

HIGHLIGHTS

College Park Baptist Church
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Once again we come to our Lenten journey...the journey to the cross! And I ask myself, *“What has changed since I passed this way last year? Have I become more like Christ since last year? Have I loved more completely, and without reservation or prejudice? Have I encouraged others to be more like Christ as we journey together?”*

I believe these are fair questions for all of us as we, once more, consider the path to the cross. Granted, our journey this past year has been very rich with opportunities for change. We have experienced very meaningful times in worship and in missions together. We have gathered as the church to study and make new, or renew, commitments to understand and be better church members...understanding that is part of what God desires for us as a community of faith. We are currently reading and discussing *“The Gathered and*

Scattered Church” ...and I believe this discussion has been necessary and helpful as we constantly examine what it means to be

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

So the issue is not so much whether we agree with everything this book says, but it’s more about whether our lives, and our church, are faithfully following the example of Christ as recorded in The Book...The Bible. Read it...it will change your life!

I hope that during this Lenten season you will slow down and hear God’s voice beckoning you to a special place of service that He has prepared for you. No matter your age or talents, God has a place for each of us to serve. Look...and listen...and be obedient...

Blessings & Peace,
Ramon

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

March 3, 2024
11:00 a.m.
Baptism and Communion

Just a Closer Walk with Thee
Sanctuary Choir

Cleaning House
John 2:13-22
Ramon Smith

March 10, 2024
11:00 a.m.

Praise His Holy Name
Sanctuary Choir

“...by grace...”
Ephesians 2:1-10
Ramon Smith

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

March 17, 2024
11:00 a.m.

God So Loved the World
Sanctuary Choir

So What Time Is It?
John 12:20-33
Ramon Smith

March 24, 2024
11:00 a.m.
Palm Sunday

Hosanna! A Procession of Praise
Jesus, Strong and Kind
Sanctuary Choir & Children’s Choir

Parade of the Underdogs
Matthew 21:1-11
Ramon Smith

March 31, 2024
11:00 a.m.
Resurrection Sunday!

Let the Trumpet Sound
Sanctuary Choir

God’s Remembrance
John 20:1-18
Ramon Smith

A NOTE FROM MARY



A simple prayer for starting over:

Oh, Lord, help me get: off my butt, on my feet, over myself.

~ Kristen Chenoweth

Why do we need Lent? Because no matter how hard we try to be who God has created and is shaping us to be, we all mess it up. Sometimes our well-intentioned words and actions turn out to be more in line with our will than with God's. Sometimes our busyness for God keeps us from spending time in relationship with Him. Sometimes we are so focused on what we think right looks like that we miss the right we should be doing. You see, a lot of the things we mess up as Christians are not sins as we sometimes think of them as bad actions done with rebellious intent. Rather, we do a great job of just completely missing who and what God has called us to be as individuals and the Church in the world. Big mistakes, little mistakes, they all add up to sin. We need Lent because we need the reminder that we are all still in process, and we all still need Jesus every day. We will never not need Jesus' love, forgiveness, and redemption. The cross may make us feel uncomfortable. It should. But the reality is, we all are in need of Jesus' sacrifice. I love the prayer above because I can relate. There are times I need to be doing for Jesus. There are times I need to go where the Spirit leads and serve. There are times I need to get off my self-righteous tender feelings and love and forgive like Jesus. But Lent reminds me that no matter the circumstances, I will never not need Jesus.

will meet on
Monday, March 25th
at 7 pm
in the Garden Lobby

This month's book is:
He Should Have Told the Bees
by Amanda Cox

CRISIS CONTROL MINISTRY

Gift for March

~ canned meats ~

(tuna, salmon, ham, etc.)

Items collected in February:

- 1 box of baking mix
- 12 boxes of cornbread mix
- 7 cans of meats
- 1 can of soup
- 45 cans of vegetables
- 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 March:

Our menu for Wednesday night dinners in March 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.**

- 3/6: chicken patty sandwich, fries, Tom's Tasty Treat
- 3/13: country fried steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, rolls, dessert
- 3/20: baked spaghetti, salad, garlic bread, dessert
- 3/27: NO WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES



A Word From Wil

As I write this at my desk, I can look out my windows and see the neighbor's yard filled with daffodils. Spring is here! Or at least mostly here. There are several things happening in March that I want to share with you.

