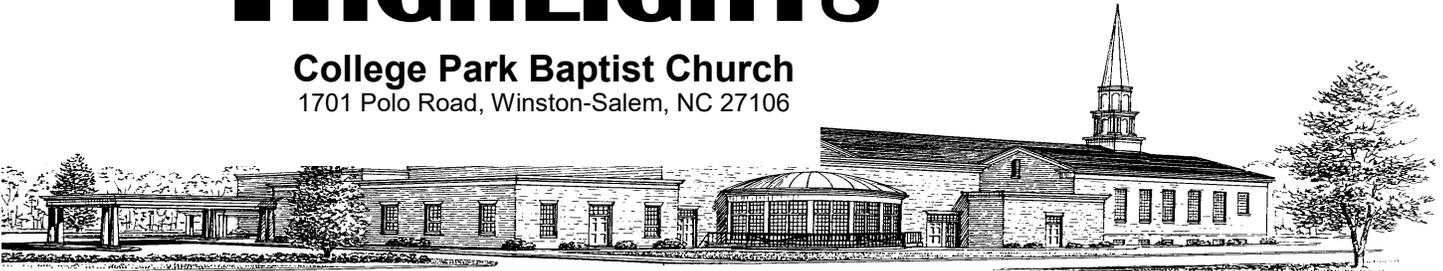


# HIGHLIGHTS

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



I don't think it's an accident or "coincidence" (you know how I feel about that!) that we are worshipping this month around the theme of the Sermon on the Mount. It is also no accident that the Revised Common Lectionary brings us to these passages at the beginning of the Lenten season. Yes, Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 18th! As such, it is entirely appropriate for us to examine who we are in Christ, and what does that mean in how we think, act and speak...? I've heard it said that Lent is a time for self-reflection or self-examination. I'm not a fan of that explanation, because left to our own devices, many times we are not honest with ourselves! Let me offer that Lent is not a time for self-examination, it is a time for God's examination of who we are in relationship with Him, and then our own honesty in agreeing with Him about the work that needs to be done

in order to be in a proper relationship with Him! This is more than semantics...it is hard work that begins with God's revelation of Himself through His Son as recorded in His Word!

So as we study from Matthew chapter five this month, be aware that if you take the words of Jesus seriously, and change your way of "being" in relationship with Him, then your whole life will be transformed! Incidentally, that's not a bad thing...it's exactly what God desires for us!

For as we are transformed, then He can use us in ways we have never imagined...no matter our age or position in life! I am excited about the possibilities!!

What an exciting time at The Park!

See you Sunday!

*Ramon*

## THE WORSHIP OF GOD

**February 1, 2026**

**9:00 am:** Adult Praise Band  
**11:00 am:** *Alleluia*  
Sanctuary Choir

***He Calls Us to Being***  
Matthew 5:1-12

**February 8, 2026**

**9:00 am:** Adult Praise Band  
**11:00 am:** *Stand By Me*  
Sanctuary Choir

***You ARE...***  
Matthew 5:13-20  
Ramon Smith

**February 15, 2026**

**9:00 am:** Adult Praise Band  
**11:00 am:** *Our Praise Awaits Him*  
Sanctuary Choir

***"You Have Heard It Said..."***  
Matthew 5:21-27  
Ramon Smith

**February 22, 2026**

**9:00 am:** Adult Praise Band  
**11:00 am:** *Surrender*  
Sanctuary Choir

***"What Are You Doing...?"***  
Matthew 5:38-48  
Ramon Smith

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

  
**The hunger for love is much  
more difficult to remove than  
the hunger for bread.**  
*Mother Teresa*

Share the  
*love of Christ*  
on Valentine's Day.

# A NOTE FROM MARY

I am writing this from my desk at home. We've got a pretty big hill coming out of our neighborhood, one which I have not yet braved post-winter storm. I did spend a couple of hours the other night watching the drama of a salt-brine truck getting stuck at the bottom of the hill and having to be pulled out by a road grader. The little boys next door loved it!

Anyway, I've done a lot of random things the last couple of days: lots of cooking, cleaning, some worship planning. And my Sunday was actually a Sabbath day, a rarity for ministers. I've also been working with a friend in Oklahoma (who is also snowed in!) on ice breakers for a conference we're attending in a couple of weeks. Being that this is a conference for church musicians, a lot of the icebreaker activities are music related. One of the questions for them is "If you could describe yourself in the form of a hymn/song title or lyric, what would it be?" I've been pondering this the last couple of days, and while I keep looking for a more profound lyric, the one I keep coming back to is "I've got joy like a fountain." And I've decided I'm ok with it. In the midst of the chaos and heartbreak of the world, I have a reason for joy. It's not dependent upon circumstances or even the rightness of the world. It is completely a result of knowing Who holds me in the chaos. And that is a joy worth living out and sharing.



