

# HIGHLIGHTS

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



As I write this, I am keenly aware that our Lenten journey is drawing to a close. But what now? Yes, we have Easter ... with all of the celebration. But what then? Do we just go back to “normal,” and we get to eat all of those things we gave up for Lent...again? Somehow, I’m afraid that is our typical posture, and yet that reeks of “No change here”! You see, the whole purpose for making this journey together has been to rediscover our first Love, and to live a life that is more devoted to the freedom we have in Christ to live and love more like Him! On a personal note this Lent for me has been striving to simplify my life ... staying more focused on the things that really matter and turning loose of the things that may seem important at the time, and yet, have absolutely no eternal impact. In Paul’s letter to the church at Corinth, he wrote:

*“So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.”*

*(2 Corinthians 4:18 NIV)*

Okay, so how do we execute a change of focus? Sometimes it is a direct result of what we allow into our daily lives ... the people we associate with ... the television shows we watch ... the music we listen to ... the Facebook and Instagram posts we dwell on. The list could go on and on, but you get the point! We need to evaluate everything through the lens of eternity, understanding that God requires our ALL. Not because He is an overbearing control freak, but because He simply wants the best for us, and we’re not particularly good at making those choices! Sooooo ... there’s still time to give up those things that should not be part of our discipleship journey.



## THE WORSHIP OF GOD



What an exciting time at The Park!

See you Sunday!

*Ramon*

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



**April 5, 2026**

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**RESURRECTION SUNDAY**

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

**11:00 am:** *Alleluia, He Lives!*  
*Christ the Lord, is Risen*  
Sanctuary Choir

**Empty But Full**  
I Corinthians 15:3-8  
Ramon Smith

**April 12, 2026**

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

**11:00 am:** Mary Keltner, solo

**Low Sunday**  
John 20:19-31  
Ramon Smith

**April 19, 2026**

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

**11:00 am:** *The Spotless Lamb*  
Sanctuary Choir

**They Had Hoped**  
Luke 24:13-35  
Ramon Smith

**April 26, 2026**

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

**11:00 am:** *Hymn of Peace*  
Sanctuary Choir

**No-Thing, No-Person**  
Acts 2:42-47  
Ramon Smith

# A NOTE FROM MARY

*Judas* by Josiah Queen

I met a preacher man from Galilee who opened up blind eyes and made him see.  
He said, "Come and follow Me. I'll show you what life is meant to be."  
I said I'd never turn away. I said I'd never leave His side all the days of my life.  
But I am weak and I'm afraid. I traded my Lord for pocket change.

Yeah, maybe I'm like Judas? Maybe I'm that thief?  
Maybe I'm that sinner that you put on that tree?  
For thirty pieces of silver, he ain't worse than me.  
'Cause he betrayed You for money. And I did it all for free.

No, I'm never gon' forget it. Forever I'm indebted to You.  
No, I'm never gonna leave this life the same.  
Lord, I'm here, and I repent. So clean my heart and clean my hands.  
Oh, Lord, my only hope. I'm a sinner and a broken man.  
By Your blood and Your grace I live and forget  
That I said I'd never turn away. I said I'd never leave His side all the days of my life.  
But I am weak and I'm afraid. I traded my Lord for pocket change.

Oh, I pierced Your hands and I stabbed Your back.  
I went and turned away from the only friend I had.  
Thirty pieces of silver, life can't be that cheap.  
Even in my brokenness the Savior died for me.  
For thirty pieces of silver, and I still can't believe  
That God in all His mercy went and purchased me.



**we will meet  
Monday, April 27th  
at 7 pm  
in the Garden Lobby**

**April's book is:  
*The Songbird of Hope Hill*  
by Kim Vogel Sawyer**



## Wednesday Night Dinner Plans for April:

Our menu for Wednesday night dinners in April is listed below. Don't forget that the cost for dinner is \$7.00.

