

HIGHLIGHTS

College Park Baptist Church
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Over the past several months we have been in a wonderful growth pattern here at College Park! In February I preached a sermon that issued a challenge for us to be more intentional about speaking with folks who profess to be believers, and yet are not involved in a local fellowship of believers (church). Many of you took the challenge to have intentional conversations with people who fit that description in your own lives, and the reports have been remarkable and encouraging! So, yes, let's keep having those conversations, and praying for each other and the people in our area of influence who need to know just how vital it is for our Christian development to journey with others!

At the same time though, we need to be constantly aware that each of us, while striving to build up the collective body, should also pay close attention to our own walk with Christ. That is part of what the season of

Lent is about. As we journey together toward the Cross, it is a great reminder of the cost of our salvation. Let us never assume it is something that we have, or are even capable of earning. We are simply incapable of doing anything that warrants the sacrifice of the perfect Son of God...for us!

So what then should our response be? Striving to be more like Christ in all that we think, say, and do is a great place to start. Asking God each morning to fill us with His Spirit to guide and empower our day...making us aware of each opportunity to minister in His name. The natural result could be that those who do not yet know Christ will be drawn to Him through who we are becoming...that would be awesome!

See you Sunday!

Ramon

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

March 2, 2025
11:00 a.m.

What a Friend We Have in Jesus
Sanctuary Choir

Picture This...
Luke 9:28-43
Ramon Smith

March 9, 2025
Combined Service at 11:00 a.m.
First Sunday of Lent
Communion

The Old Rugged Cross
Sanctuary Choir

It Starts with Remembering
Deuteronomy 26:1-11
Ramon Smith

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



March 16, 2025
11:00 a.m.
Second Sunday of Lent

Help Us Worship You
Sanctuary Choir

Lenten Light
Psalm 27
Wil Worley

March 23, 2025
11:00 a.m.
Third Sunday of Lent

At the Cross
Sanctuary Choir

The God of Second Chances
Luke 13:1-9
Ramon Smith

March 30, 2025
11:00 a.m.
Fourth Sunday of Lent

Offertory
Sanctuary Choir

Reconciliation
Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32
Ramon Smith

A NOTE FROM MARY



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

This month's book is:
Afraid of the Light
by Cynthia Ruchti

Occasionally I get asked about resources for Bible study, either personal study or in preparation for corporate study. We've had some discussion about resources in our Sunday night discipleship class recently as we've talked about the importance of studying scripture, so I thought in coming weeks I would share some of the resources I use regularly. These are not exhaustive, and I am pretty sure if you would ask any of the ministers, they would have other resources to add to the list. However, here is my starting point:

Firstly, I would encourage you to read a passage from several different translations. We all have favorites, and certainly most of us have one that most of our memory verses are memorized from; however, when studying, it is helpful to compare the different wordings of scripture to bring a more nuanced understanding of what a passage may mean, particularly as sometimes the connotation of a word today may be different from when the verse was translated. When we read with our own cultural connotation, we may be reading something into scripture that was never intended.

There are lots of parallel Bibles out there that contain several translations in one (pretty big!) book, but that's not a necessary purchase. You can search multiple translations online. Biblegateway.com has most of the common ones and some not so common as well. A personal favorite translation of mine for study is the Amplified version. It's not so much a read out loud version, but it gives alternate ways certain words can be translated, so that you get several possible or deeper meanings of a passage. If you want an alternate translation on your bookshelf for study, it's a good place to start.



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 19th at 6:45 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/>



Wednesday Night Dinner Plans for March:

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

- 3/5: hamburgers and hot dogs, tater tots, slaw, Tom's Tasty Treat
- 3/12: Grub Club
- 3/19: eggs, bacon, grits, gravy, biscuits, and fruit
- 3/26: fried catfish, slaw, fries, and dessert

A Word From Wil

COLLEGE PARKERS:

March, in like a Lion out like a Lamb. Our Lenten journey begins this year on March 5 (Ash Wednesday). I'm not going to ask what you're giving up or are you giving anything up. But I will ask for you to consider the Lenten journey. How it differs from Advent, where we wait on the baby's arrival to Lent where we wait for a betrayal, punishment, and the cross. We hope for Easter on the other side of these terrible events. We have hope for the light at the end of Lent. For forgiveness and redemption. That Grace and Mercy will win out. Soon our journey through Lent will begin. We need to consider it and prayerfully enter and travel to the Cross.

Remember our College Parkers luncheon on March 2th @ 11:30 am. We will enjoy a performance on organ from Henry Tysinger and lunch following. Make plans to join us as we travel to hear the NC Baptist Singers in Statesville on April 14th. All upcoming activities and sign-ups are located on the table in the Main Hall across from Smith Hall. Take a look and sign up for one, two or all the upcoming events!

~ Wil

In Loving Memory
of
Myrtle Lytle

May 9, 1921
to
February 9, 2025

Member of College Park
since
1994

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



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 will include: assorted deli meats (with cheese, breads, condiments), pasta salad, and dessert.



In Loving Memory
of
Jane Roberson

June 29, 1931
to
February 2, 2025

Member of College Park
since
2007

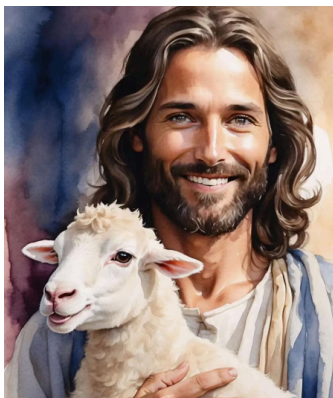
**Notes of appreciation have been
received from:**

Jim Hamblen and family
Beverly Jones and family
David and Kathy Parsons

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:

**Teresa Hill
Larry Waller**



March Creation Kids' News

"I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me - just as the Father knows me and I know the Father - and I lay down my life for the sheep." ~ John 10:14-15

As we enter into this season of Lent, I pray this will be a time to deepen our relationship with our Good Shepherd and strive to follow in His footsteps.

