

HIGHLIGHTS

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



"It seems like only yesterday" that we were talking about Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent. Now we are looking squarely at the month of May, Mother's Day, Memorial Day weekend, and summer. Yes, summer! But let's not "rush the season," as my dad used to say. The month of May is typically associated with beauty (that whole "April showers bring May flowers" thing), and beauty expressed in particular through our mothers. This year we will continue a tradition of having a church-wide breakfast and combined worship service on Mother's Day. It will be a great day of celebrating the love that has been shared by the ladies of our church. Our Kidz Band will be helping with worship leadership, and I know you will be blessed by a very special time of worship together!

The beauty of May also reminds us that summer is just around the corner, and as such, we are reminded of many

activities for our youth and children that are a part of our summer programming. I hope you will continue to pray specifically for these two ministries as we seek to reach out into our community as the scattered church, and bless families who need to know about the life-changing grace of our Heavenly Father!

All of our ministries and mission efforts need funding and I encourage you to give faithfully as God has blessed you financially. We all need to be reminded that we do not give because "the church needs our money," but rather out of love and obedience ... as a faithful steward of all that He has entrusted to us for continuing the work that Christ began!

"May" we be faithful!

Shalom,

Ramon



THE WORSHIP OF GOD



May 5, 2024
11:00 a.m.

I Bring a Heart of Thanks
Sanctuary Choir

The Same as It Has Always Been
John 15:1-8
Ramon Smith

May 12, 2024
11:00 a.m.

Mother's Day Combined Worship

Worship leadership by
Children's Praise Band

The Longer I Serve Him
Sanctuary Choir

That Kind of Love
John 14:15-21
Ramon Smith

May 19, 2024
11:00 a.m.

Spirit, Sing Through Me
Sanctuary Choir

Pentecost & Babel
Acts 2:1-21
Ramon Smith

May 26, 2024
11:00 a.m.

Alleluia
Sanctuary Choir

"... and people loved darkness ..."
John 3:1-17
Ramon Smith

Our Mission...

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



A NOTE FROM MARY



The last couple of months I have highlighted a few resources around the church available to you to support your discipleship journey. I've mentioned our Right Now Media subscription as well as studies and resources available in our media center. This month I wanted to bring to your attention a couple of other resources. The first is the table and the periodical rack outside of Smith Hall. On the table you will find a number of resources for you to use or to give to someone who may be able to use them. On the periodical rack you will find periodicals with daily devotionals, magazines for differing age groups, as well as extra Sunday School quarterlies and fliers for various local service organizations.

And, finally, I want to encourage you to take advantage of the various small group opportunities we have each week. One of the great things about group discipleship is that we find folks to grow alongside of who will encourage us, hold us accountable, and help us keep our thoughts of God biblical. As we bring our experiences and life lessons and share them, we learn from and uplift one another on our journey. If you haven't found a class, or haven't been part of one for a long time, I encourage you to give it a try. If you aren't a morning person, come join us for discipleship Sunday afternoon or for our Joshua class, which meets online on Sunday night. Join us on Monday morning for Monday morning Bible study. If necessary, try a couple of classes until you find your place. I promise you won't regret it.

**will meet on
Monday, May 27th
at 7 pm
in the Garden Lobby**

**This month's book is:
Undercurrent of Secrets
by Rachel Scott McDaniel**

CRISIS CONTROL MINISTRY

Gift for May

~ spices ~

*(cinnamon, cumin, salt, pepper,
vanilla extract, basil, tajin, etc.)*

Items collected in April:

- 6 bottles of syrup
- 4 boxes of pancake mix
- 2 cans of vegetables
- 1 bag of lima beans

*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 May:

Our menu for Wednesday night dinners in May 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.**

- 5/1: chicken filet sandwiches, hand cut french fries, cookies and cake
- 5/8: chicken and beef enchiladas, cilantro lime rice, chips and salsa, Tres Leches cake
- 5/15: BBQ chicken, green beans, mashed potatoes, rolls, pineapple dream
- 5/22: cheeseburgers, chips, fruit salad
- 5/29: pork chops, macaroni, turnip greens, corn bread, coconut cake

