

HIGHLIGHTS

College Park Baptist Church

1701 Polo Road, Winston-Salem, NC 27106



"The Always God"... Does God really speak today, and how does He do it? These are some of the questions we have been looking at during this study in worship. We will continue talking about The Always God during October. We will be discussing:

- 1) Prayer matters. Prayer changes things. And God is always listening — hearing every prayer his children are offering.
- 2) To have a God who sees, means we have a God who cares.
- 3) God is still pursuing those who are lost.

Certainly, this is the kind of series that you will want to invite people who are currently not churching to experience...it could make an eternal difference for them! If there is one thing that the world needs to hear, it is that God is The constant in a crazy world... and He cares about each and every person of creation! For all of our challenges and short-coming, God remains faithful in both Who He is, and all that He does! That message has never been more relevant, or sought after. Take a few minutes to make a list of people

that you can invite to church this Sunday. Then get on the phone and make it happen.

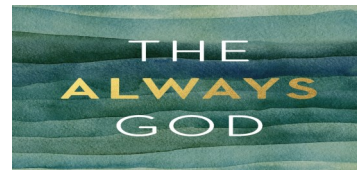
We recognize that once October gets here, our evenings on the front lawn are coming to an end. It has been a great year on the front lawn, and many people have been blessed by our mission efforts! Be sure to make a special effort to be with us on Wednesday nights in October as we continue to worship, fellowship, and reach out to our community!

Also note that we will have a Baptism & Communion Celebration on October 3rd... you don't want to miss that service at 11:00!

"Love God and Love People!"

Blessings & Peace,

Ramon



THE WORSHIP OF GOD



October 3, 2021
11:00 a.m.

How Shall We Greet Him?
Sanctuary Choir

***Celebration of Baptism
& Communion***

October 10, 2021
11:00 a.m.

Refuge
Sanctuary Choir

The Always God #2: Hearing
Exodus 3:1-15
Ramon Smith

October 17, 2021
11:00 a.m.

Shout Glory, Hallelujah!
Sanctuary Choir

The Always God #3: Seeing
2 Kings 19 & 20
Ramon Smith

October 24, 2021
11:00 a.m.

Bless the Lord, O My Soul
Sanctuary Choir

To Be Announced
Job 42; Mark 10:46-52
Steve Loftis

October 31, 2021
11:00 a.m.

All Saints Day

I Need Thee Every Hour
Sanctuary Choir

The Always God #4: Pursuing
Luke 15
Ramon Smith

Our Mission...

*"A people gathered
in Christ; nurtured in
His Spirit; and
sent in His name."*

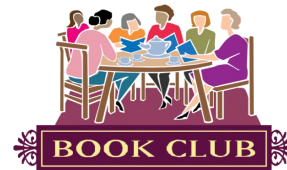
A NOTE FROM MARY



MONDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Resumes on Monday, October 4th at 10:00 am
We will meet in the Christian Fellowship classroom.

Our study focus will be: *Discovering Hope in the Psalms*



will meet in-person on
Monday, November 1st
at 7 pm

This month's book is:
The Enlightenment of Bees
by
Rachel Linden

In light of Ramon's sermon on things that keep us from hearing God's voice, I share a few words from Matt Redman's book, *The Unquenchable Worshipper*:

In a potentially hypnotizing world, the challenge for undivided worshippers is to keep their eyes fixed on Jesus — simple to define perhaps but in practice not so easy. Our hearts are tugged in so many different directions, around every corner are new distractions fighting for our attention — so many things that could deflect our time and energy away from loving God. The psalmist cries out, "Give me an undivided heart" (Psalm 86:11).

Those five words are probably some of the more important we'll ever pray. Every day we come face-to-face with enticements to leave the highway of holiness and walk on other paths. But for the heart consumed with Jesus, all those persuasions are seen for what they really are: empty and meaningless dead ends.

When our steadfast focus is Jesus, other things are seen in the correct perspective. To quote the hymn, "Turn your eyes upon Jesus, Look full in His wonderful face, and the things of earth will grow strangely dim in the light of His goodness and grace."

Calling All Music Lovers



(preschool through 6th grade)

Music Workshop for all Children

The Music Workshop for children has had a wonderful beginning. It's not too late to participate! If your child is interested in learning more about music, and even learning how to play keyboard, drums, guitar or bass guitar, then this is a great opportunity! On Sunday evenings at 5:00 pm, we meet with children grades 1-6 in Smith Hall. They are learning music theory and instrument application in a group setting. Preschoolers have a similar focus workshop at the same time, and are graded for their developmental level. Parents are invited to observe/help! If possible, please let Ramon or Mary know if your child(ren) would like to start participating in this amazing opportunity.



Explore God's Beautiful World
Expedition #3: Pick Your Own Apples!

Perry Lowe Orchards
Moravian Falls, NC

www.perryloweorchards.com

Sat., October 16th

1:30-7:00 pm

Children of all ages! (Preschoolers bring a parent)
Parents are welcome too!

