



THE JOURNEY

Believe ... Belong ... Become ...



Christmas Dinner

Join us for a special Christmas Dinner with
Special Guest Bryan Popin

Pianist / Songwriter

Friday, December 11

6:00 PM Dinner in the MAC

7:30 Concert in the Sanctuary

*Menu includes Mesquite Chicken, Mashed Potatoes,
Green Beans, Salad, Bread, Dessert and Ice Tea*

Christmas Eve



**Candlelight
Service**

5:30 PM

led by

The Staff and Deacons

*Come celebrate Christmas Eve with family and
friends. Participate with us in the Lord's Supper and
Candlelight Service.*



**'TIS
THE
SEASON**
"A Christmas Carol Gallery
-Portraits of the Season"
By Larry Shackley

*Presented By The Combined Choirs Of
Parkview Baptist Church
And Grace Presbyterian Church*

December 13, 2009

7:00 PM

*Light Refreshments will be served in the
MAC after the performance.*

The Pastor's Letter

Pastor Greg Magruder

**A Word For the Season**

Christmas brings to mind a lot of words: happiness, presents, family, Christmas carols, food, Christmas cards, Christmas tree. You can supply many more. Memories surface as you think back on your favorite Christmas or the best toy or gift you ever received. There is an atmosphere associated with Christmas. A child is filled with anticipation and eagerly awaits Christmas morning. Adults may be more excited by the parties or shopping or family gatherings that fill the Christmas season. For Christians, Christmas means the celebration of the Christ Child, God's gift to the world.

What word would you use to describe Christmas? I have decided to explore a few biblical words that evoke the Christmas spirit and remind us of the reason for the season. The sermon series "A Word for the Season" will examine passages that explain why Jesus came to live on this earth. The words will attempt to illuminate the heart and intent of God when he sent his Son. The words will contain the essence of Christmas for each one of us and help us to clarify the meaning of his Advent for our time. I hope you will use these words to enhance your Christmas and your spiritual walk with Christ this year.

We also have some special holiday traditions and treats for you and your family to enjoy. Our annual church Christmas dinner will take place on Friday, December 11 at 6:00 PM in the MAC. We will have a fine meal prepared for the church family: Mesquite chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, salad, dinner rolls and dessert. We want you to bring your entire family and any friends as your guests. We only ask that you make reservations with the church office so we will know how much food to prepare. After dinner, we will be blessed with a Christmas Concert by Bryan Popin. Bryan led our music during the May revival we had. Bryan has an entire repertoire of Christmas music that he performs during the concert. Plan to celebrate the Christmas season with the music and sounds of Bryan Popin at 7:30 PM.

The choir will ring in the season for us as well. On Sunday evening at 7 PM December 13, the combined choirs of Parkview Baptist and Grace Presbyterian Church will sing "A Christmas Carol Gallery – Portraits of the Season" by Larry Shackley. This gallery of songs will include Christmas favorites of the holidays and traditional carols. This will be a great time for the family to sing along with the choir and get ready for Christmas. Be sure to invite your friends and family to be a part of this portrait of the season.

Finally, you can participate in the holiday spirit and traditions by joining us for caroling on December 16 at 6:30 PM and for our annual Christmas Eve Candlelight and Communion Service at 5:30 PM on December 24. We gather to go as a church to sing carols to our church shut-ins and nursing home residents every year. We divide into groups and then return to church for cider and cookies. Our Christmas Eve service is a family favorite too. We sing together, hear the Scripture read and take the Lord's Supper as a church family. It is the perfect start to Christmas with your family. Join us as we celebrate Christmas together!

Merry Christmas from my family to yours!

Pastor Greg

A WORD FOR THE SEASON**December Sermon Titles**

November 29	First Week of Advent "Holding the Ropes" (Light) <i>Mark 9:22-31</i>
December 6	Second Week of Advent "Grace Appears" (Grace) <i>Titus 2:11</i>
December 13	Third Week of Advent "Joy Ahead" (Joy) <i>Hebrews 12:1-2</i>
December 20	Fourth Week of Advent "Indescribable Gift" (Gift) <i>2 Corinthians 9:15</i>
December 27	To Be Announced

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Thanks to everyone who filled a shoebox and helped us to make our goal of 100! Our last 4 shoeboxes and a bag of filler items was the last things loaded on one of three Roadway semi trailers headed to the Atlanta distribution center. Start collecting things for next years boxes now with all the great sales.



