

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



It's hard to believe that Fall is here again! With the changing of seasons comes another reminder of how God loves us and journeys with us through all the seasons of our lives! It's easy to recognize His presence in the "good times," but often not so easy when life gets tough. Adversity has its benefits if we use those times to grow, but when we shake our fists in the air and wonder where God is, or blame Him outright, we short-circuit the opportunity we have to learn from the circumstances. My prayer for all of us is that we will continue to learn how to be more patient and loving with each other...in the good times, as well as the not-so-good times!

One way to get past our own stress is to focus on the needs of others around us. We will have ample opportunities to do that this Fall and into the Winter months. We are currently collecting items for the Samaritan's Purse sponsored Operation Christmas Child. Those boxes will be assembled during a church-wide event on the evening of November 16th following supper. So you don't forget, make a note to bring these as soon as possible...November 16 will be here sooner than we think!

On a personal note...As most of you know, our daughter Ashtin will be getting married on Saturday, October 15th, at 4:30pm. Our family would love for you to come and celebrate with us! Ashtin told me that there are several reasons she wants to have the ceremony here at College Park, and among those reasons was: "I want to have it there so that all of our people who want to come...can!" Our people...she said a mouthful! We love you all and hope to see you on that day (and certainly before)!

Blessings & Peace,

Ramon

	Our Mission "A people gathered in Christ; nurtured in			
October 2, 2022 11:00 a.m.	October 9, 2022 11:00 a.m.	His Spirit; and sent in His name."		
Gonna Sit Down and Rest Awhile Sanctuary Choir	Help Us Worship You Sanctuary Choir	Church Conference: Wednesday,		
Service of Baptism and Communion	<b>Redeeming Your Time: Week #1</b> Ephesians 5:15-17 Ramon Smith	October 19th at 7:00 pm in Smith Hall		
October 16, 2022 11:00 a.m.	October 23, 2022 11:00 a.m.	October 30, 2022 11:00 a.m.		
<i>At the Cross</i> Sanctuary Choir <b>Redeeming Your Time: Week #2</b>	<i>O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus</i> Sanctuary Choir <b>Redeeming Your Time: Week #3</b>	<b>Redeeming Your Time: Week #4</b> Mark 6:30-32 Ramon Smith		
<i>Philippians 4:6-8</i> Ramon Smith	<i>Mark 1:29-38</i> Ramon Smith			

**OCTOBER 1, 2022** 

# A NOTE FROM MARY

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Spiritual surgery is more painful than physical surgery. God doesn't use anesthetic; he doesn't do his work while we are asleep. God can take any brokenhearted believer and make him a radiant, loving person. But when he performs such "heart operations," his children are wide awake. -Erwin Lutzer

I don't know about you, but in the difficult times of life, my first response is not usually joyful. I am not spending my time being grateful for the hardships. I'm ready for it to end, and now. Yet scripture tells me, "Consider it a sheer gift, friends, when tests and challenges come at you from all sides. You know that under pressure, your faith-life is forced into the open and shows its true colors. So don't try to get out of

anything prematurely. Let it do its work so you become mature and well-developed, not deficient in any way" (James 1:2-5 MSG). Looking back over the difficult times in my life, I have to admit that those are times when God has grown me. There have been times that have shaped who I am now. There have been times when I have become more reliant on God, and God has healed my brokenness. I have had to rely on Him for the answers I did not have. And He is gracious in those moments. Continuing the earlier verses, James says, "If you don't know what you're doing, pray to the Father. He loves to help. You'll get his help, and won't be condescended to when you ask for it. Ask boldly, believingly, without a second thought." God doesn't expect us to have all the answers; rather, He wants us to know that He is the answer. Allow Him to change you in your circumstances and struggles. It's gonna be painful, but it's gonna be sacred as well.

## UPCOMING COLLEGE PARK 2022 TRAVEL PLANS

\* October 6th (Thurs.): Dr. David Jeremiah and the Gaither Vocal Band Cost: \$15

Join us for "An Evening with David Jeremiah: His Voice! Our Voice!" The Gaither Vocal Band will be a part of this special event which will be held at the PNC Arena in Raleigh, NC. The bus will leave the church at 2:00, dinner at 5:00 (self-pay), and the show at 7:00 pm. The price includes the cost of the event ticket and transportation.

\* October 18th (Tues.): Lunch at Daniel Boone Inn and Fall Colors Cost — \$70.00 Join us for a fall trip to the Daniel Boone Inn for lunch and a time to view fall leaves. The cost will cover the transportation on a chartered bus and lunch if we have 40 people. Payment is due by September 18, 2022.

# **CRISIS CON†ROL MINISTRY**

Gift for October

~ applesauce ~

Items collected in September:

- 43 cans of beans
- 2 boxes of grits
- 3 jars of peanut butter
- 6 cans of sausage

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



on the table outside of Smith Hall to help with your decorated trunks, provide candy, assist with games, being a greeter, etc.

Notes of appreciation have been received from:

Janette Stoneman

## 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:

> Brad Jones Bill Minton Shirley Minton

will meet on Monday, November 14th at 7 pm

> This month's book is: Chasing Fireflies by Charles Martin



Children of all ages! (Preschoolers bring a parent)

Parents are welcome too!

Cost: Just the cost of the apples you pick plus apple cider/donuts, etc. . Small bag = \$8 Large bag = \$15

Email Pastor Ramon: ramon@collegepark.ws or call 336.768.5870 ext. 673 to reserve your seat on the bus! You can also register through Realm.

#### **COLLEGE PARK BAPTIST CHURCH**

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



#### **INFORMATION CENTER**

**Tony Bates** Becky Haney



MR. & MRS. RAMON SMITH JOYFULLY REQUEST THE PLEASURE OF YOUR COMPANY AS THEY CELEBRATE THE MARRIAGE OF THEIR DAUGHTER

Ashtin Leigh Smith John Watter Rankin Jer.

SON OF MR. & MRS. JOHN RANKIN SR.

SATURDAY, THE FIFTEENTH OF OCTOBER TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY-TWO HALF PAST FOUR O'CLOCK IN THE AFTERNOON

> COLLEGE PARK BAPTIST CHURCH WINSTON SALEM, NORTH CAROLINA

#### **DEACON NOMINATION**

It is once again time to consider qualified members of the church to serve as Deacons. As in previous years, we will be electing six individuals. Each church member may nominate up to six nominees, ages 21 or older, to serve as Deacons. The Deacon nomination process will begin on Sunday, October 9th and close on Sunday, October 23rd. Be on the lookout for an email or a letter in the mail with instructions.

### ATTENDANCE STATISTICS

	<u>9/4</u>	<u>9/11</u>	<u>9/18</u>	<u>9/25</u>
<b>Re:Creation Worship</b>	40	75	69	68
11:00 Worship	110	108	112	130

#### **STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES**

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<u>Budget ~ August 2022</u>	MTD	<u>YTD</u>
Budget	\$82,385.13	\$659,081.07
Receipts	\$63,119.60	\$588,835.89
Expenditures	\$75,746.87	\$626,617.55
Building Fund ~ August 2022		
Beginning Balance	\$83,934.71	\$93,075.35
Receipts	\$8,116.00	\$126,584.60
Expenditures	\$9,609.98	\$147,379.84
Ending Balance	\$82,440.73	\$72,280.11
Loan Balance	\$841,678.02	