HIGHLIGHTS

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



College Park has always been a mission–focused church ... since its very humble beginnings! We have always sought to be the hands and feet of Christ here in our community and stretching out to other parts of our country and even to other countries! Most recently we have been heavily involved with relief and recovery efforts in the mountains of NC, which were heavily damaged by Hurricane Helene. It's hard to believe it's been two years since that storm inflicted so much damage to communities who are still trying to recover. A couple of weeks ago I spoke to one of our WMU groups and mentioned the interesting parallel between the number of houses we built through Mountain Outreach (25+ depending on how you count those half-house shared projects), and the number of "tiny homes"/emergency sheds we were able to provide. The interesting part is that although we provided enough money for 18 "tiny homes," my contact with the Amish said because of our relationship with the lumber yard in Brevard (and their generous pricing), we more likely provided the materials for 25 or 26 sheds! God does have a sense of humor ... and His people are faithful!

As a continuing outreach to the Chimney Rock area, we are collecting supplies to take to Hickory Nut Gorge Outreach on October 6th when we take our outing to that area (weather permitting). Information about the supplies we are collecting, and sign up for the excursion, are located in the church entry hallway.

Also remember our outreach to our own community on October 25th ... Fall Festival! Come meet our neighbors!

Thank you for your faithfulness!

You are such a blessing!

See you Sunday!

Ramon

The Worship of God

October 4, 2026

9:00 am: Adult Praise Band

11:00 am: *Beloved, Let Us Love*
Sanctuary Choir

Don't Miss the Journey
Philippians 3:4b-14
Ramon Smith

October 11, 2026

9:00 am: Adult Praise Band

11:00 am: *God of Hope, God of Mercy*
Sanctuary Choir

Rejoice ... Rejoice!!
Philippians 4:1-9
Ramon Smith

October 18, 2026

9:00 am: Adult Praise Band

11:00 am: *A Joyful Song*
Sanctuary Choir

That Money Thing
Matthew 22:15-22
Ramon Smith

October 25, 2026

9:00 am: Adult Praise Band

11:00 am: *Alleluia, Sing to Jesus*
Sanctuary Choir

Is It Really Debatable?
Matthew 22:34-46
Ramon Smith

Our Mission…

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



A NOTE FROM MARY

In essence, there is only one thing God asks of us — that we be … people for whom God is everything and for whom God is enough. ~ Brennan Manning

We live in a society which encourages us to be on a constant search for more. We can end up living in a perpetual cycle of comparison, of desiring the next big thing, the newest, the fanciest, the thing or the relationship we don't have. And it can be a frustrating cycle because what we think is going to make us happy rarely does. More often, it just funnels us to the search for the next thing or the next person we think will make us happy. But God desires a different kind of more for us. He wants to give us more of what truly satisfies. As we desire closeness with Him and make our relationship with Him the highest priority in our lives, He begins to strip away those things that do not matter. He reorders our priorities and refocuses our desires. We begin to experience the fruit of the Spirit and find joy in Him. We begin to be at peace with what He has provided, and with those things He chooses not to give us. And we are reminded that God is enough: enough for our salvation, enough in our sorrows, enough for our happiness, and enough for our daily living.



We will meet on
Monday, October 26th
at 7 pm
in the Garden Lobby

October's book is:
Everything's Coming Up Rosie
by Courtney Walsh



Wednesday Night Dinner Plans for October:

We are continuing our catered Wednesday night meals. We are 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.

The menus planned for Wednesday night dinners in October are listed below.

10/7: catfish (chicken nuggets for non-fish eaters), french fries, slaw, cornbread, dessert

10/14: hamburgers, tater tots (or individual chip bags), lettuce, tomato, onion, pickles, buns, dessert

10/21: eggs, bacon, grits, gravy, biscuits, fruit (or baked apples)



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, October 14th at 11:30 am in Smith Hall. Our guest speaker will be a volunteer from Operation Christmas Child. The cost is $10 per person.

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.

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:

Charles Edwards **Lawrence Hudspeth**
Bob Ely **Cleo Lane**

A Word From Wil

COLLEGE PARKERS:

Have a Holly Jolly Christmas ... I mean Happy Fall! College Parkers luncheons are back! On September 17th, we gathered for good food, fellowship, and to hear from our guest speaker, Sandy Bowen, from Haven Lane Senior Solutions. They provided an informative and educational presentation on Senior Adult solutions for guidance through medical, living, and care options available in Winston-Salem. Our next luncheon is October 15th @ 11:30 sign up at the table outside Smith Hall.



