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# PARKVIEW BAPTIST NEWSLETTER



Becoming like Christ...  
Being Christ in the World!

SAVE THE DATE!  
PARKVIEW'S  
GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY



Saturday & Sunday  
April 25-26, 2009

"For God so loVed the world,  
That He gAve  
His onLy  
BegottEn  
SoN  
That whosoever  
Believeth In Him  
Should Not perish,  
But have Everlasting life."

**John 3:16**  
**Share God's love with everyone!**

Parkview Proudly  
Presents  
In our  
Morning Worship Service  
March 1, 2009

10:45 AM

Our Special Guests



Institute for Worship Studies  
Children's Choir

We will also celebrate the  
Lord's Supper during this  
worship service.

## The Pastor's Letter

Pastor Greg Magruder



### Three Resolutions

As Parkview celebrates its 50 Anniversary, the church goes through a healthy process of remembrance and reflection. On January 11, 2009 we recognized and honored our charter members who are still active in our church and its ministry. Each charter member and couple shared important details about how they came to join the new church and which pastors most meaningfully ministered to them over the years. A key point in all their testimonies was how some person or class had influenced them to either join the church or become more involved in the church. They have remained active and involved because they love the people and the vision of Parkview Baptist Church.

Churches are living organisms. People come and go for various reasons but the church continues. The Body of Christ at Parkview is different than it was in 1959 but the doctrine, mission and ministry is still the same. The relationships are different but yet they are similar. New bonds have been formed and new friendships have developed. Parkview is not the same church it was in 1959. But our society and the neighborhood are not the same either. The church adapts and grows and defines itself as the culture changes around us. Each generation must meet the challenges of the present and with God's help find ways to minister to the people around us. We can appreciate the past and look forward to what God has in store for us in the days ahead.

I preached a New Year's sermon on the last Sunday in December and cast a vision for the Jubilee year at Parkview. Jubilee connotes release, freedom, restoration, liberty and a fresh start. That is what we want to see at Parkview this year. The whole year will be devoted to renewing our vision and our vitality. This will mean that we need to recall the best from the past and confess and forsake the worst. We will need to assess the present and plan for the future by seeking the Lord's will for us in the days ahead.

I have outlined a process that surfaced in our study of the book *Simple Church*. The premise of this book was that most churches become complex and complicated over time and lose the simplicity that made them grow in the beginning. The goal of the book was to show churches how to become a simple church again. The way to do this is to structure everything around a simple process that is easily explained and remembered. Anything that does not follow the process is dropped. Any plans or ministries that are developed support the process. **The process becomes the plan and the plan becomes the process.**

The process is BELIEVE...BELONG...BECOME. Everything we do must revolve around this process. We aim to lead people to Jesus in all that we do. We want them to BELIEVE. Our worship should bring people to Jesus. Our studies should bring people to Jesus. Our events and ministries should always lead people to Jesus so they will BELIEVE. Then we want them to BELONG. We want them to develop in their relationship with Christ and others. We invite believers to BELONG to a small group (Sunday School, Discipleship, Choir, etc.) so they will grow in relationships and in the depth of their understanding in Christ. When people BELONG to a small group they are more likely to stick with the church and love Jesus more and more. We want them to BELONG to the church too. A commitment to Christ without a commitment to the church is a contradiction. Jesus died for the church and established the church as his personal representative in this world. We need to move people from belief into a family where they BELONG. Finally, people who believe and belong need to BECOME all that God wants them to be. They need to discover their spiritual gifts and BECOME involved in a ministry that uses those gifts. When you join God's work in this world you BECOME the person God intended you to be. Rather than just be a consumer of God's good gifts you BECOME a giver of His gifts and a blessing to those who are hurting in this world.

This process is the reason why our church exists. We lead people to move along this process so they in turn can lead others through this process. When that happens the church continues to grow and the Spirit can use us to reach the world for Jesus. The church with a glorious past becomes a church with a vibrant future. I want that for Parkview and I am certain that you do too. So, where do you stand in this process? Are you moving along the path? Are you helping others to move along this path? Let's make these three resolutions for the year: BELIEVE...BELONG...BECOME.

*Pastor Greg*

### **FEBRUARY LECTIONARY THEMES**

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|----------------|--|
| <b>Feb. 1</b>  | Lord's Supper / Souper Sunday<br>"Remember"<br><i>1 Corinthians 11:23-20</i> |
| <b>Feb. 8</b>  | "Belong"<br><i>Hebrews 10:19-25</i>  |
| <b>Feb. 15</b> | "Become"<br><i>2 Peter 1:3-11</i>  |
| <b>Feb. 22</b> | Lent   |



## International Learning Center



**ILC Needs**  
 Child-care workers!!  
 Our children need you Mon. and Wed., 9 AM-11:30 AM. Even If you can only volunteer just one day a week, once a month we can use you. Call the Santa

Fe River Baptist Association office at 352-373-5030. and ask for Mary Lynne Moore or email her at myilc.org



The following are the areas of responsibility we discussed with the person responsible for each area.

