

HIGHLIGHTS

College Park Baptist Church
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On the years that Easter comes “early” (as in March), we often find ourselves looking at the remainder of the Spring asking “*What do we as a church do now?*” True, Resurrection Day has passed for another year, and yet the work of the church begins anew with the reminder that Christ is alive and working through us! We are no longer on a journey to the cross, and yet we take up our cross daily and follow Christ... So what does all of that mean? I believe it simply means that we live as Easter people, and seek to live our lives in a way that gives glory to God, and points people to Christ! That’s a tall order, but we must remember it is not by our own strength or power that we seek to live this way. Two of the most important verses in the Bible for those of us this side of the cross are John 14:16-17:

And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Counselor to be with you forever — the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept Him, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him. But you know Him, for He lives with you and will be in you.

The gift of the Holy Spirit should change how we view our daily lives. Instead of wondering how we will accomplish what God desires for ... and from ... us, we can instead learn to follow the leadership of the Spirit while knowing He will empower us for anything He leads us to! That should be a reason for celebration as we both individually and we, as the church, seek to serve an awesome God in the community that we live in and serve together! I’m excited about where God is leading us!

Blessings & Peace,
Ramon

THE WORSHIP OF GOD	
<p>April 7, 2024 11:00 a.m.</p> <p><i>In Their Midst</i> John 20:19-31 Ramon Smith</p>	<p>April 14, 2024 11:00 a.m.</p> <p><i>Written in Red</i> Sanctuary Choir</p> <p>“What on Earth Happened” Luke 24:36b-48 Ramon Smith</p>
<p>April 21, 2024 11:00 a.m.</p> <p><i>Because He Lives</i> Sanctuary Choir</p> <p>An Experiment In Love I John 3:16-24 Ramon Smith</p>	<p>April 28, 2024 11:00 a.m.</p> <p><i>God So Loved the World</i> Sanctuary Choir</p> <p>The Same as It Has Always Been John 15:1-8 Ramon Smith</p>

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



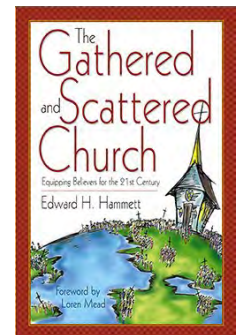
A Word From Wil

I hope your Lenten journey was successful and brought you closer to Christ. I encourage you to use what you have learned over those weeks in your daily life. I learned that I need to slow down and see what God is doing. My family and I have been on a fast-paced adventure over the last few months. Sometimes we have missed God's hand and not recognized His timing. Lent has shown me how He is in control, even when it feels out of control.



College Parkers' luncheon will be on Thursday, April 18th @ 11:30 am. We are providing the ham and we appreciate your willingness to bring the fix 'ins and dessert. We will have a representative from the Alzheimer's Association sharing with us. Come eat, fellowship, and learn!

Make plans to join with the church as we discuss *The Gathered and Scattered Church* lessons that we have been learning in Sunday School. We will meet on Wednesday, April 10th at 6:30 pm in Smith Hall following dinner.



**Live by faith
grow in grace
walk in love.**

In Loving Memory
of
Anne Kennedy

February 10, 1956
to
March 4, 2024

Member of College Park
since
May 2008

In Loving Memory
of
Shirley Waddill

July 15, 1932
to
February 1, 2024

Member of College Park
since
December 1962

April Creation Kids' News



“How great is the love that the Father has lavished on us that we should be called the children of God. And that is what we are!” 1 John 3:1

“I thank my God every time I remember you.”

Thank you for making our Easter EGGstravaganza possible! Because of your generous donations, faithful service, and caring hearts we were able to share over 7,000 eggs, the Easter story, and a lot of joy with the children and families of our community. Thank you for blessing others by brightly sharing the light of Christ!

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 shortly after Sunday School, so plan to attend the 9:00 worship service. The cost is \$15 (cash) 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!

Children's Ministry

Our children's ministry is growing and we need more wonderful volunteers to help it thrive. Reflect on the beautiful spiritual gifts that God has given you and how you can best share them with others. If you feel called to help in nurturing our young ones, please let me know and we will find a way for you to share your talents.

