

HIGHLIGHTS

College Park Baptist Church

1701 Polo Road, Winston-Salem, NC 27106



Tis the season ... No, not the Christmas season, that will get here soon enough! No, the season I'm referring to is Fall ... more formally known as Autumn. It's that time of year that we, in NC, can actually enjoy a change in weather, as well as a change in deciduous tree color. I guess it's because I was raised on a mountain with tree color all around me, but Autumn is my favorite time of year! Thus, "Tis the Season!"

But here's the thing ... I believe God uses His creation to reveal His majesty, power and love for all of creation! The Psalms are full of references to that end, but the Apostle Paul also made an extraordinary claim in Romans 1:20 ...

For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities — his eternal power and divine nature — have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse.

What does that mean for us?

The Greek terms that Paul uses emphasize perception that is vivid and unmistakable and refers to reasoned contemplation. Paul joins visual evidence ("seen") with intellectual inference ("understood") to show that creation engages both the senses and the mind. The Greek phrase translated "without excuse" is legal language, and declares that humanity possesses sufficient evidence to render a verdict about God's reality and character.

Sooo ... God has revealed Himself through His creation, and our response is to worship not creation ... but the Creator! Praise God ... and spread the Good News of Jesus, His Son!

Thank you for your faithfulness!
You are such a blessing!

See you Sunday!

Ramon



THE WORSHIP OF GOD



September 6, 2026



9:00 am: Adult Praise Band

11:00 am: *The Love of God*
Sanctuary Choir

A Biblical View of Labor

Psalm 127:1-2
Ramon Smith

September 13, 2026



9:00 am: Adult Praise Band

11:00 am: *Beneath the Cross of Jesus*
Sanctuary Choir

Everyone Has an Opinion

Romans 14:1-12
Ramon Smith

September 20, 2026



9:00 am: Adult Praise Band

11:00 am: *At the Name of Jesus*
Sanctuary Choir

You Don't Have That Kind of Time!

Philippians 1:21-30
Ramon Smith

September 27, 2026



9:00 am: Adult Praise Band

11:00 am: *There's a Quiet Understanding*
Sanctuary Choir

Work It Out!

Philippians 2:1-13
Ramon Smith

Our Mission...

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



A NOTE FROM MARY

One of the ways that our faith expresses itself is by our ability to be still, to be present, and not to panic or lose perspective. God still does his best work in the most difficult of circumstances.

~ Tim Hansel



So then, brothers, stand firm and hold to the teachings we passed on to you, whether by word of mouth or by letter. May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word.

2 Thessalonians 2:15-17

We are encouraged throughout scripture to stand firm in our faith, and to do so when circumstances are particularly hard. It's a hard admonition, but here's the thing: the God who commands us to stand firm also equips us to do so. He gives us encouragement. He sends His people to nurture us and spur us onward. He strengthens us. He gives us His Spirit which brings us hope and peace beyond our understanding. And He exhorts us to seek Him in the middle of it all, to stop looking at all that would distract from our faith in Him and to see our circumstances through His grace and loving care. He invites us into deeper relationship with Him through it all. And here is the grace of God: God enables us to do the very thing He asks of us, knowing we cannot do it on our own.

**We will meet on
Monday, September 28th
at 7 pm
in the Garden Lobby**

**August's book is:
Maria
by Michelle Moran**



Wednesday Night Dinner Plans for September:

We have started our catered Wednesday night meals again. We will be dining on china plates and silverware (rather than disposable plates and flatware we've used in the past). However, we will have Styrofoam cups so you can continue enjoying your beverage of choice during prayer meeting/Bible study. Donations are appreciated.

Our menus for Wednesday night dinners in September are listed below.

