HIGHLIGHTS

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It is one thing to say that we are thankful, but it is another thing to demonstrate genuine gratitude on a daily basis. So where does a grateful heart come from? Yeah, I know, the church answer is "Jesus" ... and that is true. But what about Jesus makes us grateful? In many ways, I think gratitude is a lot like joy in that both are not dependent on life circumstances. We talk a lot about how joy is a fruit of the Spirit, and as such, is not dependent on whether things are pleasant in our life circumstances. Some other fruits of the Spirit that Paul identifies in Galatians 5 are love, peace, patience (longsuffering), kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. And while gratitude is not listed explicitly as a fruit of the Spirit, it can certainly be understood as a natural response to embracing joy and peace which the Spirit provides for us in our daily walk. And a grateful heart is easy to recognize in other people through their daily actions that reflect the fruits of patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control also. So as we experience the fruits of the Spirit, the natural response should be an overwhelming sense of gratitude towards God for the blessings He sends our way and His presence in our lives! If we understand it fully in that way, then gratitude and thanksgiving will be what people see in our lives ... no matter the circumstances. I am truly thankful to have been a part of this congregation for the last 34+ years!

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

Ramon

The Worship of God

November 1, 2026
All Saints' Day

9:00 am: Adult Praise Band
11:00 am: *Be Still My Soul*
Sanctuary Choir

One of the Saints
Matthew 5:1-12
Ramon Smith

November 8, 2026

9:00 am: Adult Praise Band
11:00 am: *I Will Sing*
Sanctuary Choir

Oil Light On?
Matthew 25:1-13
Ramon Smith

November 15, 2026

9:00 am: Adult Praise Band
11:00 am: *Those Who Wait*
Sanctuary Choir

How Do You Like Your Steak?
Matthew 25:14-30
Ramon Smith

November 22, 2026

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

Where Have We Heard This Before?
Matthew 25:31-46
Ramon Smith

November 29, 2026
1st Sunday of Advent: Hope

9:00 am: Adult Praise Band
11:00 am: Advent Suite:
Hope in the Darkness
Sanctuary Choir

Impending Hope
Isaiah 60:1-3
Wil Worley

Our Mission...

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

Thanksgiving Eve Service:
Wednesday, Nov. 25th
7:00 pm
Sanctuary

A NOTE FROM MARY

"In addition to our own encouragement, we were especially delighted to see how happy Titus was, because his spirit has been refreshed by all of you." 2 Corinthians 7:13b

This was not the verse I was searching for today, but it found me anyway. And it reminded me of times in my life when a couple of hours spent with someone changed my whole outlook and attitude, and I left that time thanking God for HIs people and for fellowship. I left with my spirit refreshed because of my time with them. They spoke truth and light into my life. I've had other times when I was the one with the opportunity to speak light into someone else's life. And I've thanked God for those moments as well. It's been a draining couple of weeks in the Keltner household. Life is like that sometimes. Some days are just more draining than others, and sometimes those periods last longer than a few days. Some people are more draining than others as well. But we are called to love each other, whether they are easily loved or difficult. We are called to be salt and light to all. We are called to be the kind of people who refresh each other's spirits. My prayer in coming days is that we are the kind of people who refresh the spirits of others, that our coming together gives cause for thankfulness (as opposed to their being thankful when we leave!). May you be light (and may you point them to the Light) to all you encounter.



We will meet on
Monday, November 30th
at 7 pm
in the Garden Lobby

October's book is:
The Sandcastle Hurricane
by Carolyn Brown



LOAVES AND FISH MINISTRY AND BLESSINGS BOX:

Loaves and Fish is College Park's Food Distribution ministry where we provide a once-a-month food distribution and emergency food bags to people in our community as well as stock the church's Blessing Box.

If you would like to make a monetary donation to help with this ministry, you may place your cash or check (make payable to College Park Baptist Church and put food distribution on the memo line) in an envelope or 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!

FOOD DISTRIBUTION GIVING OPPORTUNITY:

College Park is honored to be able to provide food and toiletries for the people in our community that are in need. For the holidays, we will be offering additional food items at our November and December Food Distributions.

We are also very aware of their spiritual needs and consider the prayer time we have with each family who comes to the distribution to be the most important part of this ministry. With that in mind, we will be offering Bibles in English and Spanish as well as Children's Bibles. Please consider making a gift online or by check to help with this ministry opportunity.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

November's donation focus is:



We hope that everyone will pack one box at home and then help us pack our boxes as a church group on Wednesday, November 11th starting at 5:30 pm in the gym.