Children's Camp - Beach Reach

We are excited to have the opportunity to head to Fort Caswell the weekend of May 3rd-5th. The cost is \$145 per person and that includes food, lodging, and the program for the weekend. Our time will be filled with Bible study, music, activities, and lots of fun! Pastor Matt even has a little fishing planned for us. [Click here for more details.](#)

Faster - Higher - Stronger - Together

Plans are underway for kids and youth this summer! We will be building our Olympic sized faith! Put these dates on your calendar:

Wednesday, June 12

Wednesday, June 26

Wednesday, July 3

Wednesday, July 31

Plan to stay all day and join in the fun as we worship God with all our hearts, bodies, and minds! The cost will be \$15 each day. Be on the lookout for more details in the near future!



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

Grub Club

Join us April 9th @
6 pm



Sixty-Six Grill
3440 Frontis Street W-S

PICKLEBALL

HAS CHANGED DAYS @ THE PARK



SUN 6-8 PM
WED 7-9 PM

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Youth Camp 2024

Garden City Beach, SC
July 8th-12th Cost: \$300



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

June 16-21
Cost: \$250

SERVE
Christ



40 Foods for 40 Days of Lent



Thank you for your gracious giving during our 40 Foods for 40 Days of Lent. While our goal was to collect 40 of each item, we are thrilled that because of your generosity our goal was surpassed! You demonstrated that you are the hands and feet of Christ!

We collected:

53 Boxes of Crackers
54 Cans of Corn
48 Cans of Green Beans

57 Cans of Pinto Beans
141 Cans of Soup
68 Jars of Peanut Butter

Do not neglect to extend hospitality to strangers for by this some have entertained angels without knowing it.
Hebrews 13:2



FISH AND LOAVES MINISTRY AND BLESSINGS BOX:

The item-of-the-month for April will be:
Tuna, Vienna Sausages, and
Spaghettios
... 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.

April's donation focus is:
stuffed animals

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.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION ... PART 8:

BACKPACK MINISTRY PROGRAM:

Did you know ...

College Park Baptist Church has a Backpack Ministry Program? We serve Vienna and Old Richmond Elementary schools by providing weekly food bags for children having food insecurity to take home each Friday? We also support food pantries at Jefferson Middle School and Mount Tabor High School where families in need can “shop” for food. Our program has the financial resources to support these schools, but we are in need of volunteers to help with picking up food at the food bank, packing food bags, and delivering food to the schools each week. Some of these roles require the ability to lift heavy items.

If you would be willing to join this important ministry, please contact Stephanie Phillips or the church office for ways to volunteer.



COLLEGE PARK BAPTIST CHURCH

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Ramon E. Smith, Senior Pastor
Mary Keltner, Associate Pastor of Music & Education
Matt Wilson, Associate Pastor of Youth, College, & Recreation
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
 - Giving Station in Garden Lobby
- 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.

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.

STEWARDSHIP OF SERVICE

DEACON OF THE WEEK

April 7

Ishmael Stowe

April 14

Coleman Hastings

April 21

Sonny Patterson

April 28

Beth Hinesley

GREETERS

April 7

Jeff Stultz

April 14

Dennis Palmer

April 21

Bob Pleasants

April 28

Tony Perkins

INFORMATION CENTER

Tony Bates
 Becky Haney

PROPERTIES

April 7

Chris Phillips

April 14

Hutch Hutchison

April 21

Lee Hinesley

April 28

Avery Blink

Church Conference:
 Wednesday, April 24th
 7:00 pm
 Smith Hall

ATTENDANCE STATISTICS

	<u>3/3</u>	<u>3/10</u>	<u>3/17</u>	<u>3/24</u>	<u>3/31</u>
Re:Creation Worship	59	63	52	75	95
11:00 Worship	112	113	123	133	143

STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES

<u>Budget ~ February 2024</u>	<u>MTD</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Budget	\$77,432.45	\$154,864.90
Receipts	\$80,852.27	\$134,486.34
Expenditures	\$78,065.89	\$151,158.24

<u>Building Fund ~ February 2024</u>		
Beginning Balance	\$33,972.34	\$37,651.72
Receipts	\$9,615.00	\$15,545.60
Expenditures	\$9,609.98	\$19,219.96
Ending Balance	\$33,977.36	\$33,977.36
Loan Balance	\$703,037.87	