

HIGHLIGHTS

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



There is a lot of energy propelling us forward into May, and also into Summer! Wil will be here to begin helping us expand our Senior Adult ministry, and we will be voting on a new Children’s Minister! We have new families visiting with us, and the smiling faces of their children warms my heart! True, we have much to do, and yet it’s good to reflect on how much we have been blessed!

Many of those blessings are related to the journey we are making together! We have heard your desires for us to have more joint worship experiences, building off of our powerful services during Holy Week. I am pleased to announce that our Children and Preschool Ministry Councils have suggested a different format to celebrate Mother’s Day this year! On Sunday, May 14th, we will gather as a church to have breakfast together in Smith Hall beginning at 9:00 am. This breakfast will be in honor of all of the ladies of our church! Following breakfast, we will

have Sunday School (Bible Study), followed by a joint worship service in the sanctuary at 11:00! This should be a great day together as we celebrate God’s goodness, and give thanks for the women in our lives that bless us in so many ways... I know you will want to be here!

Of course, the natural response is: “Are we going to do the same thing on Father’s Day...?” Stay tuned...some good news coming next month about that...

Also this month, our Kidz Band will be leading us in worship on two different occasions: 1) Worship Band in 9:00 service on May 7th; 2) Play in 11:00 service on May 21st. You don’t want to miss these services either!

Blessings & Peace,
Ramon

 THE WORSHIP OF GOD 	
<p>May 7, 2023 11:00 a.m.</p> <p><i>Living Hope</i> Sanctuary Choir Children’s Choir</p> <p><i>The Beginning and the Beginning</i> Acts 7:54—8:1a Ramon Smith</p>	<p>May 14, 2023 11:00 a.m.</p> <p><i>Mother’s Day</i></p> <p><i>He Lifted Me</i> Sanctuary Choir</p> <p>9:00 — Church-wide Breakfast 9:45 — Sunday School 11:00 — Combined Worship</p>
<p>May 21, 2023 11:00 a.m.</p> <p><i>“I Speak Jesus”</i> <i>Kids Band</i></p> <p><i>Prayer Preceded Pentecost</i> Ramon Smith</p>	<p>May 28, 2023 11:00 a.m.</p> <p><i>Wounded Alleluias</i> Sanctuary Choir</p> <p><i>“Livin’ the Dream!”</i> Acts 2:1-21 Ramon Smith</p>

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



A NOTE FROM MARY

It has been my experience over the years that appliances never break. Rather, they break in groups, in rapid succession, at the most inconvenient times. As a military wife, this usually meant they broke right after Jamie left for a 4-6 week deployment. Life can be a lot like broken appliances. It seems that the circumstances that threaten to break us sometimes seem to happen in groupings with no breathing room to process our feelings and no control over the circumstances. Not only does life not seem fair, it seems like it might be out to get us. These are the days when faith is a hard choice and when trust is difficult. We aren't able to see what is ahead (and might be afraid to find out!). We don't know how God is using our difficult times to shape us until we look back on them, usually from a distance. In those times, I am comforted in reading the Psalms. I appreciate the psalmists' honesty as they cry out to God. I appreciate their complaints and their pleas as they ask for mercy. And in the times when my faith is at its end, I hold tightly to the honest, broken confessions of those who, in worship of God, are able to declare, "I am confident of this: I will see the goodness of God in the land of the living." Praise God His faithfulness in all situations is greater than my feeble faith.

The Bread of Life Food Pantry Collection



The Bread of Life Food Pantry is a ministry of the Triad Church Network (formally Pilot Mountain Baptist Association) that provides food for the needy and hungry, and they also provide a place where people come to receive a

smile, a song, and words of encouragement. Each client is prayed with and gets a sampling of spiritual food. Usually, boxes include some type of Christian literature. Most clients are senior adults.

Items needed:

- Hunt's pasta sauce (canned)
- Spaghetti noodles (1 pound size)
- 15 oz cans of green beans, corn, green peas, other vegetables
- 15 oz cans of beans: kidney, pinto, black, northern
- Cans of fruit (packed with fruit juice, not heavy syrup)
- Cans of meat: tuna, chicken, salmon, Spam, Vienna sausage, beef stew, etc.
- Peanut butter
- Jelly
- Macaroni and cheese (boxed)
- Rice – 1 pound bags preferred
- Boxes of instant oatmeal (with individual packets)
- Boxes of instant grits (with individual packets)
- Cereal boxes (no bags)
- Saltine crackers or Ritz crackers
- Spaghetti-O's with meatballs or ravioli with meat
- Graham crackers

We will have a collection station in the Smith Hall hallway May 7-14.



will meet on
Monday, June 5th
at 7 pm
This month's book is:
Bridge of Gold
by Kimberley Woodhouse

CRISIS CONTROL MINISTRY

Gift for May

~ applesauce (no glass jars) ~

Items collected in April:

- 2 jars of jelly
- 8 pkgs. of grits
- 19 pkgs. of oatmeal

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

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
Jane Roberson
Alice Wilson

A Word From Wil

Hello College Park!

Well, as I write this our house is about packed. We are awaiting closing on our home and moving to Winston on May 3rd! There have been some trials and bumps in the road along the way. But God has been with us every step of this journey.

We are looking forward to worshipping, learning and having adventures with all of you! I'll be sharing some of my stories at the May 18th College Parkers Lunch, hope to see you there! This month's meditation verse has been:

And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. Colossians 3:17

We have been giving thanks for being led to College Park and for the work you all have done. We are truly blessed to be coming alongside and serving Christ with all of you!

