

HIGHLIGHTS

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



May God fill your life with love, joy, and peace
this Holiday Season and throughout the New
Year.

Ramon Smith
Mary Keltner
Leigh Ann Pernell
Matt Wilson
Wil Worley
Robert Blankenship
Teresa Hill
Grace Hodge

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

December 7, 2025

2nd Sunday of Advent: Peace
11:00 a.m.

Children's Sunday @ Christmas!

*Worship led by the children of
College Park Baptist Church*

*Combined service at 11:00
in the Sanctuary*

December 14, 2025

3rd Sunday of Advent: Joy

9:00 am: Adult Praise Band

11:00 am: *Advent Suite: Joy*
Sanctuary Choir

Christmas Joy
Luke 2:8-20
Ramon Smith

December 21, 2025

4th Sunday of Advent: Love

9:00 am: Adult Praise Band

11:00 am: *Advent Suite: Love*
Sanctuary Choir &
Sanctuary Bells

Christmas Love
John 1:1-14
Ramon Smith

December 28, 2025

9:00 am: Adult Praise Band

11:00 am: *Christmas Adoration*
Christmas Angels
Sanctuary Choir

Christmas Letdown?
Luke 2:21-38
Ramon Smith

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

**Church Office
Holiday Schedule:**
*The church office will be closed the
following days for the holidays:*
Wednesday, December 24th
Thursday, December 25th
Thursday, January 1st



A NOTE FROM MARY



You are invited to join us for Advent worship and church-wide fellowship in December:

December 7: The Advent of Peace

11 am Children's Sunday at Advent
Combined worship service led by the children and families of College Park

December 14: The Advent of Joy

9 am Re:Creation worship led by APB
11 am Advent Suite: Joy

December 21: The Advent of Love

9 am Re:Creation worship led by APB
11 am Advent Suite: Love
6 pm Christmas Follies

December 24

5 pm Christmas Eve Service

December 28: Christmastide

9 am Re:Creation worship led by APB
11 am Worship led by Sanctuary Choir

will not meet
in December

January's book is:
The Sound of Light
by Sarah Sundin



Wednesday Night Dinner Plans for December:

Our menu for Wednesday night dinners in December is listed below. Don't forget that 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.

- 12/3: grilled chicken, green beans, macaroni and cheese, rolls, and banana pudding
- 12/10: eggs, bacon, gravy, grits, biscuits, fruit
- 12/17: cheeseburger with fixings, fries, eclair cake

INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS OFFERING OPPORTUNITY:

Don't forget about the International Missions Offering donation cards that are available on the Welcome Desk. You can make a donation in honor or memory of someone special. Grab the appropriate card and let



someone know that a gift was made. You can fill out the form and make your donation on line or place a check in one of the envelopes located around the church and place it in the offering plate or treasure chest. Our 2025 goal is \$10,000.

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:

Jim Brown

Sue Hendricks

A Word From Wil

COLLEGE PARKERS:

Hope you had a wonderful Thanksgiving and are ready for this Advent season. Look throughout this newsletter for all the happenings during this season. We enjoyed a very informative and entertaining College Parkers luncheon. We learned more about the Baptist Children's Homes and how they continue to adapt and grow into the future. It was good food and fellowship around the tables. Our next luncheon will be December 18th. Please be sure to sign-up early so we can have a good count of those attending. We will gather to eat, fellowship, and sing a few carols led by Mary! We had a wonderful day trip to the Wohlfahrt Haus Theater for a Motown Christmas on November 11th. Yes, there was food! Watch our Facebook page and Realm for photo updates from the trips! Our next adventure is to the Billy Graham Library on December 4th. We will leave 12:30 pm and return around 9 pm. This trip is full; please be aware some trips require early sign-up and payment. We are seeing an increase in participation for our trips! There are plenty of trips and fellowship opportunities this coming winter 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 (see below and pp. 4-5). Sign-up and don't miss out on the laughter and fun!

~ Wil



DEACON ELECTION

Thank you to those who were willing to serve as a Deacon beginning January 2026. The election process is final and the following individuals will begin serving a three-year term on January 1, 2026.

