



THE JOURNEY

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

OUR NEW FALL SCHEDULE STARTS WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1ST

Tuesday

7:00 PM "GROW" Outreach

Wednesday

5:30 PM "Loaves and Fish" Fellowship Dinner

6:15 PM Children's Choir

6:30 PM Prayer Meeting

6:45 PM "Awana" (5 year olds to 5th grade)

Momentum Youth (6th grade to 12th grade)

"Life Support" Discipleship Training

1. Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University

Facilitator: Steve Gilly

2. Dealing with Losses in Life

Facilitator: Rev. Michael Lipe

8:00 PM Adult Choir

Sunday

9:30 AM "Life Connections" Bible Study for all ages Adults & Youth meeting in MAC for September

10:45 AM Worship Service



SEPTEMBER GUEST SPEAKERS

Missions Emphasis

- September 5 Ray Johnson
Cooperative Baptist Fellowship
- September 12 Jessica Throckmorton
Florida Baptist Children's Homes
- September 19 Mary Lynne Moore
International Learning Center
- September 26 Israel Cohen
Chosen People Ministries

REV. ISRAEL COHEN OF CHOSEN PEOPLE MINISTRIES WILL BE OUR GUEST SPEAKER DURING THE SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR AND THE MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE ON SEPT. 26. HIS MESSAGE WILL BE ABOUT YOM KIPPUR AND CHRIST IN THE TABERNACLE. INVITE YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY.



**DAVE RAMSEY'S
FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY**
CLASSES BEGIN WEDNESDAY
SEPTEMBER 1, 2010
6:30—8:00 PM
Check out the first class for FREE!



The Pastor's Letter

Pastor Greg Magruder



Beginning the New Church Year Right

We want to begin the new church year right. Yes we are in the new church year starting September 1. We have new deacons coming on board, a new children's church program called Quest, and the new Wednesday night kickoff. We are doing something new in Sunday School this month and we are celebrating missions all September in our Sunday services.

We begin the new church year with an emphasis on missions in September. We will focus on local and state missions so that you can see where you can plug into missions' ministry personally. Dr. Ray Johnson will be speaking to us on September 5. Ray is the Executive Director of the Florida Cooperative Baptist Fellowship. He will share with us how your mission money is being used in state mission ministry and will tell us about new ministry partnerships that have been established with several Caribbean nations. On September 12, Jessica Throckmorton of the Florida Baptist Children's Homes will tell us about her ministry with children in North Central Florida. She will share the vision of the new children's home campus being built in Alachua County and her ministry placing children in foster homes. On September 19, Mary Lynne Moore will share with us the awesome ministry to international students that takes place each week on the campus of Parkview Baptist Church. Mary Lynne has seen the ministry grow at the same time she has seen her help and funds dwindle. She will cast a vision of leading the International Student Ministry to increase its outreach to students from around the world. On September 26, Evangelist Israel Cohen comes to share with us the relationship of Jesus to the Jewish Tabernacle. He will also share with us the meaning of Yom Kippur and the Jewish High Holy Days. We welcome these guest speakers as they come to share their unique ministries in Florida. I look forward to hearing them and seeing how we as a church can better involve ourselves in these ministries.

Shane Johnson and Jean Paul Calixte have led us in a discipleship class all summer on *How to Break the 150 Mark in Sunday School*. Those of us who attended this seminar were impressed and inspired to break out of the old mold and begin to create new ways to change and grow our Sunday School. Every Sunday in September the adult and youth classes will meet in the MAC. Sunday's first class was well attended and exciting. Shane led us in Bible Study and we all were able to meet others in our church that we do not normally see in Sunday School. We plan to rediscover the reason for

Sunday School and make it the outreach arm of our church. We are already planning new classes that will develop out of this church-wide Sunday School class. Our goal is 150 by this time next year!

Wednesday night, September 1, begins the fall Discipleship Ministry. We will serve supper again at 5:30 PM. Steve Gilly will coordinate the Dave Ramsey Financial Peace University class. The first class is free but you will have to buy a kit if you decide to join. Our other Discipleship Class will be taught by our newest member Rev. Michael Lipe. Now retired, Bro. Mike has many years of training and service as a pastor, educator, chaplain and counselor. He will be teaching the class *Dealing with Losses in Life*. We also will be offering Children's Choir and AWANA for our children grades K-5 on Wednesday evening. The Youth will continue with Momentum and the adult choir will practice as usual. Launch into discipleship this year.

