

# HIGHLIGHTS

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Is it possible that Summer is almost over...surely not! We can't give up on Summer yet, because there is so much more to come! VBS comes to mind almost immediately, and I hope you have August 7-11 reserved on your calendar to come help us have a "STELLAR VBS!" Leigh Ann and Danielle have a great group of you already working on details, but I know they would welcome more help...just let them know of your availability! Recently I read an article entitled 10 Myths People Believe about VBS. Let me share them with you:

- 1) It's a Southern Baptist Thing
- 2) It began in the church
- 3) VBS is old-fashioned and outdated
- 4) Children are too young to make lasting decisions for Christ
- 5) VBS is for big churches
- 6) VBS is just for kids
- 7) To be successful, it has to be big, loud and high tech

- 8) VBS is just a babysitting service
- 9) VBS isn't effective anymore
- 10) VBS is a failure if no one gets saved

Let me give some clarity to #9 above:


According to Lifeway statistics, 25% of baptisms reported by the SBC come from VBS. 10% of people enrolled in VBS are unchurched, and 2.7 million people enroll in VBS each year. On average, 72,925 people each year accept Christ, and 2,600+ people commit their lives to church related vocations through VBS. And finally, 56,396 people enroll in Sunday School/Small Group Bible Study as a result of attending VBS.

So, yeah...let's do VBS!

Blessings & Peace,

*Ramon*

<https://www.crosswalk.com/slideshows/10-myths-people-believe-about-vbs.html>

 <b>THE WORSHIP OF GOD</b> 	
<p><b>August 6, 2023</b> 11:00 a.m.</p> <p><b>Celebration of Baptism &amp; Communion</b></p> <p><i>Total Praise</i> Sanctuary Choir</p> <p><b>A Good Backrub</b> Matthew 14:13-21 Ramon Smith</p>	<p><b>August 13, 2023</b> 11:00 a.m.</p> <p><i>I Shall Not Be Moved</i> Sanctuary Choir</p> <p><b>"Is that You, Jesus?"</b> Matthew 14:22-33 Ramon Smith</p>
<p><b>August 20, 2023</b> 11:00 a.m.</p> <p><i>Wounded Alleluias</i> Sanctuary Choir</p> <p><b>Mercy Applied to the Past</b> Genesis 45:1-15 Ramon Smith</p>	<p><b>August 27, 2023</b> 11:00 a.m.</p> <p><b>Service of Affirmation/Promotion</b></p> <p><i>Child of the Lamb</i> Sanctuary Choir</p> <p><b>"Who Do You Say ...?"</b> Matthew 16:13-20 Ramon Smith</p>

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



# A NOTE FROM MARY



A very heartfelt thank you to everyone who has texted, sent cards, brought or sent meals as I recover. Your many kindnesses have been the bright spot in the midst of my being mostly homebound. My family is especially thankful that they have not had to fend for themselves every night! I thank God for each of you, and I have been blessed by your expressions of love and community. God bless each of you. As you have shown God's love to me, I know you are expressing it to others as well.

will meet on  
**Monday, August 28th**  
at 7 pm  
in the Garden Lobby

This month's book is:  
***All the Forgivenesses***  
by Elizabeth Hardinger



## **Wednesday Night Dinner Cooks and Helpers:**

As we look toward our Wednesday Night Dinners in the fall, we are in need of cooks and helpers to serve on rotating teams.

We will have a combination of easily cooked meals and catered meals. We need folks who are able to cook and/or prep and serve as well as those who may not be able to come early but are able to help with serving and clean up.

If you are willing to help in any of these capacities, please let Mary know. If you don't communicate in person, please indicate whether you are available to set up or clean up and whether you are available to cook or prefer to serve a meal brought in.

The Backpack and Pantry Ministry at College Park has been serving local children and their families for twelve years! What started as a small program that fed seven students each weekend at Vienna Elementary has grown into a thriving ministry that serves around 50 total students each week at Vienna and Old Richmond. This ministry also supports the food pantries at Jefferson Middle and Mount Tabor High Schools that provide food to students and their families. College Park has supported this ministry and seen God use it to feed children and families in our community. As we look toward the new school year, we are in need of some assistance to continue serving these students. We have been blessed with financial resources to purchase all the necessary food through individual donations and fundraisers. We need hands and feet to help us serve. There are a variety of ways you can help! We are looking for individuals to help with the following things:

- Packing bins weekly — people to count out the pre-packed food bags each week and put them in bins for delivery to schools
- Deliver food bags to schools — people willing to load the bins into their car and deliver them to Vienna and Old Richmond Elementary School each week (this job requires being able to comfortably lift 40-50 lbs)
- Food bank pick up/delivery — people willing to pick up large food bank orders and bring them to church or deliver them to the food pantries at Jefferson Middle or Mount Tabor High School (this job also requires the ability to lift 40 lbs)

We appreciate your continued prayers and support of this important ministry! If you would be willing to help serve in one of these areas, please contact Stephanie Phillips or the church office.