Love & Mercy
Wil

College Park Travel Schedule



- **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.
- **Friday, June 16th:** Winston Salem Dash game — Join the church as we enjoy a baseball game, food, and fireworks! The bus will leave the church at 5:30 pm to head to the Truist Stadium. The cost is \$28.00 which includes not only the baseball game, but a variety of food options and a fireworks display at the end. A sign-up sheet is located on the table in the hallway outside of Smith Hall. Please sign up by June 10th to be able to enjoy this fun outing.

COLLEGE PARKERS MEETINGS:

College Parkers will meet on Thursday, May 18th at 11:30 for a catered meal. Wil Worley, the Minister to Senior Adults, will be the guest speaker. We look forward to hearing from him and the stories he will share.

The group will not meet in June, July, and August but plan to have day-time Grub Club events. Details to be announced later.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD:

We are continuing to collect items each month for our Operation Christmas Child shoe box event.

May's donation focus is: **socks and underwear!**

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

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

Youth

**PARENT
MEETING**

Wednesday, May 10th @ 7:30 pm



Family Cookout and Games
Sunday May 21st
5:00pm



Friends invite Friends and Friends become Family

Youth Mission Trip
June 25 - 30
Cost \$225



Sign up on REALM
or see Matt

Sign-up deadline is June 5th



Grub Club

Monday, May 15th at 5:30 pm

Bus leaves at 5:00 pm

Youth Camp
July 10-14
Garden City Chapel by the Sea
Cost \$200



Graduate Sunday

Our congregation will be honoring this year's graduating class on Sunday, June 4th. We would like to recognize high school as well as post high school graduates. Please contact Matt Wilson or the church office no later than Wednesday, May 24th. Please include the student's name, school from which they have graduated/will graduate, and degree received/or will be receiving.



We look forward to celebrating their accomplishments on this day.

CALLED CHURCH CONFERENCE ... SUNDAY, MAY 7TH:

We will have a called conference on Sunday, May 7, 2023 in both the 9:00 am and the 11:00 am services to vote on the recommendations from the search committee.

Recommendation for Minister to Children: The Search Committee is excited to recommend Leigh Ann Pernell for the part-time position of Minister to Children for College Park Baptist Church. After encouragement by members of our church, Leigh Ann prayerfully considered applying for the minister to children position and, ultimately, felt led to pursue this opportunity. Leigh Ann has worked with the children of College Park for over 30 years and has been a blessing to our children and our church. Leigh Ann's desire is to be a part of the vision of College Park and actively work to nurture and train our children in Christian values and to proclaim the Good News in the way we worship, study, minister and live our lives.

Recommendation for Communications Specialist: The Search Committee recommends William Worley for the part-time Communications Specialist for College Park Baptist Church. Wil has extensive experience in producing quality worship experiences. He is familiar with cameras, hardware, and software for live streaming services; social media platforms (Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter); and is familiar with web design and updates. Additionally, Wil is familiar with our church management system (Realm). Wil had an opportunity to review the software that we use at College Park and he was familiar with what we use. Wil has expressed his interest in adding the responsibilities of Communications Specialist to his part-time position as Minister to Senior Adults. He understands that the 2 positions together would still be considered part-time and would not include benefits.

Minister to Senior Adults	20 hours/week
Communications Specialist	10 hours/week

Timeline:

- * April 10, 2023 Search Committee voted unanimously to recommend Leigh Ann Pernell as Minister to Children and Wil Worley as Communications Specialist.
- * April 18, 2023 Received affirmation from Personnel.
- * April 19, 2023 Received affirmation from Deacons.
- * April 21, 2023 Letter mailed to all church members relative to recommendation by the search committee with affirmation from the Deacons and the Personnel Committee.
- April 26, 2023 Announcement in Midweek Highlights
- April 30, 2023 Announcement in Sunday Bulletin and announcements at both services
- May 7, 2023 Church called into conference for vote (both services)

In preparation for the church vote on May 7th, please pray for God's guidance in this important decision.

Sincerely,
Search Committee
Donna Bates, Chair

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Matt Wilson, Assoc. Pastor/Youth, College, & Recreation
Wil Worley, Minister to Senior Adults
Charles D. Edwards, Pastor Emeritus

Called Church Conference:

Sunday, May 7th

9:00 am Worship Service (in Smith Hall)

11:00 am Worship Service (in Sanctuary)

**Annie Armstrong and
Global Missions Offering**

Our Goal:
\$5,500.00

Received:
Global Missions = \$876.70
Annie Armstrong = \$2,856.75

Total = \$3,733.45

**NC Baptist
Hospital**

Our Goal:
\$2,000.00

STEWARDSHIP OF SERVICE

DEACON OF THE WEEK

May 7

Coleman Hastings

May 14

Julie Blink

May 21

Barry Nelson

May 28

Beth Hinesley

GREETERS

May 7

Jeff Stultz

May 14

Dennis Palmer

May 21

Tony Perkins

May 28

Bob Pleasants

INFORMATION CENTER

Barbara Collie

Tom Hurst

PROPERTIES

May 7

Charlie Jones

May 14

Rod Hughes

May 21

Ishmael Stowe

May 28

Lee Hinesley

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>4/2</u>	<u>4/9</u>	<u>4/16</u>	<u>4/23</u>	<u>4/30</u>
Re:Creation Worship	58	91	65	61	58
11:00 Worship	108	166	117	103	102

STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES

Budget ~ March 2023

	<u>MTD</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Budget	\$82,286.23	\$246,858.70
Receipts	\$71,479.61	\$185,223.00
Expenditures	\$65,973.59	\$207,489.13

Building Fund ~ March 2023

Beginning Balance	\$62,975.67	\$70,841.63
Receipts	\$8,084.00	\$19,438.00
Expenditures	\$9,609.98	\$28,829.94
Ending Balance	\$61,449.69	\$61,449.69

Loan Balance \$788,397.62