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Memory Verse

(Titus 2:7-8)

Show yourself in all respects to be a model of good works, and in your teaching show integrity, dignity, and sound speech that cannot be condemned...

Our Mission Statement:

Parkway Presbyterian Church shares the Good News that all may know God's love in Jesus Christ and that Jesus calls us as followers to Connect with God, Grow in faith with others, and Serve the world.

Announcements:

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Vacation Bible School
June 10-14



Registration and volunteer forms are in the main hallway.

SUNDAY SCHOOL:10:00-10:45 a.m.

Our faithful Sunday School Teachers have exciting, age-appropriate, Biblical lessons or children age 3 years through 12th grade. A map with Sunday School locations is available in the Narthex.

Our Sunday Growth Groups offer a variety of opportunities for you to deepen your understanding of the Scriptures and how to live life with God 24/7/365. All of our groups meet from 10:00-10:45, and are open to anyone who wishes to attend.

- **FAITH BUILDERS** – Room 102, led by Keith Brown. This is an in-depth study of the book of Colossians. What does Gnosticism have to do with us today? Please join us!
- **THE WIRED WORD**– Room 109, led by Chuck Beaver Each week we will explore a topic drawn from the week's headlines, and discuss Scriptural applications and perspectives.
- **BOOK BY BOOK** – Room 104, Led by Norm Bruinsma. Psalms 117, 118, & 119. Come and discover the wonder of the Good News.
- **WOMEN'S BIBLE CONNECTION** – Library (Main Floor), led by Lauralie Rubel, The Book of Daniel; using the Beth Moore study tools on Daniel. Please join us!
- **THE GOOD AND BEAUTIFUL GOD** – Trailer A, Rm 2, led by John Baskam & Stephen Edge. This class invites us to put our ideas to the test to see if they match up with what Jesus Himself reveals about God. Discover the narratives that Jesus lived by-to know the Lord He knew and the kingdom He proclaimed-and to practice exercises that will help us grow in the knowledge of our Good & Beautiful God.
- **THE NECESSITY OF PRAYER** - Trailer A, Room 1, led by Cheri Ashley. This class will help today's earnest Christians discover the mystery and the majesty of prayer. This ten-week study delves into prayer and faith, trust, desire, character, obedience, vigilance and the Word of God.

Sunday Nights – Verse By Verse

Led by Jeff Rajala in Room 115 from 5:00p-6:30p Men and women are invited to attend on Sundays from 5:00-6:30 in Room 115, as we make our way through the Bible one verse at a time.

Brazilian Cookout at Parkway

Sunday, April 28th, 12:30p

So that we may prepare food for you and your family, please call the church office to sign-up for Parkway's Brazilian Cookout!

**770.889.8694, M-F 9:00a-4:00p
with your name and the number
of adults and children attending!**

Suggested donation:

Adults: \$7 - Children age 12 and under free!

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SCHEDULE

SESSION III: THROUGH—MAY 15TH

WOMEN'S MORNING BIBLE STUDIES - 9:30a,—11:30a

- The Mind of Christ, by Hunt & King, Lib., led by Eloise Newton.
- Precept Class: Room 104, led by Janet Barnett
2 Samuel, March 6—April 24, Book: Information: Janet @770-887-8600 or janetbarnett2545@gmail.com

EVENING PROGRAMS (5:00P-7:30P) (

Child care begins at 6:00p.)

