

HIGHLIGHTS

College Park Baptist Church

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The season of Lent is often confusing for people in 21st century western culture ... partly because our messaging, as the church, is often confusing. To begin with, Lent begins the day after Mardi Gras (literally “fat Tuesday”). The idea is that after a celebration of excess, we repent from that attitude and spend the next 40 days in symbolic fasting (by giving up something we like very much), as we remember the journey of our Savior to the cross of Calvary. See what I mean? When we say it out loud, that all sounds a little confusing to someone who may not grasp some of the deeper meaning behind the Lenten season. I guess my question is “Do WE grasp the deeper meaning behind all of the cultural add-ons to this season?” For us, as believers, we have a responsibility to be ambassadors of a risen Savior who died for our sin because we are simply not capable of atoning for our

own shortcomings ... sin. When we fail to achieve the standard God set for us, we have a couple of choices...

- 1) Be like many other religions and seek to do enough “good things” to “balance the ledger” ... that is make up for the times we fail to meet God’s standard. FYI, this choice leads to a life of frustration and constant comparison to other people ... and is doomed to ultimate failure!
- 2) Choice number two is to receive the unconditional love and forgiveness that God extended to us through His Son, Jesus. As such, we recognize that unworthy though we may be, His love for us allows us to be overcomers!

My prayer is that you will fully embrace choice number two!

See you Sunday!

Ramon



THE WORSHIP OF GOD



April 6, 2025
11:00 a.m.
Fifth Sunday of Lent

Written in Red
Sanctuary Choir

Beyond Words
John 12:1-8
Ramon Smith

April 13, 2025
11:00 a.m.
Palm Sunday

Lift Your Voice
Sanctuary Choir

All About Expectations
Matthew 21:1-11
Ramon Smith

April 20, 2025
11:00 a.m.
Resurrection Sunday

Risen Today!
I've Just Seen Jesus
Sanctuary Choir

Easter for Every Day
John 20:1-18
Ramon Smith

April 27, 2025
11:00 a.m.

O Praise the Name (Anastasis)
Sanctuary Choir

Easter Continues
Acts 5:27-32
Ramon Smith

Our Mission...

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



A NOTE FROM MARY



Study, while demanding, is never grievous. The outcome of learning the Bible is a love for its content and a respect for its relevancy. The Word which comes to dwell in our lives is itself the parent of joy. Remember the great first Psalm? It blessed the man whose delight was the Law of the Lord, especially if the man meditated upon the Word of the Lord.

~ Calvin Miller

I can't lie. I get kind of excited when church members share with me what God has shown them in their Bible study. I get excited at some of the discussions that take place in the studies in which I get to participate and facilitate. I love those "a-ha" moments that we share together. I love/hate those truth moments when we get a glimpse of what scripture means to each of us as individuals and where I may be falling short. I love the reminders of how gracious our God is and how much He wants to be Lord of our life. And the more I study, the more I realize how relevant God's Word is for my life. I love the part of the above quote which says, "The Word which comes to dwell in our lives is the parent of joy." Yes, joy is a fruit of the Spirit, but I am convinced that the Spirit uses scripture to bring His fruit to maturity in our lives. As we study we learn about God's faithful love toward us. We are reminded of the ways He cares and has cared for His children. We learn principles which bring forth fruit in our lives and relationships. And we begin to see through His eyes. Through God's Word, the Spirit grows us in Christ-likeness, and we experience joy in every circumstance.

will meet on
Monday, April 28th
at 7 pm
in the Garden Lobby

This month's book is:
Ladies of the Lake
by Cathy Gohlke

Notes of appreciation have been received from:

Kate Anthony and Derrick Anthony

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:

Steve Foster
Teresa Hill
Larry Waller



Wednesday Night Dinner Plans for April:

Our menus for Wednesday night dinners in April are 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.

- 4/2: BBQ, baked beans, slaw, hushpuppies, and Tom's Tasty Treat
- 4/9: Taco bar (with beef and chicken), salad, & dessert
- 4/16: No Regular Wednesday Night Activities
Grub Club (location to be announced)
- 4/23: Baked chicken, roasted potatoes, salad, rolls, & dessert
- 4/30: No Regular Wednesday Night Activities
(rescheduled for Thursday, May 1st
We will have a dinner of hamburgers and hot dogs with the fixings, fries, and dessert and then a National Day of Prayer Service.)

A Word From Wil

COLLEGE PARKERS:

Our Lenten journey will end soon. Easter is near and so is Spring. As I write this looking out my study window, I can see the small but undeniable evidence of the leaves returning. I never have considered how colorful the leaves returning can be, with red, orange, and yellow. Fall colors in Spring? What a beautiful creation that we live in! Make plans to join us as we travel to hear the NC Baptist Singers in Statesville on April 14th. The College Parkers luncheon will be April 20th @ 11:30 where our favorite barber shop quartet, Sound Counsel, will be performing.



Lunch will be catered from Mrs. Pumpkins. Sign-up today! 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
Leonard Fairchild

December 13, 1931
to
March 22, 2025

Regular Attendee
of College Park

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



College Parkers April 2025:

We are looking forward to our April 17th College Parkers meeting. We will be blessed by the barbershop quartet, Sound Counsel.

