

# HIGHLIGHTS

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



With the beginning of each new year, there is usually a mixture of emotions. Some may be relieved, and grateful for a fresh start...especially if the previous year was one of pain, frustration or trouble! Others may just enjoy the excitement of new beginnings and opportunities that hopefully await them! In a congregation like College Park, we undoubtedly have a mixture of both of those kinds of sentiment. As such, we continue the journey, while staying aware that there are always folks around us who may be struggling. That has always been a strong aspect of life here at College Park, and this past year offered many examples of that fact. We have been very active in our own community, with mission and service opportunities related to helping meet the physical needs of people all around us through the Backpack program in the schools, the Food Distribution every month, and an

ongoing awareness, by many Sunday School classes, of needs that may present themselves daily!

As a child, I remember one of my Sunday School teachers saying "You can not out-give God!" I believe that! I have seen that! I know many of you believe that too! It is evident in the ways that you have given generously this past year to needs here in our community, as well as continued support to ministries serving the needs of people in Western North Carolina. I have seen it in the gifts that came in to the church, and then were sent all across the world through Operation Christmas Child! And I am most confident that we will continue to be faithful as God leads us into a new year of serving here in this community and beyond! 2026 is going to be amazing!

What an exciting time at The Park!

See you Sunday!

*Ramon*

## THE WORSHIP OF GOD

**January 4, 2026**

**Communion**

**9:00 am:** Adult Praise Band

**11:00 am:** —

***We Three Kings***

Matthew 2:1-12

Ramon Smith

**January 11, 2026**

**Deacon Installation**

**9:00 am:** Adult Praise Band

**11:00 am:** *The Longer I Serve Him*  
Sanctuary Choir

***Who Are the Deacons?***

Acts 6:1-7

Ramon Smith

**January 18, 2026**

**9:00 am:** Adult Praise Band

**11:00 am:** *You Are Lord*  
Sanctuary Choir

***Born to Do This!***

Isaiah 49:1-7

Ramon Smith

**January 25, 2026**

**9:00 am:** Adult Praise Band

**11:00 am:** *By the Gentle Waters*  
Sanctuary Choir

***When Needs Are Met***

Matthew 4:12-23

Ramon Smith

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



# A NOTE FROM MARY



The end of Advent is always a mix of emotions for me. There is always some relief to have completed each of the services and all the extra planning and logistics of the season. (The choir will tell you there is some relief to be finished with some of the music I have chosen!). There is reflection on what worked well and what can be done better next year. There is pride in watching so many in the congregation use their gifts to lead in the services and programs of the season. This year I am also aware of a profound sense of gratitude for all that God has given. I am thankful for so many who serve in various ways, and especially for the musicians I am privileged to work with each week. I am thankful for the opportunity to grow alongside many in the congregation as we study and discuss Scripture together. And I am thankful for the gift of Emmanuel, God with us, each and every day, in every circumstance. My prayer for this new year is that my eyes, and yours, are open to the blessings of each day as we look toward God to lead and grow us.

**we will meet**  
**Monday, January 26th**  
**at 7 pm**  
**in the Garden Lobby**

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



## Wednesday Night Dinner Plans for January:

Our menu for Wednesday night dinners in January 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.

- 1/7: vegetable beef soup with crackers, grilled cheese sandwich, and eclair dessert
- 1/14: baked spaghetti, green salad with the fixings, bread, and lemon bars
- 1/21: scrambled eggs with bacon, grits, gravy, biscuits, and fresh fruit
- 1/28: cheeseburgers with the fixings, french fries, slaw, and ice cream bar

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



In Loving Memory  
of  
**Sue Hendricks**

September 4, 1936  
to  
December 14, 2025

Member of College Park  
since  
September 1999

## 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:

**Bernie Rea**

**A note of appreciation has been received from:**

**Bible Study Fellowship Leaders**

# *A Word From Wil*

## COLLEGE PARKERS:

Happy New Year!!! Welcome to a new year of adventure. Look throughout this newsletter for all the happenings during the winter season. We enjoyed a very festive and entertaining College Parkers luncheon on December 18th. We had a wonderful Christmas meal and sang Christmas Carols lead by Mary & Teresa! Our next luncheon will be January 15th. Please be sure to sign-up early so we can have a good count of those attending. We will gather to eat, fellowship and work on a mission project for our Homebound. We had a wonderful day trip to the Billy Graham Library on December 4th. The exhibits of Billy Graham's life and work were very informative. The meal was excellent! There was a great crowd to go see The Best Christmas Pageant Ever on December 11th. A truly original take on the Christmas pageant and how the story still changes lives today. Thank you, Deb, for all you do in putting together our trips! Please be aware some trips require early sign-up and payment. 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 p. 6). Sign-up and don't miss out on the laughter and fun!

~ Wil



### COLLEGE PARKERS January 15th at 11:30 am



**Meal:** Pot Luck — *Please plan to bring a dish or two to share with the group. The sign-up sheet is on the table in the hallway outside Smith Hall. Please let us know you plan to attend and indicate what dish you plan to provide when you sign up.*

The program will include preparing gift bags for our homebound members. We hope you will be able to join us that day as we prepare to bless those who are unable to attend services and activities on a daily basis. We miss their smiling faces but hope to share a few smiles together as we deliver the bags of joy!