- Early Bird Hymn Sing, Sanctuary, 5:00p
- Wednesday Night Dinner, Sanctuary, 5:30-6:15p
- **Children's Program (3 yrs—5th grade)**
6:15p-7:30p (downstairs)
- Dwell Curriculum (K-5th) & Story Hour (3-4 yrs)
- **Evening Bible Studies: 6:15p-7:30p**
THROUGH MAY 15TH:
- Life Principles for Worship from the Feasts of Israel, led by Peggie Barnes. Books: Heavenly Dove. Co-ed Evening Bible Study, 6:15p-7:30p: Precept—Revelation Part 2, led by Shannon Holthaus and Jeff Rajala, Room 104.
- Love & Respect, Room 102, led by Ian & Betsy Hunter.
- **High School & Middle School Youth**
6:15p-7:30p, Youth Trailers
Music Ministry 7:00/7:30p-8:30p
- Praise Team Practice, Sanctuary (7:00p),
- Chancel Choir Practice, Room 115 (7:30p)

WELCOME NEW MEMBER TO PARKWAY CHURCH



Dr. Larry Wellington

Day of Service at The Place

Parkway has a long history of supporting **The Place** of Forsyth. We have assisted them with donations of food and clothing and we have provided our time and talents to help with chores around their facility. On April 3, 2013, we have a new way to serve and support **The Place** ... by feeding a meal to the people of Forsyth that come to **The Place** for emergency assistance. This meal is served every Wednesday at **The Place** and is provided to supplement the food pantry program. **The Place** strives to make sure that no one in our community go hungry and there are residents that depend on this meal and the food pantry.

Parkway has selected April 3, 2013 to serve the noon day meal at **The Place**. We will need many volunteers to make this event successful. The event will require servants from 8:00am to 2:00pm and there will be need for cooks, servers, cleaners, good will ambassadors, and even financial servants. This date is during the Spring Break week for Forsyth County Schools ... which makes this a great time for those staying in town to serve together as a family. We will be able to use your talents whether you are 9 or 99 or anywhere in between. We will have a way for everyone to serve joyfully.

- Cooks (at Parkway in the morning and at The Place)
- Servers (at The Place)
- Transportation of Food (from Parkway kitchen to The Place)
- Cleanup (at Parkway and at The Place)
- Financial Help (if you cannot be present, we need help to fund the purchasing of the food to be served)
- Children's games (servants at The Place to play games and handout goodie bags to the children that are being served)

Please prayerfully consider serving at this event on Wednesday April 3. Even 1-hour can make a difference to our community that needs this meal. To be a servant for this event, please contact Timothy Still (brother.tim@comcast.net or 678.642.7174).

"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms."

1 Peter 4:10

PRIME TIMERS—(55 and Older)

Prime Timers is a group of active, caring, and supportive individuals, aged 55 years and older, who meet on the first Friday of each month from 11:30 am until 1:00 pm to enjoy fellowship and lunch. **For information**, please contact Dee Hayward, Nancy McHale or call the church office, 770-889-8694.

Prime Timers Luncheon Friday, April 5th, 2013

11:30a.m.—1:00 p.m.

Meet on April 5th, 2013, 11:30a.-1:00p. in the Sanctuary.

PROGRAM: We will see slides and hear about the Hoffs' and Bruinsma's Road Trip out West last year. Some of us are "armchair travelers" and we do appreciate those who share their real experiences! Please bring a dish to share. Contact Dee Hayward or Nancy McHale for information.

NEXT MEETING WILL BE MAY 10TH.



Improve Your Serve In 2013

Help out one of our Local Missions during Parkway's

Saturdays Of Service

Each month we will visit one of our Local Missions to support them in any way that they need -- painting, filling, landscaping, cleaning, repair work, stuffing envelopes... whatever needs to be done. Mark your calendar and sign-up in the Narthex to participate in one (or more) of these great opportunities to improve your serve!

April 13—Bethany Christian Services

May 11—Eagle Ranch

For each Saturday Of Service we will be on site from 9AM-12PM

WOMEN'S MINISTRY:



Women's Ministry ~ Girlfriend Gathering

Thursday, April 25, 2013 at 6:00pm

Please plan on joining us as we celebrate our hearts in God's garden. We are looking forward to having Dr. Beach speak to us about a healthy heart. We will reveal ourselves to our prayer partner during Angels Prayers & Praises.