Donna Bates	Barry Nelson
Coleman Hastings	Jim Pernell

COLLEGE PARKERS

December 18th at 11:30 am

Meal: pork loin, garlic mashed potatoes, green beans, rolls, & dessert.



The program will feature:

Christmas Carols with Mary!

Christmas Follies & Treats 2025 Edition:

You are invited to join us for our Christmas Follies.

Bring a sweet or savory treat and join us for an evening of food, entertainment, fellowship, and laughter. We will gather at 6 pm on Sunday, December 21st in Smith Hall.



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



In Loving Memory
of
Jeanette Aldridge

April 4, 1943
to
November 5, 2025

Member of College Park
since
February 2020



December Creation Kids' News



"So God throws open the door of this world—and enters as a baby—as the most vulnerable imaginable, because He wants unimaginable intimacy with you." ~ Ann Voscamp

My prayer is that we each continue to grow in our own intimate relationship with our Savior! Let us come and adore Him!

Blessings of joy, Leigh Ann

Children's Sunday

Our children have the privilege of leading us in worship **Dec. 7th during our combined 11:00 worship service.** There will be no 9:00 service that day, but our children will gather in the sanctuary to practice at 9:00 that morning. The school age children will also practice Wednesday evening, Dec. 3rd, at 6:30. We want every child - infants through 5th graders - to be a part of this service. Please be on the lookout for our Creation Kids' weekly email for all of the important details.



Christmas Ministry Update

Thank you for your ongoing support of The Carolina Baptist Association in Western North Carolina. Because of your generous donations, College Park will be delivering lots and lots of wonderful toys and gifts to the **Bethlehem Toy Store!** Families, who are still recovering from the effects of Hurricane Helene, will be able to choose gifts for their children and teens during this event.



Another big thank you for your support with the **Blessings in Boxes Ministry!** Because of your big hearts, 44 children in Western NC will have their Christmas wishes granted. Thank you for sharing the love of Christ!

Advent Readings

The children and I would like to invite you to join us in a daily scripture reading during the season of Advent. Beginning December 1st, you will receive a daily passage on Realm. We know God's Word is alive and active as we share it with one another.

May the miracle of Christmas fill your hearts with God's gift of love!



Youth, College Students & Recreation

Bus Station

Wednesday,
Dec. 3rd
6:15pm

Dress Warmly!



Sunday, Dec. 7th at 11:00 am

Children's Sunday



No 9 am Service

Sunday, Dec. 14th

5:00 pm

Youth
CHRISTMAS
PARTY

FUN AND FELLOWSHIP FOR ALL!

Bring a \$20 Wrapped Gift



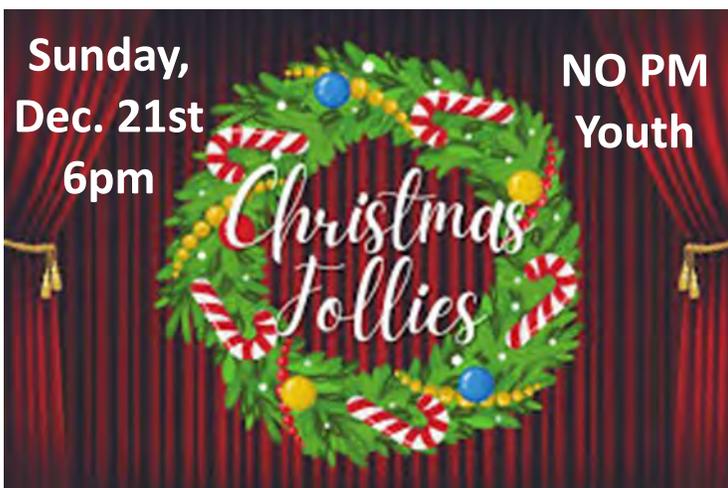
Church-wide Super Bowl Party

Sunday, Feb. 8th at 6 pm



Sunday,
Dec. 21st
6pm

NO PM
Youth





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



Christmas at the Billy Graham Library in Charlotte

Who: Senior Adults

When: Thursday, December 4

Cost: \$45 per person and a donation for gas

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

The bus will leave College Park at 12:30 pm and return about 9:00 pm.