Cost: Just the cost of the apples you pick plus supper
on the way home.
Small bag = \$8 Large bag = \$15

Email Pastor Ramon: ramon@collegepark.ws or call
336.768.5870 ext. 1013 to reserve your seat on the bus! You
can also register through Realm.

Senior Adults & Family Recreation

Every Monday

10:30am

We will call, pray for, and encourage our church family together.

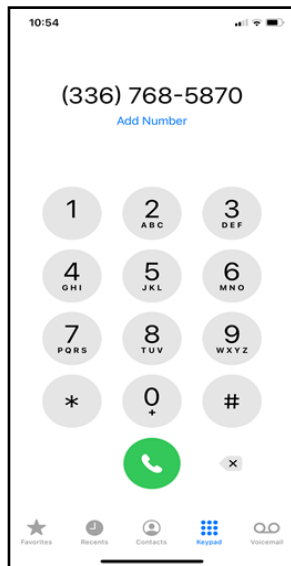
If you are unable to attend but still willing to serve in this ministry please contact Matt.

Schedule

Arrive at Church

Call Church Members

Pray



ANNOUNCEMENT: Wednesday Night Schedule Change

New opportunities for elementary, middle and high school students!

We are looking forward to two new events every Wednesday night, starting October 6. As the weather begins to change and we come back inside, we are adding two new opportunities from 7:00-7:30 PM.

Our 1st through 6th graders will meet with Mrs. Leigh Ann and Mrs. Alice in the Milky Way Worship Room. Our middle and high school students will meet in the Youth Room with Lori and Jason Cogdill. All are welcome to join us!

DEACON ELECTION

It is once again time to consider qualified members to serve as Deacons. As in previous years, we will be electing six individuals. Each member may nominate up to six nominees, aged 21 or older, to serve as Deacons. The Deacon nomination process will begin on Sunday, **September 26th** and close on **Sunday, October 10th**. Because of the COVID-19 situation, we are providing multiple ways for you to nominate individuals. You may complete a paper ballot (found in various locations in the church), complete an on-line nomination form, or call Teresa in the church office (336.768.5870 ext. 1010). Please pray and seek the Lord's guidance concerning nominating individuals to serve as Deacons.

CRISIS CONTROL MINISTRY

Gift for October

~ Applesauce (no glass jars) ~

Items collected in September:
33 boxes of pasta 5 cans soup
1 can pepper 1 box tea
2 jars salt

Whatever you do for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you do for me." Matthew 25:40

FAMILY MINISTRY UPDATE

Guys Getaway 2021 (Fort Caswell, October 22-24)

Come to the coast, be recharged, renew your strength!

Attention guys – this event is for you! “Guys Getaway” is a retreat sponsored by Caswell, an incredible retreat facility owned by the Baptist State Convention. People from across the state are invited to this great opportunity for men of all ages. It is a great location to enjoy fellowship, food, free time, and worship. The fun will include golf, fishing, cornhole, an oyster roast, enjoying the ocean, and a rocking chair in the beach air. All of these are possible at **our Guys Getaway**.



If you are unfamiliar with Caswell, it is a thirty-minute drive south of Wilmington. It has been the home of life-changing retreats for decades. Our church has sent several groups over the years and it is always a favorite. We invite you to make plans for the third weekend of October for this unforgettable weekend. The cost is \$159 per person and is all-inclusive for food, lodging, and all activities.

Important Note – You are welcome to attend by yourself or get a group of family or friends together. You may bring your son, brother, father or friend. Men of every age, from high school and college students and up, are invited. Interested participants will register directly with Caswell. Here is the place to get registered - <https://go.atthepark.ws/guysgetaway>. Transportation is on your own as we assumed most would like to drive themselves. If we have enough interest, church bus transportation is possible. If you have questions about this retreat, contact either Jeff Allen or Jason Cogdill. Both are helping with the retreat planning and speaking. They would love to tell you more about the great stuff planned.

Fall Family Festival is coming (October 31, 4-6 PM)



The Fall Family Festival is one of the important days around here. Our Family Ministry Team is excited to invite the entire church to help us make this year’s community outreach so much fun. We are making some adjustments this year to make sure the event is safe and fun for everyone. There are three ways you can help us! We want to provide our community a safe place and we appreciate your help!

First, we need your trunks! Our “Trunk or Treat” will be hosted in our parking lot and we need decorated car trunks for kids to visit. The trunks can be decorated with any child-centric theme like video games, cartoon characters, biblical themes, etc. The children will visit these cars to receive candy. Games are not needed this year. Just fun decorations and candy! **We need individuals, couples, families, Sunday School classes, mission groups, etc. to sign up for a trunk.** If you can help provide a trunk, call Jeff or email him at jeff@collegepark.ws.

Next, we need candy! If you are unable to provide a trunk, we certainly could use bags of candy! Later in October, we will put a collection box in the hallway. Feel free to drop off the candy in this box or in the office.

Third, we need help on the day of the event. Greeters, parking lot attendants, etc. There are several jobs to make the event happen. These are simple volunteer tasks that help our guests feel welcome. If you are available to volunteer at the FFF, call Jeff or email him at jeff@collegepark.ws.