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:

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| Roda Helmintoller | Mike Royal |
| Jean Jones | Alice Sullivan |
| Cleo Lane | Mary Lee Swaim |

A Word From Wil

Where is this year going? Impossible that May is upon us. We will have our last regular College Parkers Luncheon on May 18th @ 11:30 am (we will resume in September). Rheta Monroe from Forsyth Memorial Park will be our guest speaker. We will then begin our summer schedule:

- June 15th — Picnic Supper/Outdoor Concert (The Entertainers) at Bermuda Run: The bus will leave the church at 5:00 pm and the concert will start at 7:00 pm
- July 18th — Games in Smith Hall/Supper @ The Depot: The games will start at 2:00 pm and then the bus will leave at 4:30 pm to travel to Dobson for dinner
- August 15th — 13 Bones/Farmers Market/Mount Airy: Travel with us to 13 Bones Restaurant in Mt. Airy and then to the Farmer's Market; the bus will leave at 10:30 am

On May 23rd, we will tour the Frescoes at Glendale and Beaver Creek in Ashe County. Lunch will be at Boondocks in West Jefferson. Then maybe a little cheese shopping following lunch. We will leave the church at 9:00 am and return late afternoon.

~ Wil

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD:

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

**May's donation focus is:
personal care items
(dental floss, soap,
toothbrushes, wash cloths)**

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.



FISH AND LOAVES MINISTRY AND BLESSINGS BOX:

**The item-of-the-month for May will be:
bars of soap, deodorant, shampoo,
toilet paper, & toothpaste**

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

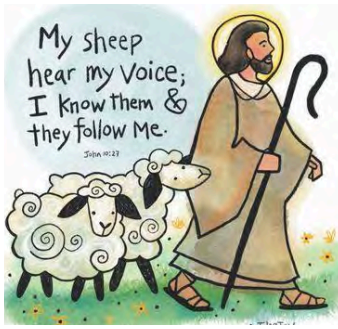
d_clinard@hotmail.com

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



May Creation Kids' News



"The Spirit's presence is shown in some way in each person for the good of all." ~ 1 Corinthians 12:7

Our Heavenly Father has gifted us all through His Holy Spirit to empower us for service. As the children of God we have been equipped in different ways to glorify our Father in Heaven. What passion for service has God placed on your heart? May we follow where He leads.

Children's Camp - Beach Reach

We are excited to have the opportunity to head to Fort Caswell the weekend of May 3rd-5th. Our time will be filled with Bible study, music, activities, and lots of fun!

Pastor Matt even has a little fishing expedition planned! Our focus will be on 2 Timothy 1:7 ~ **"For the Spirit God gave to us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline."**

Spiritual Gifts - Spiritual Giving

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. You can find out more by exploring the Spiritual Gifts Inventory on our church website.

[Click here](#) to reflect on where you might feel called to serve.

Mother's Day Celebration

Mother's Day is Sunday, May 12th, and we hope to honor all the ladies of our church that morning. We will gather at 9:00 for a special breakfast to celebrate all of the women who have helped us to grow in our faith. **Here is the schedule:**

- 9:00 - Breakfast & Fellowship
- 9:45 - Sunday School Small Groups
- 11:00 - Combined Worship Service.

Save the Date for VBS

Vacation Bible School will be the week of July 22nd! Our theme will be **SCUBA - Diving into Friendship with God!** Our children will be exploring these truths:

- God is a friend who is real!
- God is a friend who loves!
- God is a friend we can trust!
- God is a friend to everyone!
- God is a friend forever!

