



THE JOURNEY

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

Join us
November 22
at 12:30pm in the MAC
for our Annual



**Soup &
Cornbread
Fundraiser**

**BRING YOUR FAVORITE SOUP,
CORNBREAD, OR DESSERT AND
COME READY TO DONATE
TOWARDS THE COST OF OUR
THANKSGIVING MEALS FOR
SHANDS PEDIATRIC PATIENTS
AND THEIR PARENTS.**

**Watch for more information in the bulletins about how you can help deliver the meals on Thanksgiving morning. This is a wonderful ministry that Parkview has been doing for at least 16 years. Steve Ballard is the contact people for this ministry if you have any questions. The sign up sheet to de-



November 29, 2009

The First Sunday of the
Advent Season is November 29.
Join us for a very special
Worship Service at 10:45AM and
invite all your friends and family.



The Pastor's Letter

Pastor Greg Magruder



We have a lot to be thankful for this Thanksgiving Season at Parkview Baptist Church. The Lord has risen up new ministries and new leaders. Shane Johnson has seen our Awana and Youth ministries increase weekly. Jackie White has begun the new Singles' Ministry called Sol-Servants and they have already planned some outings for the holiday season. Christine Green started the new Widow's Ministry and their group has met for fellowship on several occasions. Karen Crawford has helped the church begin to minister to the Arbor House women. We have had baptisms and new members join in the last few months. Yes we have a lot to be thankful for this holiday season.

One ministry that has received a lot of publicity is the Community Garden Project. We have been featured in the newsletter of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of Florida and the Florida Baptist Witness. Charles Roesel, the retired pastor of FBC, Leesburg and current "presidential ambassador" for the North American Mission Board contacted us and commended Parkview for its missionary spirit. A video of the garden project was made by the US Department of Agriculture and published on YouTube <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0no7ELEzMKc>. I have included the article by Carolyn Nichols of the Florida Baptist Witness to give you an idea why this project has generated so much of a response. Let's thank the Lord for his goodness to us! Happy Thanksgiving!

Gainesville church reaps goodwill along with vegetables

By CAROLYN NICHOLS Newswriter

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GAINESVILLE (FBW)—Parkview Baptist Church in Gainesville has planted a garden in its community that the church hopes will yield a spiritual harvest along with an abundance of vegetables. Pastor Gregory Magruder says the community garden has been a "major breakthrough" in establishing new contacts within its neighborhood.

"I have been here nine years, and we've tried everything imaginable to reach this neighborhood, but the response to the garden has been overwhelming," he

said. "The community is coming to us."

Parkview Baptist's Sunday School, after deciding to focus on community outreach, chose to explore three options: developing a relationship with a local Christian home for unwed mothers; establishing Bible studies in local apartment complexes; and planting a community garden.

At the same time the Stephen Foster Neighborhood Association, where the church is located, decided to pursue building a neighborhood garden. The church and the neighborhood association "dove-tailed" their plans in a "true bridge between the church and community," Magruder said.

Jean Paul Calixte, Parkview's Sunday School director, works for the National Resources Conservation Service (formerly called the Soil Conservation Service) as a geographic information systems and global positioning system coordinator.

The church made use of his expertise in planning and building the garden behind the church buildings in a section of a one-acre park the church owns and maintains for the community. Magruder said the normally "methodical" Calixte was overjoyed to combine his profession and his Christian faith. "We've never seen Jean Paul so excited. When we became involved in this, he was like a little kid," Magruder said.

In early October, with Calixte's help, church members constructed 10 raised garden plots, a compost bin and a storage container. Individuals or pairs from the community received a garden plot on which to raise their choices of plants.

As of mid-October, most beds contained seasonal leafy vegetable—kale, greens and cauliflower, although some sported colorful flowers. The nearby storage container holds garden tools and a water hose, accessible to gardeners who know the lock combination.

Any produce that a gardener cannot use, that might "go to waste," is transported to a local homeless shelter. Magruder told *Florida Baptist Witness* some gardeners found their plants grew so quickly, "they couldn't keep up" and produced much more than they could use. Tending the beds is a daily chore for most, and the garden serves as a casual meeting place for church members and their neighbors.

The Stephen Foster neighborhood in northwest Gainesville was an "exclusive suburb" in the 1950s when the church was established, Magruder said. As the church nears its golden anniversary, however, the neighborhood has changed. Original homeowners are

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22nd Annual Gainesville CROP Hunger Walk

Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty

**Sunday, Nov. 22
2:00PM Walk Start
First Presbyterian**



Proceeds to benefit local emergency food pantries and sustainable development projects around the world.

Help with the Food Shortage at the Local Food Banks!

**Let's fill the shelves
for Thanksgiving!**



FOOD DRIVE

Here is the plan. Everyone is asked to please bring in at least one can of food or a non-perishable food item each time you come to church during the month of November. We will build our harvest display over in the MAC and will deliver it on Monday, November 23rd. Let's see what Parkview can do to help the needy have a Happy Thanksgiving Meal!

Greeters For November

- 1 Gertrude Langdon
- 8 Cheryl Lloyd
- 15 Allan Magura
- 22 Andrew Magruder
- 29 Kathy Perry

Ushers This Month

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

WIDOWS' GROUP

The Widows' group meets on the 2nd Thursday of each month. If you would like more information on this group, please contact Christine Green.

Next week, on November 12 they will be meeting in the church parking lot at 11AM to carpool to Alachua to have lunch at the Ivy House.

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

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

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November Birthdays

- 2 Jean Paul Calixte
- 3 Ann Casale
- 6 Bobby Atwood
- 7 Ritza Calixte
- 10 Justin Chappell
- 13 Jaymie Vascotto
- 13 Karen Crawford
- 14 Debbie Olitsky
- 17 John Gano
- 17 Jeanne Till
- 20 Larry Dowling
- 24 Jerry Green
- 26 Berness Whitmire
- 29 Joshua Johnson



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.

That's Not My Job

This is a story about four people named Everybody, Somebody, Anybody, and Nobody. There was an important job to be done and Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it. Somebody got angry about that, because it was Everybody's job. Everybody thought Anybody could do it, but Nobody realized that Everybody wouldn't do it. It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have.

December Birthdays

- 1 Tim Ballard
- LuAnn Lembach
- 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 John Dodd
- Bob Moxley
- 29 Kris Ballard
- Brandy Woodley
- 31 Vernon Senterfitt
- Kim Neal