### Ethel Ledbetter WoM Circle Group

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

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

Contact Deb Clinard at 540.326.5583 or [d\\_clinard@hotmail.com](mailto:d_clinard@hotmail.com) for more information.



# ❄️ January Creation Kids' News ❄️



"And yet, O Lord, you are our Father. We are the clay and you are the Potter. We are all formed by your hand." ~Isaiah 64:8  
As we enter this new year, I look forward to how our Heavenly Father will shape us into who He has called us to be. I know His plans for College Park are great!

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Thank you for the countless acts of service you have shared during our recent ministry opportunities! We delivered 144 Operation Christmas Child Boxes (along with a generous donation for shipping), sent numerous new toys to the Carolina Baptist Association for children in western North Carolina, and made Christmas brighter for 44 children through the Blessings in Boxes ministry.

You also provided 100 special holiday food bags for our November and December Loaves and Fish Food Distributions! Thank you for sharing the love of Christ with your generous spirits, caring hearts, and faithful hands! *"God loves it when the giver delights in giving."* ~ 2 Corinthians 9:7 (MSG) ❤️



## Kids' Explorations

This month, our school age children will be exploring how Jesus grew and prepared for His ministry here on earth. Our preschoolers will be focusing on the

Bible truth that God is the great provider and knows our every need. During Wednesday evening's Mission Friends, our children will be exploring how missionaries in New York help those in need through their work at the Send Relief Ministry Center. Our children have been learning that God's Word is timeless and was given to teach us and equip us for life. Wherever we are - whatever our age - we can share the love and light of Christ!



A special thank you to all who help with our Children's Ministry! We are grateful for our Nursery Workers, Sunday School Teachers, Mission Friends Leaders, and Kids Choir Leaders! You are such a beautiful example of Christian love and faithfulness and are helping our children grow in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and men. Thank you for being a true blessing!





*You may sign up for trips 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

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 bus expenses

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.**

### Afternoon Tea at the O'Henry Hotel in Greensboro, NC

**Who:** Senior Adults

**When:** Tuesday, February 24, 2026

**Cost:** \$22 plus a donation for bus expenses

The bus will leave College Park at 1:00 pm and return about 5:00 pm. The tea is 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 "Light Afternoon Tea" 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.**



**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!

For 2025, we had 535 people to come to the distributions (an average of 44 per month). These 535 individuals had 1,532 people in their households, including 422 seniors and 470 children. So a total of 1,532 people were fed this year through your generosity! What a blessing!

**PLEASE NOTE OUR NEW SCHEDULE!!!** Our next distribution is Thursday, January 8th from 1:00 to 3:00 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**

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 and December food distributions.

**CRISIS CONTROL MINISTRY**

*Gift for January*

*~ beef stew ~*

Items collected in December:  
33 containers of spices  
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.

**January's donation focus is:  
hats, gloves, and scarves**

Thank you for your willingness to donate to this meaningful missions project.

**Inclement Weather Policy:**

In the event of inclement or severe weather, church services or other events might be canceled or delayed. Even when services or other events are held in inclement weather, each person should use his/her own discretion in trying to get to church.

**How do you know when there is a cancellation?**

When there is a cancellation of services/events due to inclement weather, the change will be announced in an adequate amount of time before the service/event is originally scheduled.

**Announcement formats include:**

- \* our church website ([www.collegepark.ws](http://www.collegepark.ws))
- \* our social media accounts, Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram (@CollegeParkWS)
- \* Local television stations (WFMY 2, WXII 12, and ABC 45 (look for College Park Baptist Church Winston Salem, since there is also a College Park Baptist Church in Greensboro))



**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.

Church Conference:  
 Wednesday, January 21st  
 6:45 pm  
 Smith Hall

**STEWARDSHIP OF SERVICE**

DEACON OF THE WEEK

<u>January 4</u> Mike Beeson	<u>January 11</u> Bill Clapp
<u>January 18</u> Ken Hatchett	<u>January 25</u> Ishmael Stowe

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

GREETERS

<u>January 4</u> Jeff Stultz	<u>January 11</u> Dennis Palmer
<u>January 18</u> Lynn Michael	<u>January 25</u> Tony Perkins

**ATTENDANCE STATISTICS**

	<u>12/7</u>	<u>12/14</u>	<u>12/21</u>	<u>12/28</u>
Re:Creation Worship	—	83	89	70
11:00 Worship	163	130	143	114

INFORMATION CENTER

Pat Blackwell  
 Ron Cauble

**STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES**

PROPERTIES

<u>January 4</u> James Cobbler	<u>January 11</u> Charlie Jones
<u>January 18</u> Ishmael Stowe	<u>January 25</u> James Cobbler

<u>Budget ~ November 2025</u>	<u>MTD</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Budget	\$ 74,625.53	\$ 820,880.82
Receipts	\$ 70,909.43	\$ 745,039.25
Expenditures	\$ 81,447.27	\$ 810,746.27

<u>Building Fund ~ November 2025</u>		
Beginning Balance	\$ 43,342.07	\$ 76,739.07
Receipts	\$ 6,995.00	\$ 95,097.80
Expenditures	\$ 9,609.98	\$ 131,109.78
Ending Balance	\$ 40,727.09	\$ 40,727.09

Loan Balance                      \$ 442,890.12