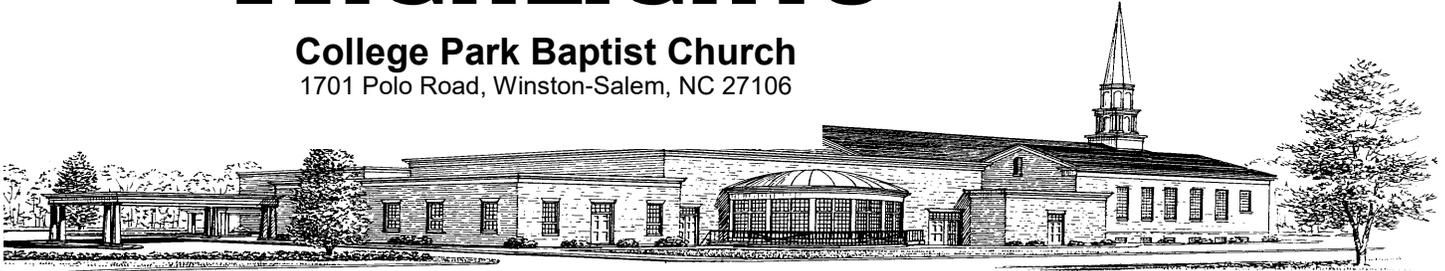


HIGHLIGHTS

College Park Baptist Church
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It doesn't seem possible, but the school year has started! It has been an amazing summer, and we look forward to an even more amazing fall. It's no secret that fall is my favorite season ... the weather change, the color of the leaves, the beauty of creation as God "shows off" His creative glory ... it's just a wonderful time of the year! All of that is a reminder of what an awesome God we serve!

In spite of the fact that life is constantly changing, I am thankful that "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever" (Heb 13:8). Unfortunately, none of us has the luxury to fail to change or even simply ignore it. Change is too powerful. A healthy church can adapt to the changes that take place in its surroundings. We need to adapt to the things that used to work and try new things to help connect people with God and with one

another. Our pursuit to adapt never ends. We have to constantly change the ways in which we spread the message of the gospel ... it is part of what it means to be a disciple. At the same time, again, we have an eternal message: "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever" (Heb 13:8). So the gospel message has not changed, and yet the way we present it to changing populations of people around us, by nature, must change. I ask you to pray with me that College Park will always be faithful to present the gospel in ways that people will understand and accept! We have had an amazing year thus far, and I pray that God will continue to guide us as we seek to honor Him with timeless and new ways of sharing His love!

What an exciting time!
See you Sunday!

Ramon

 THE WORSHIP OF GOD 	
<p>September 7, 2025</p> <hr/> <p>9:00 am: Adult Praise Band</p> <p>11:00 am: <i>Those Who Wait on the Lord</i> Sanctuary Choir</p> <p><i>The Fun Dissipates</i> Luke 14:25-33 Ramon Smith</p>	<p>September 14, 2025</p> <hr/> <p>9:00 am: Adult Praise Band</p> <p>11:00 am: <i>Because He Lives</i> Sanctuary Choir</p> <p><i>Infinite Value</i> Luke 15:1-10 Ramon Smith</p>
<p>September 21, 2025</p> <hr/> <p>9:00 am: Adult Praise Band</p> <p>11:00 am: <i>Does Jesus Care?</i> Sanctuary Choir</p> <p><i>Here We Go a Squandering</i> Luke 16:1-13 Ramon Smith</p>	<p>September 28, 2025</p> <hr/> <p>9:00 am: Adult Praise Band</p> <p>11:00 am: <i>Almighty Father</i> Sanctuary Choir</p> <p><i>"If I Knew Then..."</i> Luke 16:19-31 Ramon Smith</p>

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



A NOTE FROM MARY



Jamie and I really enjoyed our vacation a couple of weeks ago; however, we have laughed/sighed/lamented the reality of what coming back to work looks like. It takes a lot of work to get away, and it seems like inevitably the return to work is accompanied by issues to be dealt with; fires to extinguish. But one of my personal goals this year has been to put forth an effort to allow time for rest and reflection. Honestly, it's been a long-term goal; one I have failed at over the years. My type-A self tends toward to-do lists, not stillness. Yet, God ordained Sabbath from the beginning and reiterated it when He gave Moses the ten commandments. Did God need physical rest after completing His creation? Absolutely not; however, He in his wisdom knew that we would. He set aside time for rest because, while He is omnipotent, we are not. Our bodies, no matter how fit and strong, need rest. In fact, science tells us we need rest to become strong. Recovery is important. Our spirits need rest as well. We need times of quiet to center ourselves on God, to commune with Him, and realign our wills to His. We need to commune with Him if we want to become like Him. In a world where busyness determines our worth, God calls us away and offers us rest because the badge of busyness means little to Him if there is little of Him in the work.

