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College Park Baptist Youth

Word From the Editor...

As summer is in full swing our youth group is becoming more and more active. This means more stories and events to cover in the newsletter! SALT would like this opportunity to encourage youth to participate in the experience of this publication. If you are interested please contact me or Jeff Allen! We would love to hear from you!

-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 Christ.
- 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 (spēk) - to express one's thoughts, beliefs, and opinions orally; to make a characteristic or natural sound; express oneself before a group

Living In Faith Everyday

Andrew Edmonds

Dressing up in a suit and tie not your style? Introducing LIFE, College Park's contemporary worship service.

Last year, College Park's college students and young adults gathered and came up with a concept of a contemporary worship that would relate on a more personal basis to youth and adults alike. LIFE, standing for Living In Faith Everyday, would involve just that - testimonies, messages, skits, and music about how you can live your lifestyle according to your faith every day. Cindy Johnson, the LIFE worship service coordinator, leads the worship service with a live band singing praise songs and original songs. No hymnals in this service! Cindy isn't the only person who leads the worship service though. Along with her band, the congregation is also encouraged to take an active part in the worship experience. Congregation members have performed skits and even shared their amazing testimonies of faith.

The relaxed atmosphere makes a great

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Go Fish...

Andrew Edmonds

Grab the fishing pole and tackle box! It's summer – the ideal season to cast out your line. Fishing can be extremely fun and relaxing but it takes a lot of patience. The same principle is true for witnessing.

Jesus called on us to be the fishers of man. Now, before you go and rig your dad's sandwich with a hook, realize what Jesus truly meant when he said that. He wants us to bring people into His kingdom – reeling people in, for say. Evangelizing and living by faith is Step One of that process.

You can't always expect a bite every time you cast out your line. It takes a lot of patience and a gentle persistence for a "tough catch".

It brings a whole new meaning to the phrase "Go Fish." ✚

Applying This to Your Life

Witnessing is simply sharing your heartfelt faith in Christ with others. It's telling your story of what Christ has personally done to change your life – your testimony. Evangelism shouldn't be a forceful act at any means yet a constant show of concern for the needs of the person and shown by example how faith in Christ can change your life. Let the Holy Spirit guide you in witnessing to people – don't be afraid to share the Gospel.

In review...

Ask yourself the following questions and spend time with God considering what you could do to better your relationship with Him:

1. Read 1 Corinthians 2:1-5 to get a

better feel of what witnessing is really about.

2. I tell other people about things that happened to me during the day but do I tell others about what has happened between God and me?
3. Who, when, and where could I witness to people who really need it?
4. Am I seeking the Holy Spirit's will and assistance in witnessing to others?

Act

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

Stepping Out

Every month SALT highlight 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.

Heifer International

In the 1930s, a civil war raged in Spain. Dan West, a Midwestern farmer and youth worker, ladled out cups of milk to hungry children on both sides of the conflict. It struck him that what these families needed was "not a cup, but a cow". He asked his friends back at home to donate heifers, a young cow that has not borne a calf, so hungry families could feel themselves. In return, they could help another family become self-reliant by passing on to them one of their gift animal's female calves. The idea of giving families a source of food rather than short-term

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It Could Happen...

How To Handle A Jalapeño

You're out with a friend at an authentic ethnic restaurant when you bite into a big pepper. A hot one. Your mouth is ablaze as tears swell in your eyes. Your nostrils flare, your forehead sweats, and you whimper like a little girl. "Help, please?"

That tiny green pepper now feels like a raging inferno on the tip of your tongue all the way down to the back of your mouth.

Before you reach for your glass of water, consider this. Your best bet is to extinguish the flames with a dairy product such as milk, sour cream, or ice cream – the more fat the better. Starchy foods also absorb heat, so shovel down some rice, provided that isn't where the peppers live.

It just so happens that peppers get their hotness from capsaicin, a compound that doesn't dissolve in water. That's why slamming down that sweet tea or ice water doesn't do much good. Geeze, it's like dealing with the burning problem of sin. You need to grab the right solution. Get Jesus.

...Into the World

Mountain Outreach

Andrew Edmonds

In 1982, two students from Cumberland College were driving around and touring the mountains of Williamsburg, Kentucky. Overwhelmed by the sight of tarpaper shacks with neither electricity nor running water, the two young men quickly decided to do what they could to help. Their first project was to repair and patch one ramshackle house where an elderly man lived with his mentally handicapped son. It soon became clear that patching wouldn't be enough, so the students, neither with experience in

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LIFE

opportunity to bring a friend. We would love to have you join us in worshipping God with a contemporary flare!

Living In Faith Everyday
Every Regular Sunday at 7:00 P.M.
Smith Hall

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Heifer

relief caught on and has continued for more than 60 years. As a result, families in 115 countries have enjoyed better health, more income, and the joy of helping others. Your donation can provide for all or part of a heifer, water buffalo, or llama – or a gift of sheep, goats, pigs, rabbits, honeybees, or a whole flock of geese. You could try to get your friends to help you take on the ultimate challenge and send an “ark” full of animal pairs all over the world.

Check out www.heifer.org to find out more and see how you can help!

construction, decided to build the old man a new house.

