

HIGHLIGHTS

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



What a year 2024 was! We saw many new people come to join our church family, and we needed everyone because we had a very busy year...especially in the area of missions! And for the record, when people in the community ask me what “mission projects” our church is involved in, I generally say something like “we don’t really have mission projects as much as we are mission-minded people.” Missions are so much a part of our DNA as a church that we really don’t have to go looking for mission projects per se, because we are constantly involved in mission efforts all around us! This year the Backpack Ministry continues to grow, and the monthly Food Distribution has grown, and in addition we have engaged heavily with the western part of our state with all of the efforts that we talk about regularly (so I won’t repeat all of them here). In addition, we prepared more Operation Christmas Child boxes than I

remember we’ve ever packed! These are some of the more visible ways we are living out our mission here on Polo Road, and yet I am keenly aware that many of you are also involved in ongoing mission efforts through organizations in our community. In my mind, these aren’t mission projects, these are simply a part of a mission lifestyle that is a reflection of my thesis for the sermon on December 22. In the sermon I stated that: *“When we love, and give in His name...those are the moments when we are most like God!”*

My prayer for each of us is that 2025 will be another great year of living out our mission lifestyle!

See you Sunday!

Ramon

 THE WORSHIP OF GOD 	
<p>January 5, 2025 11:00 a.m.</p> <p>Baptism & Communion</p> <p>Soloists</p> <p>Choose Another Way Matthew 2:1-12 Ramon Smith</p>	<p>January 12, 2025 11:00 a.m.</p> <p>Deacon Ordination and Installation</p> <p><i>Beautiful Savior</i> Sanctuary Choir</p>
<p>January 19, 2025 11:00 a.m.</p> <p><i>Come, Thou Fount</i> Sanctuary Choir</p> <p>Abundance John 2:1-11 Ramon Smith</p>	<p>January 26, 2025 11:00 a.m.</p> <p><i>God Is On Our Side</i> Sanctuary Choir</p> <p>One with Christ? Luke 4:14-21 Ramon Smith</p>

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



A NOTE FROM MARY



I didn't do loads of things last weekend. Most of what I did was indoors. I usually need a little break after the chaos of Advent and Christmas. Additionally, I had unwisely scheduled a routine medical procedure which required me to hang out at the house for a day or so in preparation (I cannot stress enough that a couple of days after Christmas is no time for such activities!). Anyway, at some point during the weekend I got in my truck and turned on the radio. I have had three different Christmas radio stations on repeat since Thanksgiving, and, suddenly, they were gone, replaced by the usual mix of music. It made me a little sad. I must confess I try to hold on to that Christmas feeling for as

long as possible. Even so, too soon it seems to be replaced by the craziness of day to day life. But I am reminded that Jesus is Lord of even the day to day, that He is Emmanuel, God with us in the midst of chaotic schedules, diagnoses, loss, and difficult circumstances. He is with me on the days of celebration and the days of difficulty. And He calls me to draw near to Him in both.

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

This month's book is:
Sisters of Fortune
by Anna Lee Huber

SMITH HALL AND KITCHEN USAGE

We are fortunate at College Park to be able to have a fully functioning kitchen. We love offering the opportunity for groups and classes to use the facility. But there are a few guidelines we would love for you to keep in mind if you are using this space.

Rules of the kitchen:

- The kitchen is available for use by any church group. Please reserve the space through Teresa in the church office so no conflicts occur.
- The kitchen should be left clean and in order. Please wipe down all counters, dispose of any expired food items, return all supplies to their appropriate location, bag up trash and dispose in the trash container located outside Smith Hall.
- No items are to be borrowed from kitchen unless "signed out" through the church office.
- Any church group should purchase supplies to be used for their event (i.e., plates, napkins, utensils, etc.). Or you may reimburse the church for the use of such items.



Wednesday Night Dinner Plans for January:

Our menu for Wednesday night dinners in January is listed below. **The cost for dinner is now \$7.00.** 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.

- 1/8: baked spaghetti, salad, bread, Tom's Tasty Treat
- 1/15: baked chicken, roasted potatoes, salad, rolls, dessert
- 1/22: BBQ, baked beans, slaw, dessert
- 1/29: hamburgers/hot dogs with all the fixings, fries, dessert

A Word From Wil

Happy New Year!! Seems like just yesterday it was 2024. Ok, bad joke. Jokes aside, make plans to join us for College Parkers on January 16th @ 11:30 am. Menu will be Pot Luck. So bring a yummy dish to share with the group. This way should we have any winter weather we can easily reschedule. Sign-up in the Garden Lobby and include what you plan to bring for us to enjoy. When you sign-up, check out the other church happenings on the desk.

