

# HIGHLIGHTS

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



Well, here we are at the beginning of May, and this year May is going to feel a little different. Oh, the usual will still be in place: Mother's Day is May 11th, and that is always a wonderful day of celebration! This year, again, we will have a special schedule for that day, with a church-wide breakfast and combined worship service at 11:00. We will also have some parents and babies to celebrate with!

But Graduates' Sunday in May?!! It's been a while since we've done that. Yes, this year the students in Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools will finish up the school year in May, so we will celebrate the hard work of students of all ages, but particularly the graduation of students, signifying the completion of high school and college. This is an important time for us to continue to

encourage our young adults as they transition to a new stage in their lives. Come and celebrate with us!

We will also continue our worship services around the theme of being Easter people every day! As we were reminded by the actions of Peter before and after the crucifixion and resurrection, we all sometimes have doubts and challenges to our faith. The important thing is how we respond to those events/times. I am so thankful, and will always be thankful for this community of faith that my family has had the pleasure of journeying with for the past thirty-three years!

*And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near.*

*Hebrews 10:25 NLT*

See you Sunday!

*Ramon*



## THE WORSHIP OF GOD



**May 4, 2025**  
**11:00 a.m.**

*Softly and Tenderly*  
Sanctuary Choir

***Persecutor of the Year?***  
Acts 9:1-20  
Ramon Smith

**May 11, 2025**  
**11:00 a.m.**  
**Combined Service**  
***Mother's Day***

*There's a Quiet Understanding*  
Sanctuary Choir

***How Did He Get That Way?***  
2 Timothy 1:1-7  
Ramon Smith

**May 18, 2025**  
**11:00 a.m.**  
***Graduates' Sunday***

*A Blessing of Grace*  
Sanctuary Choir

***The Waves?***  
Matthew 14:22-36  
Matt Wilson

**May 25, 2025**  
**11:00 a.m.**

*The Mansions of the Lord*  
Sanctuary Choir

***Choosing Trees?***  
John 14:23-29  
Ramon Smith

### Our Mission...

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



# A NOTE FROM MARY



*Approach the Scriptures not so much as a manual of Christian principles but as the testimony of God's friends on what it means to walk with him through a thousand different episodes. When you are at war, when you are in love, when you have sinned, when you have been given a great gift — this is how you walk with God.*

~ Jon Eldridge

Too often it is easy to put on a pedestal those who have come before us, particularly those whose stories we have in scripture. We like to imagine that because their stories have been given to us, that they perhaps had a special understanding of what it means to follow God; however, the more we read scripture the more we realize that those heroes of the faith were no more perfect than we are. There are stories of lapses of faith, disobedience, and failure among the stories of miracles and great things done for God. The one constant in all of it is God's love for us in every circumstance, in spite of our failures and of His great grace and forgiveness. It is a book that reminds us that God paid the price for our sinfulness and shame and that He desires to be in relationship with us, with all of our mess and inconsistency. It is a love story in which He invites us to walk with Him in everything, so that we might journey together forever.



will meet on  
**Monday, June 2nd**  
**at 7 pm**  
in the Garden Lobby

This month's book is:  
*Sisters of the Rising Sun*  
by Heather Morris

## WXII COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

**When:** Thursday, May 29th  
9:00 am — 6:00 pm

**Where:** College Park Gym

You can make an appointment by scanning this QR code or reach out to Leigh Ann Pernell at



leighann@collegetpark.ws

You will also have an opportunity to sign-up during dinner on Wednesday night, May 21st, in Smith Hall from 5:30 to 6:45 pm.

Snacks and free giveaways are available for donors.

## 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:

Jean Dzeskewicz  
Steve Foster

Garlene Grogan  
Larry Waller



## **Wednesday Night Dinner Plans for May:**

Our menus for Wednesday night dinners in May 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.