- 9/2: catfish (chicken nuggets for non-fish eaters), french fries, slaw, cornbread, dessert
- 9/9: eggs, bacon, grits, gravy, biscuits, fruit (or baked apples)
- 9/16: hamburgers, tater tots (or individual chip bags), lettuce, tomato, onion, pickles, buns, dessert
- 9/23: BBQ, baked beans, slaw, buns or rolls, dessert

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, September 9th
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 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:

Kent Hobson

Mary Keltner

Bill Maurer

A Word From Wil

COLLEGE PARKERS:

Can you feel it? Autumn is in the air. That means College Parkers luncheons are back! On September 17th @ 11:30 am, we will gather in Smith Hall for good food, fellowship, and our guest speaker, Sandy Bowen from Haven Lane Senior Solutions. Mark your calendar now so you won't be missed!

College Parkers Travel had a wonderful evening at the Depot in Dobson on August 7th. This trip always closes our Summer just ahead of the Fall happenings. I write this just before the trip to Blowing Rock on the 27th. We will talk about this exciting excursion next month. We will be headed to the Southern Supreme Fruitcake Factory on Sept 24th. There is a wait list for this trip. If you missed this one, the next trip is on October 17th, to hear the Triad Harmony Barbershop Quartet Group. Sign up as soon as possible! Trips fill up quickly.

~ Wil



COLLEGE PARKERS LUNCH AND MEETINGS FALL 2026:

We meet at 11:30 am on the third
Thursday each month in Smith Hall.

September 17th
hot dogs with the fixings and dessert
Cost: \$10 per person
Sandy Bowen with Haven Lane Senior
Solutions

October 15th
Chili and Baked Potato and dessert
Cost: \$10 per person
Estate Planning with Lynn Michael

November 19th
Wil's Thanksgiving Meal
Cost: donations accepted
Terry Sizemore with the
Gideons

December 17th
Appetizers for Lunch
Cost: no charge
Carol Sing with Mary



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

In Loving Memory
of
Margaret East

March 30, 1931
to
August 3, 2026

Homebound Nonmember
of College Park

A note of appreciation has been received
from:

Melinda Tedder and family



September Creation Kids' News

"So here's what I want you to do, God helping you: Take your everyday, ordinary life — your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life — and place it before God as an offering. Embracing what God does for you is the best thing you can do for Him." Romans 12:1 MSG



Prayer Partner Ministry

Please consider participating in this meaningful opportunity to enrich our students through the gifts of prayer and encouragement. You will find a table outside of Smith Hall covered in envelopes that contain the names of our students and the details for how this ministry works. Choose an envelope, look inside, and write your name on the record sheet beside the name of the child you have chosen. This will be your prayer partner for this school year.

"Prayer enlarges the heart until it is capable of containing God's gift of Himself." ~ Mother Teresa

Collecting School Supplies

During the month of September, we will continue to collect school supplies to share. Crayons, pencils, notebooks, and other classroom items are always in need for young learners! If you would like to help, bring in school supplies and place them in the box outside of Smith Hall. You can also make monetary donations and we will make the purchases for you. Thank you for helping these young scholars grow!



Please Mark Your Calendars

Sunday, October 25th - Fall Family Festival

Stay tuned for more details!

Sunday, December 20th - Children's Sunday

Our children will lead us in worship during the 11:00 service, so please plan to be here and share in the joy!