Finally, I want to thank the church for a wonderful Ten Year anniversary celebration in August. You overwhelmed me and my family with love, gifts, cards and kind remarks. It has been a joy to serve you these ten years. I especially want to thank you for a leave of absence in the month of September so that I can finish my dissertation. What a surprise and what a blessing! I will be here each week to worship with you but I will not be in the office for my regular duties. Shane and Cheryl and Marlene will pick up the slack and the deacons are ready and willing to provide counsel and support. I hope to come back with good news that my paper is finished and submitted for review. Thank you, Church, for your support and encouragement. May the Lord richly bless you all!

Pastor Greg

WOMEN'S MISSION & MINISTRIES

September 9 Ronald McDonald House Ministries
Ladies Class (Leveda Brown)

September 14 Harms Mission Group
in Prayer Room 10AM



**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD
SHOEBOX COLLECTION**

GOAL THIS YEAR:

120 SHOEBOXES

YOU BUY THE GOODIES, WE WILL FURNISH THE BOXES

GOD AND MARRIAGE

What is marriage? Should marriage be sanctified, justified, or merely legalized? What, if any, reasons exist for the nullification of marriage? What is the clergy and/or church's role in marriage?

We could spend a great deal of time discussing or (more likely) debating the questions involving marriage. Most of us would need to begin with a history lesson to know where our modern, American views and practices of marriage come from.

For example;

From the early Christian era (30 to 325 CE), marriage was thought of as primarily a private matter, with no uniform religious or other ceremony being required. However, bishop Ignatius of Antioch writing around 110 to bishop Polycarp of Smyrna exhorts, "It becomes both men and women who marry, to form their union with the approval of the bishop, that their marriage may be according to God, and not after their own lust."

As part of the Protestant Reformation, the role of recording marriages and setting the rules for marriage passed to the state, reflecting Martin Luther's view that marriage was a "worldly thing".

In the early modern period, John Calvin and his Protestant colleagues reformulated Christian marriage by enacting the Marriage Ordinance of Geneva, which imposed "The dual requirements of state registration and church consecration to constitute marriage" for recognition.

Marriage — Wikipedia 2010

So, which is it? State or church? No wonder secular America is confused! We Christians seem to be confused as well. The one institution where we could and should have the greatest influence on society; and we can't give that society a unifying institute.

I envision a not too distant future where clergy with convictions will remove themselves from the marriage institution altogether. Gone will be the days when the bride (female), dressed in her white, will stand beside her bridegroom (male) at the altar of a church and exchange vows before "God and man", officiated by clergy. Rather, the two people (regardless of gender) will appear before a government official and sign a contract. How will we as a society have arrived there?

We Christians will have driven the wedding party right to the steps of city hall! Metaphorically speaking – you know!

It is high time you and I took some responsibility for the state of marital affairs (no pun intended) these days. But, Shane, how is this our fault? I'm glad you asked! Because we demanded our cake and are eating it too! Let me explain on the front end, we don't want the government's involvement. Most of us grumble about getting a marriage license. We rant about the government's having no business in our marriage "covenant". We remind others that marriage is a gift from

God whose primary purpose is to glorify God by demonstrating his love to the world. We talk about things like "cleaving" and do the whole unity candle thing and then close with the admonition of Jesus about no man separating what God has joined. That is Protestant theology at its finest! So what's the problem? How is any of this mess our fault?

I have one question for you. Where is God on the back end? Where is God when things get tough? You may have endured pre-marital counseling, but what of counseling when things go wrong? You wanted the church to enter into the covenant, but you are perfectly content with the state dissolving it for you? That "let no man put asunder" thing didn't include the government or the two knuckleheads getting married?

We want the church to get "married"; we just don't want the church sticking its nose in our "marriage"!

We want the pomp and circumstance of the ceremony; we just don't want the accountability and correction of the journey!