THIS TRIP IS FULL, BUT YOU MAY SIGN UP ON THE WAIT LIST!!

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
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.

THIS TRIP IS FULL, BUT YOU MAY SIGN UP ON THE WAIT LIST!!



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.



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. The play will start at 2:00 pm.

THIS TRIP IS FULL BUT YOU MAY SIGN UP ON THE WAIT LIST!!



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. The play will start at 2:00 pm.

Sign up is due by Sunday, 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.

There are a lot of new trips planned for 2026! Be on the lookout for details in your Mid-week Highlights and 2026 newsletters.

Thank you to the College Parkers' travel committee for their work in planning a lot of activities for the coming year.

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



Thank you for your continued faithfulness in supporting the Fish and Loaves and Blessings Box Ministry. So many are blessed each month with the food distribution, Blessings Box, and emergency food bags! Thank you!

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

Don't forget to be kind to strangers, for some who have done this have entertained angels without realizing it! ~ Hebrews 13:2

**LOAVES AND FISH MINISTRY AND BLESSINGS BOX
EXPRESSION OF THANKS**

Thank you to everyone who works so hard behind the scenes organizing, shopping, financially supporting, volunteering on food distribution days, and helping fill the Blessings Box in the parking lot. Your assistance is making a difference in the lives of so many people every month. With food, with hugs, with prayers ... you are touching lives and sharing God's love.

A special thank you to the Walmart in Clemmons for working alongside us to provide the food for the Holiday Blessings Bags. Their graciousness touched so many people during our November food distribution and will do so again this month.

CRISIS CONTROL MINISTRY

Gift for December

~ spices ~

(salt, pepper, cinnamon, basil, vanilla extract, etc.)

Items collected in November:

**10 containers of baking mixes
and a random assortment of food items**

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.

**December's donation focus is:
pray for the boxes that are being delivered**

While you are asked to pray for the boxes that are being delivered, we are also accepting donations to help cover the cost of shipping that is to be paid for each box we deliver to the Operation Christmas Child facility. Thank you for your willingness to donate to this meaningful missions project.

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 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.

**Lottie Moon
 and
 Global World Missions**
 Our Goal:
 \$10,000

Church Conference:
 Wednesday, January 21st
 7:00 pm
 Smith Hall

STEWARDSHIP OF SERVICE

DEACON OF THE WEEK

<u>December 7</u> Jason McCrary	<u>December 14</u> Kent Hobson
<u>December 21</u> Teresa Driver	<u>December 28</u> Hutch Hutchison

GREETERS

<u>December 7</u> Dennis Palmer	<u>December 14</u> Lynn Michael
<u>December 21</u> Tony Perkins	<u>December 28</u> Tony Perkins

INFORMATION CENTER

Bob Baker
 Barbara Collie

PROPERTIES

<u>December 7</u> Lee Hinesley	<u>December 14</u> Scott Andrews
<u>December 21</u> Lee Hinesley	<u>December 28</u> Scott Andrews

THANKSGIVING OFFERING

Thank you to those who gave willingly to the Thanksgiving Offering this past week. As of November 23rd, we have received \$7,974 in donations. We are grateful for your generous offerings of love and thanks.



ATTENDANCE STATISTICS

	<u>11/2</u>	<u>11/9</u>	<u>11/16</u>	<u>11/23</u>	<u>11/30</u>
Re:Creation Worship	84	94	—	86	79
11:00 Worship	128	127	161	123	132

STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES

<u>Budget ~ October 2025</u>	<u>MTD</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Budget	\$ 74,625.53	\$ 746,255.29
Receipts	\$ 65,144.56	\$ 674,129.82
Expenditures	\$ 65,684.71	\$ 729,299.00

<u>Building Fund ~ October 2025</u>		
Beginning Balance	\$ 44,302.05	\$ 76,739.07
Receipts	\$ 8,650.00	\$ 88,102.80
Expenditures	\$ 9,609.98	\$ 121,499.80
Ending Balance	\$ 43,342.07	\$ 43,342.07
Loan Balance	\$ 451,373.60	