

HIGHLIGHTS

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



May God fill your life with love, joy, and peace this Holiday Season and throughout the New Year.

Ramon Smith
Mary Keltner
Leigh Ann Pernel
Matt Wilson
Wil Worley
Robert Blankenship
Teresa Hill
Grace Hodge

Our Mission...

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



THE WORSHIP OF GOD



December 3, 2023
11:00 a.m.

1st Sunday of Advent: Hope

*Worship led by
Sanctuary Choir*

Christmas Hope
Luke 1:46-55
Ramon Smith

December 10, 2023
11:00 a.m.

2nd Sunday of Advent: Peace

Children's Sunday @ Christmas!

*Worship led by the children of
College Park Baptist Church*

*Combined service at 11:00
In the Sanctuary*

December 17, 2023
11:00 a.m.

3rd Sunday of Advent: Joy

*Worship led by
Sanctuary Choir*

Christmas Joy!
Psalm 98
Ramon Smith

December 24, 2023
11:00 a.m.

4th Sunday of Advent: Love

*Worship led by
Sanctuary Choir*

All About Love
I John 4:9
Ramon Smith

December 31, 2023
11:00 a.m.

*Worship led by
Sanctuary Choir*

New Day, Same Story
Luke 2:22-40
Ramon Smith

Church Office Holiday Schedule:

*The church office will be closed the following days for holidays:
Friday, December 22nd
Monday, December 25th
Monday, January 1st*

A NOTE FROM MARY



You are cordially invited to join us for Advent and Christmas Worship:

December 3rd: — 1st Sunday of Advent: Hope

- 9:00 am Re:Creation Worship
- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am Worship led by Sanctuary Choir

December 10th — 2nd Sunday of Advent: Peace

- NO Re:Creation Worship
 - 9:45 am Sunday School
 - 11:00 am Children's Sunday at Advent
- Combined worship service in the Sanctuary

December 17th — 3rd Sunday of Advent: Joy

- 9:00 am Re:Creation Worship
 - 9:45 am Sunday School
 - 11:00 am Worship led by Sanctuary Choir
 - 6:30 pm Christmas Treats
- dessert and Christmas music led by APB featuring *The Little Drummer Boy*

December 24th — 4th Sunday of Advent: Love

- 9:00 am Re:Creation Worship
- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am Worship led by Sanctuary Choir
- 5:00 pm Candlelight Christmas Eve Service



will meet on
Monday, January 29th
at 7 pm
in the Garden Lobby

January's book will be:
Coal River
by Ellen Marie Wiseman

CRISIS CONTROL MINISTRY

Gift for December

~ canned mixed vegetables ~

Items collected in November:

- 1 bag of flour
- 8 bags of sugar
- 1 box of biscuit mix
- 1 box of sugar
- 2 boxes of shell macaroni and cheese
- 1 jar of baking powder
- 1 jar of peanut butter

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



Wednesday Night Dinner Plans for December:

Our menu for Wednesday night dinners in December is listed below. **Don't forget that the cost is \$7.00 per person. We appreciate your willingness to assist with covering the cost of the meals so that we may continue to provide this opportunity to spend time together with delicious food and warm fellowship.**

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| 12/6: Baked Chicken | 12/13: Beef Stew |
| Green Beans | Rice |
| Mac and Cheese | Cabbage |
| Rolls | Rolls |
| Tom's Tasty Treat | Cookies |

Notes of appreciation have been received from:

Nell Lawson
Family of Bernice Lemons

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

A Word From Wil

⁶ For to us a child is born,
to us a son is given,
and the government will be on his shoulders.
And he will be called
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Advent is upon us! My favorite time of the year! As we journey to Bethlehem and the Birth of Christ. I hope you have a chance to slow down and enjoy some reflective time during this season. A perfect day to do that will be December 21st @11:30 am in Smith Hall. We will be joined by Christa Warise, former Minister to Senior Adults, as she gives a different Advent story. Come be a part of the fellowship, all food/dessert are provided, only thing needed is YOU!

Merry Christmas!

Wil

COLLEGE PARKERS MEETING PLANS 2023--2024

College Parkers meetings are happening! The group meets on the third Thursday of each month at 11:30 in Smith Hall. The meals will be a combination of catered or meat provided with people providing sides and desserts. The menu for each meeting will be shared as we get closer to each event.

We will have sign-up sheets available each month for you to indicate if you plan to be a part of the lunch and program. We hope you will join us for these entertaining and informative meetings.

December's meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 21st at 11:30 in Smith Hall and will feature Christa Warise, former Minister of Senior Adults at College Park. She will make the Christmas story come alive for us, share a little about herself ... where she is and where she has been. We know you will want to be there to enjoy the program and fellowship with each other.

The meal will be provided (baked spaghetti, salad, and dessert).