- 1) Policy Committee (Leveda Brown)
- 2) Safety-Security Systems (Fred Freeze)
- 3) Electronics & related training aids (Steve Gilly)
- 4) Physical Plants (Charles Perry, Director and Jerry Green, Associate)
- 5) Work Day Plans (Charles Perry, Director and Jerry Green, Associate)
- 6) Insurance, Claims, Legal/Liabilities & Related matters (Ed Basdekian)
- 7) Budget Planning & Related matters (Jay Clark)
- 8) Archives-History Collection (Evelyn Casey)
- 9) Inventory Control Systems (Henry Keene)
- 10) Open/Close (Henry Keene)

## WOMEN'S MISSION & MINISTRIES

**February 10** Harms Mission Group in Prayer Room 10AM

**February 12** Ronald McDonald House Ministries Greg Magruder's Mixed Adult Class

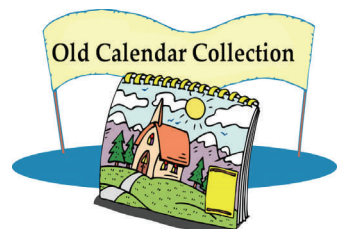
*Thanks to all who gave so generously to our Missions Offering during the holiday season.*



Our women's mission group needs your help collecting **toilet paper**, and **new or used hand towels and wash cloths** for the St. Frances House during February. There is a drop off box in the office. On an ongoing basis throughout the year we need **small (hotel size) shampoo, conditioner, hand lotion, combs, toothbrushes, and small tubes of toothpaste** to make hygiene bags for the homeless, fair workers, and dental clinic clients. This is a great time to clean out the linen closet and donate your old wash cloths and hand towels. It doesn't matter if they are stained as long as they are clean.

We are still collecting clothing for prisoners that are being released and entering the workforce. They receive a voucher for the Peaceful Paths thrift shop and can use casual and work clothes, suits, sweaters, dresses, coats and shoes. Peaceful Paths also helps abused women and children who sometimes have to leave everything behind at their home in order to be safe from the abuse. The drop off box is in the hall off the foyer near the office door.

The Arbor House is collecting old wall calendars to use the pictures on them to make envelopes for their greeting cards. This is an ongoing project for them, so recycle and drop your old calendars off at the office.





50th Anniversary Homecoming

**April 25-26, 2009**  
**CHURCHWIDE WORKDAYS** –  
 All members are asked to help  
 get ready for our  
 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration  
 by working on select Saturday  
 workdays and any weekday  
 from 9 – 3 PM to clean up our  
 sanctuary, classrooms, MAC,  
 kitchen, and grounds. Watch  
 bulletins for more information on dates.

**Saturday workdays will be announced soon.**  
**All ages welcome.**

**Greeters For February**

- 1** Connie Baker
- 8** Terry Fletcher
- 15** Jarrett Green
- 22** Crystal Humphrey

**Ushers This Month**

- Richard Gailey
- Henry Keene
- Louis Ergle
- Joey Stehno

You Can Help On  
 Souper Bowl Sunday



February 1, 2009

**WHILE THE WORLD FOCUSES ON A  
 FOOTBALL GAME,  
YOU CAN FEED THE HUNGRY!**

**WE ARE ASKING YOU TO BRING  
 CANNED SOUP OR CANNED GOODS  
 TO DONATE TO OUR LOCAL FOOD  
 PANTRY SUNDAY MORNING  
 FEBRUARY 1.**

**ALL DONATIONS WILL BE GIVEN TO  
 GAINESVILLE COMMUNITY MINISTRY  
 OR ST. FRANCIS HOUSE!**

**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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## ***February Birthdays***

- 2 Ernestine Ostanik
- 3 Cynthia Harris
- 3 Joann Cawthon
- 6 Alicia Hernandez
- 6 J.R. Neal
- 8 Tyler Williams
- 10 Margaret Stoyer
- 11 Dolly Wright
- 13 Ruth Prine
- 16 Walter Hughes
- 19 Ashley Kennard
- 20 Billiejo Mauldin
- 21 Fred Awbrey
- 23 Gail Robertson
- 25 Justin Holmes
- 28 Bonnie McMichael



*Wish These Friends a  
"Happy Birthday!"*

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY  
AND GOD BLESS YOU!**

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.

## ***March Birthdays***

- 1 Lou Edwards
- 1 Bill Senterfitt
- 3 John Mathis
- 3 Pat Dean
- 5 Don Harris
- 5 Winnie Neal
- 5 Doris Wilber
- 6 Grace Walther
- 7 Jonathan Deal
- 9 Jimmy Hazen
- 13 Ralph Jones
- 14 Ron Chappell
- 15 Debbie Emerson
- 15 Lucy Lemke
- 19 Clarence Magee
- 19 Marilyn Senterfitt
- 20 Wendy Kindig
- 24 Chris Griffin
- 25 Elizabeth Hodge
- 25 Jan Huffstetler
- 26 Robin Atwood
- 26 Danielle Wilber
- 28 Vickie Hodge
- 31 Marion Voyles





