

# HIGHLIGHTS

**College Park Baptist Church**  
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Every year it seems like we have the discussion about how to deal with the whole “July 4th — Patriotic” thing and which Sunday to mention it, and what music to do...or not do! Honestly, I’m probably one of the most patriotic people you will ever meet. My dad was an Army 1st Sergeant for 30 years, and flag etiquette, and love/respect for country was drilled into me from an early age. So, for me personally, I will always place a high priority on being a good citizen, and giving proper respect for those who defend the freedoms we enjoy every day. But the tension always seems to be how do we best express that as a family of faith without making it appear that we value our freedom as a nation more than we value our freedom in Christ? Again, this is just me personally, but I do not believe the two are mutually exclusive. As long as we recognize that love of God, and allegiance to Him, takes priority over everything else, then the proper expression of thanksgiving

can be offered to Him for allowing us to live in such a wonderful country! Because, even with all of its faults, I would not choose to live in any other country!

With all of that said, let me tell you that on Wednesday night, July 5th, we will celebrate “Freedom Night”! This will be an opportunity for us to hear from some of our folks, and will give us all an opportunity to share some of our heartfelt thanks for the freedoms we have here in America! Come, eat a cheeseburger, hotdog, or both, and enjoy the fellowship with brothers and sisters in Christ! Supper line opens at 6:00 pm!

Shalom, and let us know how we can help in your journey...

Blessings & Peace,  
*Ramon*



## THE WORSHIP OF GOD



**July 2, 2023**  
**11:00 a.m.**

*O, the Blood of Jesus*  
Men’s Ensemble

***That Balance of God & Country***  
**I Peter 2:13-17**  
Ramon Smith

**July 9, 2023**  
**11:00 a.m.**

*God’s Peace*  
Sanctuary Choir

***That Sin In Me***  
**Romans 7:15-25a**  
Ramon Smith

### **Our Mission...**

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

**July 16, 2023**  
**11:00 a.m.**

*Hallelujah, What a Savior*  
Sanctuary Choir

***Set the Mind on the Spirit!***  
**Romans 8:1-11**  
Ramon Smith

**July 23, 2023**  
**11:00 a.m.**



***Leave the Weeds ...***  
**Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43**  
Ramon Smith

**July 30, 2023**  
**11:00 a.m.**

*By the Gentle Waters*  
Sanctuary Choir

***“The Kingdom Is Like What?”***  
**Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52**  
Ramon Smith

# A NOTE FROM MARY



I've been spending a lot of time in the book of John lately. I'm about five chapters in, and I have come upon a theme I've never really associated with John before. I have always known that John was the Beloved disciple, and a lot of his writing deals with relationships and loving; however, I am realizing that part of being loved is being known. Over and over in John it says that Jesus looked at people and knew them. Sometimes it is a detail He knew; other times scripture says He knew their hearts. What I am finding is that every time it says that Jesus knew an individual, He gave that person exactly what they needed in order to be drawn to God and believe. He gives the Samaritan woman at the well compassion in spite of her past, and she proclaims, "He told me everything I ever did." Surely, others had done the same, but Jesus did it in such a way that she recognized He was different. He says to the royal official begging for healing for his son, "Unless you people see miraculous signs and wonders you will never believe," and proceeds to give him the miracle anyway, and he and his household come to faith. He asks the invalid at the pool of Bethesda, "Do you really want to get well?" He goes on to heal him but returns later to say, "Stop sinning or something worse may happen to you." He knows that the man needs to be healed of more than just his infirmity. His heart needs healing as well.

