered during July-August in order to attend Awana for 2013-14. Open registration will not be available throughout the year.

Register your kids for Wednesday evenings' Awana Clubs at College Park where they can memorize Scripture, learn from God's Word, and play games with friends and leaders. Registration closes Aug. 20. (Volunteers can register their kids starting July 14.)

MINISTRY CENTER STUDENT MINISTRIES **KICK-OFF NIGHT** 

#### SUNDAY, JULY 20 – 6 P.M. FRESH ENCOUNTER & SOCIAL

Join us for a Fresh Encounter Prayer Service and Social afterwards in the parking lot next to the playground. All are invited! The Fresh Encounter Socials are a great way to connect with others & build community over a fun treat!



#### SPRINGHILL DAY CAMPS

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

yourchurch.com/springhilldaycamp

#### SUNDAY, AUG. 10 ELEMENTARY & PRESCHOOL SUNDAY SCHOOL RESUME

Elementary and Preschool Sunday school will resume on Aug. 10. Children will be promoted to their next grade level classroom. Watch for more information coming in the Children's eNews.

#### SUNDAY, AUG. 10 - BETWEEN SERVICES

WORSHIP ARTS ROOM

#### **CHOIR OPEN HOUSE**

Join us for an informational choir open house in between services on Sunday. Aug. 10 to learn more about the fall 2014 season and get your questions answered by some of our choir members. 😯 Tracie Regnier // tregnier@yourchurch.com

#### WEDNESDAY, AUG. 13 - 6:30 P.M.

Students entering grades 7-12 are invited to a high-energy evening to kick-off the school year with Student Ministries. This event is a perfect opportunity for new or returning students to get connected and excited about what God has in store for the coming school year.

#### FRIDAY, AUG. 15 – 6:30 P.M.

#### NEWCOMER NIGHT

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### SUNDAY, AUG. 17 – 6 P.M.

#### FRESH ENCOUNTER & SOCIAL

Join us for a Fresh Encounter Prayer Service and Social afterwards in the parking lot next to the playground. All are invited! The Fresh Encounter Socials are a great way to connect with others & build community over a fun treat!

#### WEDNESDAY, AUG. 20 - 6:30 P.M.

#### THE CHAPEL

#### **STUDENT MINISTRIES** PARENT'S NIGHT

Students entering grades 7 - 12 and their parents will come together to learn about the vision of Student Ministries, interact with staff and volunteers, as well as gain an understanding of Student Ministries programs and events for the year.

#### CLASSES BEGIN LATE AUG./EARLY SEPT. TRINITY EVANGELICAL DIVINITY SCHOOL (TEDS) CLASSES

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

Relly Alexander

kalexander@yourchurch.com. yourchurch.com/trinityextension

#### SATURDAY, AUG. 23 – 8 A.M.-12 P.M.

#### THE CHAPEL

#### **AFTER ADAM:** GOD'S BLUEPRINT FOR MEN

Join other College Park men as we look through the first three chapters of Genesis to discover God's original vision for men. Who did He make us to be? What did He create us to do, and how does He redeem that vision in light of the fall? 😮 Joseph Rhea // jrhea@yourchurch.com

#### WEDNESDAY, AUG. 27 - 6:15 - 8:15 P.M.

#### AWANA STARTS

Registered kids can join us Wednesday evenings' for games, Scripture memory, and big-group Bible teaching together. (Registration opens July 21 and closes Aug. 20. Wait list only after Aug 20.)

yourchurch.com/awana

#### SUNDAY, AUG. 31 - 6-7:30 P.M.

WORSHIP ARTS ROOM

#### ACTIVE ADULTS HYMN SING

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

#### THURSDAY, SEPT. 4 – 6:30-7:30 A.M. **B1 (BASEMENT)**

#### FAITHFUL MEN BIBLE STUDY

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

#### FRIDAY, SEPT. 5 – 7 P.M. IGNITE/14

Join us for a special night of worship with songs written and performed by members of the College Park praise band.

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

**PARENT DEDICATIONS** R

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, SEPT. 13 – 9:30-11 A.M. EAST ROOM

#### LEGAL ISSUES AND CAREGIVERS SEMINAR

Join us and Attorney Herb Jensen (Jensen & Jensen Assoc.) to learn more about legal issues related to hospice and respite care as well as wills, living wills, and advanced directives.