Youth, College Students & Recreation

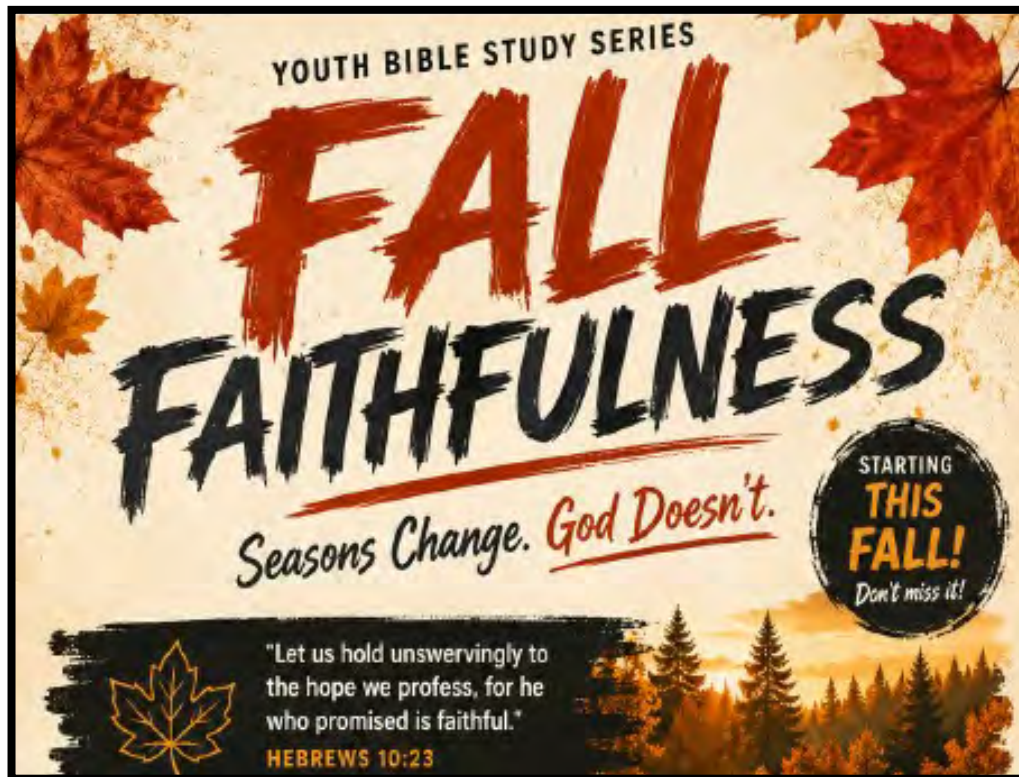
YOUTH BIBLE STUDY SERIES

FALL FAITHFULNESS

Seasons Change. God Doesn't.

STARTING **THIS FALL!**
Don't miss it!

"Let us hold unwaveringly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful."
HEBREWS 10:23



FALL FIRE

MATT'S HOUSE

SEPT 27TH

BRING A TAILGATING DISH!

BRING A LAWN CHAIR!



Girls FALL RETREAT!

Weekend!

Relax. Connect. Have Fun. Grow in Faith.

WHEN: OCT 2-4, 2026

WHERE: LAKE HOUSE

WHO: YOUTH GIRLS

COST: **\$80**

JOIN US FOR:

- FUN & GAMES
- LAKE TIME
- GOOD FOOD
- GREAT FRIENDS

See Matt to Sign Up!



A few of the ministries of College Park Baptist Church ...



LOAVES AND FISH MINISTRY AND BLESSINGS BOX:

Loaves and Fish is College Park's Food Distribution ministry. We provide a once a month food distribution and emergency food bags to people in our community. We also stock the church's Blessing Box (located in the parking lot) which people in the community can access at any time.

We serve an average of 75 to 100 families each month by distributing food staples, bread, fresh produce, and toiletries.

Many people help make this possible!

We are supported entirely through donations. If you would like to make a monetary donation, you may do so by one of several ways . . . place your cash or check to College Park Baptist Church (put food distribution on the memo line) in an envelope and leave in the offering plate, treasure chest, or giving center in the main hallway or garden lobby, pay on-line through Realm.

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Deb Clinard at d_clinard@hotmail.com or 540.326.5583. There are lots of opportunities to help!

If you would like to make a food donation, please contact Deb to see what is needed.

Thank you for your continued faithfulness in supporting Loaves and Fish!

Don't forget to be kind to strangers, for some who have done this have entertained angels without realizing it!
~ Hebrews 13:2



Keep in mind that we would love to continue to provide fresh produce during our monthly food distributions. If you have a garden or have access to a garden and would be willing to share items to be distributed each month, please reach out to Deb Clinard at the contact information noted above.

CRISIS CONTROL MINISTRY

Gift for September

~ instant grits and oatmeal ~

Items collected in August:

24 rolls of paper towels

32 rolls of toilet paper

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.

September's donation focus is:
games

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.

Southern Supreme Fruitcake Tour in Bear Creek and Lunch at Mrs. Lacy's Magnolia House in Sanford

THIS TRIP IS FULL BUT YOU MAY ADD YOUR NAME TO THE WAIT LIST.