Operation Christmas Child Collection (through November 3)

Our church is working together on this year's Operation Christmas Child, a ministry effort to share the joy of Christmas with children around the world. The entire church will be making gift boxes on Wednesday, November 3. We need donated items to go in the shoeboxes. These donations will be collected during the month of October. Donation boxes will be placed in the hallway outside Smith Hall.



SHOEBOX GIFT SUGGESTIONS

"WOW" ITEM

TOYS

ACCESSORIES

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

- pens, pencils, sharpeners, crayons, and markers
- notebooks and paper
- coloring and picture books
- solar calculators

NON-LIQUID HYGIENE ITEMS

- toothbrushes
- bar soap
- washcloths
- combs



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Do Not Include: candy; toothpaste; gum; used or damaged items; war-related items; seeds; food; liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items or glass containers; aerosol cans

For additional gift suggestions and more, visit samaritanaspurse.org/occ



Youth Fall Retreat is coming (Ridgecrest, November 19-21)



Every fall our youth travel to Ridgecrest with other churches from the Winston-Salem area for a weekend event. This year's retreat, "In Control", is going to be another great weekend. All students and leaders are invited to our Fall Retreat for a great weekend of worship, challenge, fun, and growth as we seek to remember that it is God who is ultimately...**IN CONTROL**.

We only have a few days left to sign up. This cost is \$150 per person. Turn in a \$50 deposit by October 13. All forms and final payment are due by October 31.

Pay your money by check (made out to church) or by credit card through Realm! Here is the link - <https://go.atthepark.ws/fallretreat>.

COLLEGE PARK BAPTIST CHURCH

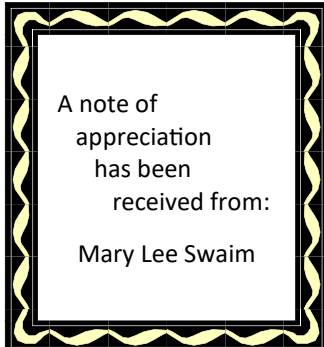
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Jeff Allen, Assoc. Pastor/Students & Families
Mary Keltner, Assoc. Pastor/Music & Education
Matt Wilson, Minister/Senior Adults & Family Recreation
Charles D. Edwards, Pastor Emeritus

IN THE HOSPITAL

Our prayers and support are offered to the following member of our church family who is, or has been in the hospital during the last month:

Janice Farmer



My Building Fund Pledge

We were blessed with the opportunity to walk forward on Sunday, September 19th at the Re:Creation and 11:00 services when individuals delivered their Building Fund Pledge card. You can still participate in this commitment opportunity by mailing the card to Grace Hodge or dropping it off in either the giving kiosk or the church office. While the card indicates three options: Weekly, Monthly, One Time, if you would like to make an annual payment, you may indicate "One Time" and make a notation that you plan to make a payment every year.

We have received 58 cards with a total amount of \$659,898 pledged. How amazing would it be to have at least 42 additional people who would pledge their gifts to the building fund?!

COLLEGE PARK 2021 TRAVEL PLANS

* **Dec. 10 (Fri.):** Willingham Theatre — "Beautiful Star ~ An Appalachian Nativity" Cost—\$27.00

STEWARDSHIP OF SERVICE

DEACON OF THE WEEK

<u>October 3</u> Sarah Talley	<u>October 10</u> Chris May
<u>October 17</u> Cathy Chinlund	<u>October 24</u> Carolyn Ely
<u>October 31</u> Alice Wilson	

Church Conference:
 Wednesday,
 October 20th
 at 7:00 pm

NC Missions Offering:
 Our Goal:
 \$3,000

Received to date:
 \$1,520.00

GREETERS

<u>October 3</u> Dennis Palmer	<u>October 10</u> Josh Hauser Jim Pernell
<u>October 17</u> Russell Talley	<u>October 24</u> Sarah Hauser Tony Perkins
<u>October 31</u> Ken Hatchett	

ATTENDANCE STATISTICS

	<u>9/5</u>	<u>9/12</u>	<u>9/19</u>	<u>9/26</u>
Re:Creation Worship	55	83	68	85
11:00 Worship	112	89	108	136

PROPERTIES COMMITTEE

<u>October 3</u> Michael Gruver	<u>October 10</u> Josh Hauser
<u>October 17</u> Lee Hinesley	<u>October 24</u> Doug Somers
<u>October 31</u> Barry Nelson	

STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES

<u>Budget ~ August 2021</u>	<u>MTD</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Budget	\$75,784.30	\$606,274.38
Receipts	\$76,902.24	\$593,720.27
Expenditures	\$83,630.13	\$596,880.68
<u>Building Fund ~ August 2021</u>		
Beginning Balance	\$62,140.27	\$63,474.46
Receipts	\$5,433.00	\$68,188.00
Expenditures	—	\$64,089.19
Ending Balance	\$67,573.27	\$67,573.27
Loan Balance	\$1,000,000.00	

INFORMATION CENTER

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