A WORD FROM THE BEGGAR

As Church Treasurer, I am begging you to consider the tithe. Would you rob God? Would you take money from the offering plate? Would you hold up the counting committee with a gun? I don't think so. But do you trust God? You say you do and that you trust Him with your eternal soul. But do you trust Him with your money? I know from first hand experience that 90% of my income goes further when I am being obedient to God than the 100% without Him.

Do you trust Him to keep his promises? If you do not trust Him with the first fruits of your income, then you are robbing God, your church, our missions programs and yourself. You ask how am I robbing myself. You are not receiving the JOY that can be yours through complete trust in God and His word.

A story was told of a "Rich Man" who died and went to Heaven. When St. Peter met him at the Gate and showed him to his new home, it was only a shack, but a "Poor Man." was living in a mansion next door. The rich man asked St. Peter why he was only given a shack and the poor man had a mansion. St. Peter answered, "We used the materials that were sent ahead to build your homes."

Our church is now operating in the red. We only have a small reserve and that will be gone very soon. When you give, you are helping pay for the daily expenses of the church, that is the cleaning, the utilities, the literature for Sunday School and other church programs and the salaries of our staff. I challenge (yes, I am begging) you to pray and give God the first place in your heart and in your wallet or your checkbook.

Jean Misner,
Church Treasurer

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Let us
Adore
Him



WOMEN'S MISSION & MINISTRIES

- Nov. 29 - Dec. 6 Week of Prayer for International Missions and CBF Global and SBC Lottie Moon Christmas Offerings
- November 29 Mission Emphasis during Worship service
- November 30 7:00 PM Prayer Meeting at Janet Awbrey's home 1001 NW 36th Road
- December 1 Prayer Emphasis at Harms Mission Group in Prayer Room 10AM
- December 2 Prayer Emphasis at Prayer Meeting / Discipleship with videos of missionaries
- December 3,4,5 Pray at Home (using Prayer Guide)
- December 6 Mission Emphasis during Worship Service
- December 10 Ronald McDonald House Ministries Men's Class (Dr. Fletcher)

MISSION CHRISTMAS TREE Will you help decorate our Missions Christmas Tree? Each ornament placed on the tree will represent \$40 given toward our church goal of \$4,000. Can we place 100 ornaments on our tree by Dec. 25 as our Christmas gift to the peoples of the world who do not know Jesus as their Lord and Savior?

MISSION POST OFFICE will be open Wednesday, December 2. As you "mail" Christmas Cards to your church friends. Please consider contributing the amount you would spend on postage to our "PENNIES FOR MISSIONS" jar. This will help us meet our goal. Be sure to check the Post Office each week to see if you have any mail.

TACACHALE CHRISTMAS TREE Again this year we are giving each resident in two cottages at Tacachale a Christmas gift. The Christmas tree in the foyer has name tags with gift ideas on them. If you would like to participate, please take a tag and **put your name on the sign up sheet**. You can purchase the gift suggested on the tag or get something that you think would be appropriate. **Presents should be wrapped and returned with a NEW GIFT TAG WITH ONLY THE PERSON'S NAME ON IT by Sunday, December 13.** If you would like to deliver gifts and help host a party for them please sign up on the list and someone will be in touch.



Join us to go caroling and visit with some of our homebound members and our members in nursing homes to help brighten their holidays!!!!

Mark your calendars now for Wednesday, Dec. 16 at 6:30 PM.

Help decorate the church for the Christmas Season. Order a poinsettia in honor of someone special. Deadline for orders is December 13. The cost is \$8.00.



Please take your live poinsettia plant home after the Christmas Eve Candlelight Service.

