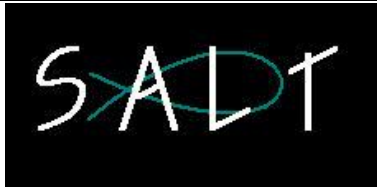


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College Park Baptist Youth



College Park Baptist Church Youth Newsletter

Word From the Editor...

You might remember our youth group newsletter SALT had a premiere in last year's May. Regardless from a prolonged "disappearing act", I am happy to tell you that SALT is intending to stay. The new format along with meaningful and exciting stories will make for a great year for SALT.

-Andrew Edmonds

What We Are About...

SALT is a monthly newsletter produced by students in the College Park youth group. While holding a purpose as a reminder to upcoming events like the church highlights, SALT contains four read-worthy sections:

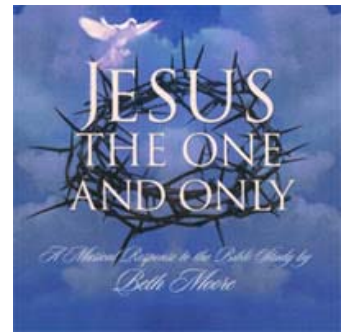
- **Speak** – short but useful messages and additional devotionals to help you progress in your relationship with God.
- **Act** – ways for you to personally make a difference in your community and stories of those who have made a difference in the world for Him.
- **Listen** – music reviews that are worth a listen along with today's popular bands coming to town.
- **Think**- Questions to advance your relationship with Jesus, personality profiles, and extras.

"You are the salt of the earth; but if salt lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for

anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot." (Matthew 5:13)

Speak

speak *vb* (spĕk) – to express one's thoughts, beliefs, and opinions orally; to make a characteristic or natural sound; express oneself before a group



Jesus, The One And Only

Andrew Edmonds

Showing up for church on holidays and youth trips is dandy but as a believer, you really *do* need to practice and develop your faith to truly consider yourself saved. Prayer, ministries to others, and actually listening to your preacher Sunday mornings are all good starts to your faith. But, to get to the heart of your faith and feel the special feelings that you might hear other Christians rejoicing about, you need to develop a relationship with Christ, our Savior. You have to study Jesus, the Bible, and your life that is supposed to be a reflection of Jesus to non-believers.

We can help. *Continued on Page 3*

Right Tool for the Right Job

Andrew Edmonds

For almost twenty years, our church has been involved in building a home for needy families through an organization called Mt. Outreach. Our group's technique, teamwork, and work ethic is perfected to the point where we build a house from foundation bricks to a cozy and furnished home roughly four days. We have hundreds, if not thousands of tools to get the job done. What if the only tool we had was a pocketknife? Not even a top of the line Swiss Army Knife can nail in sheet-rock.

It doesn't make sense to use the wrong tool. This can be made relevant to our day-to-day life also, even if you aren't a construction worker. Sometime in life

we go to the wrong place for answers and wisdom. Sometimes we use the wrong method to accomplish something. We need rely on the Word, prayer, our ministers, and those with a rich Christian faith. ✚



Applying This to Your Life

When faced with a concern about your faith or really any other aspects of your life keep in mind who you seek. People can unintentionally misguide you with wrong advice or people you seek help from might be lost themselves. Ask your parents, church pastor, youth minister, or other Christian friends that you can rely on.

In review...

Ask yourself the following questions and spend time with God considering

what you could do to better your relationship with Him:

1. What problems am I struggling with right now physically, emotionally, and spiritually?
2. Are my circumstances personal conflicts or do I need to work out my problems with another individual?
3. Who can I seek to help me with my concerns?
4. Am I seeking God's will and help in this situation?

Act

act *n* ('akt) – a thing done: DEED; a display of affected behavior; the state of a specialized function.

Stepping Out

Every month SALT highlights a club or organization dedicated to making differences in other people's lives. In every article it will tell background and let you, the reader, know how you can help. The Bible reminds us that as Christians we must serve the Lord with a heart of a servant.

