

HIGHLIGHTS

College Park Baptist Church
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Twenty-two years ago, when you called me as your pastor, I shared that my hope was that we could be more intentional about ministering to our immediate community...our Jerusalem, if you will. I explained that it is easy to fall into the mindset that missions are something that you go somewhere else to do...and, yes, College Park has always done that well! It is more difficult to look your neighbors in the eye, and seek to be the hands and feet of Christ to them...here. There are all sorts of psychological and sociological explanations as to why this is true, but the bottom line is that we were commissioned to “*work our way out*” from Jerusalem to Judea, then Samaria, and the outermost parts of the earth. Yes, I know that some may argue that all of those should be reached in concentric circles of concern (Oscar Thompson, Jr. even wrote a really good book about it),

and I agree whole-heartedly! I would add though, that we often concentrate on the different “circles,” depending on the felt need. Take the hurricane relief effort we have been so actively involved in as an example. Those efforts, as awesome as they are, should not keep us from continuing to reach our own community...that is my point. And here is my other point: Sunday and Sunday before last are the living fruit of our community efforts! We’ve been having this discussion on Wednesday nights, but I had to broadcast the message to a wider audience: “We are reaching our community one family at a time, and they, in turn, are reaching more families!” Many a family has been brought to church by their teenage child(ren), and that is exactly what is happening now...we are living it! What an exciting time!

See you Sunday!
Ramon

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

August 3, 2025

9:00 am: Adult Praise Band
11:00 am: Men’s Chorus

Change from a Distance
Colossians 3:1-11
Ramon Smith

August 10, 2025

9:00 am: Adult Praise Band
11:00 am: *Peace Like a River*
Sanctuary Choir

The Theme of Faith
Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16
Ramon Smith

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

August 17, 2025

9:00 am: Adult Praise Band
11:00 am: *There’s Something About That Name*
Sanctuary Choir

Faithful Spectators
Hebrews 11:29-12:2
Ramon Smith

August 24, 2025

9:00 am: Adult Praise Band
11:00 am: *In Christ Alone*
Sanctuary Choir

Simply One Suitable Response
Hebrews 12:18-29
Ramon Smith

August 31, 2025

9:00 am: Adult Praise Band
11:00 am: *Coming Home*
Sanctuary Choir

Roll with the Changes
Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16
Ramon Smith

A NOTE FROM MARY



“The heavens declare the glory of God, the skies proclaim the work of his hands. Day after day they pour forth speech, night after night they display knowledge. There is no speech or language where their voice is not heard. Their voice goes out in to all the earth, their words to the ends of the world.” ~ Psalm 19:1-4

This is that time of year when friends’ social media accounts are full of beautiful pictures of the skies from all over: beaches, mountains, distant countries. In a world of contrasts and competing cultures, the beauty of the skies and God’s creation remain a constant source of awe. People all over pause to take in the radiance of a sunrise or sunset, to see a rainbow or even an interesting or unsettling cloud formation. Clearly, the glory of God’s creation reveals the hand of the Creator. Romans 1:20 says, “For since the creation of the world God’s invisible qualities — his eternal power and divine nature — have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse.” In coming days, whether at home or traveling, I invite you to pause and to enjoy the beauty of God’s creation and ponder what it has to teach us about our Creator.

will meet on
Monday, August 25th
at 7 pm
in the Garden Lobby

This month’s book is:
The Call of the Wrens
by Jenni L. Walsh



Wednesday Night Dinner Plans for August:

We are continuing to have “bring your own dinner” each Wednesday night. Bring a homemade goodie from your kitchen or stop by your favorite restaurant to get a to-go order and bring it to the church. We are enjoying a time of fellowship and discipleship as we gather together each week.

ATTENTION:

Wednesday, August 6th We will have dinner at 6:00 pm before our called church conference to celebrate achieving the building loan balance dropping below \$500,000 and the possible new investment strategy which will help our financial security.
The menu is: fried chicken, green beans, mac ‘n cheese, rolls, and dessert

Wednesday, August 13th There will be no Wednesday night activities.

We will plan to start dinner back up in September.