Greeters For December

Ushers This Month

- 6 Bob Prine
- 13 Sonny Robertson
- 20 Sylvia Coleman
- 27 Connie Baker

- Joey Stehno
- Bob Casey
- Jean Paul Calixte
- Henry Keene

"WILLING WIDOWS" GROUP

This month the women will be having lunch at Jean Misner's home in Turkey Creek on Thursday, December 17 at 12:00PM. If you would like to carpool from the church, please contact Christine Green or the church office.

Mission Statement
 The Mission of Parkview Baptist Church is to lift up Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord, and to obey His Great Commission.
 Matthew 28:18-20

Our Purpose Statement
 The purpose of Parkview Baptist Church is raising the family of Jesus Christ by leading every member to:
MAGNIFY HIS LORDSHIP IN WORSHIP
MULTIPLY HIS FAMILY THROUGH EVANGELISM/MISSIONS
MATURE HIS CHILDREN THROUGH DISCIPLESHIP
MODEL HIS LIFE THROUGH SERVICE/MINISTRY
MINISTER HIS LOVE THROUGH FELLOWSHIP

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December Birthdays

- 1 Tim Ballard
- 5 Joelle Calixte
- 6 Marty Chappell
Bert Lainhart
- 7 Patricia Durant
- 8 Betty Powell
- 9 Billy Mathis
- 10 Emily Jeffcoat
Jean Lunsford
- 11 Ann Brosius
Martin Cox
- 15 Jean Misner
- 19 John Boles
Ela Kaye Eley
- 23 Sue Holladay
- 24 Veronica Freeze
Ashton Atwood
- 28 Bob Moxley
- 29 Kris Ballard
Brandy Woodley
- 31 Vernon Senterfitt
Kim Neal



DID WE FORGET YOUR SPECIAL DAY?

PLEASE CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE
IF WE OVERLOOKED YOU
OR ONE OF YOUR LOVED ONES ON
OUR BIRTHDAY CALENDAR.

January Birthdays

- 4 Brittany Larkin
- 7 Judy Harrell
- 8 Peggy Bowman
- 10 Tammy Lott
- 11 Bill Mitchell
- 14 Pasco Mott
Joey Bennett
- 18 Steve Williams
Jean Jones
- 25 Rebecca Clark
- 25 Thomas Goodwin
- 30 Aleah Freeze
- 31 Joey Lott
Karen Skaggs



The Bell

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I am God's child (John 1:12)
 I am Christ's friend (John 15:15)
 I am united with the Lord (1 Cor. 6:17)
 I am bought with a price (1 Cor. 6:1-20)
 I am a saint (set apart for God). (Eph 1:1)
 I am a personal witness of Christ (Acts 1:8)
 I am the salt & light of the earth (Matt. 5:13-14)
 I am a member of the body of Christ (1 Cor 12:27)
 I am free forever from condemnation (Rom. 8:1-2)
 I am a citizen of Heaven. I am significant (Phil. 3:20)
 I am free from any charge against me (Rom. 8:31-34)
 I am a minister of reconciliation for God (2 Cor. 5:17-21)
 I have access to God through the Holy Spirit (Eph. 2:18)
 I am seated with Christ in the heavenly realms (Eph. 2:6)
 I cannot be separated from the love of God (Rom. 8:35-39)
 I am established, anointed, sealed by God (2 Cor. 1:21-22)
 I am assured all things work together for good (Rom 8:28)
 I have been chosen and appointed to bear fruit (John 15:16)
 I may approach God with freedom and confidence (Eph. 3:12)
 I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me (Phil. 4:13)
 I am the branch of the true vine, a channel of His life (John 15: 1-5)
 I am God's temple (1 Cor. 3: 16). I am complete in Christ (Col. 2:10)
 I am hidden with Christ in God (Col 3:3). I have been justified (Romans 5:1)
 I am God's co-worker (1 CO4. 3:9; 2 Cor 6:1). I am God's workmanship (Eph. 2:10)
 I am confident that the good works God has begun in me will be perfected (Phil. 1: 5)
 I have been redeemed and forgiven (Col 1:14), I have been adopted as God's child (Eph 1:5)

I belong to God
**DO YOU KNOW
 WHO YOU ARE?**

Shared by Karen Blackburn
 Missionary, Macedonia