

HIGHLIGHTS

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



The month of May is an interesting month because there are so many activities surrounding the holidays in the month. One such holiday is Mother's Day, and this year we will have a combined service at 11:00, but this year the service will have a little bit different focus. (How's that for a teaser?!) Mother's Day is a special time of celebration for many, while for others it can be a little bittersweet if they have recently said "goodbye" to their mother ... count me in that number this year. But, we always want to celebrate the women in our lives both personally and corporately!

Another holiday in May is Memorial Day, when we remember those who gave their lives in service of our country. As a church, we will pause and remember... and give thanks. And yet we will also pause on that Sunday and remember an event which changed the trajectory of the first century Christian church ... Pentecost!

For Pentecost Sunday, I would like to respectfully ask that you make a special effort to be in attendance as we talk about "A Day to Remember," because I would argue outside of Advent and Easter, it truly is one of the most important days in human history!

Another day that gives us reason to celebrate is Graduates' Sunday! I would also encourage you to be in attendance for BOTH services that day since we will hear from our graduates in one service, and then hear about life challenges for these graduates (and us) in the other service (more details as we get closer).

I guess the bottom line is you don't want to miss ANY of the services this month ... if at all possible!

What an exciting time at The Park!

See you Sunday!

Ramon

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

May 3, 2026

9:00 am: Adult Praise Band
11:00 am: *Without His Cross*
Sanctuary Choir

The Price of the Promise
Acts 7:55-60
Ramon Smith

May 10, 2026

**From Generation to
Generation Service**

9:00 am: Adult Praise Band
11:00 am: *I'll Cast My Cares on You*
Combined Adult &
Children's Choirs

Greetings!
Romans 16:1-16
Ramon Smith

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

May 17, 2026

Graduates' Sunday

9:00 am: Adult Praise Band
11:00 am: *A Child of the Lamb*
Sanctuary Choir

Matt Wilson

May 24, 2026

Day of Pentecost

9:00 am: Adult Praise Band
11:00 am: *Holy Spirit*
Sanctuary Choir

A Day to Remember!
Acts 2:1-21
Ramon Smith

May 31, 2026

9:00 am: Adult Praise Band
11:00 am: *Be Unto Your Name*
Sanctuary Choir

Three in One?
Matthew 28:16-20
Ramon Smith

A NOTE FROM MARY



Holy Spirit, from on high, bend o'er us a pitying eye;
Now refresh the drooping heart; bid the power of sin depart.
Light up every dark recess of our heart's ungodliness;
Show us every devious way where our steps have gone astray.
Teach us with repentant grief, humbly to implore relief;
Then the Savior's blood reveal, and our broken spirits heal.
May we daily grow in grace, and with patience run the race,
Trained in wisdom, led by love, till we reach our home above.
~ William Bathurst

we will meet
Monday, June 1st
at 7 pm
in the Garden Lobby

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



Wednesday Night Dinner Plans for May:

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

- 5/6: BBQ, chips, baked beans, slaw, and dessert
- 5/13: scrambled eggs, bacon, grits, gravy, biscuits, and fresh fruit
- 5/20: chicken parmesan, green salad, bread, and dessert

Wednesday Night Dinner Plans for Summer 2026:

Beginning May 27th, we will be having "bring your own dinner" each Wednesday night. Plan to bring a homemade goodie from your kitchen or stop by your favorite restaurant to get a to-go order and bring it to the church. We will still have a time of fellowship and discipleship as we gather together each week.

There may be a few opportunities for Grub Club during the summer, so be on the lookout for emails with details in the coming months.

We will plan to start dinner back up on August 12th.

A note of appreciation has been received from:

Tina Dologos
Peggy Ingram Family
Marie Matthews



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:

Camilla Hewitt

A World From Wil

COLLEGE PARKERS:

We certainly had a magical time last month! We made a special trip to Sims Country BBQ and Bluegrass over in Granite Falls, NC. We had scrumptious pork, chicken and beef BBQ with a bit of bluegrass music for good measure. No one danced but it sure was tempting! We will be going to the Stained Glass Playhouse to see Driving Miss Daisy and tour the Samaritan's Purse Warehouse in the next month. Missed the sign-up? 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 pages 8-10). 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.



Our last College Parkers luncheon till September will be on May 21st @ 11:30am and it will be a musical affair! We will be entertained by the Grace Notes Chorus conducted by Mary! We will enjoy a time of music and food. Further information on this luncheon in the newsletter below.