**we will meet  
Monday, February 23rd  
at 7 pm  
in the Garden Lobby**

**February's book is:  
*A Hundred Crickets Singing*  
by Cathy Gohlke**



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

Our menu for Wednesday night dinners in February 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.

- 2/4: fried catfish, french fries, slaw, and blonde brownies
- 2/11: chicken cordon bleu, wild rice, green beans, rolls, and Tom's Tasty Treat
- 2/18: barbecue, french fries, baked beans, slaw, and apple dump cake
- 2/25: hot dogs with the fixings, tater tots, sheet cake



## **ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE**

**Wednesday, February 18, 2026  
7:00 pm**

We will have dinner together in Smith Hall before moving to the Sanctuary for this meaningful service.

## **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 Dseskewicz  
Vernon Ingram  
Lamarr Pope**

**Alice Sullivan  
Kate Thomas  
Wil Worley**

# *A Word From Wil*

## COLLEGE PARKERS:

Looking forward to our February 19th @ 11:30 am College Parkers Luncheon. See details in the box below about the meeting and menu. Last month we enjoyed a very tasty and hard-working College Parkers luncheon. We gathered to eat, fellowship, and work on mission bags for our homebound folks.

We had an entertaining day trip to the Tanger Center on January 10th. College Parkers Travel enjoyed a superb performance of Les Misérables! The next trip is Teatime at the O. Henry Hotel in Greensboro on February 24th. There are three spots available, so let Teresa in the church office know as soon as possible if you would like to enjoy this trip. Plus you can always add your name to the wait list in case someone is unable to go.

There are plenty of trips and fellowship opportunities in the coming months both churchwide and with College Parkers. All upcoming activities and sign-ups are located on the table in the Main Hallway across from Smith Hall and listed in our monthly newsletter (below). Sign-up and don't miss out on the fellowship and fun!



~ Wil

### COLLEGE PARKERS February 19th at 11:30 am

**Meal:** baked spaghetti, salad, bread, and apple dumplings

Our program will feature Care for the Caregiver. Jimmy Lancaster, West Regional Director of North Carolina Baptist Aging Ministry (NCBAM) is the speaker. We will learn how caregivers can better care for themselves so they can better care for their loved ones, and how to better support the caregivers in our church.



### **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.

**Our next lunch is Wednesday, February 11th at 11:30 am.**

**The cost is \$10 per person.**

**If this is your first time coming, please call  
Teresa in the church office to sign up!**

Contact Deb Clinard at 540.326.5583 or  
d\_clinard@hotmail.com for more information.



**Thank you to everyone for the cards, texts, food, and prayers as I continue to recover. We have felt surrounded and loved. The love of Christ flows from this community.**

**Wil, Denise, Matt,  
Faith, Deacon,  
and Phyllis**



# February Creation Kids' News

"This is My commandment, that you love and unselfishly seek the best for one another, just as I have loved you." John 15:12 (AMP)

It is a true blessing to share in the fellowship of the gospel with you! May we all seek the best for one another as we strive to follow in the footsteps of our Savior.

With a grateful heart, Leigh Ann



## *Kids' Explorations*

On Sundays during the month of February, our children will be exploring the life and ministry of Jesus. Using scripture as our guide, we hope to follow in His footsteps as we learn from His teaching. During Wednesday's Mission Friends times, we will be learning about missionary Nina Griffin who shares the Good News with people in Central Asia. We are eager to follow the Great Commission wherever we are!

"Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." Matthew 28:19-20



## *Valentines & Words of Encouragement*

The children will be serving your dessert during our Wednesday Night Dinner on February 11th. They will also be sharing special words of encouragement and a Valentine treat. They would like to thank you for your support and encouragement as they strive to grow in wisdom, and in stature, and in favor with God and people.

## *Please Mark Your Calendars!*

- **Sunday, February 8th:** Churchwide Super Bowl Watch Party at 6:00 - Family Event
- **Wednesday, February 18th:** Ash Wednesday Service  
During the season of Lent, our children will be focusing on our Savior's life here on earth and how He prepared the way for us to have life with Him in heaven.
- **Wednesday, March 25th:** Esther Project
- **Sunday, March 29th:** Palm Sunday - Our children will open both of our worship services by waving palm branches in remembrance of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem.
- **Saturday, April 4th:** Easter Celebration
- **Sunday, April 5th:** Easter
- **May 1st-3rd:** Children's Camp - Beach Reach at Fort Caswell (More details to come!)
- **Sunday, May 10th:** Mother's Day Celebration
- **Thursday, May 28th:** WXII & Red Cross will partner with us for a Community Blood Drive.
- **Sunday, June 21st:** Father's Day Celebration
- **June 22nd - 24th:** Vacation Bible School - Rainforest Falls - We will be exploring the nature of God! We need lots of volunteers, so please let me know if you are interested!