Habitat for Humanity

Since the non-profitable housing organization started in 1976, 150,000 houses in more than 89 different countries have been built, including some 50,000 across the United States. Many schools and youth service clubs become involved in building the housing projects. One in particular takes 15 to 20 teenage students and "blitz builds" a Habitat house during a two week camp called The Summer Youth Blitz. To figure out a way you can become involved, check out Habitat's webpage at www.habitat.org.

Troubling Issues:

Handling Break-ups

Believer or non-believer we are all humans and have emotions, even guys from "The World's Strongest Men" feel emotional pain. As teenagers, we start to develop strong relationships with friends, family, and "significant others". In growing and maturing, you feel a need to find someone to share your life with or just a special person that you will call "boyfriend" or "girlfriend". Only if this desire could be totally avoided because with this action comes the threat of break-ups and heartbreak.

Come a break-up, one is naturally emotionally moved. Had it been a happy and successful relationship prior to entanglement, it can take a long time to move on. Do not hold grudges against the person that the dating relationship was broken off with but encourage that person by forgiving them and praying for them. Live and learn from your relationships and give your worries and concerns to GOD.

Remember: "Love is patient and kind. Love is not jealous, it does not brag, and it is not proud. Love is not rude, is not selfish, and does not get upset with others. Love does not count up wrongs that have been done. Love is not happy with evil but is happy with the truth. Love patiently accepts all things. It always trusts, always hopes, and always remains strong." – 1 Corinthians 13:4-7

...Into the World

Reconstruction in Gulfport

Andrew Edmonds

August 23rd, 2005 – Hurricane Katrina, now a Category 3 hurricane, reaches winds up to 160 mph as it makes landfall off the coast of the Gulf. At that time and the moments to follow, life as thousand knew it would come to an abrupt halt. When a disaster such as this caliber happens to so many people there is a realistic and prominent need for missionaries to help and be the hands of GOD.

The North Carolina Baptist Men quickly responded to the catastrophe by sending

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Every Wednesday evening at 5:30, Barbie Morgan leads a devotional group that will show you step by step Jesus' journey throughout the Bible and make common connections from the Word to your own life.

The book the group uses to study with is titled "Jesus, The One and Only" by Beth Moore (available at LifeWay Christian stores). The devotional and guide to the bible shows you an intimate God in an up-close and personal portrait of Jesus the Messiah. The book discusses Jesus breaking up a funeral by raising the dead, confronting conniving religious leaders of His day, teaching on a Galilean hillside, and even walking on the waves and calming a storm.

If not yet convinced to join us, you can talk to Barbie Morgan or Jeff Allen to find out more. We'd love to have you!

Every Wednesday - 5:30 PM

College Class Room

supplies and laborers down to hurricane inflicted areas. Through this organization, College Park Baptist Church had a handful of willing volunteers that took a week off of their jobs and helped reconstruct in the Gulfport, Mississippi area.

The crew bunkered at a N.C. Baptist Men outpost at Pass Roads Baptist Church as they were assigned to work with the Wadsworth family. Previous to the crew's arrival, drywall had been put up and the cracks were partially mudded. The crew started working with what they had. They finished the mud and sanded it down to make it as smooth as possible. Just before the week was over, the crew had finished sanding and mudding all the walls and had started painting several rooms. At the end of the week the College Park group and the Wadsworth family had developed such a strong bond that the family had a backyard cookout in honor of our crew when the Wadsworth family didn't even have a completed house to live in yet!

After safely returning home, the Gulfport missionaries reported back to the congregation on their encounters giving a detailed presentation at the March 12th LIFE worship service. At the end of their presentation, the crew strongly recommended making another trip back to the Gulf area to assist the many who are still in need after Hurricane Katrina.

For pictures or additional information on the Gulfport Mission Trip, visit our church webpage at: www.collegeparkbaptist.org.