First, we are working hard to fix our email issues. We know that several folks have been unable to receive emails. Also, we have been unable to answer some emails. This should be resolved this month. We want to ensure that everybody knows what's going on in the life of our church.

Second, Realm. I know that's an ugly word for some folks. We are working on updating all our information and photos. There will be signs around the church with a QR code to help make it easier to sign-up. On March 7th, from 11:30-12:30, we will be having the first of many help sessions for Realm. Bring your lunch and we will help you sign-up, sign-in, and update information. Other dates to be announced. On Easter, bring your smiles and we'll take a picture to update your profile.

Third, College Park Travel will be going to see the NC Baptist Singers at First Baptist Church in Concord on March 18th. We will leave the church @ 3 pm and have a quick meal before the concert. Sign-ups are at both Welcome Desks (Garden Lobby and outside Smith Hall).

Fourthly? No lastly, we are excited to welcome the Mintons who will be joining us in song on March 21st @ 11:30 am for our monthly College Parkers lunch!

I believe we will cover the gathered and scattered this month!

In Loving Memory
of
Mary Frances Morphis

June 17, 1924
to
February 4, 2024

Member of College Park
since
December 2018

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:

Anne Kennedy

Bernie Rea



The Esther Project Shop is returning!

The Esther Project Shop is a company created to help women combat human trafficking in their country by providing them with a place to market their products, creating a sustainable income for themselves and their children.

When: Wednesday, March 20th at 7:00 pm

Where: Smith Hall

Plan to join us for dinner at 6:00 and then stay to hear about The Esther Project Shop. You will have an opportunity to shop for amazing items after the presentation.

For more information, visit:

<https://www.theestherprojectshop.com/>

Notes of appreciation have been received from:

Kate Anthony

Nell Baker

Beth, Davis, and Robert Huff



March Creation Kids' News

Rejoice, dear friends! Our Savior held nothing back on the cross, so let us love and serve Him with all that we are! **"And sing, sing your hearts out to God! Let every detail in your lives - words, actions, whatever - be done in the name of the Master, Jesus, thanking God the Father every step of the way."** ~ Colossians 3:17 MSG

May God lead our path, Leigh Ann

Our Lenten Journey Continues

Our children have been focusing on spending time in prayer with our Heavenly Father and will continue to share a morning prayer through Realm during our Lenten journey. Because of Christ's loving sacrifice for us, we can come confidently into God's Presence. 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

Our hope was to collect 40 food items during the 40 days of Lent - and you have already surpassed that goal! These foods will be used to stock our Food Pantry and Blessings Box. Collection baskets will continue to be located outside of Smith Hall and this month's items will be canned green beans, corn, and pinto beans. **"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. Thank you for bringing those words to life.

Easter "Eggstravaganza"

Plans are in the works for a special Easter celebration on Saturday morning, March 23rd. This is an opportunity to open our doors to the community and share the joy of the Lord with our neighbors. The morning will be filled with Easter egg hunts, treats, and a chance to share the story of our risen Savior's great love for us!

There will be a planning meeting on Sunday, March 3rd, at 4:00 in Smith Hall. We will need lots of helping hands, so please plan to come and join in the fun!



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

Let's Get Ready!

You can help us prepare for the Easter celebration by bringing in individually wrapped candies and plastic eggs for the egg hunt. We would also like to have some prizes to share, so if you have any connections with businesses that might like to donate gift cards, please let us know. Thank you for helping to make this opportunity possible!

Lazy 5 Ranch - Sunday, April 14th

Please plan to join us for a family trip to the [Lazy 5 Ranch](#) on Sunday afternoon, April 14th. The bus will pull out after Sunday School (so plan to attend the 9:00 worship service). The cost is \$15 per person and this includes a wagon ride and bucket of food to feed the animals. It should be a wonderful day of fun! Be on the lookout for more details soon!

Youth, College Students & Recreation

GRUB CLUB IS BACK !!!!

