

HIGHLIGHTS

College Park Baptist Church
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February is always an interesting month in our personal lives, as well as in church life (for some, those two are the same...). In church life, Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the season of Lent, which can be awkward for some because we love the celebration of Advent, but almost dread the reflection of Lent. But Lent should be a time of celebration also, because we know the end result! We should celebrate the privilege of coming before God with our hurts, failures, and deep desire to be more like Him. The journey to the cross is a trek that few are truly equipped to make apart from God's grace, and the example of Jesus. And so, as a church, we offer many different opportunities for reflection and growth during Lent.

One such opportunity is the group study of the book *"The Gathered and Scattered Church."* Our adult Sunday School classes will be reading and discussing the book



and we want all of you to have a chance to be a part of this discussion. The book helps us learn more about how we, as the church, gather for discipleship and worship, and then scatter into our relative circles of influence to do the work of our Savior! The author's thesis, in effect, is that the church is often more concerned to serve itself, rather than to serve the world that Jesus led us to!

The book study will last through the Lent season, and our sermons and worship time will track with some of the content as we follow the life of Jesus to the cross, constantly presenting to us the model of servant ... and encouraging us to follow that example!

If you are not currently involved in a Sunday School class this would be a great time to join in! We can help you with that too!

Blessings & Peace,

Ramon

 THE WORSHIP OF GOD 	
<p>February 4, 2024 11:00 a.m.</p> <p><i>A Living Sacrifice</i> Sanctuary Choir</p> <p>Real Life Mark 1:29-39 Ramon Smith</p>	<p>February 11, 2024 11:00 a.m.</p> <p><i>Be Still and Know</i> Sanctuary Choir</p> <p>"Don't Want to Catch That!" Mark 1:40-45 Ramon Smith</p>
<p>February 18, 2024 11:00 a.m.</p> <p><i>God So Loved the World</i> Sanctuary Choir</p> <p>Drawn Toward the Future Mark 9:2-9 Ramon Smith</p>	<p>February 25, 2024 11:00 a.m.</p> <p><i>My Alleluia</i> Sanctuary Choir</p> <p>Ready? Ready! Mark 1:9-15 Ramon Smith</p>

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



The hunger for love is much more difficult to remove than the hunger for bread.
Mother Teresa

Share the
love of Christ
 on Valentine's Day.

A NOTE FROM MARY



So here's what I want you to do, God helping you: Take your everyday, ordinary life — your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking around life — and place it before God as an offering. Romans 12:1 (MSG)

You are invited to join us starting Sunday, February 4th during the Sunday School hour as we study and discuss *The Gathered and Scattered Church: Equipping Believers for the 21st Century*. Each of our on-site adult Sunday School classes will be discussing the book, what it means to be the church scattered to work in the world, and how College Park can be a church that equips its members to do that. This is a six-week study. The books are available now in the office and will be available to you as we gather together in coming days. If you are able, we are asking for a donation of \$10 to cover the cost of the book, but do not let this hinder you from taking one.

If you are not currently attending a Sunday School class, now would be a great time to get involved with a small group. If you need help finding a group, feel free to contact me. I'll be glad to help you find one.

will meet on
Monday, February 26th
at 7 pm
in the Garden Lobby

This month's book is:
*The Forgotten Life of
Arthur Pettinger*
by Suzanne Fortin

ASH WEDNESDAY

Wednesday, February 14th at 7:00 pm
in the Sanctuary

We will have dinner together in Smith Hall before moving to the Sanctuary for this moving and touching service.



Wednesday Night Dinner Plans for February:

Our menu for Wednesday night dinners in February 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.**

- 2/7: BBQ, slaw, baked beans, rolls, and dessert
- 2/14: Chicken parmesan, salad, breadsticks, and Tom's Tasty Treat
- 2/21: Catfish, hush puppies, slaw, and dessert
- 2/28: Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, green beans, rolls, and dessert

CRISIS CONTROL MINISTRY

Gift for February

~ soul foods ~

(canned greens, black-eyed peas,
cornbread mix, etc.)

Items collected in January:

2 bags of corn mill	32 cans of stew
1 bottle of syrup	1 jar of apple sauce
1 box of cereal	2 jars of peanut butter
1 box of muffin mix	46 cans of vegetables
12 cans of chili	

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

A Word From Wil

Well, the month of LOVE is upon us. We soon will be inundated with tv shows, movies, and stories in the news about love. Hearts and flowers will be for sale everywhere. I have already seen the increase of roses at the grocery store. For some this is a tough time with lost and missing loves. First Corinthians provides for an important lesson about love. It comes from chapter 13 verse 8:

⁸ Love never ends. (ESV)

Love is a gift from our Lord, but also from those in our lives. Those who have raised us, shared life with us, and those to whom we have passed on our love. I hear in my words and see in my actions, the love my parents gave me, which in turn was given to them. And which I now give to my wife, our kids and our grandkids. Love is a treasured heirloom. True love has a foundation of Christ to grow and expand into many lives. Jesus said, "Go forth and love" or something like that anyway!

