

HIGHLIGHTS

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



“As we ‘journey to Jerusalem,’ hopefully it will be life changing for you personally, and for us as the body of Christ.”


That is how I ended my thoughts to you last month. Just as a checkup...how are we doing? How are you personally doing? Is the journey to the cross real enough in your life to be life-changing, or is it just “a thing I think about when I go to church”? Our Lenten journey is supposed to be a total life commitment, not a compartmentalized response to a church emphasis. Said another way, as I said last Sunday, we should be all in! There is still time! The month of April begins with a flurry of activity related to Easter and resurrection, but do not make the mistake of equating activity to spiritual development. Yes, it can be more difficult to disciple people if they do not come, but activity purely for activity’s sake is not the answer either. So we must grow to understand the role of different aspects of ministry. We certainly want people to

feel welcome to participate in all of the activities of the church, and those times help us build the relationships, which, in turn, serve as the foundation for growing together to be more like Christ! Our relationships are also certainly strengthened through shared experiences, so let me encourage you to be here for as much of Holy Week as you are able. There will be times for worship, Bible study, fellowship, and sharing a meal together. As we journey through Holy Week, we will focus on knowing Christ and hearing what He desires for us, and my suspicion is that He will continue to encourage us to deeply desire to be more like Him!

I hope to see you here!

Blessings & Peace,

Ramon

 THE WORSHIP OF GOD 	
<p>April 2, 2023 11:00 a.m. Palm Sunday</p> <p><i>Ain't No Rock Gonna Sing for Me</i> Sanctuary Choir</p> <p>Passion AND Palm Sunday Matthew 21:1-11 Ramon Smith</p>	<p>April 9, 2023 11:00 a.m. Resurrection Sunday</p> <p><i>Crown Him With Many Crowns</i> <i>See, What a Morning</i> Sanctuary Choir</p> <p>An Amazing Reversal of Thinking Matthew 28:1-10 Ramon Smith</p>
<p>April 16, 2023 11:00 a.m.</p> <p><i>Oh, What Grace</i> Sanctuary Choir</p> <p>A Tough Rehab Assignment John 20:19-31 Ramon Smith</p>	<p>April 23, 2023 11:00 a.m.</p> <p><i>Written in Red</i> Sanctuary Choir</p> <p>Tell Me the Story of Jesus Luke 24:13-35 Ramon Smith</p>
	<p>April 30, 2023 11:00 a.m.</p> <p><i>Alleluia</i> Sanctuary Choir</p> <p>Recognition...(Aha Moments) Acts 2:14a; 36-41 Ramon Smith</p>

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

A NOTE FROM MARY

Violent Grace

So ruthless, He loves us,
 So reckless His embrace
 To show relentless kindness, to a hardened human race.
 The joy that was before Him
 On the Man of Sorrows' face,
 And by His blood He bought a violent grace.
 ~ Michael Card



will meet on
Monday, May 1st
at 7 pm
This month's book is:
When the Morning Glory Blooms
by Cynthia Ruchti

Holy Week Schedule:

You are invited to join us in worship as we celebrate God's great and costly grace:

- Thursday, April 6th: Maundy Thursday**
 7:00 pm in Smith Hall
- Friday, April 7th: Tenebrae**
 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary
- Sunday, April 9th: Resurrection Sunday**
 9:00 am in Smith Hall
 11:00 am in the Sanctuary



Easter Egg Hunt Eggstravaganza

Saturday, April 1st
10 am — 12 pm

- * Easter Egg Hunt
 - * Crafts
 - * Face Painting
 - * Games
 - * Photo Background for Family Photos
 - * Inflatable Slide
 - * Snacks
 - * The Easter Story
- Children of all ages are welcome.*



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:

- Jean Bumgardner**
- Ron Cauble**
- June Crabbe**
- Clara Edmonds**

CRISIS CONTROL MINISTRY

Gift for April

~ instant oatmeal and grits ~

- Items collected in March:**
- 6 can of fruit cocktail 6 cans of fruit cocktail**
 - 10 cans of peaches 2 jars of applesauce**
 - 4 cans of pears**

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:
- * Clara Edmonds
 - * Carolyn Ely
 - * Cora Hagaman
 - * Janet Jones
 - * Becky Haney
 - * Bet Matthews
 - * Sybil McBride

A Word From Wil

Hello College Park!

Things are beginning to pick up speed. We have found a home in Winston and look to close on it by mid-April! We will be moving shortly afterward. We look forward to continuing our journey in Christ with you all at College Park.

Denise and I have been discussing our life journey, how much we have grown in Christ, and how we never thought we'd live in Winston-Salem. When you journey with Christ all things are possible and even the impossible might happen. I look forward to learning all about your life's journeys, including where Christ has taken you and where He is taking us. During this transition, I will begin to send cards, make calls, and make some visits once I am in town. I'm ready to get moving literally and physically and begin our adventures together!