Our special guest for the January meeting will be Stephanie Shaffer with Baptist Homes Retirement Foundation. We will spend time at the beginning of the meeting helping Stephanie Phillips with the Backpack Ministry. This will be a combined work and learn lunch as we hear about the Baptist Homes Retirement Foundation and help the Backpack Ministry fill up the backpacks for the children. We look forward to the fellowship and fun of this time together!

*Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.
2 Corinthians 5:17*

~ Wil

In Loving Memory
of
Buzz Harrison

March 28, 1942
to
December 25, 2024

Member of College Park
since
2008

In Loving Memory
of
Sheila Hutcherson

September 25, 1946
to
December 5, 2024

Member of College Park
since
1994

In Loving Memory
of
Janet Jones

July 27, 1939
to
December 28, 2024

Regular Attendee
of College Park

In Loving Memory
of
Chester Southern

August 12, 1930
to
December 27, 2024

Member of College Park
since
1994



College Parkers January 2025:

Our guest speaker for January 16th will be Stephanie Shaffer, Faith and Community Engagement Manager with Baptist Homes Retirement Foundation.

We look forward to having Stephanie join us as she shares about her ministry and her life.

January Creation Kids' News ❄️



“And yet, O Lord, you are our Father. We are the clay and you are the Potter. We are all formed by your hand.” ~Isaiah 64:8

As we enter this new year, I look forward to how our Heavenly Father will shape us into who He wants us to be. I know His plans for College Park are great!

Blessings, Leigh Ann

Thank you for the countless acts of service you shared during our recent ministry opportunities! We delivered 149 Operation Christmas Child Boxes (along with the \$1,490 shipping cost), sent numerous new toys to the Carolina Baptist Association for children in western North Carolina, and made Christmas brighter for 66 children through the Blessings in Boxes ministry.



Thank you for sharing the love of Christ with your caring hearts and faithful hands!

“God loves it when the giver delights in giving.” 2 Corinthians 9:7 (MSG)

Prayer Partner Ministry



Prayer is a vital part of our personal relationship with God! It is our desire to wrap our children in prayer and to build relationships through this faithful bond. We still have just a few children who are in need of a prayer partner during this school year, so if you are interested in helping with this ministry opportunity, please let me know. Your prayers are a gift!

“We have courage in God’s presence, because we are sure that he hears us if we ask him for anything that is according to his will.” 1 John 5:14

We Thank God for You!

A special thank you to all who help with our Children's Ministry! We are grateful for our Nursery Workers, Sunday School Teachers, Mission Friends Leaders, Kids Choir and Praise Band Leaders! You are such a beautiful example of Christian love and faithfulness and are helping our children *grow in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and men!* Thank you for being a true blessing!



Youth, College Students & Recreation

JANUARY

January Youth Calendar

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>
Jan. 1st	—	No evening activities
Jan. 5th	5-7 pm	Bible Study and Volleyball
Jan. 8th	—	Normal Wednesday activities
Jan. 12th	5-7 pm	Bible Study and Volleyball
Jan. 18th	9:00 pm	Youth Lock-In
Jan. 19th	—	No evening activities
Jan. 22nd	6:45 pm	Church Conference
Jan. 26th	5-7 pm	Bible Study and Volleyball
Jan. 29th	—	Normal Wednesday activities

Jan. 18th
9:00 pm

YOUTH  LOCK-IN



Church Wide Super Bowl Party

February 9th @ 6:00 pm
Bring a tailgating dish to share.

FISH AND LOAVES MINISTRY
AND
BLESSINGS BOX:



Our next Food Distribution is scheduled for Thursday, January 9 from 2-4 pm in the Garden Lobby.

There are many ways to support this ministry:

- ◆ Monetary donations can be placed in the offering plate, given on Realm, or given to Grace in the Church Office. Please designate "Food Pantry" on the memo line.
- ◆ Donated food and personal items can be left on the table outside Smith Hall or in the Food Pantry closet by the Old Fellowship Hall. We are always in need of the following:

Food items:

Can beans	Peanut butter
Can fruit	Saltine crackers
Can meats such as hams, tuna & Vienna sausage	Snack foods such as granola bars and packs of crackers
Can vegetables	Soups
Cereal	

Personal Care items:

Bath soap	Toilet paper
Deodorant	Toothpaste and toothbrushes
Shampoo	

- ◆ Volunteer! Many hands are needed! If you are interested and willing to help with this ministry, please contact Deb Clinard at d_clinard@hotmail.com or 540.326.5583 The food distribution is the 2nd Thursday of the month and volunteers are always welcome! We also use volunteers to fill the Blessing Box, prepare emergency food bags, shop for food and keep the Food Pantry closet organized.