The reality is this: Jesus knows us, inside and out. He knows where we have been, what we have done, and why. He knows our past and our motivations. He knows when we thought we were doing right and messed it all up and the times we did good things for all the wrong reasons. He knows when we have worked for His glory and when we have labored for our own. He knows us, and He loves us. In spite of who we are, He loves us. And He will give us exactly what we need to draw us to Him. That may mean allowing difficulties. That may mean speaking hard truths into our lives through scripture and His Spirit. It may mean an extraordinary amount of grace and compassion. Either way, He desires that we know Him as well, so that we can love Him and share that love with others.

will meet on  
**Monday, July 31st**  
at 7 pm  
in the Garden Lobby

This month's book is:  
*God's Smuggler*  
by Brother Andrew

**Summer Discipleship Series:** The playlists of our culture make us distracted, anxious, and overloaded. They tell us we have to do certain things and look certain ways. What would it mean to listen to Jesus, not the culture? We'll explore that together in our summer discipleship series. Join us as we study and discuss ***A New Playlist: Hearing Jesus in a Noisy World*** by Jacob Armstrong. Starting July 9th, we'll meet on Sundays at 5 on the first floor of the education building.



## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD:

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

July's donation focus is: flip flops.

***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.

# *A Word From Wil*

I want to share with you a few lines of one of my favorite poems. It is titled, "Diary of a Church Mouse" by John Betjemen. Betjemen, a British poet, travelled the English countryside exploring rural churches and writing poetry during the early twentieth century. I was fortunate enough to find a collection of his church poems a couple of years ago. Most of his work has been out of print for decades. The poem is written from the viewpoint of a little church mouse. The mouse observes the humans and other mice who occupy his church. Here is an excerpt:

"Within the human world I know  
Such goings-on could not be so,  
For human beings only do  
What their religion tells them to.  
They read the Bible every day  
And always, night and morning, pray,  
And just like me, the good church mouse,  
Worship each week in God's own house."

Betjemen, John, "Church Poems," 1996, pp. 47-48

What would the "good church mouse" see at College Park? Well, I think he would see us laugh together, work together, and when the time came cry together. Yes, he would see us read our Bibles and pray. He would also see us worship together each Sunday. He would hear the care we have for each other. He would see the community coming in to play pickle ball or attend VBS. He would look forward to the candy dropped during trunk or treat. What else do you think the "good church mouse" would see here at College Park?

## UPCOMING COLLEGE PARK 2023 TRAVEL PLANS

- \* **July 20th (Thursday):** Game Day at College Park and dinner at The Depot in Dobson
- \* **August 17th (Thursday):** Lunch at 13 Bones in Mt. Airy and a time at the Farmer's Market
- \* **August 21st—25th (Monday-Friday):** Summerfest at Ft. Caswell
- \* **November 14th (Tuesday):** Southern Christmas Show and Julia's Talley House Restaurant

*Sign-up sheets with additional trip details will be available outside Smith Hall as we get closer to these dates.*

## CRISIS CONTROL MINISTRY

*Gift for July*

~ toilet tissue ~

**Items collected in June:**

<b>33 containers</b>	<b>applesauce</b>
<b>31 jars</b>	<b>applesauce</b>
<b>31 cans</b>	<b>meats</b>

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



## COLLEGE PARKERS GRUB CLUB MEETING ... July edition:

College Parkers will be gathering in Smith Hall on Thursday, July 20th, for Game Day. After a time of fun and fellowship, the bus will leave the church to head to The Depot in Dobson. You will have the opportunity for a delicious meal while we end the day together around the table. You can sign up on the sheet on the welcome desk if you would like to join us. Grab your keys and bring a smile and healthy appetite. We hope to see you there.

Games: 2—4 pm

Dinner: Bus leaves at 4:30 pm

## *Youth, College Students & Recreation*

July 5th

TIME: TBD



July 18th

TIME: 11:45 am



July 19th

TIME: 7:30 pm



July 25th

TIME: 7:30



July 26th

TIME: 6:00 pm



August 1st

TIME: 11:45 am



### **YOUTH CAMP**

**July 10–14**

**Garden City  
Chapel by the Sea**

**Cost \$200**

*the*  
**PAUSE**  
*(learning to Seek God)*



**Church Wide Retreat @ Ft Caswell**

**September 1st—4th**

**Cost \$150 per person with a \$550 family max.**



# Creation Kids' News

Dear Friends,

I am humbled and excited to have the privilege of serving with you as our children's minister! I know our Heavenly Father has amazing things in store!

