

# HIGHLIGHTS

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



Whenever the storms hit, God's people have a chance to show how much they love and how they demonstrate it! During, and following, the recent snow and ice storms, I have heard how many of you have helped the people in your neighborhoods and communities. Even during cleanup times, you have demonstrated God's love in tangible ways! That got me to thinking about the other storms of life ... many are physical, but some are emotional and spiritual as well. I know that you are there for each other, and others, through those storms also. That knowledge gives me great joy, but I suspect not as much joy as it gives the Father! His love was demonstrated in ways that we could never demonstrate or replicate, and during our Lenten journey we are focused on the cross and what it means for our eternal destiny and security. But it is worth

mentioning that not everyone believes as we do, and as a result, they are not as equipped to handle life's storms...let alone their eternal destiny! So our challenge is to find ways to build relationships with those not-yet believers, with the hope of being able to share our life's story with them in such a way that it will offer meaning and hope for them...for now and the future! Several years ago we spent a month challenging each other by asking "Who's Your One?" Many of you may remember, but I also recognize some were not attending during the series. As fair warning, we will revisit that challenge in the near future, but for now, let's recommit ourselves to tell others about Jesus Christ, Savior of the world, during this Lenten journey together!

What an exciting time at The Park!

See you Sunday!

*Ramon*

## THE WORSHIP OF GOD

**March 1, 2026**

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**Communion**

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

**11:00 am:** *Stand By Me*  
Sanctuary Choir

***My Help Comes From ...?***  
Psalm 121  
Ramon Smith

**March 8, 2026**

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

**11:00 am:** *Surrender*  
Sanctuary Choir

***Seriously ... No Water?!***  
Exodus 17:1-7  
Ramon Smith

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

**March 15, 2026**

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

**11:00 am:** *Ten Thousand Charms*  
Sanctuary Choir

***Wake Up!***  
Ephesians 5:8-14  
Ramon Smith

**March 22, 2026**

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

**11:00 am:** *If My People Will Pray*  
Sanctuary Choir

***Dem Dry Bones***  
Ezekiel 37:1-14  
Ramon Smith

**March 29, 2026**

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**Palm Sunday**

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

**11:00 am:** *Hosanna to the Son of David*  
Sanctuary Choir

***He Chose to Take It Anyway***  
Luke 19:29-38  
Ramon Smith

# A NOTE FROM MARY

In this season of Lent, I wanted to share with you the words of a song by Heather Sorenson. The song is "In This Hour (Prayer of Restored Fellowship)", and it speaks of God's willingness to meet us right where we are, broken, sinful, and weary:

There's a place I go to rest. Once again, I've failed the test.  
Gentle arms that right my path, show Your love instead of wrath.  
In this hour, precious hour, I have met Redemption's power.  
In this place, holy space, I have seen amazing grace.  
Blistered soul begins to heal, cease to hide that which is real.  
Walls I build dissolve away in this hour when I pray.  
Then gentle words between us flow. Yours start easy, mine start slow;  
but patiently, You listen close to every burden I disclose.  
You help me with the words I can't yet say.  
And when I can't quite reach You, You run to me halfway.  
And if my heart is silent, You will stay in this hour when I pray.  
And so You wait to meet me there, in this special place of prayer,  
savor every moment shared, and linger in this hour of prayer.



**we will meet  
Monday, March 30th  
at 7 pm  
in the Garden Lobby**

**March's book is:  
*Grandma Ruth Doesn't Go  
to Funerals*  
by Sharon Mondragón**



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

Our menu for Wednesday night dinners in March 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.

- 3/4: fried catfish, french fries, slaw, and blonde brownies
- 3/11: GRUB CLUB at Camino Real
- 3/18: cheeseburgers, french fries, slaw, and ice cream bar
- 3/25: scrambled eggs, bacon, grits, gravy, biscuits, fresh fruit

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

**Ron Cauble**

**Julio Sotelo**

## **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:

**Steve Boyles  
Vernon Ingram**

**Charles Edwards  
David Matthews**

## **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 Wed., March 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.