- 5/1: Thursday — National Day of Prayer**  
hamburgers and hot dogs with the fixings, fries, and Tom's Tasty Treat
- 5/7:** catfish, hush puppies, fries, slaw, and chocolate éclair dessert
- 5/14:** eggs, bacon, grits, gravy, biscuits, and fruit
- 5/21:** baked ham, pineapple casserole, green beans, rolls, and banana pudding
- 5/28:** baked spaghetti, salad, garlic bread, and blueberry cobbler

# *A Word From Wil*

## COLLEGE PARKERS:

As I write this my eyes are still dilated from my eye doctor. Not a planned thing, but something that had to be done. Sometimes it's fun to have something unexpected to happen, other times the world appears like a bright beacon as you try to type! We have a trip planned to Reynolda House in early May. Missed signing up for that one? We have a trip to the Baptist Children's Home with a stop for lunch at Clark's BBQ on the way (June 19th). The College Parkers' luncheon will be Thursday, May 15th @ 11:30, where our very own community chorus, Grace Notes, will be performing. Lunch will be chicken with y'all providing the sides. Sign-up today! All upcoming activities and sign-ups are located on the table in the Main Hall across from Smith Hall. Look and sign up for one, two or all the upcoming events!

~ Wil



### **National Day of Prayer — Thursday, May 1st**

12-6 pm: Sanctuary is open  
6-7 pm: Meal in Smith Hall  
7 pm: Prayer Service in the Sanctuary

#### **Specific Areas for Prayer:**

- \* Business
- \* Church
- \* Education
- \* Family
- \* Government
- \* Media
- \* Military

The meal will include:

- \* hamburgers and hot dogs
- \* fries
- \* Tom's Tasty Treat



### **College Parkers May 2025**

**When:** Thursday, May 15th  
11:30 am

**Where:** Smith Hall

We hope you can join us for our May College Parkers meeting. We will be blessed with a music program performed by the Grace Notes, a group of ladies from multiple churches in the area.

The church will provide chicken and dessert and attendees should bring side dishes to be shared with everyone.





# May Creation Kids' News

We have many wonderful opportunities ahead and I rejoice in knowing that our Savior cares about every detail. I pray we will steadily follow where He leads us!  
"You wisely and tenderly lead me, and then you bless me." Psalm 73:24 (MSG)  
Trusting in Him, Leigh Ann



## Children's Camp - Beach Reach - Bible Bootcamp

Our children are excited to head to Fort Caswell May 2nd - 4th. Our time will be filled with Bible study, music, activities, and lots of fun! Pastor Matt even has a fishing expedition planned! Our focus will be on staying strong in the grace that is Christ Jesus. Please keep us in your prayers as we travel and grow in our Lord's grace.

## 🌹🌸🌹 Mother's Day Celebration 🌹🌸🌹

Mother's Day is Sunday, May 11th! We will gather for a special breakfast to celebrate the women of God who have helped us to grow in our faith. **Here is the schedule:**

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



## Please Mark Your Calendars!

### • Sunday, May 18th - VBS Planning Meeting at 4:00

Calling all Bible School Volunteers! Please come and find out how you can be an integral part of this opportunity to share the love of Christ with our community.

### • Thursday, May 29th - WXII Blood Drive

We will partner with WXII and the Red Cross for a community blood drive. We would love to have lots of caring volunteers to welcome our neighbors and help share in this life saving event. You can find details on a table outside of Smith Hall.

### • Sunday, June 15th - Father's Day Celebration

We will celebrate the men of our church! There will be breakfast at 9:00, followed by Sunday School, and a combined service at 11:00.

### • Monday, June 16th - Wednesday, June 18th - Bible School

This year's VBS focus is True North - Trusting Jesus in the Wild World! We will kick off each evening with a snack supper at 5:30 and will then join together for worship, exploration, and fun from 6:00-8:00. Please invite your neighbors and come share in the joy!



*"You wisely and tenderly lead me, and then you bless me."*

# ***Youth, College Students & Recreation***

## **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



## **Youth Mission Trip (Construction Only, Staying on Campus)**

**SERVE**  
*Christ*

June 22-27

Cost: \$250



**Youth Camp 2025  
Garden City Beach, SC  
July 7th-11th  
Cost: \$250**



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



Our next Food Distribution is scheduled for Thursday, May 8th 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 May***

*~ canned beans ~*

***(pork and beans, beanee weenees, etc.)***

**Items collected in April:**

111	containers of apple sauce	8	containers of oranges
16	containers of mixed fruit	52	containers of peaches

***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.

**May's donation focus is:**

**personal care items**

**(soap, toothbrushes, wash cloths, dental floss)**

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.



### **Baptist Children's Home Tour in Thomasville, NC**

**Who:** Senior Adults

**When:** Thursday, June 19th



Sign up by Wednesday, June 11th in the hallway outside of Smith Hall.

