

HIGHLIGHTS

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





2025 is in full swing and our mission focus continues to grow. As I write this, we have already heard from you and have funding for 13 tiny homes already committed! As I've said on multiple occasions, these homes (some of which will be temporary houses, while others are permanent) provide physical security for people and families who have been tested physically almost to their breaking point. By providing shelter for those who are in need, we are literally changing the trajectory of their family for generations to come. That's the way it is in God's economy ... we are given resources by which to be good stewards, by helping those in need ... all in the name of Jesus who is pleased when we follow his directives in Matthew 25.

Now I understand that sometimes it doesn't seem as simple as is stated by our Lord, and yet it is! The thing we often get hung up on is the accountability issue. How

do we know that the people we want to get help will truly be helped ... and is that the people that God desires to be helped by us? Let's not make this more difficult than it needs to be. In our situation, I have known the family we are working with for over 50 years. Much like our relationships that led us to supply emergency resources two days after the hurricane (literally), we are working with trusted partners who have all the local knowledge that makes this partnership efficient and has maximum impact potential! I am convinced God will continue to bless us, as we bless others in His name!

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

See you Sunday!
Ramon

 THE WORSHIP OF GOD 	
<p>February 2, 2025 11:00 a.m.</p> <p><i>God Is On Our Side</i> Sanctuary Choir</p> <p><i>A Word to the Outsiders</i> Luke 4:21-30 Ramon Smith</p>	<p>February 9, 2025 11:00 a.m.</p> <p><i>Shout With Joy to God</i> Sanctuary Choir</p> <p><i>A Change of Focus</i> Luke 5:1-11 Ramon Smith</p>
<p>February 16, 2025 11:00 a.m.</p> <p><i>As Long As I Have Breath</i> Sanctuary Choir</p> <p><i>Not Prosperity Theology ...</i> Psalm 1 Ramon Smith</p>	<p>February 23, 2025 11:00 a.m.</p> <p><i>Within These Walls</i> Sanctuary Choir</p> <p><i>Paybacks Are Tough!</i> Genesis 45:3-15; Luke 6:27-38 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



will meet on
Monday, February 24th
at 7 pm
in the Garden Lobby

This month's book is:
Bringing Maggie Home
by Kim Vogel Sawyer

“Sticks and stones may break my bones, but words can never hurt me.” Most of us grew up knowing and maybe using this nursery rhyme. It was meant to mean that words don't matter, and more specifically, that unkind words don't matter and don't hurt. I think most of us at some point discover differently. Words can hurt, and I don't just mean hurt someone's feelings. Words can incite anger and violence or bring about peace and healing. Words can wound deeply, can become a part of someone, and even change the trajectory (for good or bad) of a life. Words spoken in the moment can affect a lifetime. Words spoken flippantly can ruin one's witness and ministry. Scripture has a lot to say about our speech. We're told to “let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt so that you may know how to answer everyone.” (Col. 4:6)

Paul also writes, “Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen.” (Eph. 4:29) As an extrovert with a lot of words, I have had to pray a lot about what I say and how much I say. Thankfully, God is faithful and gracious when we seek His face. Our world desperately needs people of faith who speak of God's love and grace in ways that tear down walls rather than build them. I encourage you to make it your prayer daily that God would help you to guard your speech, that His Spirit would make you aware of the times when you fail and seek forgiveness. I encourage you to ask God to give you words that bring healing and peace, and the wisdom to know when to not speak at all.

ARE EXTRA FOOD CONTAINERS TAKING OVER YOUR KITCHEN?

We have a solution!

Please bring any extra Tupperware or plastic containers that can be used for to-go food after meals on Wednesday night, funerals, etc. We would love to have the opportunity to share food with others or to send leftovers home with attendees.

There is a “to-go” container just inside Smith Hall next to the table on the left side wall as you enter the room next to the Welcome Desk. Please feel free to drop off your items there. This will be emptied on a regular basis and items relocated to the kitchen to be used for future events.

Thank you for your help in filling this need in the church.



Wednesday Night Dinner Plans for February:

Our menu for Wednesday night dinners in February 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.

- 2/5: taco bar (with ground beef and chicken) and dessert
- 2/12: chicken parmesan, salad, bread, and Tom's Tasty Treat
- 2/19: catfish, slaw, fries, and dessert
- 2/26: baked spaghetti, salad, bread, and dessert

A World From Wil

COLLEGE PARKERS:

College Parkers are excited about their upcoming meetings and travel plans. Please take the time to look at the table in the hallway outside of Smith Hall and sign up for a meeting and some trips.

We would love to have you join us at one of the monthly meetings. The group meets the third Thursday of each month at 11:30 in Smith Hall. Information about our February and March meetings is listed below.

