

# HIGHLIGHTS

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



In the midst of so much disappointment, we need to stop and remind ourselves that we also have so much to be grateful for! The last couple of years have been very tumultuous for many people, as well as for our church, community, country and world. It would be easy to focus on the events or attitudes that annoy or disturb us, but there is an alternative which is much healthier for all of us...gratitude! Yes, gratitude seems to be sorely missing in our conversations and decision making. Gratitude is the practice of actively remembering and expressing the grace (benefits we don't deserve) and goodness bestowed in our lives. It is an offering of thanks out of the abundance of grace shown to us, and by choosing to practice gratitude, we choose the grace that God has freely offered us and offer it freely back to him...and others!

Our current study on gratitude will include:

- Week #1– Fundamental Gratitude
- Week #2 -Gratitude's Nemesis: The Grumble
- Week #3– What Unites Us
- Week #4– Fullness of Life

I hope you will plan to be in attendance for each week, whether in-person or online, and if we do not have any interruptions, we should finish up the series just in time to begin the season of Lent. Is that intentional? Certainly! Because I personally believe that preparation for Easter must begin with true gratitude!

Speaking of Easter... We are working on some plans to expand our Easter celebration (known last year as Easter 2.0). More details in next months Highlights, and in the meantime...  
"Love God and Love People!"

Blessings & Peace,

*Ramon*

## Our Mission...

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

<b>THE WORSHIP OF GOD</b>	
<p><b>February 6, 2022</b> 11:00 a.m.</p> <p><i>What a Friend</i> Sanctuary Choir</p> <p><b>Gratitude Week #2</b> <i>Exodus 16</i> Ramon Smith</p>	<p><b>February 13, 2022</b> 11:00 a.m.</p> <p><i>He Is the Everlasting God</i> Sanctuary Choir</p> <p><b>Gratitude Week #3</b> <i>Acts 2:44-47</i> Ramon Smith</p>
<p><b>February 20, 2022</b> 11:00 a.m.</p> <p><i>Pray for the People</i> Sanctuary Choir</p> <p><b>Gratitude Week #4</b> <i>Luke 17:11-19; Romans 1:20-32</i> Ramon Smith</p>	<p><b>February 27, 2022</b> 11:00 a.m.</p> <p><i>Coming Home</i> Sanctuary Choir</p> <p><b>Preparing for Lent</b> Ramon Smith</p>

Board of Deacons 2022	
Below is the list of individuals who will be serving on the Board of Deacons for 2022. We would like to thank them for their willingness to serve in this form of ministry.	
Melanie Alexander	Beth Hinesley
Donna Bates	Nancy Hurst
Julie Blink	Charlie Jones
Skip Chinlund	Frank Martinez
Lori Cogdill	Carolyn Matthews
Garry Crist	Barry Nelson
Michael Gruver	Jim Pernel
Becky Haney	Doug Somers
Coleman Hastings	Sarah Talley

# A NOTE FROM MARY



*Like a mother with her children You will comfort us each day,  
Giving guidance on our journey, as we seek to find our way.  
When we walk through fiery trials, You will help us take a stand;  
When we pass through troubled waters, You hold out Your tender hand.*

*In Your image You have made us, calling each of us by name,  
Giving strength for every challenge as our gifts we fully claim.  
We can hear You gently saying, "Do not worry, do not fear;  
For I'll always go beside you; every moment I am near."*

*With Your vision You inspire us, giving each a holy call;  
We will open doors of freedom by Your power in us all.  
Life abundant spreads before us as with eagle's wings we soar;  
Joining in Your new creation, we rejoice forevermore*

Jann Aldredge-Clanton



will meet on  
**Monday, February 28th**  
at 7 pm

This month's book is:  
***The Unlikely Yarn of the Dragon Lady***  
by Sharon Mandragón

## Calling All Music Lovers



**(preschool through 6th grade)**

### Music Workshop for all Children

The Music Workshop for children will begin again on Sunday, January 9th. We had a wonderful beginning this past fall. But 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.