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

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

**PLEASE NOTE OUR NEW SCHEDULE!!!** Our next distribution is Thursday, February 12th 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

**CANNED FOOD DRIVE**

During January and February, we will be collecting cans of hearty soups, stews, chili, and canned meats to help folks through the cold winter months. These will be shared during the Loaves and Fish Ministry Food Distributions.



**CRISIS CONTROL MINISTRY**

*Gift for February*

*~ soul foods ~*

*(canned greens, black-eyed peas, cornbread mix, etc.)*

Items collected in January:  
15 containers of beef stew

*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 2026 Operation Christmas Child shoe box event.

**February's donation focus is:**  
fashion accessories — hair bows, sunglasses, watches, necklaces

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



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



**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.

**WE HAVE 3 TICKETS AVAILABLE! PLEASE LET TERESA KNOW IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO GO WITH THE GROUP.**

**Sign up is due by Sunday, February 1st. (Payment is due to Teresa in the church office when you sign up.)**

Please make checks payable to College Park Baptist Church and put "Light Afternoon Tea" on the memo line.

**Kiwanis Club PanJam at the  
Benton Convention Center in Winston Salem**

**Who:** Senior Adults

**When:** Tuesday, March 13, 2026

**Cost:** \$10 per person

The bus will leave College Park at 5:30 pm and return about 8:00 pm.

**Sign up is due by Sunday, March 1st. Payment is due to Teresa in the church office when you sign up.**

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



**Kiwanis**

TWIN CITY KIWANIS CLUB

Chartered in 1956





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



**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

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. MONEY IS DUE TO TERESA IN THE CHURCH OFFICE BY FEBRUARY 1ST.**  
Please make checks payable to College Park Baptist Church and put "Sound of Music" on the memo line.

**JAARS (Jungle Aviation and Relay Service) in Waxhaw, NC**

**Who:** Senior Adults

**When:** Tuesday, March 24th

**Cost:** \$10 per person plus the cost for a pre-ordered lunch

*Please complete a lunch order form and turn it in with payment for your lunch and the \$10 cost to attend. The lunch order forms can be found on the clipboard under the sign-up sheet.*



The bus will leave College Park at 8:30 am and return to College Park about 5:30 pm.

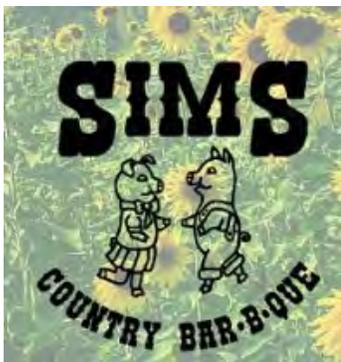
*The group will travel to the JAARS base in Waxhaw (south of Charlotte). JAARS covers the "last mile" of missions using special-purposed aircraft, boats, and off-road vehicles. The organization was founded to support and mobilize the founder's Wycliffe Bible Translation. We will visit the Alphabet Museum, eat lunch in their cafe, and take a 90-minute 1-mile walking tour to learn about their history and visit the air, land, and sea operations. You may bring a wheelchair or walker.*

**Sign up is due by Sunday, March 1st. Payment for attending and lunch is due to Teresa in the church office when you sign up!**

**Make checks payable to College Park Baptist church and put "JAARS" on the memo line.**



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



**Sims Country BBQ and Bluegrass in Granite Falls, NC**

**(All you can eat BBQ buffet and bluegrass entertainment.)**

**Who:** Senior Adults

**When:** Friday, April 10th

**Cost:** Adults = \$16.00 (CASH ONLY) plus donation for bus expenses  
(coffee, tea, or water are included; sodas and dessert are extra)

The bus will leave College Park at 4:00 pm and return to College Park about 9:00 pm.