There are several trips planned for the spring of 2025. Look at the information included with the newsletter as well as on the table outside of Smith Hall. We hope you will have the opportunity to join us for an adventure!



College Parkers February 2025:

We will meet at 11:30 am. Our entertainment for February 20th will be Sound Counsel barbershop quartet.

We look forward to having the group sing for us as we enjoy lunch of Mrs. Pumpkins' individual chicken pies, green salad, vegetable, and assorted dessert bars.

College Parkers March 2025:

We are looking forward to our March 20th College Parkers meeting. We will be blessed by Henry Tysinger, organist. Henry is a retired choir director and organist having served in churches in Michigan and North Carolina. He has been the Dean and Secretary of the local chapter of the American Guild of Organists. Currently he serves as substitute organist and pianist in area churches. He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from UNC-Chapel Hill, a Master of Arts from the University of Michigan, and studied organ and music history on the doctoral level with Marilyn Mason and James Moeser. Meal details to be announced later.





February Creation Kids' News

"This is My commandment, that you love and unselfishly seek the best for one another, just as I have loved you." John 15:12 (AMP)

It is a true blessing to share in the fellowship of the gospel with you! May we all seek the best for one another as we strive to follow in the footsteps of our Savior.

With a grateful heart, Leigh Ann

Special Parent Meetings

- We will have a meeting for parents of infants through 5th graders on Sunday afternoon, February 23rd, at 4:00. This will be a time to discuss upcoming events and an opportunity for you to share your insights on how we can best serve you - our young families - and your precious children! Grandparents are welcome too!
- We are also planning a special parent workshop scheduled for Sunday afternoon, March 23rd. Therapist Katherine Judd from [Lavender House Counseling](#) will be leading this session and sharing strategies for reflective listening and recognizing the connection between thoughts, feelings, and behaviors in our children. Katherine's focus will tie into Paul's words in Romans 12:2: "Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will." More details will be coming soon!



Valentines & Words of Encouragement

The children will be collecting Valentine cards for the folks in Western North Carolina. Our hope is to let those in need know that we are lifting them in prayer as we send words of encouragement their way. You will find a "mailbox" for collecting your cards located on a table just outside of Smith Hall. Thank you for sharing the love of Christ through caring and inspirational words! A special thank you to Yvonne Allen for this wonderful idea!

Please Mark Your Calendars!

- **Sunday, February 9th:** Churchwide Super Bowl Watch Party at 6:00
- **Wednesday, February 12th:** Our kids will be serving dessert, Valentines, and a special surprise at 6:00 during our Wednesday night supper meeting. Please plan to attend!
- **Sunday, February 23rd:** Parent Meeting at 4:00
- **Wednesday, March 5th:** Ash Wednesday Service
During the season of Lent, our children will be focusing on our Savior's journey to the cross.
- **Sunday, March 23rd:** Parent Workshop with Counselor Katherine Judd
- **Saturday, April 19th:** Easter EGGstravaganza
- **Sunday, April 20th:** Easter
- **May 2nd-4th:** Children's Camp at Fort Caswell (More details to come!)
- **Sunday, May 11th:** Mother's Day Celebration
- **Thursday, May 29th:** WXII will partner with us on a Blood Drive for the community.
- **Sunday, June 15th:** Father's Day Celebration and VBS Kick-off
- **June 16th-18th:** Vacation Bible School - True North - Trusting Jesus in the Wild World

Youth, College Students & Recreation

FEBRUARY

February Youth Calendar

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>
Feb. 2nd	5-7 pm	Bible Study and Volleyball
Feb. 5th	6:20 pm	Bus Station Ministry
Feb. 9th	6:00 pm	Super Bowl Party
Feb. 12th	6:45 pm	Youth Discipleship
Feb. 16th	5-7 pm	Bible Study and Volleyball
Feb. 23rd	—	No Evening Activities
Feb. 26th	6:45 pm	Youth Discipleship
Feb. 28th-Mar. 2nd		Family Ski Trip
Mar. 21st-23rd		Jr./Sr. Retreat
Mar. 29th	All Day	Discipleship Now
Jun. 22nd-27th		Mission Trip
Jul. 7th-11th		Youth Camp



Church Wide Super Bowl Party

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



Family Ski Retreat
Winterplace, WV

Feb. 28th-Mar. 2nd

Cost: \$175 — Lodging (per room)
\$200 — 2-Day Lift Ticket & Rental (per person)

Contact Matt Wilson by Feb. 16th if interested.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

In Loving Memory
of
Judy Edwards

July 10, 1937
to
January 16, 2025

Member of College Park
since
1981

In Loving Memory
of
Harold Gibson

October 11, 1941
to
January 26, 2025

Regular Attendee
of College Park

In Loving Memory
of
Beverly Hamblen

January 9, 1935
to
January 17, 2025

Member of College Park
since
1994

In Loving Memory
of
Joe Jones

July 16, 1933
to
January 25, 2025

Member of College Park
since
2020

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:

