



# THE JOURNEY

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

## "All American" Lunch

Following the morning worship service we will be serving an "All American" lunch in the MAC with good ol' hamburgers and hotdogs, baked beans, potato salad, apple pie and ice cream. You are invited to join us for lunch before our musical. Don't miss out on all the good food, fun, fellowship and music!

Visit us online to make a reservation or call the office.

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**Independence Day**



## "GOD BLESS THE U.S.A."

A Patriotic Musical

Presented for the community by the  
choirs of

Parkview Baptist and Ridgeview Baptist  
to celebrate God and our country on  
Sunday, July 4<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm

Invite your, friends, family and neighbors to come and  
enjoy the beautiful music on this special day!

All church members and regular attenders are  
requested to come partake in the

### LORD'S SUPPER

followed by the



**QUARTERLY  
BUSINESS MEETING**

July 18, 2010

7:00 PM IN THE MAC

## The Pastor's Letter

Pastor Greg Magruder



### Religious Liberty

Independence Day falls on Sunday this year. What a great time to celebrate our freedom in America and especially remind ourselves that we have freedom to worship without coercion. Religious liberty is not a universally accepted concept. It is America that has championed this freedom and America must be vigilant to maintain religious liberty.

Baptists have had a unique part in the development of religious liberty in the United States. Often we hear that America is a Christian nation and that we should promote the Christian faith as a nation. Certainly America was settled by Christian groups that fled to our country looking for relief from religious persecution. But America was also settled by other groups that had economic or political interests. And the Christian groups were often intolerant of those who did not share their religious beliefs.

Many of the same Christian groups that looked for religious liberty in the United States continued the policies of their persecutors once they settled in America. The Puritans of Massachusetts set up a New Jerusalem that insisted that civil authorities maintain the state religion and punish violators. Some men and women challenged the state church and were persecuted for it.

Anne Hutchison was arrested for teaching salvation by grace and holding Bible studies that questioned church-state authority. Roger Williams was run out of the colony for insisting that neither church nor state should persecute the heretic or the atheist. He insisted that even Jews and Turks could be good citizens of the state without having to conform to the state church. Obadiah Holmes accepted Christ and was baptized in 1650. He was banished from the colony for opposing infant baptism. He settled in Rhode Island but returned to visit friends in Massachusetts only to be arrested for unauthorized worship in the friend's living room. Holmes was given 30 lashes for his "crime." As you can see, having a Christian foundation in America did not necessarily mean we had religious liberty in America.

No, we needed new ideas and a fresh approach to religious faith and state government. Roger Williams established the Rhode Island colony and was the first person in America to separate the church from the local government. Williams chartered his colony on the ideal set forth by Jesus that we should "Render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's and unto God the things that are God's" (Matthew 22:21). Jesus separated and affirmed

the roles of civil and religious authority. This revolutionary concept was later promoted by Thomas Jefferson and later adopted in the First Amendment of the Bill of Rights: "*Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof.*"

You need to understand these two principles spelled out in the first sixteen words of the Bill of Rights to understand religious liberty in the United States. The "establishment clause" keeps the government from advancing, promoting, or privileging religion. The "free exercise clause" prevents the government from discouraging, inhibiting, or denying the exercise of religion (from First Freedoms Project, Baptist Joint Committee for Religious Liberty). The founding fathers wanted to guarantee the free exercise of religion for all citizens and remove all religions from state sponsorship or control.

In many nations around the world, the religious authorities control the state. It is in those countries that religious persecution takes place. In European countries that have state-sponsored churches the churches are empty and religious vitality is weak. In America, where citizens can choose the religion of their choice or no religion at all, religious faith and worship attendance are strong. America is one of the most religious countries in the world and the government did not have a thing to do with it.

Let's insist on religious liberty for all this Independence Day. Let's be diligent to worship and share our faith in a country that allows us to do so without restraint. Let's stand strong for those of other faiths to worship as they feel led and let's share with them the freedom we have in Jesus Christ. Let's stand up and speak up when the government tries to limit or promote religion. Let's be Baptists and Americans in the great cause of religious liberty!