The meal will include:

- * Mrs. Pumpkins' individual chicken pies
- * green salad
- * vegetable
- * assorted dessert bars

In Loving Memory
of
Mary Lee Swaim

August 2, 1929
to
March 23, 2025

Member of College Park
since
1959

In Loving Memory
of
Tori Wilson

September 11, 1986
to
March 6, 2025

Member of College Park
since
2017





April Creation Kids' News

Rejoice, dear friends! Our Savior held nothing back on the cross, so let us love and serve Him with all that we are! **"Let every detail in your lives - words, actions, whatever - be done in the name of the Master, Jesus, thanking God the Father every step of the way."** Colossians 3:17 (MSG)

Trusting in Him, Leigh Ann



Easter "Egg"stravaganza

It takes many helping hands to make this day a wonderful celebration!

Here's how you can help:

- Donate small individually wrapped candies.
- Donate prizes or gift cards.
- Donate time! We need volunteers to stuff eggs on Thursday, April 17th at 10:00.
- **We need lots of folks to help** on the day of the event, so please sign up outside of Smith Hall! Please come and join in the fun!



Easter "Egg"stravaganza

April 19th

10:00 - 12:00

Egg Hunt Schedule

10:15 - 10:35: 9 - 12 year olds

10:40 - 11:00: 5 - 8 year olds

11:05 - 11:25: 4 and younger

11:35: All Gather for Easter Story



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. 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." This event is for rising 3rd graders and above. Please let me know if you are interested or have questions, so we can make our reservations and prepare!

Please Mark Your Calendars!

- **Thursday, April 17th:** Egg Stuffing at 10:00 & Maundy Thursday Service at 7:00
- **Friday, April 18th:** Tenebrae Service at 7:00
- **Saturday, April 19th:** Easter EGGstravaganza
- **Sunday, April 20th:** Easter
- **Friday, May 2nd-Sunday, May 4th:** Children's Camp at Fort Caswell
- **Sunday, May 11th:** Mother's Day Celebration
- **Sunday, May 18th:** VBS Meeting at 4:00
- **Thursday, May 29th:** WXII will partner with us on a Blood Drive for the community.
- **Sunday, June 8th:** Sunday Night at The Park (Kick off for several multi-generational events that will be held throughout the summer months.)
- **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



Youth Boys Camping Trip
April 11th
leave the church at 4:00 pm

Graduate Sunday

Our congregation will be honoring this year's graduating class on Sunday, May 18th. We would like to recognize high school and post high school graduates. Please contact Matt Wilson or the church office no later than May 11th. We look forward to celebrating their accomplishments on this day.



Bowman Gray Racing

May 31st

Bus leaves at 5:30 pm
Gates open at 6:00 pm
Races start at 8:00 pm
Seating: Covered Patio (Turn 1 South)
Tickets: (Adults \$12) (6yr-11yr \$2)
Food to be provided: Hotdogs, Chips,
& Drinks



Slide Training

April 8th @ 3:00 pm

Can you lift 50 lbs, or can you ask a teenager to lift 50 lbs and move it over there?

If so we need you to know how our inflatable slide sets up and tears down. Come Sunday afternoon April 8th at 3 pm inside the gym to learn all about it. Remember it takes a village.

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



Our next Food Distribution is scheduled for Thursday, April 10th 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 April

~ applesauce and canned fruit ~

Items collected in March:

14	bottles of syrup	2	boxes of vanilla pudding mix
1	box of powered sugar	1	can of fruit
1	box of pancake mix	8	cans of vegetables

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.

**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 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 and money was due by March 9th.

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

See the Greater Vision Outreach facility, shop at Fancy Finds and have dessert at The Mill.

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 FOCUS:

Stewardship is knowing that God owns 100% of everything. We are the caretakers. Our actions as Stewards of His World, including our personal blessings of time, talents, gifts, and money, are an act of Worship to Him.

~ Stewardship Committee

Annie Armstrong and Global Missions Offering

Our Goal:
\$5,500.00

STEWARDSHIP OF SERVICE

DEACON OF THE WEEK

April 6 Frank Martinez	April 13 Mike Beeson
April 20 Bill Clapp	April 27 Ken Hatchett

GREETERS

April 6 Jeff Stultz	April 13 Dennis Palmer
April 20 Bob Pleasants	April 27 Tony Perkins

INFORMATION CENTER

Tony Bates
Becky Haney

PROPERTIES

April 6 Ishmael Stowe	April 13 Ishmael Stowe
April 20 Ishmael Stowe	April 27 Ishmael Stowe

Church Conference:
Wednesday, April 23rd
7:00 pm
Smith Hall

ATTENDANCE STATISTICS

	3/2	3/9	3/16	3/23	3/30
Re:Creation Worship	58	0	65	78	86
11:00 Worship	112	173	119	125	124

STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES

Budget ~ February 2025

	MTD	YTD
Budget	\$ 74,625.53	\$ 149,251.06
Receipts	\$ 52,621.62	\$ 116,242.14
Expenditures	\$ 77,162.68	\$ 150,299.60

Building Fund ~ February 2025

Beginning Balance	\$ 51,172.09	\$ 76,739.07
Receipts	\$ 5,647.00	\$ 15,090.00
Expenditures	\$ 9,609.98	\$ 44,619.96
Ending Balance	\$ 47,209.11	\$ 47,209.11

Loan Balance \$ 518,721.80