

HIGHLIGHTS

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



The season of Lent is often misunderstood and therefore taken quite flippantly by some. For many it is just a time to draw attention to themselves with their social media posts about what they are giving up for a few weeks. Hopefully we all understand that is exactly opposite of the spirit of Lent. For us, Lent should be a time when we slow down (or stop) and reflect upon the goodness of God, and our unworthiness before Him. We understand that fortunately for us, our relationship with God is not dependent upon our worthiness ... rather the grace God has extended us through His manifestation of His love in the person of His Son Jesus! And as an expression of our gratitude for His mercy, we should desire to make our lives a "living sacrifice," as we seek daily to become more like our Savior.

Once Jesus had "set His eyes upon Jerusalem," there was no turning back for Him, and we should be eternally grateful

for His resolute commitment to following through with the plan God the Father had set in place! The season of Lent accentuates our need for a Savior and His willingness to accept us where we are, but then help us grow daily to be more like Him. The process can be painful at times, as we are faced with our own faults and weaknesses, but necessary if we want to grow.

Let me encourage you to be with us each Sunday as we journey to the cross. I am convinced that God meant for us to journey together, and draw strength from the encouragement we offer one another! As we "journey to Jerusalem," hopefully it will be life changing for you personally, and for us as the body of Christ.

Blessings & Peace,
Ramon

|  THE WORSHIP OF GOD  | |
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| <p>March 5, 2023 11:00 a.m. Communion</p> <p><i>We Remember</i> Sanctuary Choir</p> <p>After Dark John 3:1-17 Matt Wilson</p> | <p>March 12, 2023 11:00 a.m.</p> <p><i>River in Judea</i> Sanctuary Choir</p> <p>Sign Me Up for Suffering! Romans 5:1-11 Ramon Smith</p> |
| <p>March 19, 2023 11:00 a.m.</p> <p><i>His Mercy is More</i> Sanctuary Choir</p> <p>Choose Light for Lent Ephesians 5:8-14 Ramon Smith</p> | <p>March 26, 2023 11:00 a.m.</p> <p><i>Prayer to Jehovah</i> Sanctuary Choir</p> <p>The Spirit Controlled Mind Romans 8:6-11 Ramon Smith</p> |

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



A NOTE FROM MARY

I believe that music is a gift from God. Indeed, scripture tells us that God's throne is surrounded with music, with the sound of voices blended together in worship. Music is powerful. It evokes emotion. It comforts. It teaches us truths about Who God is and who we are in relation to Him. The Holy Spirit uses it to speak to us. Do you have a testimony of a time when God has used a song to speak to you? Perhaps it is a song that restored your hope in a dark time of your life. Maybe it is a hymn that reminds you of God's love for you. Maybe it reinforced a passage of scripture that you cling to. Or maybe it is a song that you've carried throughout your life that has meant new and differing things over the years. If so, I would love to hear your stories of how God has spoken to you through song. When you get a chance, take the time to write down or email me those stories. Thank you in advance. I can't wait to hear them.



will meet on
Monday, April 3rd
at 7 pm
This month's book is:
The Winter Rose
by Melanie Dobson

NC Baptist Singers and Orchestra:

Plan to join College Park as we travel to Fuquay Varina Baptist Church in Fuquay-Varina, NC to hear the NC Baptist Singers and Orchestra.



We will travel there, eat dinner together, and then enjoy a talented group of musicians who are willing to share their amazing gifts. *(You might even recognize someone singing with the group!)*

Date: Monday, March 27, 2023
The bus will leave the church at 3:00 pm.

Handbell Clinic:

Bells are ringing! On March 5 @ 12:30 we will have a handbell clinic for those interested in handbells. If you have played in the past or just wondered how in the world those things work, you are invited to join us as we do a little learning together. We will eat a lunch together and then play. All youth and adults are welcome to join us, regardless of experience. We'll plan on finishing by 3.



Called Church Conferences:

Wednesday, March 8th at 7:00 pm
in Smith Hall

and

Sunday, March 12th at
9:00 and 11:00 services

CRISIS CONTROL MINISTRY

Gift for March

~ canned fruit ~

Items collected in February:

31 boxes of instant potatoes

1 jar of applesauce

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

IN APPRECIATION:

A note of appreciation has been received from:

* Mary Lee Swaim * Rick & Carolyn Matthews

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:

Ron Cauble
Janet Jones
Don Wilson



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, March 22nd 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/>

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.



