

HIGHLIGHTS

College Park Baptist Church
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Easter occurs more often in April than March, so for the sake of argument, let's say "April is Easter month." Easter is arguably the most important day in the Christian calendar, and it sets loose a torrent of activity. We celebrate Christ's resurrection in countless bright and colorful ways. We dye Easter eggs and eat chocolate rabbits. Traditionally, women and girls turn up in new dresses and hats; men and boys appear in sharp suits and shiny shoes, or whatever "Sunday best" looks like in their world! We sit down to festive meals and enjoy dishes of ham or lamb or other treats. Easter lilies and springtime blossoms decorate our homes and churches. We gather for worship: to sing triumphant hymns and hear the resurrection gospel and shout ALLELUIA. We have all these ways and many more to celebrate this Sunday of the Resurrection. But let me offer that the best way of all to celebrate Easter is the way that Jesus did it. And to celebrate Easter as Jesus did does not require painted eggs or chocolate rabbits, new clothing or a festive meal, springtime flowers or crowded churches. To celebrate Easter as Jesus did means to forgive somebody, somebody who doesn't deserve it.

For all his troubles: the healings He accomplishes, His meals for the multitudes, His wise words and unforgettable stories ... for giving hope to the hopeless, light to the blind, acceptance to the outcast, He is deserted by His friends, then roughed up, humiliated, and executed by people whose security is threatened by compassion, whose ideology is overturned by His announcement of a new and better kingdom.

They nail His body to a cross, stab Him with a spear to make sure He's dead, then return His corpse to His half-baked friends who, with sad and shameful faces, stick it in a tomb and roll a huge stone across the entrance. This huge stone keeps the world outside. It also hides inside the tomb the evidence of their cowardice.

And Jesus forgives all parties involved... So what is our excuse?! Something to ponder...

Blessings & Peace,

Ramon

*Special thanks to Rev. Charles Hoffacker

 THE WORSHIP OF GOD 	
<p>April 3, 2022 11:00 a.m.</p> <p><i>I Will Sing Praise</i> Sanctuary Choir</p> <p><i>The Way of the Cross Week #3</i> <i>John 1:1; Genesis 22:13-14</i> Ramon Smith</p>	<p>April 10, 2022 11:00 a.m.</p> <p><i>Palm Sunday</i></p> <p><i>Shout Out the Glory of the Lord</i> Sanctuary Choir</p> <p><i>"Guess Who!"</i> <i>Matthew 21:1-11</i> Ramon Smith</p>
<p>April 17, 2022 11:00 a.m.</p> <p><i>Behold the Lamb</i> <i>Hallelujah! Resurrection Day</i> Sanctuary Choir</p> <p><i>The Greatest Comeback!</i> <i>John 19:28-38</i> Ramon Smith</p>	<p>April 24, 2022 11:00 a.m.</p> <p><i>Before the Throne of God Above</i> Sanctuary Choir</p> <p><i>That "Other" Easter</i> Ramon Smith</p>

Our Mission...

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



A NOTE FROM MARY



Thank you so much for your generosity in giving towards the new piano in the chapel. The choir was blessed to be able to rehearse with it on March 16th. We filled the chapel with a joyful sound.

Thank you again for your generosity and for helping equip our musicians for ministry for many years to come.

will meet on
Monday, April 25th
 at 7 pm
 This month's book is:
A Piece of the Moon
 by Chris Fabry

Easter Egg Hunt Extravaganza

Saturday, April 16th
 10 am — 12 pm

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Easter Egg Hunt * Bubble Zone * Crafts * Face Painting * Games 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Inflatable Slide * Photo Background for Family Photos * Snacks * Stories
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Children of all ages are welcome.

Holy Week Schedule:
 7:00 pm
 Sanctuary

Thurs., April 14th: Maundy Thursday
 Music: Channels

Fri., April 15th: Tenebrae
 Music: Sanctuary Choir



The Esther Project Shop is returning!

The Esther Project Shop is a company created to help women combat human trafficking in their country by providing them with a place to market their products, creating a sustainable income for themselves and their children.

When: Wednesday, April 6th at 7:00 pm
Where: Smith Hall

Plan to join us for dinner at 6:00 and then stay to hear about The Esther Project Shop. You will have an opportunity to shop for amazing items after the presentation.