# A Word From Wil

## COLLEGE PARKERS:

We had a wonderful teatime at the O. Henry Hotel last month. It was a lovely time of conversation, tea and finger snacks! Speaking of food, our next trip is right here in Winston Salem for the Kiwanis Club PanJam on March 13th. On March 14th we will head back to the Tanger Center for the all-time favorite musical, "The Sound of Music"! The trip is full but there is a wait list. Then March 24th, we head down to Waxhaw to visit JAARS (Jungle Aviation and Relay Service) to tour their facility. Sign up deadline for this trip is March 1st! 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! You can always see what we have been up to with photos posted to Realm or our reel posted on Facebook.

Oh, almost forgot! On March 19th @ 11:30am we will gather for our monthly luncheon to be entertained by one of our favorite musical guests, Sound Counsel! Further information on this luncheon in the newsletter below.



~ Wil



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



We look forward to having the barbershop quartet group, Sound Counsel, sing for us.

The meal will be: fried chicken, bread, and dessert. You are asked to bring your favorite salad (potato, chicken, pasta, broccoli, congealed, fruit, etc.) to share with the group.



In Loving Memory  
of  
Karen Rose

July 31, 1956  
to  
February 16, 2026

Member of College Park  
since  
2024

Live by faith  
grow in grace  
walk in love.





# March Creation Kids' News

"I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me - just as the Father knows me and I know the Father - and I lay down my life for the sheep." ~ John 10:14-15

As we move through this season of Lent, I pray it will be a time to deepen our relationship with our Good Shepherd and follow where He leads..

Blessings of peace in His Presence, Leigh Ann

## Easter Celebration at The Park!

Everyone is invited to The Park for a neighborhood Easter Celebration on Saturday, April 4th, from 10:00 - 12:00! We will have our annual Egg Hunt, but with a twist! The eggs will be empty - like the tomb - but a wonderful surprise will be waiting for the kids as they bring their eggs inside to receive candy and prizes! We will enjoy the sharing of the Easter Story along with food, fellowship, and fun! You will find details on the table outside of Smith Hall. We need lots of volunteers, so please come and be a part of this wonderful ministry opportunity!



## Children's Camp at Fort Caswell - May 1st - 3rd

The 2026 [Fort Caswell Beach Reach](#) is set for the weekend of May 1st - 3rd. This will be an exciting weekend for our kids focusing on **Friends in Faith**. The cost is \$156 per person and this includes lodging, meals, and program fees. Noah Crisco will be leading our worship time and Pastor Matt has some fishing explorations planned as we explore God's beautiful world!

## Please Mark Your Calendar!



- **Sunday, March 8th:** Preschool, Children, and Family Ministry Teams Meeting - 4:00
- **Wednesday, March 25th:** Esther Project in Smith Hall
- **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 and Egg Hunt
- **Sunday, April 5th:** Easter Sunday
- **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!

# Youth, College Students & Recreation

Bus Station

March 4th  
at 6:15pm

Dress  
Warmly!



## HIGH SCHOOL BOYS CAMPING TRIP!

**MARCH 27-29**  
**COST: \$30**

An illustration of four boys camping in a forest. One boy is roasting marshmallows over a campfire, another is playing a guitar, and a third is using binoculars. A tent is pitched nearby. The background features mountains and a lake.

**CAMPFIRES & HIKING!** **BIBLE STUDY!** **OUTDOOR FUN!**

A small, tilted illustration of people dancing in a circle, with colorful, abstract shapes around them.

## WING-A-THON!

**FUNDRAISER**  
**APRIL 13TH**

An illustration of three people (two boys and one girl) sitting at a table eating chicken wings. There are trays of wings, a glass of water, and a blue cup on the table. The background is a fiery, orange and yellow glow.

**EAT WINGS  
TO RAISE MONEY!**



**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, March 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

**CRISIS CONTROL MINISTRY**

***Gift for March***

***~ pancake mix and syrup ~***

**Items collected in March:**

- 4 containers of canned greens**
- 2 containers of cornbread mix**
- 7 containers of beans**
- 10 containers of soup**

***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.

**March's donation focus is:  
crafts**

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.*



**Kiwaniis**  
TWIN CITY KIWANIS CLUB  
Chartered in 1956



**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.**

**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.

**THIS TRIP IS FULL!!!**





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



**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.**

**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!**





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**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.