Easter Lilies:

If you would like to place a lily in the sanctuary for Easter Sunday, April 9th, please use an order form which will be located on the Welcome and Gym Lobby Desks. **Orders are due no later than Friday, March 24th.**

Cost will be \$13.50 per plant and should be paid at the time the order is submitted. You may pay for your lily via cash, check, or on-line.

In Loving Memory
of
Bill Guest

August 5, 1932
to
February 7, 2023

Member of College Park
since
July 2003

In Loving Memory
of
Jerry Osborne

April 15, 1926
to
February 11, 2023

Member of College Park
since
March 1962

Father, help me to see this holy season of Lent as a time of spiritual renewal, rather than a time of deprivation. Motivate me to reach a new level of experiencing your grace.



Youth, College Students & Recreation

Family Game Night

March 5th
6-7pm



Grub Club

Monday March 13th
5:30pm

ARRIBA VILLA

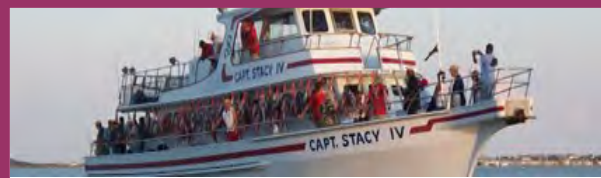


Taqueria and Mexican Food

Willingham Theatre Presents



Friday, April 14th
Sign up in the Garden Lobby



Men's Fishing Retreat 2023

Dates: April 21-23, 2023
Cost: \$225 per person
Age: 18 and Older

Sign up by March 19 on REALM
Faith-Fellowship-Fishing



A NASCAR Legend
Save the Date - Saturday April 29th
Reserved: Covered Patio (Turn 1 South)

ATTENTION ALL YOUTH!!!

YOUTH CAMP AT GARDEN CITY

Mark your calendars for July 10th — 14th for our Garden City Youth Camp. More details will be provided as we begin to plan for this life changing week at the beach.





Easter Egg Hunt Extravaganza

Saturday, April 1st

10 am — 12 pm

- * Easter Egg Hunt (by age group)
- * Photo Background for Family Photos
- * Face Painting
- * Games
- * Cupcakes
- * Easter Story (by age group)

Children of all ages are welcome.

Holy Week Schedule:

7:00 pm

Sanctuary

Sunday, April 2nd: Palm Sunday
Music: Sanctuary Choir

Thursday, April 6th: Maundy Thursday
Music: Sanctuary Choir

Friday, April 7th: Tenebrae
Music: Sanctuary Choir



COLLEGE PARK BAPTIST CHURCH

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

Church Conference:
 Wednesday, April 19th
 7:00 pm
 Smith Hall



Heck Jones Offering:
 Our Goal: \$1,500
 Received: \$1,061

N. C. Retirement Homes Offering:
 Our Goal: \$2,000

Annie Armstrong and Global Missions Offering
 Our Goal: \$5,500.00

STEWARDSHIP OF SERVICE

DEACON OF THE WEEK

March 5 Donna Bates
March 12 Kent Hobson
March 19 Charlie Jones
March 26 TBD

GREETERS

March 5 Jeff Stultz
March 12 Tony Perkins
March 19 Dennis Palmer
March 26 Bob Pleasants

INFORMATION CENTER

Scott Andrews
 Rachel Eller

PROPERTIES COMMITTEE

March 5 Tom Hurst
March 12 Chris Phillips
March 19 Marty Minton
March 26 Hutch Hutchison

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>2/5</u> | <u>2/12</u> | <u>2/19</u> | <u>2/26</u> |
|---------------------|------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Re:Creation Worship | 100 | 65 | 65 | 49 |
| 11:00 Worship | 151 | 97 | 124 | 111 |

STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES

| <u>Budget ~ January 2023</u> | <u>MTD</u> | <u>YTD</u> |
|------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Budget | \$82,286.23 | \$82,286.23 |
| Receipts | \$47,931.06 | \$47,931.06 |
| Expenditures | \$68,990.03 | \$68,990.03 |

| <u>Building Fund ~ January 2023</u> | | |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|-------------|
| Beginning Balance | \$70,841.63 | \$70,841.63 |
| Receipts | \$5,595.00 | \$5,595.00 |
| Expenditures | \$9,609.98 | \$9,609.98 |
| Ending Balance | \$66,826.65 | \$66,826.65 |
| Loan Balance | \$803,814.38 | |