We will have lunch at Clark's BBQ in Kernersville and then travel to The Children's Home in Thomasville for a tour of the Greater Vision Outreach facility, to shop at Fancy Finds, and have dessert at The Mill. Bring money for lunch and dessert and a donation for gas. The bus will return to College Park about 5:00 pm.



### **Samaritan's Purse Tour in Boone, NC**

**Who:** Senior Adults

**When:** Thursday, July 17th

Sign up by Wednesday, July 9th in the hallway outside of Smith Hall.

The bus will leave College Park at noon (bring a bag lunch if you wish).

We will tour the International Headquarters and Operation Christmas Child facilities in Boone and then have dinner at Dodge City Steakhouse in Wilkesboro on our way home.

Bring money for dinner and a donation for gas. Bus will return to College Park about 7:00 pm.

### **The Caine Conservatory at High Point University**

**Who:** Senior Adults

**When:** Tuesday, September 16th

Sign up now if interested in the hallway outside of Smith Hall.

We would like to know how many will attend so we can plan our day!

Please see Carolyn Royal for additional information.







### **Carolina Balloon Fest in Statesville**

**Who:** For Everyone

**When:** Friday, October 17

**Cost:** \$28 per person

Pay and sign up by Wednesday, May 28th in the hallway outside of Smith Hall.

The bus will leave College Park at 3:00 pm.

Bring money for food and spending money and a donation for gas and bring a lawn chair.

The bus will return to College Park about 8:00 pm.

Please see Ken Hatchett for additional information.

**Please make checks payable to College Park Baptist and turn in to the church office.**

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### **Christmas at the Billy Graham Library in Charlotte**

**Who:** Senior Adults

**When:** Thursday, December 4

**Cost:** approximately \$40 per person and a donation for gas  
Information and cost for this year will be available in August.

Sign up now if interested in the hallway outside of Smith Hall.

There is no obligation to attend until price is announced.

Join us for the Journey of Faith tour, dinner at the Billy Graham Library and enjoy the Christmas lights and living nativity.

The bus will leave about 1:00 pm and return about 9:00 pm.

Reservations must be made the day they become available in October. Payment in full by Wednesday, October 1st.



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**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.**



## FOR YOUR INFORMATION ... PART 17:

### Lost and Found at College Park Baptist Church

Did you know ...

that there is a Lost and Found at College Park?

Outside the entrance to Smith Hall (just past the doors to the office), there is a cabinet with cubbies where items that have been found around the church are placed. If you have lost something ... jewelry, sunglasses, cups, books, bibles, etc. ... take a moment to look in the boxes to see if the item has been placed there and is waiting to be found!

Thank you to Donna Bates and Leigh Ann Pernell for her creative talents in helping to set this up. Several people have been excited to find their lost items in recent months.



## COLLEGE PARK BAPTIST CHURCH

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Web Site: [www.collegepark.ws](http://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 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](mailto: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

**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

<b>May 4</b> Ishmael Stowe	<b>May 11</b> Sonny Patterson
<b>May 18</b> Tom Merritt	<b>May 25</b> Jason McCrary

### NC Baptist Hospital

Our Goal:  
\$2,000.00



### GREETERS

<b>May 4</b> Jeff Stultz	<b>May 11</b> Dennis Palmer
<b>May 18</b> Bob Pleasants	<b>May 25</b> Tony Perkins

## ATTENDANCE STATISTICS

	<b>4/6</b>	<b>4/13</b>	<b>4/20</b>	<b>4/27</b>
Re:Creation Worship	85	70	120	69
11:00 Worship	127	121	143	111

### INFORMATION CENTER

Ron Cauble  
Tom Hurst

## STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES

### Budget ~ March 2025

	<b>MTD</b>	<b>YTD</b>
Budget	\$ 74,625.53	\$ 223,876.59
Receipts	\$ 69,667.34	\$ 185,909.48
Expenditures	\$ 70,870.57	\$ 221,170.17

### Building Fund ~ March 2025

Beginning Balance	\$ 47,209.11	\$ 76,739.07
Receipts	\$ 7,561.60	\$ 22,651.60
Expenditures	\$ 9,609.98	\$ 54,229.94
Ending Balance	\$ 45,160.73	\$ 45,160.73

Loan Balance      \$ 510,281.82

### PROPERTIES

<b>May 4</b> Ishmael Stowe	<b>May 11</b> Barry Nelson
<b>May 18</b> Barry Nelson	<b>May 25</b> Barry Nelson