Blessings of peace in His Presence, Leigh Ann

Parents' Workshop - Sunday, March 23rd

A special parent workshop is scheduled for Sunday afternoon, March 23rd. Therapist **Katherine Judd** of [Lavender House Counseling](#) will be leading this session entitled, **"Raising Adolescents: Staying Connected in Anxious Times."** You will find a flyer with more details and a sign-up sheet outside of Smith Hall. Please feel free to share this info with family and friends!

Katherine's focus will tie into 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."***



Children's Camp at Fort Caswell - Bible Bootcamp

The 2025 [Fort Caswell Beach Reach](#) is set for the weekend of May 2nd - 4th! This will be an exciting weekend to focus on serving Jesus in all that we do! The cost is \$149 per person and this includes lodging, meals, and program fees. Pastor Matthew Gunn will be leading our worship time and the Caswell staff is hard at work preparing for a great weekend! Our focus will come from 2nd Timothy: 2:1, ***"You then, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus."*** More info will be coming your way in the near future.

Please Mark Your Calendar!

- **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



March Youth Calendar

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>
Mar. 5	7 pm	Ash Wednesday
Mar. 9	5-7 pm	Bible Study and Volleyball
Mar. 12	6 pm	Grub Club
Mar. 16	5-7 pm	Bible Study and Volleyball
Mar. 19	6:15 pm	Youth Bus Ministry
Mar. 21-23	—	Jr./Sr. Leadership Retreat
Mar. 23	—	No Youth Activities
Mar. 29	All Day	D-Now
Mar. 39	5-7 pm	Bible Study and Volleyball
June 22-27	—	Mission Trip
Jul. 7-11	—	Youth Camp



TRAINING

Sat April 12 8:30 am - 3 pm
Clemmons, NC

Register at:

baptistsonmission.org

Must be 18 yr or older

D-NOW

Practicing the Way

Saturday, March 29th
9:30 am - 10:00 pm



FISH AND LOAVES MINISTRY
AND
BLESSINGS BOX:



Our next Food Distribution is scheduled for Thursday, March 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 March

~ pancake mix & syrup ~

Items collected in February:

5	bags of corn mix	57	cans of vegetables
23	boxes of corn muffin mix	2	jars of 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 continuing our annual collection of items each month for our 2025 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 of Smith Hall. Thank you for your willingness to donate to this meaningful missions project.



NC Baptist Singers and Orchestra

Who: For Everyone
When: Monday, April 14, 2025 (concert starts at 6:45 pm)
Where: Western Avenue Baptist Church, Statesville, NC
Cost: Free



Sign up by Wednesday, April 9th in the hallway outside Smith Hall.
Bus will leave College Park at approximately 3:30 pm.
Bring money for dinner and donation for gas.



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 hallway outside Smith Hall.
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 Aug. 18 -22, 2025.

Baptist Children’s Home Tour in Thomasville, NC

Who: Senior Adults
When: Thursday, June 19th



Save the date! More details to come.



Samaritan’s Purse Tour in Boone, NC

Who: Senior Adults
When: Thursday, July 17th

Save the date! More details to come.

NOTE: All College Parkers are invited to join Bethany Baptist Church on their Senior Adult trips. Information can be found on the table in the lobby.

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 • 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.



STEWARDSHIP OF SERVICE

DEACON OF THE WEEK

March 2 Teresa Driver	March 9 Hutch Hutchison
March 16 Lee Hinesley	March 23 Debi Huskins
March 30 Melanie Jones	

GREETERS

March 2 Jeff Stultz	March 9 Dennis Palmer
March 16 Bob Pleasants	March 23 Tony Perkins
March 30 Tony Perkins	

INFORMATION CENTER

Scott Andrews
 Ron Cauble

PROPERTIES

March 2 Tom Hurst	March 9 Tom Hurst
March 16 Tom Hurst	March 23 Tom Hurst
March 30 Tom Hurst	

Easter Lilies:



If you would like to place a lily in the sanctuary for Easter Sunday, April 20th, please use an order form which will be located on the Welcome and Gym Lobby Desks. **Orders are due no later than Friday, March 28th.**

Cost will be \$14.50 per plant and should be paid at the time the order is submitted. You may pay for your lily via cash, check, or on-line.

ATTENDANCE STATISTICS

	<u>2/2</u>	<u>2/9</u>	<u>2/16</u>	<u>2/23</u>
Re:Creation Worship	46	82	69	73
11:00 Worship	143	115	126	114

STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES

Budget ~ January 2025	MTD	YTD
Budget	\$ 74,625.53	\$ 74,625.53
Receipts	\$ 63,620.52	\$ 63,620.52
Expenditures	\$ 73,136.92	\$ 73,136.92

Building Fund ~ January 2025		
Beginning Balance	\$ 76,739.07	\$ 76,739.07
Receipts	\$ 9,443.00	\$ 9,443.00
Expenditures	\$ 35,009.98	\$ 35,009.98
Ending Balance	\$ 51,172.09	\$ 51,172.09
Loan Balance	\$ 526,994.27	