- 4/1: vegetable beef soup, grilled cheese sandwich, crackers, and eclair cake
- 4/8: taco bar (beef and chicken), soft shells and chips, Spanish rice, tres leches cake
- 4/15: fried catfish, french fries, slaw, brownies
- 4/22: fried chicken, mac & cheese, green beans, dessert
- 4/29: baked spaghetti, bread, green salad, lemon bars

## Holy Week Schedule:

You are invited to join us in worship as we celebrate God's great and costly grace:

- Thursday, April 2nd:** Maundy Thursday  
7:00 pm in Smith Hall
- Friday, April 3rd:** Tenebrae  
7:00 pm in the Smith Hall
- Sunday, April 5th:** Resurrection Sunday  
9:00 am in Smith Hall  
11:00 am in the Sanctuary

## 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:

**Buddy Daniel  
Bob Ely  
Mary Hoyle**

**Peggy Ingram  
Jo Ann Jessup  
Buddy Priest**

# A World From Wil

## COLLEGE PARKERS:

What a whirlwind of activity last month! We kicked off the travel with pancakes at PanJam 2026, climbed every mountain at the Sound of Music, and learned about the mission of JARRS in Waxhaw! We will be making a special trip to Sims Country BBQ and Bluegrass over in Granite Falls, NC. We will leave at 4pm and return by 9pm on April 10th. Be sure to bring cash to Teresa in the church office for drink and dessert (Sims is cash only). Sign-up is due by April 1st! We have 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 (see pg. 7-10) and the mid-week highlights. Sign up and don't miss out on the fellowship and fun! You can always see what we have been up to with photos posted to Realm or our reel posted on Facebook.



College Parkers luncheon on April 16th @ 11:30am will be a magical affair! We will be entertained by the Inspirational Illusions of Captain Jim! We will enjoy a show full of illusions, humor and inspirational words. Further information on this luncheon is in the newsletter below.

~ Wil



### COLLEGE PARKERS April 16th at 11:30 am

We look forward to having Captain Jim, the magician.

The meal will be: chicken florentine, mashed potatoes, green beans, rolls, and dessert.

The cost is a donation of \$10.00 per person.



### 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, April 8th at 11:30 am at The Sherwood.**

**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](mailto:d_clinard@hotmail.com) for more information.

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

**Young Life**



# April Creation Kids' News

Rejoice, dear friends! Our Savior gave His all for us, so "Let every detail in your lives - words, actions, whatever - be done in the name of the Master, Jesus, thanking God the Father every step of the way." Colossians 3:17 (MSG)  
Blessings of joy, Leigh Ann



## Easter Celebration Saturday, April 4th 10:00-12:00

Come join us as we celebrate the joy of Easter! We will have egg hunts, crafts, prizes, the big slide, snacks, and fun for everyone!

### Egg Hunt Schedule

10:15 - Ages 4-8

10:45 - Ages 4 and younger

11:15 - Ages 9-12

Hunts will begin with the Easter story! The eggs will be empty - and just like the tomb - there will be a surprise waiting!



## Children's Camp at Fort Caswell Friends in Faith

The 2026 [Fort Caswell Beach Reach](#) is set for the weekend of May 1st-3rd! This will be an exciting weekend to focus on serving Jesus in all that we do! The cost is \$156 per person and this includes lodging, meals, and program fees. Please let Leigh Ann know if you are interested or have questions.

# Beach Reach 2026



Please join us for

## Parent Think Tank

When: Sunday, April 26th

Time: TBA

Where: Smith Hall

Who: Parents of Infants - Teens

Why: To Share Ideas

Please join us as we discuss ways we can better serve and proclaim the Good News in how we worship, minister, and live our lives together.

## Calling All Ladies!

You are invited to join us for an afternoon of fellowship as we celebrate the many hats we wear as the women of God.

*The Many Hats Tea*  
Saturday, May 9th, at 2:00

*Here is the challenge:*

- Sponsor and Decorate a Table
- Invite friends to join you.
- Come and enjoy!



More details are coming soon!  
Wear a favorite hat and join in the fun!

## *Youth, College Students & Recreation*



Our students are fundraising for Youth Camp, which is July 6–10 at Garden City Chapel by the Sea. The cost is \$300 per student. Each student is asking sponsors to pledge an amount per chicken wing eaten at our wing-eating event on April 13th. After the event, students will report how many wings they ate and provide payment options for donations. Thank you for supporting our students and the student ministry.