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:

Jeanette Aldridge

Notes of appreciation have been received from:

Kate Anthony
Marti Waller

A World From Wil

COLLEGE PARKERS:

We had a wonderful experience touring Samaritans Purse and Operation Christmas Child Box Center in Boone last month. We learned about the many missional works of Samaritans Purse here and around the world. We had a bit of rain, clouds, and sun but a day filled with fun and fellowship. We finished the day with a hardy meal at Dodge City Steakhouse in Wilkesboro. Thinking about that meal, our next outing is to the Depot at Cody Creek in Dobson. If you missed the last trip and want some good food, don't miss this one! Bus will leave the church Friday, August 8th @ 4:30 pm. (If you're driving, plan on meeting us there at 5:30 pm.) We will return by 8 pm. Sign up now! College Parkers luncheons will resume September 19th @ 11:30 am. There are plenty of trips and fellowship opportunities coming up this fall both churchwide and with College Parkers. All upcoming activities and sign-ups are located on the table in the Main Hall across from Smith Hall. Check 'em out today and sign-up to come be a part of the laughter and fun!

~ Wil



LOAVES AND FISH MINISTRY FOOD DISTRIBUTION

IMPORTANT NEWS!!!

***We would love to start providing fresh produce during our monthly food distributions. If you have a garden or have access to a garden and would be willing to share items to be distributed each month, please reach out to Deb Clinard at:
d_clinard@hotmail.com or 540.326.5583.***



Called Church Conference:
Wednesday, August 6th
at 7:00 pm
in Smith Hall

We will be voting on the proposed investment strategy presented at the church conference meeting on Wednesday, July 23rd as well as updates to the church leadership from the Enlistment Committee.





Creation Kids' August News

As our families prepare for the school year ahead, we entrust our children to our Heavenly Father's loving care! He has amazing things in store!

"Don't fret or worry. Instead of worrying, pray. Let petitions and praises shape your worries into prayers, letting God know your concerns. Before you know it, a sense of God's wholeness, everything coming together for good, will come and settle you down. It's wonderful what happens when Christ displaces worry at the center of your life." Philippians 4:6-7 (MSG)

Family Night at The Park - August 3rd at 5:00

Bring your favorite finger foods and come ready for another game night! We will create multi-age teams that will take on some "trivial pursuit" challenges. Please plan to join in the fun on that Sunday evening in Smith Hall.



Sunday of Affirmation - August 17th

The summer break is drawing to a close and the new school year is about to begin! We will have a special time during both worship services to wrap our students, families, and educators in prayer as they prepare for the year ahead.



Prayer Partner Ministry

On the Sunday of Affirmation, you will find a table filled with envelopes. Each envelope will have the name of a child, teen, or college student. Adults who feel called to participate can select an envelope and the contents will reveal their Prayer Partner for the year. Our hope is that every child will have someone to remember them in prayer each day. **We would like to request that all participants select a new Prayer Partner each year.** This is not to discourage you from continuing to pray for your current student, but to provide an opportunity to build even more relationships. A heartfelt prayer is one of the most powerful and precious gifts we can ever share!



During the month of August, we will be collecting school supplies for students in our surrounding area. Many young ones are in need of pencils, crayons, glue sticks, and notebooks and we can help them get their year off to a positive start! You will find a collection area outside of Smith Hall to place your donations. Thank you for helping these young scholars have the needed tools for a successful academic year!

Brunch & Babies - September 6th

We are planning a brunch for our preschool moms from 10:00-12:00 on Saturday, Sept. 6th. Our hope is to provide these mothers with a chance to relax and chat while others have the privilege of caring for their little ones. If you know any young moms who would like to join this group - or you would like to help - please let me know. We welcome your helping hands!



Youth, College Students & Recreation

August 5th
11:45 am

The Last
Youth Grub Club
of the Summer!!!!



Church-Wide Retreat
@ Ft Caswell

August 28th — September 1st
Cost = \$50 per person per day

Sign up in Garden Lobby by August 6th





You may sign up for trips on the table in the hallway outside of Smith Hall.

The Depot at Cody Creek in Dobson

Who: Senior Adults

When: Friday, August 8th at 5:30 pm

Cost: Bring money for dinner and a donation for bus expenses

Please plan to join the group for dinner at The Depot in Dobson. This is a favorite event the group enjoys every year.

The bus will leave College Park at 4:30 pm and return around 8:00 pm.