~ Wil



COLLEGE PARKERS

Thursday, May 21st at 11:30 am

We look forward to having Grace Notes sing for us.

The meal will be: ham, hashbrown casserole, spring mixed green salad, rolls, and angel food cake with strawberries

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



COLLEGE PARKERS SUMMER 2026:

During June, July, and August 2026, our College Parkers luncheons will be on pause. Instead there will be plenty of trips and fellowship opportunities throughout the summer both churchwide and with College Parkers.



*Calling ladies of all ages!
You are invited to the
Many Hats Tea
Saturday, May 9th
2:00 in Smith Hall*

Each table will be set for 6 and we need several ladies who would like to decorate a table with their own creative theme.

*We will be celebrating the many hats we wear as the women of God.
We hope to have a room filled with ladies of all ages, ready
for an afternoon of joy and fellowship.
Sign up outside of Smith Hall.*

Please see Denise Worley, Debi Martinez, or Leigh Ann for more details.



May Creation Kids' News

We have many wonderful opportunities ahead and I rejoice in knowing that our Savior cares about every detail. I pray we will steadily follow where He leads!

"You wisely and tenderly lead me, and then you bless me." Psalm 73:24

Trusting in Him, Leigh Ann

Children's Camp - Beach Reach at Fort Caswell

Our children are excited to head to Fort Caswell May 1st - 3rd. Our time will be filled with worship, music, activities, and lots of fun! Pastor Matt even has a fishing expedition planned! Our focus will be on friends in faith. Please keep us in your prayers as we travel and grow in our Lord's grace.



🌸🌸🌸 Mother's Day Celebration 🌸🌸🌸

Mother's Day is Sunday, May 10th! We will gather for a special breakfast to celebrate the women of God who have helped us to grow in our faith. **Here is the schedule:**

9:00 — Light Breakfast & Fellowship

9:45 — Sunday School Small Groups

11:00 — Combined Worship Service.



Vacation Bible School is Coming Soon!

Rainforest Falls - Exploring the Nature of God

When: Monday, June 22nd - Wednesday, June 24th

Time: 5:30 Snack Supper 6:00-8:00 Worship and Fun Exploration

Who: All of God's children ages 5 through 5th grade

(We will have a nursery available for VBS workers' children.)



We need lots of volunteers to make VBS a meaningful time of worship, learning, and fun for the kids. There are several stations that will need excited leaders! Here is a quick overview of what's ahead:

- Sing and Play Tune Lagoon: We will sing, celebrate, and worship God our Creator!
- Rooted Bible Adventures Station: We will experience Bible stories coming to life!
- Imagination Station: We will examine God's world through hands-on explorations!
- Wild Games: We will run, play, and find the joy in creation!
- Sticky Scripture: We will dive into scripture and its meaning!
- Canopy Closing: We will reflect on the "Nature of God"!

We would love to have your helping hands, so please let me know if you are interested in joining in the fun!



Youth, College Students & Recreation



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



Graduate Sunday
Sunday, May 17th

Join us on Sunday, May 17th for a special day of worship — you won't want to miss it! We encourage you to attend both services as each will offer a unique and meaningful experience.

During our Re:Creation Service, our graduates will share stories from their spiritual journeys. Then at 11:00 am, we will gather for a more traditional worship service.

Come celebrate our graduates and worship God with us — it's going to be an incredible Sunday!



A vibrant poster for "The Park Youth Group Cook Out!". At the top, "The Park" is written in a stylized yellow font with a white outline, above a circular logo featuring a white building and a yellow cross. Below this, "YOUTH GROUP" is written in large, bold, yellow and white letters. A red banner with white text says "COOK OUT!". To the right, there's a photo of a grill with burgers and sausages. At the bottom, there's a white circle with text: "PLEASE BRING A 2 LITER DRINK -> AND <- A BAG OF CHIPS". Next to it is a yellow bag of "CLASSIC POTATO CHIPS" and a bottle of soda. At the very bottom, it says "FUN, FOOD, FRIENDS & FAITH!" and "EVERYONE IS WELCOME!" with heart symbols on either side.

**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, May 14th 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 May

~ baked beans ~

(pork and beans, beanee weenees, etc.)

Items collected in April:

4 bottles of syrup

32 cans of fruit

10 cans of vegetables

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.