I have been praying over our move and this verse:

"Then I proclaimed a fast there, at the River Ahava, that we might humble ourselves before our God, to seek from him a safe journey for ourselves, our children, and all our possessions." Ezra 8:21

Pray with us as our home begins to fill with moving boxes and we begin the transition to College Park!

Love and Mercy,
Wil

College Park Travel Schedule

- * **Friday, April 14th:** Willingham Theatre, Yadkinville, NC — Join us as we travel to Yadkinville to enjoy dinner at Yadkin Valley Seafood and see the play, Clue. Bus will leave the church at 5 pm. Cost: \$23.00.
- * **Thursday, May 11th:** Paul J. Ciener Botanical Garden and Clark's BBQ — Join us as we enjoy the beautiful botanical garden in Kernersville before having lunch at Clark's BBQ. Please wear comfortable walking shoes and keep in mind that the walking tour of the garden will be on uneven ground. The bus will leave the church at 9:30 am. Cost = \$6.00 for the Garden Tour; Lunch is self-pay.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD:
We are going to start collecting items each month for our Operation Christmas Child shoe box event.

April's donation focus is:
small toys/games!

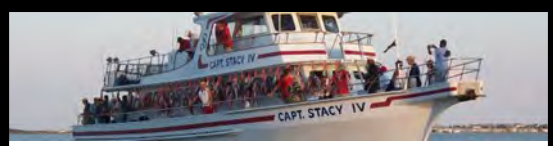
There is a box in the hallway outside of Smith Hall where you can drop off your items.

A few suggestions of small toys/game items you can consider donating are:

- * Etch-a-Sketch
- * Finger puppet
- * Plastic cars/trucks/boats
- * Plastic dinosaurs, tools, etc.
- * Interactive toys that include push buttons, lights, noise (include extra batteries)
- * Kickball (make sure to include a manual air pump so the ball can be reinflated)
- * Foam ball
- * Kite
- * Slinky

We look forward to getting together this fall to pack the shoe boxes with all of the items you have provided for this meaningful missions project.

Youth, College Students & Recreation



Men's Fishing Retreat 2023

Dates: April 21 – 23, 2023

Cost: \$225 per person

Age: 18 and Older

Faith ~ Fellowship ~ Fishing

Family Game Night



April 2nd
6 – 7 pm



Youth Mission Trip
June 25 – 30
Cost \$225

Sign up on REALM
Or See Matt



College Exam Packs

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 23.

Thanks for your help with this important ministry to our college students.



Saturday, April 29th

Seating: Covered Patio (Turn 1 South)

Tickets: Adults = \$12

6 yrs – 11 yrs = \$2

Under 5 yrs = FREE

Bus leaves at 5:30pm

Gates open at 6:00pm

Races start at 8:00pm

FOOD: Hotdogs, Chips and Drinks



Grub Club

Wednesday, April 5th

Bus leaves at 5:30 pm

Sign up in Garden Lobby

Youth ONLY Grub Club

Saturday

April 1st @ 12pm

YOU MUST HELP WITH THE
EASTER EGG HUNT TO ATTEND



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

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

**Annie Armstrong and
 Global Missions Offering**

Our Goal:
 \$5,500.00

STEWARDSHIP OF SERVICE

DEACON OF THE WEEK

<u>April 2</u> Tom Merritt	<u>April 9</u> Teresa Driver
<u>April 16</u> Hutch Hutchison	<u>April 23</u> Jason McCrary
<u>April 30</u> Sonny Patterson	

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.

GREETERS

<u>April 2</u> Jeff Stultz	<u>April 9</u> Dennis Palmer
<u>April 16</u> Tony Perkins	<u>April 23</u> Bob Pleasants
<u>April 30</u> Sarah Hauser	

ATTENDANCE STATISTICS

	<u>3/5</u>	<u>3/12</u>	<u>3/19</u>	<u>3/26</u>
Re:Creation Worship	60	75	71	66
11:00 Worship	107	105	103	121

STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES

INFORMATION CENTER

Tony Bates
 Becky Haney

Budget ~ February 2023

	<u>MTD</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Budget	\$82,286.23	\$164,572.46
Receipts	\$65,812.33	\$113,743.39
Expenditures	\$72,525.51	\$141,515.54

PROPERTIES

<u>April 2</u> Charlie Jones	<u>April 9</u> Rod Hughes
<u>April 16</u> Ishmael Stowe	<u>April 23</u> Lee Hinesley
<u>April 30</u> Chris Sostaita	

Building Fund ~ February 2023

Beginning Balance	\$66,826.65	\$70,841.63
Receipts	\$5,759.00	\$11,354.00
Expenditures	\$9,609.98	\$19,219.96
Ending Balance	\$62,975.67	\$62,975.67
Loan Balance	\$796,211.70	