Youth Camp 2026  
Garden City Beach SC  
July 6th-10th  
Cost: \$300



### **Graduate Sunday**



Our congregation will be honoring this year's graduating class on Sunday, May 17th.

We would like to recognize high school and post high school graduates. Please contact Matt Wilson or the church office no later than Wednesday, May 13th. We look forward to celebrating their accomplishments on this day.

### **High School Class of 2026 Celebration Meal**

**April 26th @ 6:00pm in Smith Hall**

RSVP by April 19th to Matt Wilson or the Church Office

**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! Our next distribution is Thursday, April 9th 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*



**College Park's  
Loaves & Fish  
Food Ministry  
is expanding!**

**Please come see our new Food Pantry  
and learn about this important ministry!**

**Wednesday, April 8th: 5:00-6:00**

**Sunday, April 12th: 9:00-11:00**

**Located in the "old" Fellowship Hall  
(Level 1)**

**Our next food distribution is Thursday,  
April 9th, from 1:00 to 3:00**

**CRISIS CONTROL MINISTRY**

*Gift for April*

*~ canned fruit ~*

**Items collected in March:**

**18 boxes of pancake mix**

**12 cans of vegetables**

**18 jars of syrup**

*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.

**April's donation focus is:  
stuffed animals**

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.*



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

**(All you can eat BBQ buffet and bluegrass entertainment. The meal includes BBQ pork, beef, & chicken; slaw; baked beans; cornbread fritters; chips; pickles; & buns.)**

**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.**

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

### **Fort Caswell Senior Week — Summerfest I:**

**Who:** Senior Adults

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

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

**Cost:** \$401 per person

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

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

**Payment was due to Teresa in the church office when you signed up!**

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

**Another senior week has been scheduled for late summer ... August 2026.**





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Stained Glass Playhouse  
presents



## DRIVING MISS DAISY

### Driving Miss Daisy

**Who:** Senior Adults

**When:** Friday, May 15th

**Where:** Stained Glass Playhouse in Winston Salem

**Cost:** \$21 per person (plus donation for bus expenses)

The bus will leave College Park at 6:30 pm and return to College Park about 10:00 pm.

(The play starts at 7:30 pm)

**Sign up is due by Sunday, April 12th**

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

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

### Samaritan's Purse Warehouse Tour

**Who:** Senior Adults

**When:** Tuesday, June 2nd

**Where:** North Wilkesboro, NC

**Cost:** \$10 (plus lunch and a donation for bus expenses)

The bus will leave College Park at 8:30 am and return about 2:30 pm

(Our tour is from 10:00 to 11:30 am.)



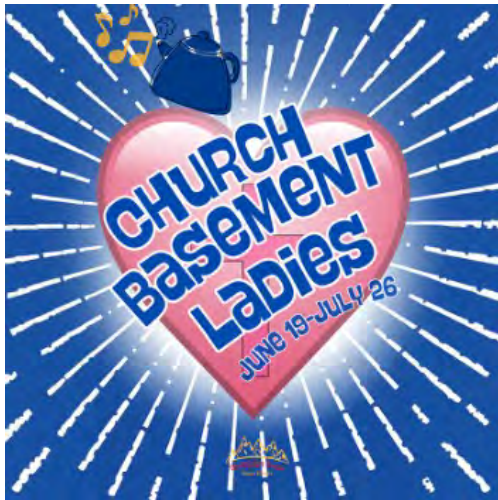
You will walk through different areas of their warehouse and see an Emergency Field Hospital, Pop-up Mobile clinic, Bio-Med Hall, and US Disaster Relief equipment. The tour will last 1 hour and 15 minutes and you will be walking on a concrete floor. Wear comfortable clothes. Wheelchairs are available if needed. We will stop for lunch on the way home.

**Sign up is due by Friday, May 1st.**

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



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### **Church Basement Ladies at the Wohlfahrt Haus Theatre Wytheville, VA**

**Who:** Senior Adults

**When:** Friday, July 24, 2026

**Cost:** \$80 per person

**Menu:** pita chips and spicy cheese dip, fresh garden salad, classic pulled BBQ pork, homestyle baked beans, creamy southern mac & cheese, fried green tomatoes with tomato jam, old fashioned carrot cake with cream cheese icing

The bus will leave College Park at 10:00 am and return about 6:00 pm.