Who: Senior Adults

When: Thursday, September 24th

Cost: \$10 and cost of lunch (plus donation for bus expenses)

The bus will leave College Park at 9:15 am and return to the church about 5:30 pm

We will enjoy lunch in a private room at Mrs. Lacy's and then go for a tour of Southern Supreme Fruitcake that includes a tasting.



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

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



Triad Harmony Barbershop Quartet Fall Concert

American Classic Tunes

(featuring our own Robert Huff!!!)

Who: Everyone

When: Saturday, October 17th at 1:30 pm

Location: Oaklawn Baptist Church in Winston Salem, NC

Cost: \$15

There will not be bus transportation. However, you may meet at the church to carpool. If you need a ride to the concert, please indicate so on the sign-up sheet. We will keep a list of those needing transportation in the office.

Sign up is due by Wednesday, October 7th. Payment is due to Teresa in the church office when you sign up!

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



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The Raleigh Ringers at Centenary United Methodist Church in Winston Salem, NC ... INTEREST ONLY

Who: Senior Adults

When: Sunday, December 6th at 4:00 pm

Cost: to be finalized (\$25—\$35)

Transportation arrangements to be determined.

What a wonderful opportunity to hear The Raleigh Ringers, an internationally acclaimed Emmy-nominated, advanced community handbell choir dazzle us!

Payment will be due to Teresa in the church office once the price has been confirmed.

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

Christmas Breakfast at Graylyn

THIS TRIP IS FULL BUT YOU MAY ADD YOUR NAME TO THE WAIT LIST.

Who: Senior Adults

When: Tuesday, December 15th at 9:00 am

Cost: \$69

Transportation arrangements to be determined.

Let's gather for a Christmas Breakfast at Graylyn. The estate will be decorated in its finest for Christmas. We will enjoy a buffet breakfast in a private room. We will also be treated to a presentation from one of the butlers about the history of this grand house.



What a wonderful time of the year to enjoy the festive decorations and a delicious meal with friends.

A \$45 deposit was due to Teresa in the church office when you signed up! The balance of \$24 is due by Wednesday, September 30th.

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

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.

WMU ~ Women on Missions Opportunities

***When women unite with a mission,
history doesn't just watch — it changes***

WMU Today

Since its beginning in 1888, WMU has become the largest Protestant missions organization for women in the world, with a membership of approximately 1 million. WMU's main purpose is to educate and involve adults, youth, children, and preschoolers in the cause of Christian missions. Although originally geared towards women, girls, and preschoolers, both genders are active participants in WMU organizations and ministries today. These national WMU ministries are: Baptist Nursing FellowshipSM, Christian Women's Job Corps, International InitiativesSM, Missionary Housing, Project HELPSM, Pure Water, Pure LoveSM, Volunteer ConnectionSM, and WorldCraftsSM.

By 2018, WMU supported over 7,000 missionaries in 109 countries.

In 2023, WMU had a membership of almost 1 million people; as an auxiliary group, it is independent of SBC governance.

Purpose

WMU "seeks to equip adults, youth, children and preschoolers with missions education to become radically involved in the mission of God. Headquartered in Birmingham, Alabama, WMU is a nonprofit organization that offers an array of missions resources including conferences, ministry ideas and models, volunteer opportunities, curriculum for age-level organizations, leadership training, books and more."

Please read the information on the following page about the two WoM groups that meet at College Park Baptist Church every month. They would love to have you join them as they seek to be involved in the mission of God!

You may contact Bet Matthews at dbtamatt@gmail.com for additional information about WMU.

WMU ~ Women on Missions Opportunities

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ETHEL LEDBETTER GROUP

The Ethel Ledbetter WMU group meets at 11:30 am on the second Wednesday of the month for lunch and fellowship. We highlight a different mission each month and often have a speaker from the organization join us.

Contact Deb Clinard at 540.326.5583 or d_clinard@hotmail.com for more information.