For our gathering, please bring a dessert to share. Dinner and childcare will be provided. If you are using childcare, please plan on either feeding your child(ren) prior or bringing them something to eat for dinner.

Add your name to our sign-up sheet so we will know how many to plan for dinner. Looking forward to seeing you!

WOMEN'S WINTER MORNING BIBLE STUDIES: 9:30a,

- **The Mind of Christ**, by Hunt & King, Library, led by Eloise Newton.
- **Precept Class**: Room 104, led by Janet Barnett
2 Samuel, March 6—April 24, Book: \$18.00. Order books from Precept: 1-800-763-8280. Janet @770-887-8600 or janetbarnett2545@gmail.com
- **Life Principles for Worship from the Feasts of Israel**. We will review these Lessons (1 through 3) in preparation for the rest of the study which will continue through mid-May. Books are available at the [Heavenly Dove](#). For questions – peggieb@bellsouth.net , or 770-619-5140.

MEN'S MINISTRY

Now fear the Lord and serve Him with all faithfulness... choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve... As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord. Joshua 24: 14-15

- **Friday Morning Bible Study—7:00AM at Steak N Shake** (HWY 20 in Cumming) -Contact Cons Hoff's, Sr. at hoffsc@bellsouth.net.
- **1st & 3rd Saturday Of The Month Breakfast & Bible Study—8:00AM – Room 104** - All men are invited to join in this great time of fellowship and Bible study. For more information contact: Mike Richards at mike.richards@parkway-church.org
- **Young Men's Coffee & Bible Study, Every Friday Morning At 6:30AM - Starbuck's** (435 Peachtree Parkway) - Join us for coffee, great conversation and motivating study. For more information contact Matthew Bullard 770-241-3791 or matthew.bullard@parkway-church.org
- **Home Repair Ministry**—We are looking for skilled and able bodies willing to serve those in need-- from our own widows, to those who can't help themselves, to later serving those in our community who don't have the means necessary to care for their home. We need you who have knowledge of plumbing, electrical, carpentry, roofing, landscaping, and the many more skills. Let's get ready to be used by the Lord and let Him bless all of us involved. E-mail Matthew Barranco at matthew@barrancobeverage.com or call 404-428-8259.
- **Serve The Church And Those In Need**
 - a) Set up the Sanctuary in preparation for Wednesday night supper; lend a hand preparing food, or cleaning up the kitchen afterwards; reset the Sanctuary after supper – Contact Stephen.Hejduk@insight.com
 - b) Provide a much needed male presence in our *Children's or Youth* programs on Wednesdays from 6:15-7:30PM – Contact Matthew.Bullard@parkway-church.org
 - c) Come to Atlanta Union Mission to serve the homeless - contact Andy Burt at aaburt@bellsouth.net
 - d) Help maintain the Church grounds
 - e) When disaster strikes be available to help rebuild

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS

CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:

- **CARING NURSERY:** 8:45-NOON, IN RM 107

Our nurturing, professional Childcare Staff welcome your infants and toddlers (up to age 2).

- **CHILDREN'S WORSHIP:** 9:15 & 11:15 a.m., Rm 115

Children age 3 years—5th grade may participate in our Children's Worship Time downstairs. Children are always welcome to stay with their parents and worship as a family. *Children's Worship does not meet on Communion Sundays.*

- **SUNDAY SCHOOL:** 10:05-10:50 a.m.