May's donation focus is:

personal care items

(soap, toothbrushes, wash cloths, dental floss, etc.)

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

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, May 13th at 11:30 am in Smith Hall.
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**

In Loving Memory
of
Buddy Daniel

November 10, 1939
to
March 31, 2026

Member of College Park
since
1974

In Loving Memory
of
Peggy Ingram

September 1, 1928
to
April 5, 2026

Member of College Park
since
2009

In Loving Memory
of
Jo Ann Jessup

June 14, 1936
to
April 29, 2026

Member of College Park
since
1958

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





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



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 was due by Sunday, April 12th

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

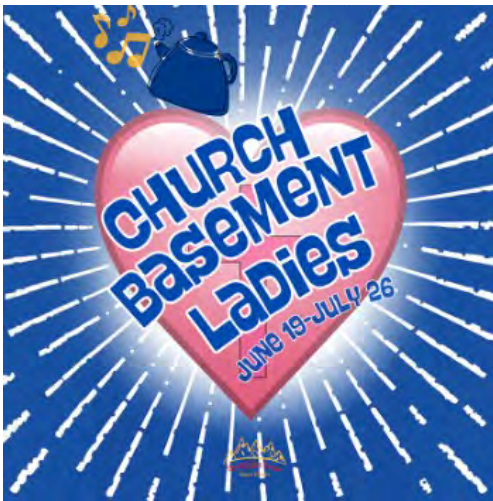
Make checks payable to College Park Baptist Church and put "Samaritan's Purse" on the memo line.



Samaritan's Purse[®]
INTERNATIONAL RELIEF



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



**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.

Fort Caswell Senior Week — Summerfest II:

Who: Senior Adults

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

Where: Fort Caswell, Oak Island, NC

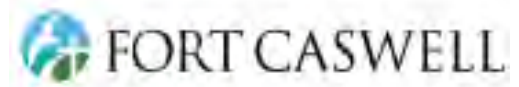
Cost: \$401 per person

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.





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



Christmas Shows in Myrtle Beach, SC

Who: Senior Adults

When: Monday-Wednesday, November 16th-18th

Cost: Adults = \$474—\$508.00 per person *(estimate)*
Plus the cost of lunch meals and driver gratuity

The cost of the trip will cover:

2 nights hotel accommodations, 2 breakfasts, 2 dinner meals, 2 live theater shows (Alabama Theater and Legends in Concert Theater), 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 by Friday, May 22nd. A deposit of \$150 will be required to hold your spot.

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.

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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

Qualified Charitable Distribution: Is a Qualified Charitable Distribution right for you? If you are over 70½, a QCD may be a tax savings vehicle for you. QCD's must go directly to the charitable organization in order to get the tax benefit. Contact Grace Hodge or your financial advisor if you wish to take advantage of giving a QCD to College Park.



STEWARDSHIP OF SERVICE

DEACON OF THE WEEK

May 3 Debi Huskins	May 10 Melanie Jones
May 17 Frank Martinez	May 24 Donna Bates
May 31 Coleman Hastings	

GREETERS

May 3 Jeff Stultz	May 10 Dennis Palmer
May 17 Lynn Michael	May 24 Tony Perkins
May 31 Jeff Stultz	

INFORMATION CENTER

Ron Cauble
Tom Hurst

PROPERTIES

May 3 Barry Nelson	May 10 James Cobbler
May 17 James Cobbler	May 24 Ishmael Stowe
May 31 Ishmael Stowe	

NC Baptist Hospital

Our Goal:
\$2,000.00

ATTENDANCE STATISTICS

	<u>4/5</u>	<u>4/12</u>	<u>4/19</u>	<u>4/26</u>
Re:Creation Worship	107	77	92	77
11:00 Worship	158	114	102	96

STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES

Budget ~ March 2026	MTD	YTD
Budget	\$ 76,306.11	\$ 228,918.32
Receipts	\$ 72,589.54	\$ 208,743.60
Expenditures	\$ 72,787.50	\$ 223,957.88

Building Fund ~ March 2026		
Beginning Balance	\$ 35,388.75	\$ 29,543.73
Receipts	\$ 6,725.00	\$ 22,180.00
Expenditures	\$ 9,609.98	\$ 19,219.96
Ending Balance	\$ 32,503.77	\$ 32,503.77
Loan Balance	\$ 408,614.68	