For more information, visit:
<https://www.theestherprojectshop.com/>

COLLEGE PARK 2022 TRAVEL PLANS

- * **April 19th (Tues.):** Rudy Theatre, Selma, NC — “Easter Jubilee” (dinner after the show) Cost—\$65.00
- * **April 28th (Thurs.):** Seagrove, NC — Tour pottery studios, museum, and dinner Cost—Self-pay + \$10.00
- * **May 15th (Sun.):** High Point Theatre — Raleigh Ringers Cost—\$42.00
- * **June 16th (Thurs.):** Fellowship and Dinner — Games and Bingo with prizes at College Park Church and dinner at Cody Creek Cost—Self-Pay + \$5.00
- * **July 7th (Thurs.):** Wohlfahrt Haus Theatre — “Sound of Music” Cost—\$70.00
- * **August 27 (Sat.):** High Point Theatre — “Master Vocal and Make-Up Illusionists” Cost—\$42.00
- * **September 27th-Oct. 1st:** Lancaster, PA and Washington, DC Sight and Sound Theatre — “David” Various museums in DC Cost—\$520-\$625
- * **October 18th (Tues.):** Daniel Boone Inn and fall colors Lunch and viewing fall colors Cost—\$65.00

Sign-up sheets with additional trip details are available outside Smith Hall.

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:

June Crabbe
Janice Farmer
Jennie Lewis

Senior Adults & Family Recreation

Grub Club



Wednesday

April 13th
Bus Leaves at 4:45 pm

5:30 pm



Tuesdays and Thursdays
6-8 pm

Children's Camp 2022 @ Ft. Caswell

June 3rd-5th
3rd-6th grades

Cost: \$120 per child

Marriage Retreat
November 4-6, 2022



TAPESTRY COLLECTION
BY HILTON

CRISIS CONTROL MINISTRY

Gift for April

~ instant oatmeal and grits ~

Items collected in March:

- 2 packages of cough drops
- 1 bag of flour
- 2 packages of grits
- 6 packages of mashed potatoes
- 10 packages of pancake mix
- 4 cans of pinto beans
- 8 bottles of syrup

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

Matthew 25:40

FAMILY MINISTRY

Here is what is happening this Spring at the Park!

10 SCREEN-FREE THINGS TO DO WITH YOUR KIDS OVER SPRING BREAK

One of our favorite blogs continues to be <http://theparentcue.org/>. It is a great source for encouragement and ideas for those of us raising our children in our faith. With Spring Break approaching, the following article is timely. We hope you will find something meaningful in this post by [Leah Jennings](#). Make sure to check out even more helpful articles at the link above.

Remember when you were a kid and it was time for spring break? The week was so full of possibilities, and the excitement was incredibly hard to contain! But then you became a parent and that same break from school morphed into something overwhelming that required so much brain power, patience, and logistics from you? Yep, it's that time of the year again, folks.

Spring break—or any extended period of time when your kid is out of school and looking to you to make it F.U.N.—is hard on parents. While it's a well-deserved break for your kids and their teachers, it often means more work for you. More often than not, you default to more screen time than usual because you either 1) have absolutely no idea how to keep your kids entertained or 2) you still have your own work to do. If you're looking for screen-free ways to have a fun spring break this year, here are ten suggestions to start you thinking:

- **Go shopping for a brand-new toy or game.** Just like you, your kid can always find something at Target. Head to the store and buy something—size doesn't matter—they'll enjoy playing with during their week off.
- **Take a day trip.** A weeklong vacation may not be in the budget right now, but day trips can be a fun, more affordable option to experience something new. Plus, it doesn't require much packing.
- **Become a tourist in your own city.** There's likely something you've always been meaning to do in your city, only you haven't made the time. Well, the time is now! Your city is likely filled with tourist attractions—pick one and explore it.
- **Learn something new together.** Do you know how to knit? What about ceramics? Have you ever tried that? Your kid hasn't either! Use this time off to learn something new together with the help of a local class or YouTube.
- **Themed day.** Themes have the power to transform the ordinary into interesting. Choose a theme and stick to it—pajama day, fancy dinner night, and game nights can be a big hit.
- **Kid swap.** There's likely a parent friend who's feeling exactly as you are about spring break. Team up with them to trade off kids for an afternoon or day—it'll give you a much-needed break and your kids some variety.

(continue reading here... <https://theparentcue.org/10-screen-free-things-to-do-with-your-kids-over-spring-break/>)

OUR WEEKLY SCHEDULE FOR CHILDREN

Sunday

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

Wednesday

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

COLLEGE EXAM PACK HELP NEEDED



It is time for this semester's college exam pack run. We take gift bags of snacks and food to our students across the state. We need your help to make 40 exam packs! **Please bring individually wrapped snacks, homemade or store-bought, to the Smith Hall Kitchen by Sunday, April 24.** Thanks for your help with this important ministry to our college students.