The Caine Conservatory at High Point University

Who: Senior Adults

When: Tuesday, September 16th

Cost: Bring money for lunch, dessert, and a donation for bus expenses

Sign up by Wednesday, August 15th!!

We will tour the Caine Conservatory followed by a campus bus tour and lunch at High Point University. We will stop at Cupcake Cuties in Wallburg on our way back.

The bus will leave College Park at 9:45 am and return around 4:00 pm.

Carolina Balloon Fest in Statesville

Who: Everyone

When: Friday, October 17

Cost: \$28 per person; bring money for food, spending money, and a donation for bus expenses (Don't forget to bring a lawn chair!)

THREE SPOTS ARE AVAILABLE!!

CONTACT TERESA IN THE CHURCH OFFICE TO JOIN THE GROUP!



The bus will leave College Park at 3:00 pm and return around 8:00 pm.

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

Contact Deb Clinard for more information 540.326.5583. Be on the lookout for information on additional trips to be planned for the College Park Travel group on the table in the hallway outside of Smith Hall. Lots of activities are being planned by your committee.



**The Winston Salem Chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society Presents ...
"Haunts, Howls, and Harmony"
(featuring our very own Robert Huff!!!)**

- Who:** For Everyone
- When:** Saturday, October 18th
(Note: This is the day after the Balloon Fest)
- Location:** Hanes Auditorium at Salem College
- Cost:** \$15 per person and a donation for bus expenses

The bus will leave College Park at 1:00 pm for the 2:00 pm show and return about 5:00 pm. We will then meet at The Sherwood for those who would like to enjoy dinner together. **Please make checks payable to College Park Baptist and turn in to the church office. Sign up is due by Wednesday, October 8th.**

A Motown Christmas at the Wohlfahrt Haus Dinner Theatre in Wytheville, Virginia

- Who:** Senior Adults
- When:** Tuesday, November 11th
- Cost:** \$60 per person (includes lunch and the show) and a donation for bus expenses
(We will need 20 people to receive the group price.)



The bus will leave College Park at 9:30 am and return about 6:00 pm. Lunch is at noon and the show starts at 1:30 pm. **Please make checks payable to College Park Baptist and turn in to the church office. Sign up is due by Wednesday, October 1st.**



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 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.

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



Our next Food Distribution is scheduled for Thursday, July 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.
- ◆ 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 August

~ toilet paper ~

Items collected in July:

1 bottle of lotion	2 jars of jelly
55 cans of pasta	4 jars of peanut butter

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.

**August's donation focus is:
school supplies**

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.

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Leigh Ann Pernell, Minister to Children
Wil Worley, Minister to Senior Adults and Communications Specialist
Charles D. Edwards, Pastor Emeritus

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.

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 Smith Hall
- 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

<u>August 3</u> Ken Hatchett	<u>August 10</u> Ishmael Stowe
<u>August 17</u> Sonny Patterson	<u>August 24</u> Tom Merritt
<u>August 31</u> Jason McCrary	

GREETERS

<u>August 3</u> Jeff Stultz	<u>August 10</u> Dennis Palmer
<u>August 17</u> Tony Perkins	<u>August 24</u> Tony Perkins
<u>August 31</u> Tony Perkins	

INFORMATION CENTER

June Crabbe
 R. J. Westphal

PROPERTIES

<u>August 3</u> Barry Nelson	<u>August 10</u> Barry Nelson
<u>August 17</u> Barry Nelson	<u>August 24</u> Barry Nelson
<u>August 31</u> Barry Nelson	

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

ATTENDANCE STATISTICS

	<u>7/6</u>	<u>7/13</u>	<u>7/20</u>	<u>7/27</u>
Re:Creation Worship	86	82	75	0
11:00 Worship	114	174	119	173

STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES

Budget ~ June 2025

	<u>MTD</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Budget	\$ 74,625.53	\$ 447,753.18
Receipts	\$ 81,095.28	\$ 400,587.11
Expenditures	\$ 74,088.79	\$ 439,414.31

Building Fund ~ June 2025

Beginning Balance	\$ 50,486.77	\$ 76,739.07
Receipts	\$ 9,021.60	\$ 56,219.20
Expenditures	\$ 9,609.98	\$ 83,059.88
Ending Balance	\$ 49,898.39	\$ 49,898.39
Loan Balance	\$ 485,171.03	