*Pastor Greg*



### SERMON TITLES FOR JULY

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| July 4  | "Religious Liberty"<br>Acts 5:27-29     |
| July 11 | "Who Is Jesus?"<br>Matthew 16:13-16     |
| July 18 | "The Baptist Pulse"<br>Matthew 28:18-20 |
| July 25 | Guest Speaker                           |



7:00 PM Tuesday Evenings

July	6	GROW "G" & "R"
	20	GROW "O" & "W"
August	3	GROW "G" & "R"
	17	GROW "O" & "W"

WOMEN'S MISSION & MINISTRIES

July 8	Ronald McDonald House Ministries Smith-Ramey Class (Terry Fletcher)
July 13	Harms Mission Group in Prayer Room 10AM

SAVE LIVES IN YOUR OWN BACKYARD.  
Give Blood!!

**COMMUNITY  
BLOOD DRIVE  
AT PARKVIEW  
Sunday, July 25  
8:30am - 2pm**

*All donors in July will be entered to win a gas grill.*

*Donors from Parkview and Grace will receive a recognition item, cholesterol screening and will also be entered in a drawing for a gift certificate from Heavenly Ham!*

*Come over to the MAC and give blood and also join us for a hotdog lunch!*



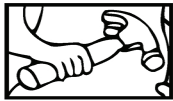
*Gainesville, Fla. — Over 1,050 blood donors and their invited guests formed one of the largest human blood drops to inspire others to give blood.*



**CHURCH  
WORKDAY  
9AM-12PM**

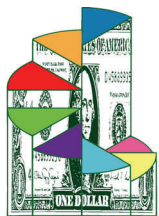


**SATURDAY, JULY 10**



**ATTENTION:**

**COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS  
AND PROGRAM DIRECTORS**



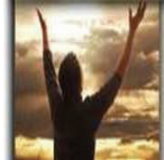
**Budget Requests**

The church by-laws require the Stewardship Committee to begin budget preparation in July by requesting from each "budgeted entity" an estimate of needs for the next fiscal year. Please meet with your groups or committees this month if necessary so that you will have your requests ready when the Stewardship Committee makes its formal request.

Jay Clark  
Stewardship Chairperson



**SOL-SERVANTS**  
 A FELLOWSHIP MINISTRY OF  
 SOLO (SINGLE) ADULTS  
 SOCIALLY SERVING CHRIST



**"WILLING WIDOWS" GROUP**

Luncheon Meeting  
 July 10 12:00 PM

This month we will meet at Carrol Benefiel's as she has graciously offered to serve lunch at her home. For all that would like to carpool, meet at the church at 11:45AM. All widows are invited to join us for sandwiches, fellowship and to learn more about the ministry projects we are working on. If you have any questions, please call Christine Green..

Upcoming Activities:

- July 2 8PM-10PM Downtown Concert  
 "Americana All Stars" (*Patriotic & Historic*)
- 9 8PM-10PM Downtown Concert  
 "Patchwork" (Folk, Acoustic, Bluegrass)
- 16 8PM-10PM Downtown Concert  
 "Caitlin Eadie" (Country Acoustic, Blues)
- 23 8PM-10PM Downtown Concert  
 "Morning Bell" (Psychedelic, Rock)
- 30 8PM-10PM Downtown Concert  
 "Quartermoon" (Folk Rock, Americana)



**SOL-SERVANTS  
 MOVIE NIGHT**  
 Friday, July 23  
 7:00PM Dinner  
 8:30PM Movie

**Greeters For July**

- 4 Bob Prine
- 11 Sonny Robertson
- 18 Sylvia Coleman
- 25 Connie Baker

**Ushers This Month**

- Bob Casey Denise Green
- Jerry Green Henry Keene

**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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**July  
Birthdays**

- 1 Julie Clark
- 2 Leveda Brown
- 5 Allen Magura
- 7 Venora Griffin
- 8 Allyson Lloyd
- 10 Brian Standridge
- 11 Shane Johnson
- 13 Carrol Benefiel
- 15 Olysha Magruder
- 16 Ginger Teague
- 21 Debbie Clark
- 22 Bob Casey
- 24 Barbara Caley
- 31 Evelyn Casey
- 31 Jayne Deal
- 31 June Gilly



**August  
Birthdays**

- 4 Paul-Denys Calixte
- 5 Helen Nagy
- 6 J.D. Comstock
- 7 Joe Bennett
- 7 Brent Williams
- 8 Megan Olitsky
- 12 June McEachern
- 13 Fred Freeze
- 19 Henry Keene
- 19 Page West
- 20 Kenneth Langdon
- 20 Genevieve Schurman
- 21 Josephine Garcon
- 21 Lisa Lawson
- 21 Nancy Powell
- 22 Shirlene Fletcher
- 24 Anna Aubuchon
- 27 Bob Wilber
- 28 Renee Mathis



*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.*