Thank you for the many ways you are helping to provide food for individuals in our community as they struggle to feed their families. The smiles on their faces each month as they "shop" for food and personal items will bring you joy!

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

~ Hebrews 13:2

CRISIS CONTROL MINISTRY

Gift for January

~ beef stew ~

Items collected in December:

2 bags of beans	4 cans of chicken broth
2 bags of flour	2 cans of hot chocolate
1 box of brown sugar	116 envelopes of hot chocolate
2 boxes of cake mix	6 jars of coffee
2 boxes of tea bags	1 jar of vegetable oil

Whatever you do for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you do for me."

Matthew 25:40

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD:

We are starting our annual collection of items each month for our 2025 Operation Christmas Child shoe box event.

**January's donation focus is:
hats/gloves/scarves**

Thank you for your willingness to donate to this meaningful missions project.



FOR YOUR INFORMATION ... PART 15:

Ethel Ledbetter WMU Group:

Did you know ...

that the Ethel Ledbetter WMU group meets monthly?

All ladies are invited to attend the Ethel Ledbetter WMU monthly meetings.

When: 2nd Wednesday of the month

Time: 11:30 lunch meeting at various locations

Join us for lunch, fellowship, and to learn about missions.

Please contact Deb Clinard at d_clinard@hotmail.com or 540.326.5583 for more information.



Inclement Weather Policy:

In the event of inclement or severe weather, church services or other events might be canceled or delayed. Even when services or other events are held in inclement weather, each person should use his/her own discretion in trying to get to church.

How do you know when there is a cancellation?

When there is a cancellation of services/events due to inclement weather, the change will be announced in an adequate amount of time before the service/event is originally scheduled.

Announcement formats include:

- * Our church website, www.collegepark.ws
- * Our social media accounts, Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram (@CollegeParkWS)
- * Local television stations: WFMY 2, WXII 12, and ABC 45 (look for College Park Baptist Church Winston Salem, since there is also a College Park Baptist Church in Greensboro)

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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 • Giving center in the main hallway
 - Treasure chest • 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.

Church Conference:

Wednesday, January 22nd
 6:45 pm
 Smith Hall

Thanksgiving Harvest Offering:

Received:
 \$24,997

STEWARDSHIP OF SERVICE

DEACON OF THE WEEK

<u>January 5</u> Mike Beeson	<u>January 12</u> Bill Clapp
<u>January 19</u> Ken Hatchett	<u>January 26</u> Ishmael Stowe

Lottie Moon and Global Missions Offering:

Our Goal: Received to date:
 \$17,500 \$7,765.13

GREETERS

<u>January 5</u> Jeff Stultz	<u>January 12</u> Dennis Palmer
<u>January 19</u> Bob Pleasants	<u>January 26</u> Tony Perkins

ATTENDANCE STATISTICS

	<u>12/1</u>	<u>12/8</u>	<u>12/15</u>	<u>12/22</u>	<u>12/29</u>
Re:Creation Worship	62	—	70	72	58
11:00 Worship	133	211	126	135	96

INFORMATION CENTER

Pat Blackwell
 Ron Cauble

STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES

PROPERTIES

<u>January 5</u> Charlie Jones	<u>January 12</u> Charlie Jones
<u>January 19</u> Charlie Jones	<u>January 26</u> Charlie Jones

<u>Budget ~ November 2024</u>	<u>MTD</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Budget	\$ 72,556.84	\$ 798,125.25
Receipts	\$ 62,217.38	\$ 726,302.00
Expenditures	\$ 72,758.16	\$ 812,038.85

<u>Building Fund ~ November 2024</u>		
Beginning Balance	\$ 128,952.28	\$ 37,651.72
Receipts	\$ 17,687.00	\$ 205,087.36
Expenditures	\$ 9,609.98	\$ 105,709.78
Ending Balance	\$ 137,029.30	\$ 137,029.30
Loan Balance	\$ 631,357.35	