Don't miss College Parkers this month. Mark your calendar, Feb. 15th at 11:30 am. We will provide Chicken — you all provide the fixins and desserts! We will be entertained by the Sound Counsel, a barbershop quartet. Some may remember them from a past visit to our luncheon. Come on out and feel the love of community!

College Parkers

February 15th @ 11:30 am

Entertainment

Sound Counsel
Barbershop Quartet



Chicken will be provided with a donation basket and you are asked to bring sides and desserts to share with the group.

Don't forget to sign up at the Welcome Desk!

Easter Lilies:



If you would like to place a lily in the sanctuary for Easter Sunday, April 9th, please use an order form which will be located on the Welcome and Gym Lobby Desks. ***Orders are due no later than Friday, March 1st.***

Cost will be \$14.50 per plant and should be paid at the time the order is submitted. You may pay for your lily via cash, check, or on-line.

In Loving Memory
of
Bill Baker

April 15, 1933
to
January 6, 2024

Member of College Park
since
February 1990

In Loving Memory
of
Keaton Huff

April 12, 1997
to
January 19, 2024

Member of College Park
since
June 2007

In Loving Memory
of
Nancy Schroeder

December 24, 1925
to
January 18, 2024

Member of College Park
since
July 2017

♥ February Creation Kids ♥

"Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God." 1 John 4:7

Our children's February focus will be on this truth: We love because He first loved us!

♥ Rejoicing in Him, Leigh Ann



Looking for Jesus

Jeremiah 29:13 reminds us, "If you look for me with your whole heart, you will find me." Our children would like to challenge you to look for Jesus as you move through each day. You might just find a "little reminder" that

our Savior is
the way the truth and the life
hidden around the church!
Be on the lookout!



Showing Appreciation

We are called to build each other up in Christian love, and our kids are hoping to do just that. We want to take some goodies and words of encouragement to the firefighters at Station 8. We plan to visit them on Sunday, Feb. 25th. If you would like to help, please drop notes of appreciation, snacks, or gift cards in the basket on the table outside of Smith Hall.

Family Super Bowl Celebration

Are you ready for some football? Super Bowl Sunday is February 11th, so we hope you will come and join in the fun!



Super Bowl Party in Smith Hall at 6:00 pm.
Please bring a tailgating dish to share!

♥ *Our Lenten Journey* ♥

Lent is the 40 day season of prayer and preparation that begins on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 14th, and culminates in the celebration of our Savior's resurrection on Easter. Our children would like to share a daily prayer with you on Realm as we move through this Lenten journey. Please join us as we strive to remember - **"God has shown us how much He loves us—it was while we were still sinners that Christ died for us!" ~ Romans 5:8**

♥ *40 Foods for 40 Days* ♥

"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat," - those heartfelt words from the teaching of Jesus remind us that caring for those in need is a way of showing our love for Him. As we move through the **40** days of Lent, we hope to collect **40** of some specific food items that will be used to stock our Food Pantry and Blessings Box. Collection baskets will be located outside of Smith Hall along with a board for our kids to tally our collection results. If you are interested in helping with this vital and growing ministry, please get in touch with Deb Clinard. Thank you!



Kids at the Park

Wednesday Evenings at The Park

6:00: Dinner

6:30-7:30: Kids' Missions and Music

Sundays at The Park

9:00: Re:Creation Worship Service

9:45: Sunday School Small Groups

11:00: Traditional Worship Service

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

5:00- 6:00: Children's Discipleship

Youth, College Students & Recreation



Superbowl Party on
Sunday, February 11th @ 6:00 pm
Please bring a tailgating dish to share.

Church Softball?
Do you want to Play?



If so, see Matt Wilson ASAP

February 24th

YOUTH  **LOCK-IN**

Starts 9pm
Ends 9am

Cost \$20
Bring: 2 Liter Soft Drink
Bag of Chips

Youth Mission Trip

SERVE
Christ

June 16th-21st
Cost: \$250



Valentine's Day Focus on God's Love

Plan to join us for dinner on Wednesday, February 14th as we celebrate God's love for us. We will enjoy a delicious meal and Tom's Tasty Treat as a special dessert before we move to the Sanctuary for our Ash Wednesday service at 7:00 pm.

ATTENTION!!! SPECIAL TREAT!!!

We will have a special treat that night! Plan to come dressed and with smiling faces for an optional photo opportunity. You are invited to have your picture made with your spouse, special friends, or other significant others in your life in front of a lovely background. So grab a special person in your life and smile because of God's gift of love!

The children look forward to serving you while demonstrating God's love for each of you. You will be blessed in many ways on this night of love.



FISH AND LOAVES MINISTRY AND BLESSINGS BOX:

We are transitioning in February to supplement the Blessings Box with a once-a-month food distribution.

Our first distribution date will be Thursday, February 8th from 2:00 to 4:00 and will be held in the Garden Lobby.

If you are interested in volunteering to be a part of this incredible ministry, please contact Deb Clinard at d_clinard@hotmail.com or 540.326.5583.