March 5th
6:30 PM
LITTLE ITALY RURAL HALL



STARTING IN MARCH
PICKLEBALL
IS CHANGING DAYS @ THE PARK



SUN 6-8PM
WED 7-9PM

TEAMREACH CODE 1701POLO



Youth Camping Trip
April 19th-21st

Cost: \$40

Willingham Theater

May 18th



**HENRY
CHO**

Bus leaves @ 3:45 pm

Show Starts @ 5pm

Cost: \$35

Youth Mission Trip

(Construction Only, Staying on Campus)

SERVE
Christ

June 16-21

Cost: \$250

Youth Camp 2024

Garden City Beach, SC
July 8th-12th

Cost: \$300





REALM LUNCH AND LEARN SESSION:

Thursday, March 7th from 11:30 am — 12:30 pm in Smith Hall: If you are interested in signing up for a Realm account, updating your information, or learning more about how Realm works, then this session is for you! You are welcome to bring a bag lunch and we will provide tea and water as we spend time learning more about this program. We will be there to provide guidance and help answer any questions you may have.

Easter Sunday, March 31st: You will also have an opportunity that day to have your picture made for your Realm profile. So whether you do not have a picture for your profile or want to update your photo, come ready to smile for the camera!



**FISH AND LOAVES MINISTRY
AND
BLESSINGS BOX:**

**The item-of-the-month for March will be:
canned vegetables
(corn, green beans, pinto beans)
... preferably with pop top lids.**

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!

If you are interested and willing to help with this ministry, please contact Deb Clinard at d_clinard@hotmail.com or 540.326.5583.

*Don't forget to be kind to strangers, for some who have done this have entertained angels without realizing it!
~ Hebrews 13:2*



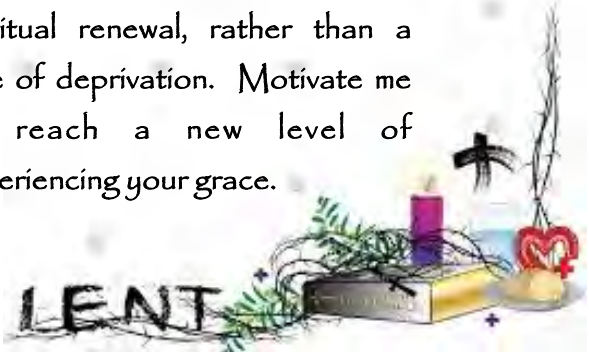
**OPERATION CHRISTMAS
CHILD:**

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

**March's donation focus is:
crafts**

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 7:

BOOK CLUB:

Did you know ...

that College Park Baptist Church has a book club? A group gathers the last Monday of the month to talk about the current book-of-the-month. We read a variety of books ... Christian fiction, historical fiction, etc. We don't always agree that the book was fun to read (ask someone about *The Girls of Atomic City!*), but we always have a good time talking about what the book taught us, how it touched us spiritually, how it entertained us, or if it just provided a nice respite from what is going on in the world around us.

If you are interested in joining the group, check with Mary Keltner about the upcoming book we will be reading. You are welcome to purchase the book on your own, check it out from the public library, or read it on your kindle/iPad.



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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 the 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

March 3

Hutch Hutchison

March 10

Jason McCrary

March 17

Mike Beeson

March 24

Bill Clapp

March 31

Ken Hatchett

GREETERS

March 3

Jeff Stultz

March 10

Tony Perkins

March 17

Bob Pleasants

March 24

Dennis Palmer

March 31

Sarah Hauser

INFORMATION CENTER

June Crabbe
R. J. Westphal

PROPERTIES

March 3

Charlie Jones

March 10

Charlie Jones

March 17

Charlie Jones

March 24

Charlie Jones

March 31

Charlie Jones

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.

Annie Armstrong and Global Missions Offering

Our Goal:
\$5,500.00

ATTENDANCE STATISTICS

| | <u>2/4</u> | <u>2/11</u> | <u>2/18</u> | <u>2/25</u> |
|---------------------|------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Re:Creation Worship | 66 | 75 | 56 | 51 |
| 11:00 Worship | 128 | 138 | 112 | 119 |

STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES

Budget ~ January 2024

| | <u>MTD</u> | <u>YTD</u> |
|--------------|-------------|-------------|
| Budget | \$77,432.45 | \$77,432.45 |
| Receipts | \$53,634.07 | \$53,634.07 |
| Expenditures | \$73,092.35 | \$73,092.35 |

Building Fund ~ January 2024

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|-------------------|--------------|-------------|
| Beginning Balance | \$37,651.72 | \$37,651.72 |
| Receipts | \$5,930.60 | \$5,930.60 |
| Expenditures | \$9,609.98 | \$9,609.98 |
| Ending Balance | \$33,972.34 | \$33,972.34 |
| Loan Balance | \$710,872.64 | |