College Parker Travel hit the road to Sanford for a delicious lunch at Mrs. Lacey's Magnolia House and a bit of fruitcake tasting at Southern Supreme Fruitcake. Can't you just feel Christmas in the air? We will be headed off to hear the Triad Harmony Barbershop Quartet Fall Concert on October 17th. This will be a home trip, meaning we will travel here in Winston. 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.

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
Camilla Hewitt

March 30, 1935
to
September 8, 2026

Member of College Park
since
November 1972

In Loving Memory
of
Nell Lawson

April 9, 1926
to
September 27, 2026

HomeboundMember of
College Park

A note of appreciation has been received from:

Bridget Banerjea

Kent and Jeanne Hobson



October Creation Kids' News

What we feed grows!

"But the one who plants in response to God, letting God's Spirit do the growth work in him, harvests a crop of real life, eternal life." Galatians 6:8

May we feed on God's Word and grow in His way!

Fall Festival October 25th



Our Fall Festival will be Sunday afternoon, October 25th, from 4:00-6:00. This will be a family friendly event where our community can join us as we share the love of Christ! We will have food, fellowship, and lots of fun! Games, the inflatable slide, and bouncy house will be on the front lawn and we will need lots of wonderful volunteers! There is definitely a place for you to use your gifts and talents, so please plan to be a part of this event! You will find more details on the table outside of Smith Hall! Please mark your calendar, sign up to help, invite your friends, and plan to join in the fall fun! Let's Fall for Jesus!!

You Can Help!



Here are some ways you can help make our Fall Festival a place to share the love of Christ:

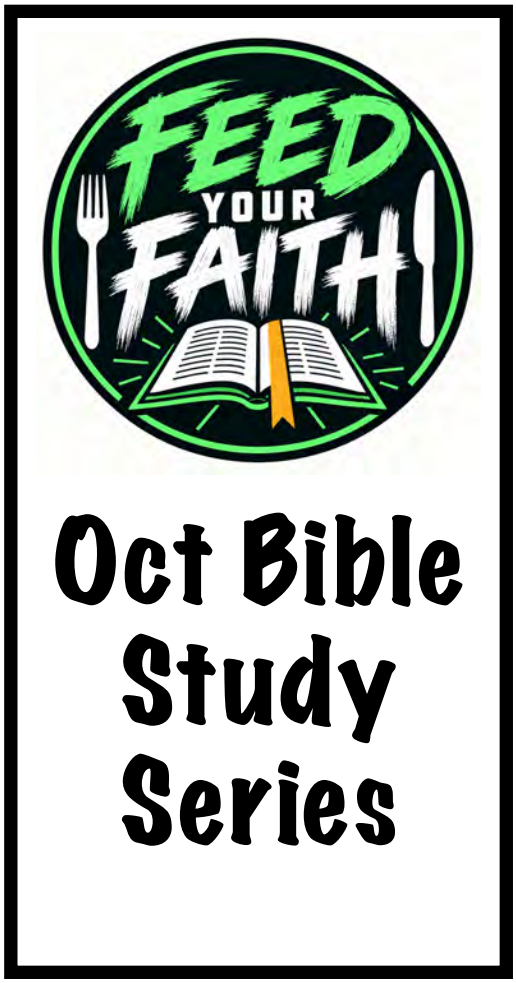
- **Volunteer!** We need lots of helping hands to run games, serve goodies, and welcome our community!
- **Donate** candy and fall-themed treats such as Bible verse bracelets, pens, or school supply items to fill goody bags.
- **Sign up** at the table just outside of Smith Hall. Join in the fun as we gather together in fellowship and Fall for Jesus!



Please Mark Your Calendar!

- **Sunday, Oct. 11th:** Parent-Child Dedication during the 11:00 service.
- **Sunday, Oct. 25th**: Fall Festival 4:00-6:00 - Come and join in the fun as we Fall into Fellowship and share the love of Christ!
- **Wednesday, Nov. 11th**: We will pack shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child.
- **Sunday, Dec. 20th**: Children's Sunday - Our children will lead us in worship during our 11:00 service.