? Tammi Gant // gant@yourchurch.com

#### SEPT. 12-13

#### THE ROCK: ONE VOICE RETREAT R Junior high students will head out to Twin Lakes Camp for an overnight retreat!

Students will join other youth groups for exciting activities, a message from Cedarville University's Bible Department Chair, Dr. Jason Lee, and worship with HeartSong. Registration opens July 27. yourchurch.com/students

#### SEPT. 12-14

#### LIFE ACTION CAMP – BUCHANAN, MI NEW MEMBERS RETREAT

Our annual New Members Retreat is a great weekend to enjoy your new College Park family. We'll eat, play, worship, and camp together. Rob Loy (elder and ABF teacher) will bring us messages from God's Word. You'll stay in some pretty sweet cabins and have plenty of time to canoe, hike, sit around the fire, and enjoy the wonderful settings around the camp. Anyone who has joined in 2013-2104 can sign up. (Including Oct. 14 class) yourchurch.com/newmembersretreat

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

#### **PURSUING A** CROSS-CENTERED MARRIAGE

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

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

#### COLLEGE PARK INSTITUTE

EAST ROOM

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

#### FALL 2014 – SUNDAYS, SEPT. 7-OCT. 19 8 A.M. – EAST ROOM

#### PRE-MARITAL COUNSELING R

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

#### SEPT. 2014

#### MOMS CONNECTION FALL 2014 REGISTRATION R

Moms Connection will be the new face of our Mothers of Pre-schoolers (MOPS) group at College Park this fall. This change will allow us to expand and meet our existing needs, allowing us more space to reach out to friends and neighbors in need of connection with other moms. Moms Connection Step 1 will continue in the same vein as our former MOPS program. Moms Connection Step 2 will serve mothers of older children, so all mothers are welcome to join!

Jill Huitsing // jill\_huitsing@hotmail.com yourchurch.com/momsconnection

#### OCT. 2014

#### MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER DESSERT NIGHTS R

Marriage Encounter Dessert Nights exist to give couples a re-charge in their marriage, encouraging eyes to be kept on Jesus, and focus on the glory of God. yourchurch.com/marriage

# **OUR COLLEGE PARK FAMILY**

#### **NEW COLLEGE PARKERS**

Paressia Hopkins was born April 16, 2014 to James and Cynthia Tracy Livingston was born April 18, 2014 to Jeremy and Zie Jackson Carr was born April 23, 2014 to Alex and Noel Cormick Lewis was born May 19, 2014 to Nathan and Jill Evelyn Couts was born May 8, 2014 to Ryan and Laurel Elliott Phillips was born November 26, 2013 to Bruce and Elise Gwyneth Rhea was born May 16, 2014 to Joseph and Allison Charlotte Moser was born April 20 2014 to Dwight and Andrea Molly Mahoney was born April 29, 2014 to Jim and Joy Amelia Joest was born March 18, 2014 to Jeff and Kim Eloise Mumau born May 27, 2014 to Mike and Lindsay **Isaac Yoder** born on June 7, 2014 to Matt and Emilee

# **THE BULLETIN BOARD**

#### SERVE WITH SHEPHERD COMMUNITY CENTER

Shepherd Community Center aims to break the cycle of poverty on the Near Eastside of Indianapolis by focusing on the spiritual, physical, academic and emotional development of those we serve. Join our mission by volunteering in our after school program (during the school year), health clinic, food pantry, or Saturday breakfast. GET INVOLVED Phil Merki // philm@shepherdcommunitt.org // 317.375.0203

#### LIKE TO SEW?

Compassion Ministries is starting a new ministry to benefit Safe Families and children in crisis situations. Bags will be sewn for Safe Families and police officers to use to give to children. **GET INVOLVED** Tammi Gant // gant@yourchurch.com

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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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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



# who INSPIRED you to follow Jesus?

Who is the person who most inspired you? Was it a mentor, teacher, or coach?

We want our children to answer that question with YOUR name in 20 years.

Inspiration is one of the most beautiful opportunities in life. God has built into His church the opportunity for us to inspire others. As the apostle Paul said "join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us." (Philippians 3:17)

### Kids don't just need information they need an example!

That's why our classrooms, games times, and discussion tables are made to be opportunities for INSPIRE the next generation to follow Jesus.

How can you inspire the next generation to follow Jesus?

Contact Debra Scheffler at dscheffler@yourchurh. com or 317-875-0282 x 525 to learn more & volunteer.

yourchurch.com/volunteeratthepark