will meet on
Monday, September 29th
at 7 pm
in the Garden Lobby

This month's book is:
The Tangled Tale of the Woolgathering Castoffs
by Sharon Mondragon



Wednesday Night Dinner Plans for September:

We are excited to be returning to our catered meals on Wednesday night. Our menus for Wednesday night dinners in September 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.

- 9/3: burgers, tater tots, and dessert
- 9/10: catfish, slaw, roasted potatoes, cornbread, and strawberry cobbler
- 9/17: eggs, bacon, gravy, grits, biscuits, & fruit
- 9/24: baked chicken, mac 'n cheese, salad, rolls, and banana pudding

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.

Sarah Furches Hauser

Ethel Ledbetter WMU Circle Group

Ladies ... are you interested in joining a wonderful group of ladies with a heart for missions?

Come to our September 10th lunch!

Lunch meetings are on the second Wednesday of the month at 11:30 am in Smith Hall.

Contact Deb Clinard at 540.326.5583 or d_clinard@hotmail.com for more information.

McGee House Dedication Ceremony

**Sunday, September 21st
10:00 am**

Please plan to join us at the McGee House for a time of dedication with words shared by:

*Kay McGee Phillips, daughter of Dr. William Kay McGee
Mark Hogsed, Executive Director, Forsyth Jail & Prison Ministry
Ramon Smith, Senior Pastor, College Park Baptist Church
Dr. Charles Edwards, Pastor Emeritus, College Park Baptist Church*

A plaque will be unveiled and a dedication prayer shared.

A World From Wil

COLLEGE PARKERS:

We had a belly-filling, laughter-filled experience having dinner at The Depot or Cody Creek in Dobson last month. It was a great way to close out summer travel!

We always have good food and great service when we are there. Hopefully you have signed up for our next outing to the Caine Conservatory (<https://www.highpoint.edu/conservatory/>) at High Point University on September 16th. Deadline for this trip was August 15th. Please be aware some trips require early sign-up and payment is due when you sign up. If you're not signed-up, we will see you at the College Parkers' luncheon kick-off on September 19th @ 11:30 am. We will be having hot dogs with all the fix'ins! The Shepherd Center (<https://www.shepherdscenter.org>) here in Winston-Salem will be sharing about their mission and commitment to Senior Adult well-being. The Shepherd's Center of Greater Winston-Salem is an interfaith ministry that promotes and supports successful aging by providing direct services, volunteer opportunities, and enrichment programs for older adults. Come join us for food, fellowship, and a bit of learning! There are plenty of trips and fellowship opportunities coming 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 and listed in our monthly newsletter (below). Sign-up and don't miss out on the laughter and fun!

~ Wil



College Park Travel Plans:

- ◆ **The Caine Conservatory at High Point University** — Tuesday, September 15th
- ◆ **Balloon Fest in Statesville** — Friday, October 17th
- ◆ **The Winston Salem Chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society (featuring our very own Robert Huff)** — Saturday, October 18th
- ◆ **A Motown Christmas at the Wohlfahrt Haus Dinner Theatre in Wytheville, VA** — Tuesday, November 11th
- ◆ **Christmas at the Billy Graham Library in Charlotte** — Thursday, December 4th
- ◆ **The Best Christmas Pageant Ever at the Willingham Theater in Yadkinville** — Thursday, December 11th
- ◆ **Les Miserables at The Tanger Center in Greensboro** — Saturday, January 10th
- ◆ **The Sound of Music at The Tanger Center in Greensboro** — Saturday, March 14th

Details for the trips are located on pp. 5-7.

College Parker's Lunch and Meetings

We meet at 11:30 am on the third Thursday each month in Smith Hall.

September 18th

hot dogs with the fixings
and make-your own sundae bar
The Shepherd Center

October 16th

BBQ
Cyber Security (WSPD)

November 20th

Wil's Thanksgiving
Baptist Children's Home (Clay Leonard)

December 18th

Catered (TBA)
Christmas Carols with Mary
(Teresa accompanying)



September Creation Kids' News

"The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of our God endures forever." ~ Isaiah 40:8

My hope for our children is to experience the Word of God with joy and pleasure, so the Gospel will be alive in their hearts, active in their minds, and will guide their steps.