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 and Fellowship
- 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 May 7th

Coronet Seafood



OPEN

@
6:00 pm

Willingham Theater

May 18th



HENRY CHO

Bus leaves @ 3:45 pm
Show Starts @ 5:00 pm
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

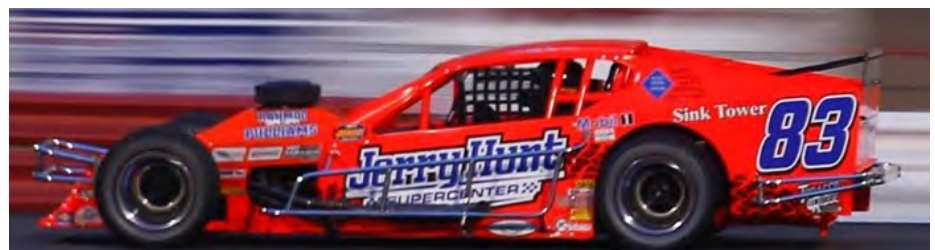
Bowman Gray Racing . . . June 1st

Bus leaves at 5:30 pm
Races start at 8:00 pm
Tickets: (Adults \$12)
(6 yr-11yr \$2)

FOOD: Hot dogs,
Chips and
Drinks

Gates open at 6:00 pm

Seating: Covered Patio (Turn 1 South)



Graduate Sunday

Our congregation will be honoring this year's graduating class on Sunday, June 2nd. We would like to recognize high school and post high school graduates. Please contact Matt Wilson or the church office no later than May 26th. We look forward to celebrating their accomplishments on this day.



FOR YOUR INFORMATION ... PART 9:

COLLEGE PARKERS:

Did you know ...

College Park Baptist Church has a group called College Parkers? College Parkers is a Christian fellowship devoted to the enrichment of the lives of seniors through fellowship meals; informative, educational, and entertainment programs; and travel experiences. It is open to all seniors 55 and over in the church and community.

College Parkers meets monthly from September through May on the third Thursday of each month for a fellowship meal and program. We have a wide variety of guests who provide information and entertainment throughout the year.

During the summer months of June, July, and August, we have day trips with a meal (i.e., travel to see the frescoes and enjoy lunch in West Jefferson, NC; game day at The Park with dinner at The Depot in Dobson, NC; traveling to Mt. Airy, NC to eat at 13 Bones and spend time at the Farmer's Market; etc.)

Travel events are scheduled frequently. Watch for information about upcoming events through Realm announcements or under "Latest News" on our website

www.collegepark.ws

There is something for everyone! If you are interested in being a part of this delightful group of young-minded senior adults, please contact Wil Worley, Minister to Senior Adults and Communications Specialist. His contact information is:

william@collegepark.ws

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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 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
 - 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

| | |
|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| May 5 Becky Haney | May 12 Robert Huff |
| May 19 Kent Hobson | May 26 Tom Merritt |

NC Baptist Hospital

Our Goal:
\$2,000.00



GREETERS

| | |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| May 5 Jeff Stultz | May 12 Dennis Palmer |
| May 19 Bob Pleasants | May 26 Tony Perkins |

ATTENDANCE STATISTICS

| | <u>4/7</u> | <u>4/14</u> | <u>4/21</u> | <u>4/28</u> |
|---------------------|------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Re:Creation Worship | 71 | 77 | 54 | — |
| 11:00 Worship | 109 | 111 | 111 | 146 |

INFORMATION CENTER

Barbara Collie
Tom Hurst

STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES

PROPERTIES

| | |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| May 5 Bill Minton | May 12 Barry Nelson |
| May 19 Lee Hinesley | May 26 Chris Phillips |

| <u>Budget ~ March 2024</u> | <u>MTD</u> | <u>YTD</u> |
|----------------------------|-------------|--------------|
| Budget | \$77,432.45 | \$232,297.35 |
| Receipts | \$62,191.82 | \$196,678.16 |
| Expenditures | \$75,480.43 | \$226,638.67 |

| <u>Building Fund ~ March 2024</u> | | |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|-------------|
| Beginning Balance | \$33,977.36 | \$37,651.72 |
| Receipts | \$5,584.00 | \$21,129.60 |
| Expenditures | \$9,609.98 | \$28,829.94 |
| Ending Balance | \$29,951.38 | \$29,951.38 |
| Loan Balance | \$695,069.63 | |