CRISIS CONTROL MINISTRY ITEM OF THE MONTH:

Gift for November

~ baking items ~
(cooking oil, baking mixes, etc.)

ETHEL LEDBETTER WoM CIRCLE GROUP

Our next lunch is Wednesday, November 11th at 11:30 am in Smith Hall.

If this is your first time attending, 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:

Happy Thanksgiving! College Parkers luncheons are back and exciting as ever! On October 15th, we gathered for a delicious baked potato bar and homemade chili. Lynn Michael provided an entertaining and informative talk on estate planning. We all learned that probate is a bad word to be avoided! Our next luncheon is November 19th @ 11:30. Our program will be presented by Terry Sizemore with the Gideons. I will be providing a home-cooked meal with ham and some traditional Thanksgiving sides. Donations will be accepted. Be sure sign up at the table outside Smith Hall.

College Parker Travel headed off to hear the Triad Harmony Barbershop Quartet's Fall Concert on October 17th. We enjoyed an afternoon of topnotch harmonizing and some laughs. Our next trip will be to see the Raleigh Ringers on December 6th. More information is coming about this event. Keep an eye open for new trip information on the table outside Smith Hall. And be sure to sign up for trips as soon as possible! Adventures fill up quickly.

~ Wil





A note of appreciation has been received from:

Andy and Carol Hewitt and family



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, November 4th 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/



Live by faith
grow in grace
walk in love.

In Loving Memory
of
Cleo Lane

February 6, 1928
to
October 1, 2026

Member of College Park
since
September 1987



November Creation Kids' News

"I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers." Ephesians 1:16

I give thanks for the way God's Word shines through you!

❤️ Blessings, Leigh Ann

Packing Operation Christmas Child Boxes



Please join us on Wednesday evening, Nov. 11th, to pack shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child! The wonderful items you have donated throughout the year will be lovingly packed and sent to children in need all around the world!

You can find out more at https://www.samaritanspurse.org/

Christmas is a Love Story! Let's Share the Love of Christ!



We will be collecting items throughout the month of November for our local City Lights Ministry and for the North Carolina Baptist Association's Bethlehem Toy Store in western North Carolina. You are invited to bring in gifts for kids ages birth through 16. You will find all the details on the table just outside Smith Hall. This is a wonderful opportunity to touch the lives of others as we share the joy and love of Christ this holiday season!



These three ministries give us the perfect opportunity to follow Jesus' charge, "You will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." Acts 1:8 City Lights is a local ministry that serves families in Winston-Salem, The Bethlehem Toy Story serves families in western North Carolina, and Operation Christmas Child serves children around the world. Please serve as you feel led.❤️

Children's Sunday, December 20th, at 11:00



Our children will have the privilege of leading us in worship on Sunday morning, December 20th. We will have a combined service at 11:00 and the children will gather in the sanctuary for practice that morning at 9:00. We want all of our children (birth through 5th grade) to be a part of this special service, so please save the date! Thank you!

Youth, College Students & Recreation











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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
  - Treasure chest
  - Giving center in the main hallway
  - Giving Stations around the church
- 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. 1671 or grace@collegepark.ws).

Poinsettias



We will once again decorate the Sanctuary with red poinsettias for Christmas. If you would like to give a plant in honor ... or in memory ... of someone, please complete an order form which is available at the church (garden lobby counter, welcome desk, volunteer desk in office) and return it to Teresa in the church office ***along with your payment*, no later than Monday, November 23rd****. (Please do not place your order in the offering plate.) Or you may email the dedication information to Teresa at teresa@collegepark.ws.* ***The price is $8.00 per plant.***

You may take your poinsettia home with you after the Christmas Eve service on Thursday night, December 24th.

** You may pay via cash, check, or on-line.*



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.

Baptist Children's Homes of NC Offering:
Our Goal:
$3,000

Vote on the proposed 2027 budget

Sunday, November 8th
at 9:00 and 11:00 am

ATTENDANCE STATISTICS

	10/4	10/11	10/18	10/25
Re:Creation Worship	74	74	74	79
11:00 Worship	98	103	119	99

STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES

Budget ~ September 2026	MTD	YTD
Budget	$ 76,306.11	$ 686,754.95
Receipts	$ 80,672.54	$ 647,562.92
Expenditures	$ 80,692.31	$ 678,868.82

Building Fund ~ September 2026		
Beginning Balance	$ 22,182.87	$ 29,543.73
Receipts	$ 7,991.60	$ 92,900.60
Expenditures	$ 9,609.98	$ 101,879.84
Ending Balance	$ 20,564.49	$ 20,564.49
Loan Balance	$ 331,416.47	