I for one won't be used like that. I will not be a party to feeding your massive need to have everyone adore you and lavish you with gifts. If all you need to dissolve your marriage is the state, then your marriage is a sham! You didn't enter into a covenant; you had a coming out party! I WILL be a part of you honestly and earnestly entering into a promise (covenant) with God and your partner where you agree, with your whole heart (no fingers crossed), to make this thing work. I WILL also be a part if you agree that when times get tough, you will turn to God and not the state for help. Christians can no longer have it both ways and be taken seriously in the marriage debate.

I have two small boys. One is eight and one is six. Most of the time, they play very well together. Sometimes, though, they need some help (let's call it wisdom, shall we) resolving a conflict. I encourage them to come to their mother or me for help. We patiently listen to both sides of the conflict, and then render some form of fair resolution. Amazingly, the boys respect us and know that our ultimate concern is for their well-being. They listen and in no time at all they are back to their fun. Sometimes, knowing we have already given them the tools they need to resolve a specific conflict, I tell them "Just go back and work it out. You know how, just do it. If you are stuck, it is because one or both of your egos is blocking the way. Remove your egos, and you will be able to move forward."

By the way, yes, this is how I talk to my children.

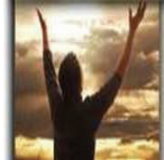
It is time for Christians to stop talking about what marriage should be, and SHOW WHAT IT COULD BE. It is time for Christians to seek help (wisdom) when their marriage is not working. It is time for Christians, knowing full well what the solution is, to just work it out. And by the way, if you are stuck, it is because your egos are blocking the way. Remove your egos, and you will be able to move forward.

In His Grasp,

Pastor Shane



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



Upcoming Activities:

- September 3 8PM-10PM Downtown Concert
 "Julie Black" (*An Angel for Blues*)
- 10 8PM-10PM Downtown Concert
 "Skydogs" (A Tribute to the Allman Brothers)
- 17 6:30PM PotLuck Dinner and Movie in the MAC
- 24 8PM-10PM Downtown Concert
 "Other Voices" (Pop, Folk, Blues, Jazz)

"WILLING WIDOWS" GROUP

First Anniversary
 Luncheon Meeting
 September 9, 12:00PM

This month we will hold our luncheon meeting in the MAC at church. This is our first anniversary of this ministry and we will have a *pot-luck* luncheon. The meat, bread, drinks and dessert will be provided. All widows are invited to bring your favorite dish and join us for a time of fellowship and to learn more about the ministry projects we are working on. If you have any questions, please call Christine Green.

ALL CHURCH STAFF ARE INVITED!!!

SOL-SERVANTS
 Pot Luck Dinner and a
 Movie Night



September 17 6:30PM
 in the MAC
 Sign up sheet in the notebook
 in the foyer

Greeters For September

- 5 Jarrett Green
- 12 Julia Keene
- 19 Gertrude Langdon
- 26 Cheryl Lloyd

Ushers This Month

- Jean Paul Calixte
- Joey Stehno
- Bob Casey
- 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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September Birthdays

- 1 Courtney Wearrien
- 2 Wendy Williams
- 2 Ronnie Smith
- 5 Heather Lawson
- 6 Linda Ballard
- 7 Steve Gilly
- 8 Martha Comstock
- 9 Kim Bullard
- 11 Baylee Vorhees
- 11 Jaime Cirenio
- 11 Jessica Hendrix
- 12 Vicki Johnson
- 14 Sonny Robertson
- 14 Roger Deal
- 15 Karen Vorhees
- 16 Larry Awbrey
- 17 Alice Basdekian
- 18 Dean Mulkey
- 20 Stephanie Lloyd
- 22 Andrew Magruder
- 25 R.D. Bowman
- 26 Shanna Smith
- 27 Janet Awbrey
- 29 Dennis Durant



October Birthdays

- 3 Terry Fletcher
- 3 Brittany Clark
- 4 Shelby Mathis
- 5 Mike Chappell
- 5 Karen Magruder
- 8 Steve Brosius
- 9 Gertrude Langdon
- 10 Louis Ergle
- 10 Sam Chappell
- 11 Kathy Perry
- 13 Brenda Bullard
- 16 Lillian Davisworth
- 16 Connie Baker
- 17 Louise Mott
- 17 Gayle Brown Horton
- 21 Jac Brostek
- 21 Marie Josephine Garcon
- 22 Ause Brown
- 22 Jared Comstock
- 24 Steve Ballard
- 28 Jillian Freeze
- 30 Ed Barber



*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.*