Trusting in His Word, Leigh Ann

Prayer Partner Ministry

Please consider participating in this meaningful opportunity to enrich our students through the gifts of prayer and encouragement. You will find a table outside of Smith Hall covered in envelopes that contain the names of our students and the details for how this ministry works.

"Prayer enlarges the heart until it is capable of containing God's gift of Himself."

~ Mother Teresa

Brunch and Babies

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!



Churchwide Yard Sale

Saturday, Sept. 13th, 8:00-12:00

Our plan is to sell quality donated items at a low cost, so that they will be a blessing to others. The proceeds will go into the general budget, but our greatest hope is to be a light to our community.

Yard Sale donations may be dropped off in the garden lobby in front of the gym:

Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday Mornings
9:00 am - 12:00 noon

Wednesday Evenings, Sept. 3rd & 10th
5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

We also need folks to help with organization before the sale, helping hands during the sale, and willing workers afterwards for cleanup. Volunteers for the sale day are needed from 7:00 - 1:00. Please let me know if you would like to help!



Please Mark Your Calendars

- **Wednesday, Sept. 3rd** - Wednesday Night Suppers Resume
- **Saturday, Sept. 6th** - Brunch & Babies 10:00-12:00
- **Saturday, Sept. 13th** - Churchwide Yard Sale 8:00-12:00
- **Sunday, Sept. 21st** - Kathy Phillips will visit with WOM to share about her mission in the Ukraine. 3:30
- **Sunday, Oct. 26th** - Fall Festival 3:00-5:00 - Come and join in the fun as we FALL for JESUS!
- **Wednesday, Nov. 12th** - Pack Shoe Boxes for Operation Christmas Child.
- **Sunday, Dec. 7th** - Children's Sunday Our children will lead us in worship.



Youth, College Students & Recreation

Sunday Youth Discipleship

September 7th
A New Creation

September 14th
Forgiven

The
Good News

September 21st
A New Purpose

September 28th
God Our Father



Bus Station Night

Sept. 10th

Bus leaves at 6:20pm





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



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
This event is full and reservations have been made.

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!)

FOUR 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 put 'Carolina Balloon Fest' on the memo line.



The Winston Salem Chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society Presents ...
'Hunts, 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. (Payment is due when you sign up.)



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.

Sign up is due by Wednesday, October 1st. (Payment is due when you sign up.)

Please make checks payable to College Park Baptist and put "Motown Christmas" on the memo line.



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 soon.

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 College Park 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.

The Best Christmas Pageant Ever: The Musical at the Willingham Theater in Yadkinville

Who: Senior Adults

When: Thursday, December 11

Cost: \$25 per person plus dinner and a donation for bus expenses
(We need 20 people for the group rate.)

Dinner will be at the Yadkin Valley Seafood Restaurant.

The bus will leave College Park at 4:00 pm and return about 11:00 pm.

Dinner is at 5:00 and the shows starts at 7:30 pm.

Sign up is due by Wednesday, October 30th. (Payment is due when you sign up.)

Please make checks payable to College Park Baptist Church and put "Best Christmas Pageant Ever" on the memo line.





Les Miserables at The Tanger Center in Greensboro

Who: Senior Adults

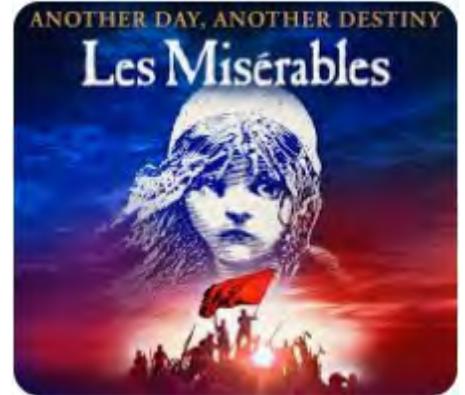
When: Saturday, January 10, 2026 at 2:00 pm

Cost: \$80 per person plus a donation for bus expenses
(We have 25 tickets reserved.)

The bus will leave College Park at 12:00 pm and return about 6:00 pm.
We will then meet at The Sherwood for those who would like to enjoy dinner together.

Sign up is due by Monday, November 10th. (Payment is due when you sign up.)

Please make checks payable to College Park Baptist and put "Les Miserables" on the memo line.



