

# HIGHLIGHTS

**College Park Baptist Church**  
1701 Polo Road, Winston-Salem, NC 27106



In the midst of a hectic, and many ways chaotic year, we now embark on the season we call “Advent,” when we focus on looking forward to the arrival of the Christ! In many ways the chaos almost seems welcome...if we fully understand what Joseph and Mary must have experienced! And yet, I don’t recommend chaos for us, because there is enough of that during the other 48 months of the year. So this year, let’s focus on simplifying...want to? Yes, I know that sounds easier than it is, but I think we owe it to the season to try. There will be plenty of activities, and yet, we need to find a sense of peace and order, otherwise Advent/Christmas is a time that we almost dread...how tragic!

So how do we simplify? Of course that will look different for each of us, but maybe if we can remember the focus of the four Sundays in Advent, it will help...

- 1) **Hope**—What, or who is your source of hope?
- 2) **Peace**—What does that look like in your life?
- 3) **Joy**— At what times do you feel joy...and why do you think that is?

4) **Love**— do you understand...really understand the meaning of unconditional love...and more importantly, can you give AND receive it?

Think about these questions as we journey through the season of Advent this year!

One advertisement: For the past several years, I have been asked when we are doing “*The Little Drummer Boy.*” This year, we are doing it once — 9:45am in Smith Hall on Sunday, December 19th...Love to see you then/there!

*“Love God and Love People!”*

Blessings & Peace,  
*Ramon*



## THE WORSHIP OF GOD



**December 5, 2021**  
**11:00 a.m.**

**2nd Sunday of Advent:**  
**PEACE**

**Advent Suite: Peace & Prophecy**  
Sanctuary Choir

**December 12, 2021**  
**11:00 a.m.**

**Children’s Sunday at Advent:**  
**JOY**

**Worship led by the**  
**children of College Park**  
9:00 — Church Breakfast  
9:45 — Sunday School  
11:00 — Combined Worship

**December 19, 2021**  
**11:00 a.m.**

**4th Sunday of Advent:**  
**LOVE**

**Advent Suite: Love, God with Us**  
Sanctuary Choir

**The Christmas Surprise**  
Ramon Smith

**December 26, 2021**  
**11:00 a.m.**

**Joy to the World**  
**Christmastime**  
Sanctuary Choir

**Christmas According to Anna**  
Ramon Smith

### Our Mission...

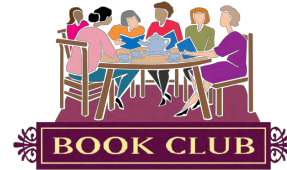
*“A people gathered  
in Christ; nurtured in  
His Spirit; and  
sent in His name.”*

Church Conference:

Wednesday,  
January 19th

7:00 pm  
Smith Hall

# A NOTE FROM MARY



You are cordially invited to join us for Advent Worship:

**December 5 — Peace and Prophecy**  
9 am Worship led by APB  
11 am Worship led by Sanctuary Choir

## December 12 — Joy

9 am Breakfast in Smith Hall  
10 am Sunday School  
11 am Children's Sunday at Advent  
Combined worship service in the Sanctuary

## December 19 — Love

9 am Worship led by APB  
9:45 am *Little Drummer Boy* in Smith Hall  
11 am Worship led by Sanctuary Choir

## December 24 — Christmas Eve

5 pm Christmas Eve candlelight service  
in the Sanctuary

**Book Club will not meet in December**

**January's book is:**  
***Miles from Where We Started***  
**by**  
**Cynthia Ruchti**



**Join us for . . .**

**Christmas CAROL-OKE!**

Saturday, December 18th  
@ 6 pm in Smith Hall

Everyone is invited to join us as we sing Christmas carols, standards, and silly songs in a karaoke setting. Enjoy a great time of fellowship and refreshments. Feel free to sing or just listen. Please sign up or contact Mary to reserve a song, so we have it ready to go.

In Loving Memory  
of  
**Cathy Hoffer**

November 24, 1954  
to  
November 30, 2021

In Loving Memory  
of  
**Bobby Johnson**

June 26, 1972  
to  
November 20, 2021

In Loving Memory  
of  
**Christopher Ray**

August 9, 1971  
to  
November 27, 2021

In Loving Memory  
of  
**Kathy Smith**

January 26, 1929  
to  
November 23, 2021

Member of College Park  
since October 1955

# Senior Adults & Family Recreation

## Christmas Craft Experience

We're going to make wire Christmas Trees together. Don't worry we will have an instructor guiding us through the process.

Saturday Dec 11th @ 4pm

Sign up in Garden Lobby



## The Unwanted Christmas Gift Exchange

Wednesday  
December 29th @ 6:00pm

**Gift Problem:** Everyone receives an unwanted Christmas gift.

**Gift Solution:** Bring that gift to church to exchange it in a fun way with someone who might actually want your gift.

*Disclaimer:* If you actually liked all your Christmas gifts this year, please still come and bring something to exchange.

*Plan on going out to eat afterwards.*

## Steak Lunch

Thursday, December 16th @  
11:30am

Everyone is welcome.