**ATTN: Until further notice, Wednesday night suppers have been canceled. But we will gather at 6:00 for bible study and prayer time.**

In Loving Memory  
of  
**Betty Poe**

December 11, 1928  
to  
January 7, 2022

Member of College Park  
since  
March 1957

### CRISIS CONTROL MINISTRY

*Gift for February*

*~ Instant Potatoes ~*

**Items collected in February:**  
**11 boxes of crackers**

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

# Senior Adults & Family Recreation

## Church Ski Trip @ Winterplace WV March 4-5th

### What's Included

- Friday night lift (4-10pm)
- 1 night's hotel lodging (Fri)
- Continental breakfast
- Sat lift ticket
- Ski/Snowboard rental (s)
- 2 Meal Vouchers



Sign up and pay by Feb 20th

Contact Matt for more information and Cost Breakdown

**HENRY CHO**

**Comedy Show**

Saturday, March 26, 2022

Willingham Theatre

Cost: \$32



## Marriage Retreat November 4-6, 2022



TAPESTRY COLLECTION  
BY HILTON



Tuesdays and Thursdays  
6-8 pm

## Children's Camp 2022 @ Ft. Caswell

June 4th-6th  
3rd-6th grades

Cost: \$120 per child

Notes of appreciation have been received from:

- \* Lee Loftis
- \* Debi and Frank Martinez
- \* Patty Overby
- \* Marcia and Steve Shawler
- \* Linda Westerman

## IN THE HOSPITAL

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

**Jeannette Aldridge  
Buddy Priest  
Kate Thomas  
Linda Westerman  
Frances Williams**



*The hunger for love is much  
more difficult to remove than  
the hunger for bread.  
Mother Teresa*

Share the  
*love of Christ*  
on Valentine's Day.

# FAMILY MINISTRY

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



## OUR WEEKLY SCHEDULE FOR CHILDREN

### Sunday

9:00 am	Nursery (infant thru K)
9:45 am	Elementary Sunday School Preschool Sunday School
11:00 am	Nursery (infant thru K)
5:00 pm	Music Workshop

### Wednesday

5:45 pm	Nursery (infant thru K)
6:00 pm	Children's Bible Study

## CONNECTING WITH KIDS OF ALL AGES CAN BE MADE EASIER WITH GREAT QUESTIONS

One of my favorite websites is <http://theparentcue.org/>. I am always looking for ideas on how to better engage kids and teenagers with good questions. This website is great source for encouragement and ideas for those of us raising our children in our faith. Here is part of an article by **Stephanie Thomas**, a blog contributor. These questions caught my eye and I hope you find them helpful.

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### 1. What are you most excited about right now?

This might just be the best (and easiest) jumping off point for connection. Ask the question and be prepared to listen—for a while. After all, kids are often bursting with excitement about one thing or another. To have an adult's willing ear is a treat like no other.

### 2. What do you and your friends laugh about these days?

We parents are no doubt cooler than our kids give us credit for. Still, you can take advantage of your access to youth—ahem, your children—to learn more about what's funny to this generation. And then, look for ways to get more laughs in your home.

### 3. What are you: going to be for Halloween / wanting for Christmas / planning for your birthday?

These special occasions give kids an opportunity to dream big. And they don't even have to be right around the corner—kids can tell you their birthday dessert and activity of choice, the item they want most in the world, and who they'd love pretending to be with just a few minutes of consideration. Consider it a window into your child's imagination.

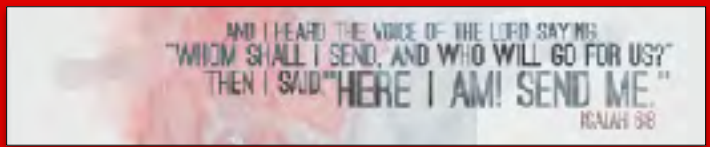
### 4. What's making you mad lately?

We can tend to expect our kids to be happy-go-lucky creatures—what care do they have in this world? But if we think back to our own childhoods, we know there was plenty enough to be frustrated about. Imagine if you'd had an adult who gave credibility to your concerns and helped you work through your emotions and maybe even find a solution? You can be that adult for your kids.

### 5. What's something cool you heard or learned about recently?

Kids like to feel knowledgeable and—I'm learning from my own little dudes—sometimes know about things I can't confirm without Googling (I'm looking at you Water Walkers). Give your child's brain a chance to shine and look for ways to learn more about their interests together.