In Loving Memory
of
Joan Gobin

April 10, 1941
to
November 6, 2023

In Loving Memory
of
Earl Parker

February 28, 1930
to
November 6, 2023

Member of College Park
since
March 2000



Youth, College Students & Recreation



Youth Christmas Party

Dec. 10th at 4:45 pm

Bring a WRAPPED gift under \$20 for a Gift Exchange.



Save the Date (More Coming Soon)

January 21 Youth Parent Supper / 2024 Chaperone Sign-Ups

June 16-21 Mission Trip (Completed 6th Graders Welcome)

July 7-12 Youth Camp (Incoming 6th Graders Welcome)

Oct 18-20 Fall Retreat

December Creation Kids' News

“So God throws open the door of this world—and enters as a baby. As the most vulnerable imaginable, because He wants unimaginable intimacy with you.” ~Voscamp
My prayer is that we grow in our intimate relationship with our Savior. He is the greatest gift ever given. Let us come and adore Him!

♥ Blessings of joy,
Leigh Ann



Children's Sunday

The children are blessed by the opportunity to lead in worship on **Sunday, Dec. 10th, during our combined 11:00 worship service.** (There will be no 9:00 service that day, but our children will gather in the sanctuary to practice at 9:00 that morning.) We want to encourage all of our children to be a part of this event. We will be practicing each Sunday and Wednesday evening leading up to the big day and each child will have an important role to play. Please be on the lookout for our Creation Kids' Weekly Update for all of the important details.

Christmas Toy Store Update

Thank you for your ongoing support of the Triad Church Network's Christmas Toy Store! Because of your generous hearts, College Park was able to donate lots of beautiful quality toys - along with monetary donations totaling \$730! This money was used to buy Food Lion Gift Cards and more toys that were needed for specific age groups. We also have several wonderful volunteers who are scheduled to help at the Toy Store on Dec. 9th. The Toy Store Team has asked me to express their great appreciation to you all for your generous support of this program! Many children will be blessed because of you! Thank you for sharing the love of Christ!

Sharing the Joy of Christmas

As you know, the kids and youth stuffed some beautiful stockings with Christmas goodies for our shut-ins who are unable to join us here at College Park for the holidays. We plan to deliver these on **Wednesday, Dec. 13th**, during our regular evening missions time. Our kids have the beautiful gift of encouragement and are eager to share the joy of Christmas!



Children's Celebration

We will have a special children's celebration on **Friday evening, Dec. 15th, from 6:00 - 8:30.** This will be the last day of school for most of our kids and a time to celebrate the joy of the Christmas season. (This will also hopefully give parents an evening out. 😊) We will have pizza, play some games, and have some Christmas fun! More details will be coming your way in The Creation Kids' Weekly Update. Please send a quick email my way if your child will attend: leighann@collegepark.ws

Advent Readings

The children and I would like to invite you to join us in a daily Advent reading of scripture. Beginning Dec. 1st, you will receive a daily passage on Realm. We know God's Word is alive and the power and the Presence of the Spirit is alive in us as we share it with one another.

Please let me know if you would like a printed copy and I will be happy to send one your way.

May the miracle of Christmas fill your hearts with His gift of Love!

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD:



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

December's donation focus is: Prayer ... pray for the boxes that are being delivered

This month we ask that you pray for the boxes that have been packed ... not only at College Park, but all across the world and are being delivered. We will begin our monthly donations again in January. Thank you for your willingness to donate to this meaningful missions project.

Upcoming Activities:

- **Artisans Celebrate the Holidays:** Friday, December 1st (noon to 7 pm) and Saturday, 2nd (10 am to 3 pm) — Local artisans with unique handcrafted items ... jewelry, pottery, florals, wooden creations, fabric crafts, crochet designs, clocks, home décor, soaps, glass art, Moravian designs, art on canvas and so much more!
- **The Christmas Toy Store:** Saturday, December 9th — Once again, College Park will be donating toys, sending volunteers, and collecting money to buy Food Lion gift cards. There will be a table outside of Smith Hall with more details.
- **Children's Sunday ... NEW DATE!!!:** Sunday, December 10th — The children will lead us in worship as we begin the season of Advent — the time of preparing to celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior. We will have a combined service at 11:00 in the Sanctuary.
- **Youth Christmas Party:** Sunday, December 10th at 4:45 pm — Plan to bring a wrapped gift under \$20 for a Gift Exchange.
- **Youth Santa's Helpers:** Wednesday, December 13th at 6:15 pm
- **Children's Christmas Celebration:** Friday, December 15th from 6:00 to 8:30 pm. While giving parents a free night out, the children will have pizza, play some games, and have some Christmas fun. More details will be provided later. Please send a quick email to Leigh Ann (leighann@collegepark.ws) to let her know if your child will be attending.
- **Christmas Treats:** Sunday, December 17th at 6:30 pm — We will gather together in Smith Hall for Christmas music provided by our Adult Praise Band (featuring *The Little Drummer Boy*) as well as desserts.
- **College Parkers:** Thursday, December 21st at 11:30 am — The group will meet in Smith Hall to enjoy a program by Christa Warise, former Minister of Senior Adults at College Park. The meal will be provided. We will enjoy baked spaghetti, salad, and dessert.
- **Youth Parent Supper and 2024 Chaperone Sign-Ups:** more details to be provided

DEACON ELECTION

Thank you to those who were willing to serve as a Deacon beginning January 2024. The election process is final and the following individuals will begin serving a three-year term on January 1, 2024.