**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.



Stained Glass Playhouse  
presents



**DRIVING  
MISS DAISY**



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

### **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!**

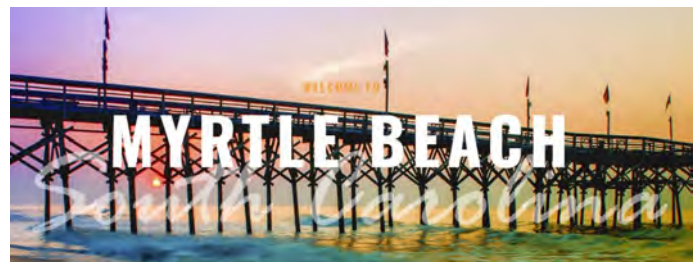
### **INTEREST ONLY SIGN-UP!!!**

#### **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.

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.



### ***Easter Lilies:***

If you would like to place a lily in the sanctuary for Easter Sunday, April 5th, please use an order form located on the Welcome and Gym Lobby Desks. ***Orders are due no later than Friday, March 13th.***

Cost will be \$14.50 per plant and should be paid at the time the order is submitted. You may pay for your lily via cash, check, or on-line.

### **GRUB CLUB**

***Wednesday, March 11th***

***6:00—7:30 pm:***



Grub Club is back!! With the WSFC schools closed for spring break, we will be traveling to Camino Real Mexican Grill on Reynolda Road to enjoy time together for delicious food and fellowship. The bus will leave the church at 5:30 pm. Sign-up is available on the garden lobby counter.



### **The Esther Project Shop is returning!**

**The Esther Project Shop is a company created to help women combat human trafficking in their country by providing them with a place to market their products, creating a sustainable income for themselves and their children.**

**When: Wednesday, March 25th at 6:45 pm**

**Where: Smith Hall**

**Plan to join us for dinner at 6:00 and then stay to hear about The Esther Project Shop. You will have an opportunity to shop for amazing items after the presentation.**

**For more information, visit:**

**<https://www.theestherprojectshop.com/>**

**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.

**STEWARDSHIP OF SERVICE**

**DEACON OF THE WEEK**

<b><u>March 1</u></b> Donna Bates	<b><u>March 8</u></b> Coleman Hastings
<b><u>March 15</u></b> Barry Nelson	<b><u>March 22</u></b> Jim Pernell
<b><u>March 29</u></b> Mike Beeson	

**Week of Prayer for  
North American Missions**

March 1-8, 2026



**GREETERS**

<b><u>March 1</u></b> Jeff Stultz	<b><u>March 8</u></b> Dennis Palmer
<b><u>March 15</u></b> Lynn Michael	<b><u>March 22</u></b> Tony Perkins
<b><u>March 29</u></b> Tony Perkins	

**ATTENDANCE STATISTICS**

	<b><u>2/1</u></b>	<b><u>2/8</u></b>	<b><u>2/15</u></b>	<b><u>2/22</u></b>
Re:Creation Worship	—	86	87	80
11:00 Worship	—	100	117	106

**INFORMATION CENTER**

Scott Andrews  
 Marla Andrews

**STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES**

**PROPERTIES**

<b><u>March 1</u></b> Barry Nelson	<b><u>March 8</u></b> James Cobbler
<b><u>March 15</u></b> James Cobbler	<b><u>March 22</u></b> Lee Hinesley
<b><u>March 29</u></b> Lee Hinesley	

**Budget ~ January 2026**

	<b><u>MTD</u></b>	<b><u>YTD</u></b>
Budget	\$ 76,306.11	\$ 76,306.11
Receipts	\$ 43,315.73	\$ 43,315.73
Expenditures	\$ 66,210.35	\$ 66,210.35

**Building Fund ~ January 2026**

Beginning Balance	\$ 29,543.73	\$ 29,543.73
Receipts	\$ 5,125.00	\$ 5,125.00
Expenditures	\$ —	\$ —
Ending Balance	\$ 34,668.73	\$ 34,668.73

Loan Balance      \$ 425,846.47