# YOUTH MINISTRY



## SUNDAY MORNINGS, 9:45 AM

In the month of February, all eyes are on love and relationships. This is a strategic time to look to Scripture, through the story of Samson and Delilah, and learn some key lessons about our relationships and where things can get a little complicated if we aren't careful.



**February 19, 10 AM - 1 PM**

### Robinhood Road Baptist Church

All adult leaders who work with middle and high school students are invited to attend this conversation about deepening our ministry with students. We will be joining leaders from area churches for this important conversation, including Mike Hayes, a professional counselor with 20+ years of working with students. There will be food, prizes, and more. If you will be joining us, just Jeff know.

## BUS STATION MINISTRY

**February 2, 6:00-7:30 PM**

Our Bus Station ministry continues this month. 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. It is a simple way of sharing our faith.




## OUR WEEKLY SCHEDULE FOR YOUTH

### Sunday

9:45 am Youth Sunday School  
6:00 - YouthAtThePark  
7:30 pm

### Wednesday

6:00 pm Youth Missions/Bible Study

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER	FEBRUARY 12	FEBRUARY 19	JULY 11-15	
	Virtual Dinner Party Mission Project	EQUIP Youth Leader Training  Robinhood Road	Youth Camp  Garden City Chapel	

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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

**Heck Jones Offering:**

"I give to WMU NC because I have been personally educated, trained, and inspired to be a better follower of Jesus Christ. I began as a preschooler. My going is not as easy as it once was; but, my praying and giving continues. When we teach and lead and give and pray, we are leaving a legacy of missions for the future. That's our mandate!" - Ruby Fulbright (retired Executive Director of WMU NC).  
 Romans 12:9-16

**Baptist Retirement Homes Offering:**

Baptist Retirement Homes has a historical relationship with the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina but is a separate and distinctive corporate entity. Funds received from local churches via the North Carolina Offering for Older Adults and direct contributions from local Baptist churches are used to support older adults living in assisted living or nursing care who lack sufficient financial resources to pay for the care they need and deserve.

From WMU ~

It's exciting to have met our 2021 International Missions goal! Our gifts will help spread hope, love, and salvation. Please pray for those who are hearing the gospel for the very first time and pray that "the seeds of the gospel will land on fertile soil and bear much fruit." Stay tuned for an idea to get us started on reaching and/or surpassing our 2022 goal!

**Heck Jones Offering:**

Our Goal:  
 \$2,000.00

**N. C. Retirement Homes Offering:**

Our Goal:  
 \$1,500.00

**STEWARDSHIP OF SERVICE**

**DEACON OF THE WEEK**

**February 6**  
 Doug Somers

**February 13**  
 Julie Blink

**February 20**  
 Becky Haney

**February 27**  
 Nancy Hurst

**GREETERS**

**February 6**  
 Josh Hauser  
 Jim Pernell

**February 13**  
 Russell Talley

**February 20**  
 Sarah Hauser  
 Tony Perkins

**February 27**  
 Ken Hatchett

**INFORMATION CENTER**

June Crabbe  
 R. J. Westphal

**PROPERTIES COMMITTEE**

**February 6**  
 Lee Hinesley

**February 13**  
 Doug Somers

**February 20**  
 Tom Hurst

**February 27**  
 Chris Phillips

**Qualified Charitable Distribution:** Is a Qualified Charitable Distribution right for you? If you are over 70½, a QCD may be a tax savings vehicle for you. QCD's must go directly to the charitable organization in order to get the tax benefit. Contact Grace Hodge or your financial advisor if you wish to take advantage of giving a QCD to College Park.

**ATTENDANCE STATISTICS**

	<u>1/2</u>	<u>1/9</u>	<u>1/16</u>	<u>1/23</u>	<u>1/30</u>
Re:Creation Worship	65	68	—	56	81
11:00 Worship	102	111	—	100	105

**STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES**

<u>Budget ~ December 2021</u>	<u>MTD</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Budget	\$75,784.30	\$909,411.57
Receipts	\$94,438.58	\$899,272.56
Expenditures	\$91,174.53	\$909,204.92

<u>Building Fund ~ December 2021</u>		
Beginning Balance	\$86,311.33	\$63,474.46
Receipts	\$16,374.00	\$132,130.00
Expenditures	\$9,609.98	\$102,529.11
Ending Balance	\$93,075.35	\$93,075.35
Loan Balance	\$971,362.99	