Mike Beeson
Bill Clapp

Ken Hatchett
Ishmael Stowe

FOR YOUR INFORMATION ... PART 4:

Have you heard about ... THE GREEN SHEET?

In the process of working with families who have lost loved ones, we often find that the family does not know what the wishes of the deceased were regarding funeral plans. The family may know favorite scripture verses or hymns, but often times there have been no conversations about other wishes surrounding end-of-life issues.

We encourage each of you to talk with your children/family and let them know what your specific wishes are concerning the legal and memorial issues that your families will face when you leave to be with the Father. If you will take a few minutes and write these things down, then it will make things much less stressful for your loved ones at a time when they will be grieving and stressed already. One document that will be very helpful for them is the "green sheet." Some of you have already filled out one of these, and if so, we have it on file in the church office. These are very helpful in planning memorial services and funerals, so we ask that each adult take a few minutes and fill one out and then drop it by the church office or mail it to us. These may be updated at any time simply by calling the church office.

Please call if you have questions, but please take the time to help us help your family.

Please let Teresa in the office know if you would like a copy of the Green Sheet. She can have a copy available for you to drop by the office to pick up or is happy to mail this to you. Her contact information is:

336.768.5870 ext. 670
teresa@collegepark.ws

We also have a booklet that you can use to list important financial information for your family (financial documents, such as banking and investment accounts; location of will and living will, durable and medical power of attorney, deeds, titles to vehicles, etc.). If you would like a copy of this booklet, please let Teresa know. Some of you may have already received one but want to update your information. We are happy to provide a new copy for you.

THANKSGIVING OFFERING

Thank you to those who gave willingly to the Thanksgiving Offering this past week. We received \$23,317 in donations. We are grateful for your generous offerings of love and thanks.



PUZZLE SILENT AUCTION



Wow! You are amazing! We raised \$1,052 from the puzzle silent auction last week during our Renewal Services. Half of that money goes toward the budget and half toward the building fund.

Thank you to Steve Foster for his gift in donating the puzzles toward this fundraising event. His skill at working puzzles and his generous heart in sharing his gift are appreciated. A lot of people were excited at the puzzles they won by their highest bid. How blessed we are that people have gifts they are willing to share to help build up the Kingdom of God through College Park Baptist Church.

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
Leigh Ann Pernell, Minister to Children
Wil Worley, Minister to Senior Adults and Communications Specialist
Charles D. Edwards, Pastor Emeritus

Church Conference:

Wednesday, January 24th
 7:00 pm
 Smith Hall

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

December 3 Charlie Jones	December 10 Tom Merritt
December 17 Teresa Driver	December 24 Hutch Hutchison
December 31 Jason McCrary	

**Lottie Moon
 And
 Global World Missions**
 Our Goal:
 \$17,500

2023 Giving Information:

Reminder: Please make sure all of your budget offerings are up-to-date for 2023. If you have any questions about how you can give end-of-the-year contributions, like stock donations or planned giving, please contact Grace Hodge at 336.768.5870 ext. 671.

GREETERS

December 3 Jeff Stultz	December 10 Dennis Palmer
December 17 Tony Perkins	December 24 Bob Pleasants
December 31 Sarah Hauser	

ATTENDANCE STATISTICS

	<u>11/5</u>	<u>11/12</u>	<u>11/17</u>	<u>11/26</u>
Re:Creation Worship	70	66	60	69
11:00 Worship	114	104	114	111

INFORMATION CENTER

Bob Baker
 Trudy Elkins

STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES

PROPERTIES

December 3 Hutch Hutchison	December 10 Charlie Jones
December 17 Rod Hughes	December 24 Ishmael Stowe
December 31 Lee Hinesley	

Budget ~ October 2023

	MTD	YTD
Budget	\$75,157.07	\$751,570.70
Receipts	\$60,245.89	\$618,746.88
Expenditures	\$71,064.17	\$718,046.79

Building Fund ~ October 2023

Beginning Balance	\$43,512.54	\$70,841.63
Receipts	\$10,579.00	\$69,961.60
Expenditures	\$9,609.98	\$96,099.80
Ending Balance	\$44,481.56	\$44,703.43
Loan Balance	\$734,319.55	