Calvin Barto
Jim Brown
Jean Bumgardner

Jim Hamblen
Steve Overby
Don Wilson

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



Our next Food Distribution is scheduled for Thursday, February 13 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. There is a list of food and personal care items located on the Garden Lobby counter and Welcome Desk that you may take with you as you go shopping for your groceries.
- ◆ 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 February

~ soul foods ~

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

Items collected in January:

40 cans of beef stew

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

February's donation focus is:

fashion accessories

(hair bows, necklaces, sunglasses, watches)

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

COLLEGE PARK TRAVEL

Kiwanis PanJam '25

Who: For Everyone

When: Friday, March 7, 2025

We will have groups going at 2 times — 10:00 am & 6:00 pm

Where: Benton Convention Center

Cost: \$10 suggested donation — pay at the door

Bus departure times to be determined

Sign up by Sunday, March 2, 2025 in the lobby



Kiwanis

TWIN CITY KIWANIS CLUB
Chartered in 1956



Baptists on Mission Conference

Who: All Adults

When: Friday, March 14 from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Saturday, March 15, 2025 from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Where: Calvary Baptist Church, Winston Salem, NC

Cost: \$20 includes Friday and Saturday general and breakout sessions and Saturday lunch

Sign up by Wednesday, February 19, 2025 in the lobby

Money is due Wednesday, February 19, 2025

Please make checks payable to College Park Baptist Church and note "Baptists on Mission Conference" in memo line

NC Baptist Singers and Orchestra

Who: For Everyone

When: Monday, April 14, 2025 (concert starts at 6:45 pm)

Where: Western Ave Baptist Church, Statesville, NC

Cost: Free

Bus will leave College Park at approximately 3:30 pm.

Bring money for dinner and donation for gas.

Sign up by Wednesday, April 9, 2025 in the lobby.



Ft Caswell Senior Week — Summerfest

Who: Senior Adults

When: Monday to Friday, May 12-16, 2025

Where: Ft. Caswell, Oak Island, NC

Cost: \$385 per person

Sign up by March 9th in the lobby

Money is due March 9th.

Please make checks payable to College Park Baptist Church and note "Ft. Caswell Summerfest – May 2025" in memo line

There will be another Senior Week / Summerfest August 18 -22, 2025

FOR YOUR INFORMATION ... PART 16:

Mailbox Central at College Park Baptist Church



Did you know ...

that there are mail slots where you can drop off cards for church participants?

There is a mailbox system in the hallway outside of Smith Hall with slots labeled alphabetically where you can drop off cards and letters for individuals who are homebound or living in a facility. The ministers and deacons will deliver these notes of love and care from you.

You can also drop off cards for current church participants which they can retrieve each week.

Whether a birthday card, sympathy card, thank you card, Valentine's Day card, etc., you can express your love and care through the College Park Mailbox System.

Thank you to Hutch Hutchison and Marty Minton for their assistance in creating and setting up the mail box system and to Donna Bates for labeling them alphabetically.



COLLEGE PARK BAPTIST CHURCH

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 Phone 336-768-5870
 Web Site: www.collegepark.ws

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.

N. C. Retirement Homes Offering:

Our Goal:
 \$2,000

Heck Jones Offering:

Our Goal:
 \$1,500

STEWARDSHIP OF SERVICE

DEACON OF THE WEEK

February 2 Sonny Patterson	February 9 Tom Merritt
February 16 Jason McCrary	February 23 Kent Hobson

GREETERS

February 2 Jeff Stultz	February 9 Dennis Palmer
February 16 Bob Pleasants	February 23 Tony Perkins

INFORMATION CENTER

June Crabbe
 R. J. Westphal

PROPERTIES

February 2 Hutch Hutchison	February 9 Hutch Hutchison
February 16 Hutch Hutchison	February 23 Hutch Hutchison

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>1/5</u>	<u>1/12</u>	<u>1/19</u>	<u>1/26</u>
Re:Creation Worship	72	0	0	76
11:00 Worship	105	0	109	123

STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES

Budget ~ December 2024	MTD	YTD
Budget	\$ 72,556.84	\$ 870,682.09
Receipts	\$ 93,275.16	\$ 819,577.16
Expenditures	\$ 89,248.09	\$ 901,286.94

Building Fund ~ December 2024	
Beginning Balance	\$ 137,029.30 \$ 37,651.72
Receipts	\$ 12,019.75 \$ 217,107.11
Expenditures	\$ 72,309.98 \$ 178,019.76
Ending Balance	\$ 76,739.07 \$ 76,739.07
Loan Balance	\$ 560,571.86