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."
 ISAIAH 6:8

SUNDAY MORNINGS, 9:45 AM

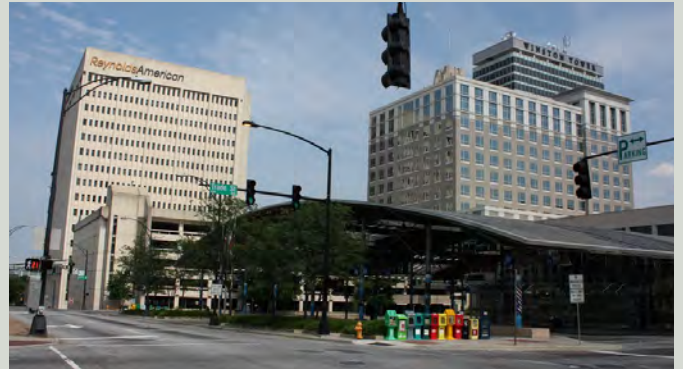
Our culture points students to everything but Jesus. It doesn't stop with their attention. Now, more than ever, students are finding their identity within the things that have their attention. Without a proper understanding of who we are in Christ, we'll never live in the full life that Jesus promises us. This month's series will focus on our true identity as sons and daughters of the Most High.



BUS STATION MINISTRY

April 6, 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 youth group is going to the beach for 3 days during spring break for a great retreat of fun, food, and merriment (how many times have you seen THAT word used in a sentence)! We will be staying at Caswell for three nights.

Friends are welcome to join us! Sign-ups are going on now. Get your deposit in now so you will not miss this great event! Make sure you are not the only one staying in Winston for Spring Break! Sign-up today!

OUR WEEKLY SCHEDULE FOR YOUTH

Sunday

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

Wednesday

6:00 pm Family Night Supper
 7:00 pm Youth Missions/
 Bible Study

SPRING BREAK RETREAT

April 11-14
 @ Caswell

\$185 (\$160 for additional youth from same family)

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER



APRIL 10-17

Holy Week Services

APRIL 11-14

Youth Spring Break Retreat

Caswell

JUNE 5

Graduate Sunday

JULY 11-15

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

Church Conference:
 Wednesday, April 20th
 at 7:00 pm
 in Smith Hall

**Annie Armstrong and
 Global Missions Offering**

Our Goal:
 \$5,500.00

Week of Prayer for North American Missions:

Thank you for uniting with our missionaries/field personnel in prayer which was Jesus’ missional strategy in Luke 10:2. “Pray to the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into His harvest.”

Your prayer support is the vital engine of a missionary’s ministry. Prayer isn’t the least you can do — it’s the **most**. Your prayers for North American missionaries and field personnel are powerful and they don’t have to end after the Week of Prayer. Pray for God to show you a missionary family or families you can uplift and encourage through your intercession.

STEWARDSHIP OF SERVICE

DEACON OF THE WEEK

<u>April 3-9</u> Lori Cogdill	<u>April 10-16</u> Jim Pernell
<u>April 17-23</u> Donna Bates	<u>April 24-30</u> Coleman Hastings

GREETERS

<u>April 3</u> Skip Chinlund	<u>April 10</u> Dennis Palmer
<u>April 17</u> Josh Hauser Jim Pernell	<u>April 24</u> Russell Talley

INFORMATION CENTER

Tony Bates
 Becky Haney

PROPERTIES COMMITTEE

<u>April 3-9</u> Josh Hauser	<u>April 10-16</u> Lee Hinesley
<u>April 17-23</u> Doug Somers	<u>April 24-30</u> Tom Hurst

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>3/6</u>	<u>3/13</u>	<u>3/20</u>	<u>3/27</u>
Re:Creation Worship	74	78	107	74
11:00 Worship	123	128	147	117

STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES

<u>Budget ~ February 2022</u>	<u>MTD</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Budget	\$82,385.13	\$164,770.27
Receipts	\$87,038.87	\$178,645.79
Expenditures	\$89,912.83	\$155,763.75

<u>Building Fund ~ February 2022</u>		
Beginning Balance	\$106,780.37	\$93,075.35
Receipts	\$14,045.00	\$37,360.00
Expenditures	\$63,902.21	\$73,512.19
Ending Balance	\$56,923.16	\$56,923.16
Loan Balance	\$900,276.51	