Sign up in Garden Lobby



## CRISIS CONTROL MINISTRY

*Gift for December*

*~ saltine crackers ~*

**Items collected in November:**

**1 box of baking soda**

**14 bags of flour**

**13 bags of sugar**

**Miscellaneous items (cookie and cake mix, icing mix, seasoning, etc.)**

***Whatever you do for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you do for me.***

***Matthew 25:40***

Notes of appreciation has been received from:

Sherry Allred

H. Burch Idol and Dick and Cathy Idol

Evelyn Perrault

SECU Family House

## IN THE HOSPITAL

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

**Cleo Lane**

# FAMILY MINISTRY

*Here is what is happening this Fall at the Park!*



## CHILDREN'S SUNDAY AT ADVENT

December 12, during 11 AM service

We are so excited for our children to be leading us in worship this Advent. All children are invited to be involved in the service. We prepare Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings. Even if you are unable to be here to prepare, **we will have things for every child to do.** A detailed schedule will be emailed to all parents. We ask for your prayers as we prepare for this special service as our children lead us in preparing to celebrate the birth of our King!

### OUR WEEKLY SCHEDULE FOR CHILDREN (DECEMBER)

**Sunday**

- 9:00 am Nursery (infant thru K)
- 9:45 am Elementary Sunday School  
Preschool Sunday School
- 11:00 am Nursery (infant thru K)

**Wednesday**

- 6:45 pm Nursery (infant thru K)
- 7:00 pm Children's Bible Study



**DECEMBER 24, 5:00 PM**

# YOUTH MINISTRY

AND I HEARD THE VOICE OF THE LORD SAYING, "WHOM SHALL I SEND, AND WHO WILL GO FOR US?" THEN I SAID, "HERE I AM! SEND ME." ISAAH 68

## SUNDAY MORNINGS, 9:45 AM

We've all heard the Christmas story every December, but this year, we're going to look at the birth of Jesus from four, unique perspectives. This series is the same story told from viewpoints we may not often consider. Celebrate the birth of Jesus with this fresh approach!



## BUS STATION MINISTRY

December 15, 6:00-7:30 PM

We are excited to announce that we are continuing our Bus Station ministry. All youth are invited to join us as we share the love of Christ by giving out food and drinks to people at the Bus Station.



## JUNIOR SENIOR LEADERSHIP RETREAT January 15-17

We are excited to announce that this year's Junior/Senior Leadership Retreat is being held in Gatlinburg on January 15-17. We will leave Saturday at noon and return just before dinner on Monday. The cost for the retreat is \$110.



If you are interested in going, you must see Jeff for a short interview by January 5. This is a requirement for those wanting to attend the retreat.

Full payment for the trip will be due January 9. Contact Jeff with questions.

## OUR WEEKLY SCHEDULE FOR YOUTH (DECEMBER)

### Sunday

9:45 am Youth Sunday School  
No Sunday PM during December

### Wednesday

6:15 pm Supper (Smith Hall)  
7:00 pm Youth Missions/Bible Study

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER	DECEMBER 11	JANUARY 15-17	FEBRUARY 13	JULY 11-15
	Youth Progressive Christmas Dinner	Junior/Senior Leadership Retreat Gatlinburg	Super Bowl Party	Youth Camp Garden City Chapel

**COLLEGE PARK BAPTIST CHURCH**

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



*May God fill your life with love, joy, and peace  
 this Holiday Season and throughout the New  
 Year.*

*Ramon Smith  
 Jeff Allen  
 Mary Keltner  
 Matt Wilson  
 Teresa Hill  
 Grace Hodge  
 Robert Blankenship*

**STEWARDSHIP OF SERVICE**

**DEACON OF THE WEEK**

<b><u>December 5</u></b> Carolyn Matthews	<b><u>December 12</u></b> Charlie Jones
<b><u>December 19</u></b> Doug Somers	<b><u>December 26</u></b> Melanie Alexander

**GREETERS**

<b><u>December 5</u></b> Ken Hatchett	<b><u>December 12</u></b> Dennis Palmer
<b><u>December 19</u></b> Josh Hauser Jim Pernel	<b><u>December 26</u></b> Russell Talley

**PROPERTIES COMMITTEE**

<b><u>December 5</u></b> Michael Gruver	<b><u>December 12</u></b> Josh Hauser
<b><u>December 19</u></b> Lee Hinesley	<b><u>December 26</u></b> Doug Somers

**INFORMATION CENTER**

Bob Baker  
 Trudy Elkins

**Baptist Children's  
 Homes of NC  
 Offering:**

Our Goal:  
 \$3,000  
 Received to date:  
 \$1,635.00

**Lottie Moon  
 and  
 Global Missions  
 Offering:**

Our Goal:  
 \$17,500

**ATTENDANCE STATISTICS**

	<u>11/7</u>	<u>11/14</u>	<u>11/21</u>	<u>11/28</u>
Re:Creation Worship	77	82	56	91
11:00 Worship	124	118	141	132

**STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES**

**Budget ~ October 2021**

	<u>MTD</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Budget	\$75,784.30	\$757,842.98
Receipts	\$66,034.58	\$736,256.20
Expenditures	\$71,598.25	\$745,673.28

**Building Fund ~ October 2021**

Beginning Balance	\$70,781.29	\$63,474.46
Receipts	\$23,562.00	\$104,568.00
Expenditures	\$9,609.98	\$83,309.15
Ending Balance	\$84,733.31	\$84,733.31
Loan Balance	\$985,935.58	