STOKES COUNTY CHRISTIAN YOUTH RALLY
A VOICE OF HOPE
ROMANS 15:13
@STOKESYOUTHRALLY
Depart 4:00pm
Return 9:00pm
SUNDAY
OCTOBER 18, 2026
BeReal.


FEED YOUR FAITH
Oct Bible Study Series


YOUTH GRUB CLUB
ZAXBY'S
ZAXBY'S
OCT 25TH
11:45 AM

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.

FOOD DISTRIBUTION GIVING OPPORTUNITY:

College Park is honored to be able to provide food and toiletries for the people in our community. As we seek to meet the needs of these individuals, 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 begin offering Bibles in English and Spanish as well as Children's Bibles.

Your assistance in making this possible is greatly appreciated. If you would like to make a donation to help us in these endeavors, you may contribution on-line, by cash, or check (please indicate Food Pantry on the memo line).



CRISIS CON†ROL MINISTRY
ITEM OF THE MONTH:

Gift for October

~ canned meats ~
(canned salmon, chili, corned beef, ham, SPAM, etc.)

Items collected in September:

2 containers of canned chicken
7 containers of grits
7 containers of oatmeal
17 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 have completed our collection of items each month for our 2026 Operation Christmas Child shoe box event. Thank you to those who helped provide items, donated money to cover the cost for items or shipping, and those who will help pack up the boxes in November.

October's donation focus is:
monetary donations to cover cost of shipping

This month we ask that you donate money to help cover the cost of shipping that is to be paid for each box we deliver to the Operation Christmas Child facility. Thank you for your willingness to donate to this meaningful missions project.

COLLEGE PARKERS
The Park
LET'S TRAVEL



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



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 in the office of those needing transportation.

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.

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)



Ttransportation arrangements to be determined.

What a wonderful oppoprtunity 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 "Barbershop Concert" on the memo line.

COLLEGE PARKERS
The Park
LET'S TRAVEL



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



Christmas Breakfast at Graylyn

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

Who: Senior Adults
When: Sunday, 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.

Payment was due to Teresa in the church office when you signed up and no later than Wednesday, September 30th.

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

Trips for 2027 are already being planned so be on the lookout for sign-up sheets and information provided in upcoming Mid-week Highlights and Newsletters.

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 Fellowship℠, Christian Women's Job Corps, International Initiatives℠, Missionary Housing, Project HELP℠, Pure Water, Pure Love℠, Volunteer Connection℠, and WorldCrafts℠.

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.

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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, October 14 at 11:30 am in Smith Hall. The cost for lunch is $10 per person. Our guest speaker for the meeting is a volunteer from Operation Christmas Child. If this is your first time attending, 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!

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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 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).

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.

World Hunger Offering:
Our Goal:
$3,000

STEWARDSHIP OF SERVICE

DEACON OF THE WEEK

October 4 Ishmael Stowe	**October 11** Lee Hinesley
October 18 Debbie Huskins	**October 25** Melanie Jones

GREETERS

October 4 Jeff Stultz	**October 11** Dennis Palmer
October 18 Lynn Michael	**October 25** Tony Perkins

INFORMATION CENTER

Tony Bates
Becky Haney

PROPERTIES

October 4 Hutch Hutchison	**October 11** Hutch Hutchison
October 18 Hutch Hutchison	**October 25** Hutch Hutchison

Church Conference:
Wednesday, October 21st
at 6:45 pm
in Smith Hall

ATTENDANCE STATISTICS

	9/6	9/13	9/20	9/27	8/30
Re:Creation Worship	42	78	80	85	84
11:00 Worship	101	131	111	141	110

STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES

Budget ~ August 2026	MTD	YTD
Budget	$ 76,306.11	$ 610,448.85
Receipts	$ 61,469.06	$ 566,890.38
Expenditures	$ 68,803.72	$ 598,176.51

Building Fund ~ August 2026		
Beginning Balance	$ 24,632.85	$ 29,543.73
Receipts	$ 7,160.00	$ 84,909.00
Expenditures	$ 9,609.98	$ 92,269.86
Ending Balance	$ 22,182.87	$ 22,182.87
Loan Balance	$ 340,176.95	