***Sign up is due by Wednesday, April 1st.***

**Fort Caswell Senior Week — Summerfest:**

**Who:** Senior Adults

**When:** Monday-Friday May 11th-15th

**Where:** Fort Caswell, Oak Island, NC

**Cost:** \$360 per person

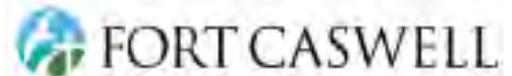
***You will need to plan to drive or carpool with someone.***

***Sign up is due by Sunday, March 8th.***

***Payment is due to Teresa in the church office when you sign up!***

**Make checks payable to College Park Baptist church and put "Caswell Summerfest — May 2026" on the memo line.**

**Another senior week will be scheduled for late summer.**



Contact Deb Clinard for more information 540.326.5583. Sign-up sheets will be placed on the table in the hall-

**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))



## FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

### Women on Missions (WoM): Heck-Jones Offering

#### Did you know ...

Here's a Fun Fact (keep reading for another one!) - The Heck-Jones Offering began in 1924. The offering is named for Fannie E.S. Heck and Sallie Bailey Jones, two beloved leaders and founders of WMU of NC. They spent their lives serving God through the missions and ministries of WMU. They organized women across our state and eventually around our nation to be mission leaders and serve God through missions. Today the missions and ministries of WMU NC are supported entirely by your gifts to the Heck-Jones offering. Help support WMU NC by giving to this offering throughout the month of February!

Another Fun Fact: Fannie Heck was 23 years old when God called her to serve as WMU NC's first president and Sallie Jones was just 16 years old when God called her to serve as WMU NC's first secretary. Wow. Wondering what the offering supports in NC? Here you go -

Missions and Ministries supported by the Heck-Jones Offering include:

#### Ministries

- Christian Women's & Christian Men's Job Corps
- Hispanic WMU NC
- Military Wives Ministry
- NC Baptist Nursing Fellowship
- Prison Ministry Retreat
- Red Box Ministry for Incarcerated Women
- Sisters Who Care
- Missionary Parent Fellowship
- Mom Camp- Missions & Motherhood
- International Camp

#### Education

- Audio Missions Mosaic CDs for the Visually Impaired
- Tarheel Talk Magazine
- Bible Study DVD Lending Library
- Children's/Preschool Missions Day
- Hispanic Women Leadership Training
- Missions IGNITE Conference
- Missions Organization Start-Up Help
- Other age level ministries
- Project Help: helping churches learn to minister to mental health struggles
- WMU Leadership Training

#### Local, National, & Global Missions

- International Mission Trips
- National Mission Trips
- Missions CAROLINA, an annual mission trip in NC
- Prayer Partnerships
- Disaster Relief

#### Scholarships/Gifts

- Ministry Retreats at Camp Mundo Vista including the military retreat, International retreat and more
- First-time gifts to new IMB missionaries native to NC
- Girls Summer Camp at Mundo Vista
- Missionary Kids Scholarships
- Edna R. Harris Scholarship-women's seminary tuition

Thank you for supporting this offering!!!!

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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

**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 COLLEGEPARK, space, a dollar sign (\$), and amount (i.e., COLLEGEPARK \$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.

**N.C. Retirement Homes**

Our Goal:  
\$2,000

**Heck Jones**

Our Goal:  
\$1,500

**STEWARDSHIP OF SERVICE**

**DEACON OF THE WEEK**

**February 1**

Lee Hinesley

**February 8**

Debi Huskins

**February 15**

Melanie Jones

**February 22**

Frank Martinez



**GREETERS**

**February 1**

Jeff Stultz

**February 8**

Dennis Palmer

**February 15**

Lynn Michael

**February 22**

Tony Perkins

**ATTENDANCE STATISTICS**

	<u>1/4</u>	<u>1/11</u>	<u>1/18</u>	<u>1/25</u>
Re:Creation Worship	80	—	70	—
11:00 Worship	126	163	145	—

**INFORMATION CENTER**

June Crabbe  
 R. J. Westphal

**STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES**

<b>Budget ~ December 2025</b>	<b>MTD</b>	<b>YTD</b>
Budget	\$ 74,625.53	\$ 895,506.35
Receipts	\$ 112,354.40	\$ 857,393.65
Expenditures	\$ 72,865.71	\$ 883,611.98

<b>Building Fund ~ December 2025</b>		
Beginning Balance	\$ 40,727.09	\$ 76,739.07
Receipts	\$ 8,036.60	\$ 103,134.40
Expenditures	\$ 19,219.96	\$ 150,329.74
Ending Balance	\$ 29,543.73	\$ 29,543.73

Loan Balance \$ 425,846.47

**PROPERTIES**

**February 1**

Barry Nelson

**February 8**

Hutch Hutchison

**February 15**

Hutch Hutchison

**February 22**

Hutch Hutchison