**Sign up is due by Monday, June 8th**

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

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

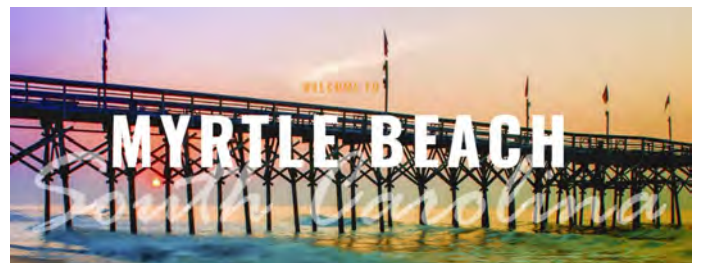
### **INTEREST ONLY SIGN-UP!!!**

#### **Christmas Shows in Myrtle Beach, SC**

**Who:** Senior Adults

**When:** Monday-Thursday, November 16th-19th

**Cost:** Adults = \$667.00 per person (*estimate*)  
Plus the cost of lunch meals and driver gratuity



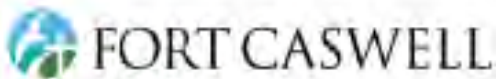
The cost of the trip will cover:

3 nights hotel accommodations, 3 breakfasts, 3 dinner meals, 3 live theater shows, luggage handled in and out, motorcoach transportation, driver.

Please sign up on the table outside Smith Hall to indicate if you are interested in going on the trip.



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



**Fort Caswell Senior Week — Summerfest II:**

**Who:** Senior Adults

**When:** Monday-Friday, August 17th-21st

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

**Cost:** \$401 per person

***YOU WILL NEED TO PLAN TO DRIVE OR CARPOOL WITH SOMEONE.***

**Sign up is due by Monday, June 1st.**

**50% downpayment is due to Teresa in the church office when you sign up! Balance is due by Saturday, August 1st.**

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

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Contact Deb Clinard for more information 540.326.5583. Sign-up sheets will be placed on the table in the hallway outside of Smith Hall as trips are scheduled.

**COLLEGE PARK BAPTIST CHURCH**

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 Web Site: www.collegepark.ws

**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.

**Annie Armstrong and  
 Global Missions Offering**

Our Goal:  
 \$5,500.00



**STEWARDSHIP OF SERVICE**

DEACON OF THE WEEK

<u>April 5</u> Ken Hatchett	<u>April 12</u> Bill Clapp
<u>April 19</u> Ishmael Stowe	<u>April 26</u> Lee Hinesley

GREETERS

<u>April 5</u> Jeff Stultz	<u>April 12</u> Dennis Palmer
<u>April 19</u> Lynn Michael	<u>April 26</u> Tony Perkins

INFORMATION CENTER

Tony Bates  
 Becky Haney

PROPERTIES

<u>April 5</u> Tom Hurst	<u>April 12</u> Scott Andrews
<u>April 19</u> Charlie Jones	<u>April 26</u> Charlie Jones

Church Conference:  
 Wednesday, April 22rd  
 7:00 pm  
 Smith Hall

**ATTENDANCE STATISTICS**

	<u>3/1</u>	<u>3/8</u>	<u>3/15</u>	<u>3/22</u>	<u>3/29</u>
Re:Creation Worship	87	66	75	82	80
11:00 Worship	125	99	126	127	132

**STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES**

<u>Budget ~ February 2026</u>	<u>MTD</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Budget	\$ 76,306.11	\$ 152,612.21
Receipts	\$ 92,838.33	\$ 136,154.06
Expenditures	\$ 84,960.03	\$ 151,170.38

<u>Building Fund ~ February 2026</u>		
Beginning Balance	\$ 34,668.73	\$ 29,543.73
Receipts	\$ 10,330.00	\$ 15,455.00
Expenditures	\$ 9,609.98	\$ 9,609.98
Ending Balance	\$ 35,388.75	\$ 35,388.75
Loan Balance	\$ 417,283.45	