Thanking God for you,  
Leigh Ann



## Get Ready for VBS!



Mark your calendars and get ready! When life gets dark - shine the light of Jesus! That's our plan during Vacation Bible School! We hope you will join us!

**August 7th - 11th!**

We need lots of volunteers, so please let Danielle Phillips or me know if you would like to help! There is a place to share your talents and let your light shine!

## Summer Sunday Evenings at the Park

**Kids' Praise Band 4:30 - 5:00**

**Kids' Bible Study 5:00 - 6:00**

We will begin meeting again on Sunday evenings starting July 9th. Our children will gather in the Milky Way room for praise band practice - followed by a time of Bible study, fellowship, and fun! We will be exploring:

### ***Ordinary People - Extraordinary God***

From Genesis to Revelation, the Bible is filled with people (*just like you and me*) that God worked through in extraordinary ways. Adam, Noah, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph - the list goes on and on - and God has great plans for you too!



## Looking Ahead...

### Planning in the works for:

- **Church Yard Sale** (Please start saving your treasures for this children's fund raiser. The date is to be determined, so please hold on to the items you would like to share and more info will be coming soon.)
- **Kids' Camp In** (We will have an evening of camping fun with a lock-in sleepover at church.)
- **Bible Trivia Challenge** (This will be a chance to build your brainpower and Bible knowledge! Remember, all learning is a gift from God!)
- **Kids' Days at the Park** (Themed activities for a few days of fun! Stay tuned!)

*"See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God!  
And that is what we are!" 1 John 3:1*

## COLLEGE PARK BAPTIST CHURCH

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**Leigh Ann Pernell**, Minister to Children

**Wil Worley**, Minister to Senior Adults and Communications Specialist

**Charles D. Edwards**, Pastor Emeritus

### GIVING OPPORTUNITY:

Make a difference in the ministries of College Park Baptist Church.

- Scan the QR Code to the right with your camera on your cell phone.
- Text 73256 with COLLEGE PARK, space, a dollar sign (\$), and amount (i.e., COLLEGE PARK \$900)
- Place your cash or check in an envelope and leave in the:
  - \* Offering plate
  - \* Treasure chest
  - \* Giving center in the main hallway
- Qualified Charitable Distributions (check age requirements)
- Stock
- Include College Park in your estate



Contact Grace in the church office if you have any questions (336.768.5870 ext. 671) or [grace@collegepark.ws](mailto:grace@collegepark.ws).

As more people have transitioned to giving through Realm, we will be removing the Giving Kiosk within a couple of months. If you have questions about giving, please contact the church office. Thank you for your generosity.

### STEWARDSHIP OF SERVICE

#### DEACON OF THE WEEK

July 2

Jim Pernell

July 9

Donna Bates

July 16

Robert Huff

July 23

Charlie Jones

July 30

Kent Hobson

#### GREETERS

July 2

Jeff Stultz

July 9

Tony Perkins

July 16

Dennis Palmer

July 23

Bob Pleasants

July 30

Sarah Hauser

#### INFORMATION CENTER

Pat Blackwell

Garry Crist

#### PROPERTIES

July 2

Chris Sostaita

July 9

Tom Hurst

July 16

Chris Phillips

July 23

Marty Minton

July 30

Hutch Hutchison

Church Conference:

Wednesday,

July 19th

at 7:00 pm

in Smith Hall

### ATTENDANCE STATISTICS

	<u>6/4</u>	<u>6/11</u>	<u>6/18</u>	<u>6/25</u>
Re: Creation Worship	62	55	0	73
11:00 Worship	124	112	163	113

### STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES

#### Budget ~ May 2023

	<u>MTD</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Budget	\$82,286.23	\$411,431.16
Receipts	\$72,046.63	\$315,532.39
Expenditures	\$68,018.15	\$341,317.30

#### Building Fund ~ May 2023

Beginning Balance	\$58,262.71	\$70,841.63
Receipts	\$7,810.60	\$33,671.60
Expenditures	\$9,609.98	\$48,049.90
Ending Balance	\$56,463.33	\$56,463.33

Loan Balance                      \$773,033.29