The Sound of Music at The Tanger Center in Greensboro

Who: Senior Adults

When: Saturday, March 14, 2026 at 2:00 pm

(note this is the day of the ACC Men's Basketball Final)

Cost: \$92 plus a donation for gas

We have 25 tickets reserved.

*These are limited view seats. They are on the side of the theater.
Please see seat charts and pictures on the sign-up clipboard.*

The bus will leave College Park at 12:00 pm and return about 6:00 pm.

We will then meet at The Sherwood for those who would like to enjoy dinner together.

Sign up is due by February 1st. (Payment is due when you sign up.)

Please make checks payable to College Park Baptist Church and put "Sound of Music" on the memo line.

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.

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

Thank you for your continued faithfulness in supporting the Fish and Loaves Ministry. College Park served 164 people at our food distribution in August. Forty-one were children under the age of 18 and 44 were seniors. We have begun offering fresh produce such as carrots and bananas, as well as vegetables from your gardens, which are much appreciated.

One young mom came at the end of the distribution in August. She told us there was no food in their house. She saw our sign and came in. We were able to pray with her and provide her family with food and toiletries.

So many are blessed each month with the food distribution, blessings box, and emergency food bags! Thank you!

Our next distribution is Thursday, September 11 from 2:00 to 4:00 in the Garden Lobby.

You can support this ministry with monetary donations or your time!

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.



Volunteers are always needed! 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 prepare emergency food bags, shop for food, and keep the Food Pantry closet organized.

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 September

~ *instant grits and oatmeal* ~

Items collected in August:

7 containers of canned pasta
108 rolls of toilet paper

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.

**September's donation focus is:
games**



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 Baptist Church

College Park is Updating Realm

Realm is an invaluable tool for our church members who wish to have current addresses, phone numbers, or match names to faces.

We are excited to begin the process of updating information in Realm for those who have a Realm account at College Park Baptist Church! This update will happen in stages. We will start in Sunday school classes and then broaden to the larger congregation.

Some of the things we will be doing are:

- ◆ Updating individual photos
 - ◆ Verifying personal information for accuracy
- Obtaining permission to publish photos and information on Realm. You may choose whether or not to share your information and photo with other members of the congregation. No information will be shared outside of the congregation.

You're Invited!

Join us for the

Kickoff of our Fall Wednesday Night Activities

at The Park!



Date: Wednesday, September 3rd

Time: 6:00 — Dinner and Fellowship
6:30 — Children's Discipleship
6:45 — Adult Prayer Meeting
6:45 — Youth Discipleship

*We're excited to kick off a new season of connection, worship, and fun for all ages!
Whether you're returning or joining us for the first time, there is something for everyone!
Come grow in faith, build community, and make this fall a season of spiritual renewal.*

Bring a friend!

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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

Called Church Conference:
 Wednesday, September 3rd
 at 6:45 pm
 in Smith Hall

We will be voting on the updates to the church leadership from the Enlistment Committee, including a term extension for Church Treasurer and Assistant Church Treasurer.

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>September 7</u> Kent Hobson	<u>September 14</u> Teresa Driver
<u>September 21</u> Hutch Hutchison	<u>September 28</u> Lee Hinesley

GREETERS

<u>September 7</u> Jeff Stultz	<u>September 14</u> Lynn Michael
<u>September 21</u> Tony Perkins	<u>September 28</u> Tony Perkins

INFORMATION CENTER

Scott Andrews
 Marla Andrews

PROPERTIES

<u>September 7</u> Tom Hurst	<u>September 14</u> Tom Hurst
<u>September 21</u> Tom Hurst	<u>September 28</u> Tom Hurst

NC Missions Offering:
 Our Goal:
 \$3,000

ATTENDANCE STATISTICS

	<u>8/3</u>	<u>8/10</u>	<u>8/17</u>	<u>8/24</u>	<u>8/31</u>
Re:Creation Worship	84	88	87	81	59
11:00 Worship	132	114	128	115	132

STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES

<u>Budget ~ July 2025</u>	<u>MTD</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Budget	\$ 74,625.53	\$ 522,378.70
Receipts	\$ 79,305.29	\$ 479,892.40
Expenditures	\$ 72,420.63	\$ 511,834.94

<u>Building Fund ~ July 2025</u>		
Beginning Balance	\$ 49,898.39	\$ 76,739.07
Receipts	\$ 8,220.00	\$ 64,439.20
Expenditures	\$ 9,609.98	\$ 92,669.86
Ending Balance	\$ 48,508.41	\$ 48,508.41

Loan Balance \$ 476,733.55