# A Word From Wil

“God, give us eyes to notice the ways life can still be beautiful and rich and full in the midst of so much that has been lost. Remind us that you are not done with us yet. For the God who spoke us into being calls us even now. Not to an ideal or a role, but to a moment. This one.” (Kate Bowler, *Bless This Lovely Life*, p. 57)

Sometimes we lose focus, the “moment” gets lost in the bustle of everyday life. I looked up the use of the phrase “moments pass us by” in songs. There are 27,975 lyrics and at least 50 albums with this phrase. Apparently, it’s important to not miss a moment! We all experience moments differently. We all could be a part of one special moment in time. Yet, each of us may remember it in a different way. For me, time seems to slow and each detail becomes a lasting memory. Even years later, I’ll recall a sound, color or taste that was part of a moment. Moments are not always grand. Sometimes a moment is the most mundane thing going on ... like the feel of a fresh newspaper or sand blowing on your legs at the beach. God wants us to be present in our lives. He made us for all of these “moments.” God calls us to the grandiose and the mundane. God calls us to the quiet and loud. This talk of “moment” reminds me of Mary and Martha:

41 “Martha, Martha,” the Lord answered, “you are worried and upset about many things, 42 but few things are needed — or indeed only one. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her.” (Luke 10:41-42 NIV)

May we all choose the “moment(s)” as Mary and let the Martha’s worry about other things.

## UPCOMING COLLEGE PARK 2023 TRAVEL PLANS

- \* **August 17th (Thursday):** Lunch at 13 Bones in Mt. Airy and a time at the Farmer’s Market
- \* **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.*

## IN APPRECIATION:

A note of appreciation has been received from:

- ◆ Brooke Stultz, Forsyth Jail and Prison Ministry

## 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:

Beverly Hamblen  
Teresa Hill  
Keaton Huff

Cleo Lane  
Tom Merritt



## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD:

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

August’s donation focus is:  
school supplies.

***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.

## CRISIS CONTROL MINISTRY

*Gift for August*

*~ peanut butter & jelly ~*

Items collected in July:

10 cans	chicken lunch meat
6 cans	tomato sauce
20 pkgs.	instant oatmeal
70 rolls	toilet paper

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

## Youth, College Students & Recreation

August 1st

TIME: 11:45 am



August 2nd

TIME: 7:30 pm



Church Wide Retreat @ Ft Caswell

September 1st—4th

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



August 9th

TIME: 11:45 pm



August 10th

VBS



Sunday, August 27th

FOR YOUTH

Back to  
School Worship  
@ River Oaks

Bus Leaves at  
4:00pm

Return by 6:00 pm



August 15th

TIME: 11:45 am



August 16th

TIME: 7:30 pm  
\$10



## Youth Fall Retreat



Black Mountain, NC

Oct. 20-22, 2023

Cost \$150



# Creation Kids' News



Dear Friends,

August is here and God has great plans for us as we gather together for worship, Bible study, fellowship, and fun! We joyfully invite you to join us at The Park!

Trusting in Him,  
Leigh Ann

## Get Ready for VBS!



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

**5:30 - 6:00: Dinner**

**6:00 - 8:00: Stellar Activities**

**Come 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 are exploring:

*Ordinary People - Extraordinary God*



## Kids' Back to School Project

During the month of August, our kids will be collecting school supplies to share with the teachers of Speas and Old Town Schools.

**How can you help?**

Please bring in new school supplies and place them in the box in front of Smith Hall. We want to help the teachers in serving the children of our community.

## Looking Ahead...

- **Kids Exploring at the Park** - Tuesdays, Aug. 15th & Aug. 22nd: 11:45-2:00
- **Kids Camp In - August 18th** - Come for overnight camping fun here at The Park! (6:00 pm Friday - 10:00 am Saturday)
- **Church Yard Sale - Saturday, Sept. 30th** (Please start saving your treasures for this children's fundraiser. We ask that you hold onto your items for now. We will be collecting sale items Sunday, Sept. 24 - Friday, Sept. 29th. Please let me know if you would like to lend a helping hand the day of the sale too!)
- **The Bible Trivia Challenge is Underway!** (If your child needs a copy of the challenge, please let me know. This is a chance to build your brainpower!! Remember, all learning is a gift from God!)
- **Service of Affirmation - Sunday, August 27th: 9:00 & 11:00** (This will be a time to pray over our students, families, and educators as we begin the new school year ahead. We will also kick off our Prayer Partner Ministry for the new school year!)

*"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*

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**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.

**STEWARDSHIP OF SERVICE**

**DEACON OF THE WEEK**

<u>August 6</u> Tom Merritt	<u>August 13</u> Teresa Driver
<u>August 20</u> Hutch Hutchison	<u>August 27</u> Jason McCrary

**GREETERS**

<u>August 6</u> Jeff Stultz	<u>August 13</u> Tony Perkins
<u>August 20</u> Dennis Palmer	<u>August 27</u> Bob Pleasants

**INFORMATION CENTER**

June Crabbe  
R. J. Westphal

**PROPERTIES**

<u>August 6</u> Charlie Jones	<u>August 13</u> Rod Hughes
<u>August 20</u> Ishmael Stowe	<u>August 27</u> Lee Hinesley



**ATTENDANCE STATISTICS**

	<u>7/2</u>	<u>7/9</u>	<u>7/16</u>	<u>7/23</u>	<u>7/30</u>
Re:Creation Worship	53	69	67	65	62
11:00 Worship	98	120	111	120	102

**STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES**

<u>Budget ~ June 2023</u>	<u>MTD</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Budget	\$82,286.23	\$493,717.39
Receipts	\$74,613.76	\$390,146.15
Expenditures	\$78,121.63	\$419,438.93

<u>Building Fund ~ June 2023</u>		
Beginning Balance	\$56,463.33	\$70,841.63
Receipts	\$7,199.00	\$40,870.60
Expenditures	\$9,609.98	\$57,659.88
Ending Balance	\$54,052.35	\$54,052.35
Loan Balance	\$765,353.75	