Our next lunch is Wednesday, September 9 at 11:30 am in Smith Hall. The cost for lunch is \$10 per person.

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

We would love to have you join us!



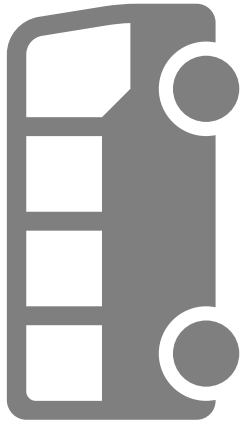
KATHY PHILLIPS GROUP

The Kathy Phillips Women on Mission and Crafters WMU Group meets on the third Sunday of each month at 3:30 in the lower fellowship hall. All ladies are invited. Some members knit on looms and make a hat or lap blanket. Some choose to make a bracelet (materials are provided). Some make jump ropes out of t-shirts. All of these crafts are missions-bound. Whether providing warmth to a chemo or dialysis patient or someone at the bus station or delighting an Operation Christmas Child recipient, the ladies are crafting for Christ!

If you're not crafty, come anyway — you can enjoy refreshments and fellowship after a short mission study and a prayer for missionaries having a birthday that Sunday. The group also chooses a mission action project each month that meets a need for someone outside the church and gives him or her the opportunity to hear about Jesus and receive Him as Lord and Savior. Sometimes the project supports a missionary.

Contact Nancy Hurst at 336.251.5975 or nancyhurst@twc.com for more information.

Again, all ladies of all ages are invited to attend!



JOIN US FOR

College Parkers

INFORMATIVE PROGRAMS

FOOD | FELLOWSHIP | FUN

TRAVEL

College Parkers is a social group that focuses on encouraging friendships and connections for persons 55 and older based on faith, service, and the desire to continue to learn and grow.

We aim to empower our senior adult members with helpful resources and information, and we focus on planning activities, events, and projects that will give senior adults opportunities to fellowship and develop friendships.

We meet the [3rd Thursday of each month](#) from [11:30-1:00](#) in Smith Hall for informative programs and lunch.

Meeting schedule for remainder of 2026:

- September 17th
- October 15th
- November 19th
- December 17th

Scheduled trips are noted in the bulletins, newsletter and in the hallway outside of Smith Hall.

Please join us and invite a friend!

You do not have to be a member of College Park to participate.

Dues are \$12 per year per person. Dues are used toward program honorariums.
Nominal charge of \$10 per person for catered meals. Includes meal, dessert and drink.

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.

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

NC Missions Offering:

Our Goal:
\$3,000

STEWARDSHIP OF SERVICE

DEACON OF THE WEEK

September 6

Jim Pernell

September 13

Mike Beeson

September 20

Bill Clapp

September 27

Ken Hatchett

GREETERS

September 6

Dennis Palmer

September 13

Lynn Michael

September 20

Tony Perkins

September 27

Jeff Stultz

INFORMATION CENTER

Marla Andrews

Scott Andrews

PROPERTIES

September 6

Barry Nelson

September 13

Ishmael Stowe

September 20

Ishmael Stowe

September 27

Ishmael Stowe

Called Church Conference:
Wednesday, September 23rd
at 6:45 pm
in Smith Hall

We will be voting on the proposed
Church Covenant.

ATTENDANCE STATISTICS

	<u>8/2</u>	<u>8/9</u>	<u>8/16</u>	<u>8/23</u>	<u>8/30</u>
Re:Creation Worship	93	87	—	83	84
11:00 Worship	119	130	137	115	110

STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES

Budget ~ July 2026

	<u>MTD</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Budget	\$ 76,306.11	\$ 534,142.74
Receipts	\$ 66,460.23	\$ 505,421.32
Expenditures	\$ 82,298.15	\$ 529,372.79

Building Fund ~ July 2026

Beginning Balance	\$ 27,627.83	\$ 29,543.73
Receipts	\$ 6,615.00	\$ 77,749.00
Expenditures	\$ 9,609.98	\$ 82,659.88
Ending Balance	\$ 24,632.85	\$ 24,632.85

Loan Balance \$ 348,915.61