College Park became involved with the mission project in 1988 when the church's youth group raised donations that supplied all of the materials necessary for the project. Today – youth, adults, and children from College Park and joint churches come together on the 4th of July week to build a house for a needy family. It takes the crew a mere four days to build foundation bricks to a fully furnished and cozy home.

This year's family is the Jones family. Carolyn Jones is a single parent who lives in a borrowed trailer with her son and grandson. Dalton, Carolyn's grandchild, is less than a year old and has a disease called Phenylketonuria (PKU). PKU is a genetic disorder characterized by the body's inability to take essential amino acids, broken down building blocks from proteins. The disease is incurable after the newborn is three days old and any intake of proteins can be potentially deadly. Carolyn cares for Dalton by meticulously watching his medication and feeding. To better help sterilize utensils used for Dalton's feeding, Carolyn has asked if we can provide a dishwasher.

A place has been made in the kitchen's blueprints for the dishwasher and the College Park congregation has raised donations of furniture and over \$22,000 for supplies for the project.

Check out the church webpage at www.collegeparkbaptist.org to see the updated reports and pictures from this year's Mountain Outreach project.

Listen

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

July's Events

Regular Sunday Activities

9:30 AM – Sunday School

10:45 AM – Morning Worship

6:15 PM – “Bring Your Own” Picnic

7:00 PM – LIFE Service

Regular Wednesday Activities

6:30 PM – Church-Wide Bible

Study (Twelve

Extraordinary Women)

7:30 PM – Youth Summer Bible

Study

Events This Month...

Mountain Outreach

July 2-7

Youth, adults, and children come together every year from College Park to Kentucky to build a home for a family who really needs it – the Jones family. Be the hands of God by building a house from foundation to a cozy and furnished home in only four days.

Youth Camp: Garden City

July 10-14

The beach, hanging out with friends, and worshipping GOD – what could go wrong? This year's Youth camp will be back at Garden City Chapel – where we'll be worshipping through the *Gospel Journey*. Fun recreation and possibly a nice tan. Make sure you don't miss this one!

Dan River Trip

July 18

Soak up the rays with your friends as you drift down the river on an inner tube – what could be better?

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**Youth VBS Setup
July 24-28**

A Look In Advance...

**Youth VBS
July 31- August 4**

For the second year, youth have their own VBS. Two nights are devoted to bible study and the other three nights we will be going out for great activities. Join in on the fun!

**Acteens Retreat
August 4-6**

**Tacky But Tasteful Prom
August 11**

End the summer in style with the tackiest clothes you can find at Goodwill. Dancing, food, and awards from the summer – a sure fire end to the summer.

Melodic Music

Cindy Johnson: *As I Go*
CD Release Party

Among her talent to lead worship, Cindy Johnson was awarded best Adult Contemporary Christian Single at the Gospel Music Association competition in Nashville for her song “No Longer Satisfied” and earned a national award at the Gospel Music Association's Music in the Rocky Mountains last August.

Cindy has been leading a real and unique encounter with God by using her music over the past seven years with financial and prayer support of Stage 2 Ministries. She has been given the opportunity to lead worship for churches, camps, retreats, and many other venues along the East Coast.

Cindy's third album, *As I Go*, embraces her willingness to serve the Lord as He

opens new doors for her, allowing her to spread her ministry. The album is being released July 1st at Old Town Baptist Church with a live performance of music from the CD. Bring a friend and join the festivities!

For more about Cindy Johnson and to check out music from her second album *No Longer Satisfied*, check out her webpage at www.cindyjohnson.org.

Cindy Johnson CD Release Party
As I Go
July 1st – 6:00 PM
Old Town Baptist Church

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

July's Top Ten

The Top Ten Ways to Make A Difference In Your Youth Group

- 10) Bring your bible.
- 9) Avoid gossiping.
- 8) Encourage your fellow youth group members.
- 7) Pray out loud when given the chance.
- 6) Invite friends with you.
- 5) Answering questions in Sunday School.
- 4) Clean up after yourself.
- 3) Make your opinion and outlook known in discussions.
- 2) Step up into a leadership role.
- 1) Pray for the youth group and the leaders.

Mystery Person Interview

Every month, a mystery interview is taken with someone in the College Park youth group. The object is to guess who the interview is with based off of their personality. Answers will be posted in the next month's issue.

Last Month: Ben Puryear

- Q:** If you were a wrestler, what would be your finishing move?
- A:** The Bulldog, ¾ Face Lock, Inverted Facelock Suplex of course.
- Q:** You've been invited to a fancy ball but the only thing you have to wear is an orange wooly jump suit. What shoes do you wear?
- A:** Cowboy boots – they go with anything and everything.

- Q:** What would you wear for camouflage if you were hiding in a gingerbread house?
- A:** A sugar gumdrop or possibly a candy cane.
- Q:** You have to dig a hole to China. Where do you start?
- A:** Down, I guess.

So do you know who this person is?

Wanted...

Like what you see? You have the opportunity to be part of the experience! Any willing youth wanting to contribute ideas, time, and/or encouragement are welcomed to join! In order to get heard from, contact Andrew of Jeff at church! We will instruct you on what to do from there!