Listen

listen *vb* (lis-ten) – to give ear; to pay attention; to hear with thoughtful attention; to be alert to catch an expected sound

April's Events

Regular Sunday Activities

9:30 AM – Sunday School

10:45 AM – Morning Worship

4:00 PM – Aineses Rehearsal

5:00 PM – Youth Crosstraining

5:45 PM – Snack Supper

6:14 PM – Youth Discipleship

7:00 PM – LIFE Contemporary
Worship Service

Regular Wednesday Activities

5:30 PM – Family Night Supper

Youth Bible Study -
"Jesus The One And
Only"

6:30 PM – Youth Discipleship

Events This Month...

Youth Spring Break Retreat April 4-7

Caswell Retreat

This Spring Break take a load off as you join us on the coast at Fort Caswell, North Carolina. The beach, friends, and most important – worshipping GOD, what more could you ask for! The trip costs \$110 and the \$50 deposit is due March 26th. Contact Jeff Allen for questions or comments.

Family Ministry Planning Team Retreat April 28-29

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A Look In Advance...

Youth Sunday

May 21

Youth Leading Worship

After several weeks of practice and preparation, the College Park youth group leads the congregation in worship during the morning worship service.

Youth Camp

July 10-14

Youth Camp 2006

This year, the youth group is traveling Southeast to Garden City, South Carolina. \$150 is the cost of the trip but think about it... the beach, great activities, friends, and worshipping GOD – a recipe for summer fun! Sign ups are going on now.

Melodic Music

Toby Mac: *Welcome to Diverse City*

Christian music isn't just about church hymns anymore...

Grammy Award winner and former vocalist of DC Talk, Toby Mac, has only been solo for four years and has already released four extremely successful albums. *Momentum* and *Welcome to Diverse City* are his two original albums and each has been reproduced as a remix. Toby incorporates his yearning to be diverse with his strong spirituality to make his last original album, *Welcome to Diverse City*. *Diverse City* deals with Mac's vision of a world not based on cultural and ethnical differences, but a world where every man is equal in the spiritual world. In his album he discusses how under God, there is no racial discrimination with songs like "Hey

Now", "The Slam", and "Diverse City". Toby then hits on repentance and salvation for those that have hit rock bottom with "Gone" and "Stories (Down to the Bottom)".

Toby Mac blurs the boundaries between rock, pop, hip-hop and urban genres, creating music that is uniquely fresh. His inspirational lyrics and strong vocals have become relevant in youth culture – which deserves a listen.

Check out the newest songs and concert dates for tobyMac at www.tobymac.com.

Think

think *vb* ('think) – to form or have in the mind; to have as an opinion, to reflect on; to subject to the processes of logical thought; to have the mind engaged in reflection

April's Top Ten

Top Ten Phobias Worth Having

- 10) *Aichmophobia* – Fear of needles
- 9) *Arachnophobia* – Fear of spiders
- 8) *Myxophobia* – Fear of slime
- 7) *Helminthophobia* – Fear of being infested with worms
- 6) *Nucleomitophobia* – Fear of nuclear weapons
- 5) *Placophobia* – Fear of tombstones
- 4) *Hippopotomonstrosesapiophobia* – Fear of long words... just kidding
- 3) *Sesauipedalophobia* – Fear of long words (for real)
- 2) *Caulrophobia* – Fear of clowns
- 1) *Syngiophobia* – Fear of Hell

Mystery Bio

Every month, a mystery biography is taken from someone in the College Park youth group. The object is to guess who the biography is about. Answers will be posted in the next month's issue.

"Pay no attention to the man behind the curtain."

This person enjoys making melodic music on their euphonium (a brass instrument similar to the baritone) along with electronic music with synthesizers. Their zodiac sign is Aquarius and was born in the year of the horse according to the Chinese calendar. On Halloween several years ago, this person was Leonardo (since their favorite color is blue)

while their other friends were the rest of the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. After this person is done with high school, they plan on attending North Carolina School of the Arts or University of North Carolina Asheville to further themselves in the field of Sound Design.

So do you know who this person is?

Wanted...

Like what you see? You have the opportunity to be part of the experience! If you're a willing youth wanting to contribute ideas, time, and/or encouragement, we would love to hear from you! In order to get heard from, contact Andrew or Jeff at church! We will instruct you on what

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