**The item-of-the-month for February will be:
tomato and chicken noodle soup
(preferably with pop top lids)
and saltine crackers.**

You may drop these off in the box in the hallway outside of Smith Hall. You are always welcome to bring other nonperishable items. We are grateful for any donation you can make to help these families in need!

Don't forget to be kind to strangers, for some who have done this have entertained angels without realizing it!

~ Hebrews 13:2



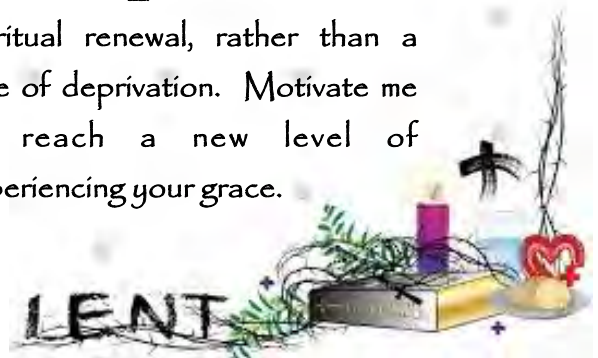
OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD:

We are continuing to collect items each month for our 2024 Operation Christmas Child shoe box event.

**February's donation focus is:
fashion accessories —
hair bows, sunglasses, watches, necklaces**

This month we ask that you donate items from the list above and place them in the box that is located in the hallway outside Smith Hall. Thank you for your willingness to donate to this meaningful missions project.

Father, help me to see this holy season of Lent as a time of spiritual renewal, rather than a time of deprivation. Motivate me to reach a new level of experiencing your grace.



FOR YOUR INFORMATION ... PART 6:

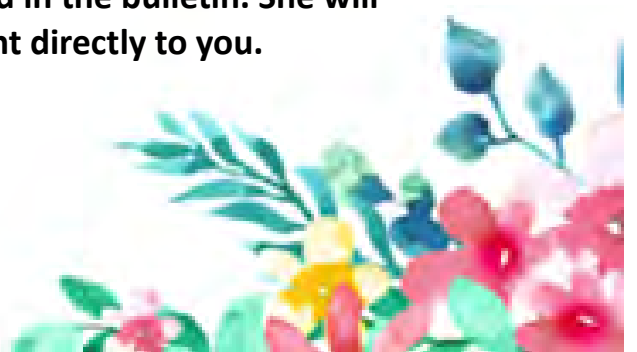
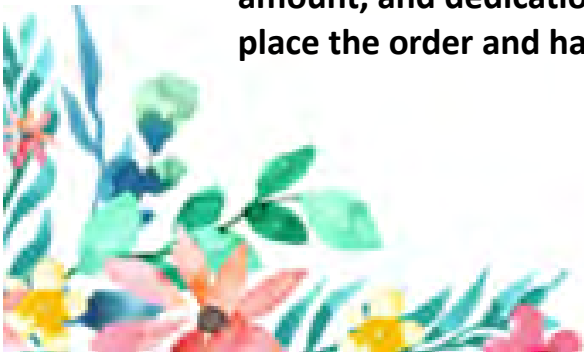
SANCTUARY FLOWERS:



Did you know ...

that you can have flowers placed in the Sanctuary in honor or memory of a loved one?

All you need to do is contact Teresa in the church office (collegetparkws@gmail.com or 336.768.5870 ext. 670) to make sure the date is available. You can order the flowers directly or Teresa can order them for you. Just let her know if you have a preference for a particular florist, color/style of flowers, dollar amount, and dedication to be placed in the bulletin. She will place the order and have the bill sent directly to you.



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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 COLLEGEPARK, space, a dollar sign (\$), and amount (i.e., COLLEGEPARK \$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

February 4 Tom Merritt	February 11 Kent Hobson
February 18 Robert Huff	February 25 Teresa Driver

GREETERS

February 4 Jeff Stultz	February 11 Dennis Palmer
February 18 Bob Pleasants	February 25 Tony Perkins

INFORMATION CENTER

June Crabbe
 R. J. Westphal

PROPERTIES

February 4 Marty Minton	February 11 Marty Minton
February 18 Charlie Jones	February 25 Charlie Jones

Heck Jones Offering:

Our Goal:
 \$1,500.00

N. C. Retirement Homes Offering:

Our Goal:
 \$2,000.00

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>1/7</u>	<u>1/14</u>	<u>1/21</u>	<u>1/28</u>
Re:Creation Worship	74	74	69	81
11:00 Worship	160	130	109	120

STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES

Budget ~ December 2023	MTD	YTD
Budget	\$75,157.07	\$901,884.84
Receipts	\$104,804.86	\$797,914.34
Expenditures	\$93,204.23	\$882,382.95

Building Fund ~ December 2023		
Beginning Balance	\$47,121.60	\$70,841.63
Receipts	\$9,497.00	\$91,708.60
Expenditures	\$9,609.98	\$115,319.74
Ending Balance	\$47,008.62	\$47,230.49
Loan Balance	\$718,689.16	