Our faithful Sunday School Teachers have exciting, age-appropriate, Biblical lessons for children age 3 years through 12th grade. A map with Sunday School locations is available in the lobby.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL:

Sunday School for children ages 3 years through 5th grade runs concurrently with our adult and youth classes at 10:05 a.m. to 10:55 a.m. The classes are as follows:

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| • birth-2 years old | Nursery, Rm 105 |
| • 3 and 4 years old | Room 106 |
| • Kindergarten and 1st grade | Room 111 |
| • 2nd & 3rd grade | Room 114 |
| • 4th & 5th grade | Room 112 |
| • Kids' "Precept" Study Room 113 (ages 3rd—5th grade) | |

Wednesday Nights – 6:15-7:30

Imagine a generation of kids that have stepped into God's Story and are actively participating in His work of redemption and restoration. Through our *dwell* curriculum, kids will learn how to approach each day as a chance to live out God's big story of hope and love. These skills of wondering and then living out of God's Story will carry them through the rest of their lives.

All children from Kindergarten through 5th grade are welcome!

Story Hour

Story Hour is our wonderful time for our 3 and 4 year old children to come to know God, simply and clearly. We use stories and the teachings of the Bible in a way that children can understand to help them come to know God, experience Jesus' love, and to respond to that love as the Holy Spirit works in each heart.



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Parkway Presbyterian Preschool & Kindergarten About Our School . . .

Our school is a "School of Excellence". We are certified through the North Georgia Preschool/Kindergarten Association. We will start our 13th year of preschool. We have programs for children 2 years old by September 1st - Kindergarten. We currently have openings in our five day four year old program and our Young Fives classes.

The school staff are all CPR and First Aid trained. Every staff member receives at least ten training hours in Early Childhood classes every school year. Many of our staff hold teaching degrees and have several years of teaching experience. All of our classrooms have 2 teachers per room. We offer Chapel, Spanish, Music and Movement, and Lunch Bunch.

If you have any questions or would like to learn more about our program please contact me at 678-513-3909.

Thank you and God Bless,
Heather Clark, Director



BOX TOPS

I would like to thank everyone for your help in collecting box tops this school year. We earned over \$400 for our scholarship account. Thank you for your help!

THE MILITARY MINISTRY— April 10th, 11:30 A.M.

We are NOT saving coupons any longer. Thank you to all who have brought them to us. Come join us for Christian fellowship. We welcome donations of supplies (list on the military table outside of the library) and monetary donations. A big thank you to all who helped us in 2012. These packages are very much appreciated by our military.

SEW FAITHFUL QUILTERS—April 11th—6:30p.m.

Next meeting: March 09, rooms 102/104, 9:30a. We will continue our new process for cutting and putting together a quilt. Bring your sewing machine and learn this process or just come and learn. Come help us make prayer quilts for those who have had a loss or are seriously ill. We gave around fifty prayer quilts in 2012 to those in need. Won't you come help us, whether a beginner or a serious quilter, you are welcome. Information: Suzie Dominique: donlawn1@bellsouth.net.

NURSING HOME MINISTRY *"Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God". 1 John 4:7* To share your and God's love in our Assisted Living and Nursing Home Ministry, please contact Joan Brown, to learn more about the various opportunities to serve.

LEARN TO CROCHET

Carol Barnes House, 2nd Sun. of the month—3:00 —5:00 p.m.

Please join us and bring some yarn and an I crochet hook. If you can't crochet, lessons will be provided. If you need thread or have any questions contact Carol Ann Barnes.

GREETERS NEEDED! - Volunteer to be a Greeter at

11:00 a.m. Worship—If you want to be that warm and friendly face our members and visitors see upon arriving on Sunday mornings, please contact Marcia Tidwell or call the church office, 770-330-5386.

TUESDAY PRAYER GROUP— 9:30A—Library

Every Tuesday in the Library, 9:30a—10:30a. Come and join us as we pray for our Parkway family, those who are ill or injured, and our greater community. We meet for about one hour. Please join us. Contact info@parkway-church.org or call the office for information.

LIBRARY MINISTRY

Please continue to visit the Library and select some new books for your Fiction or Non-Fiction reading on a self-serve basis. A notebook is available for you to sign out the books. **We will continue to ask that donations be held until further notice while we process the books already received.** As always we appreciate the return of borrowed books on a timely basis. Thank you for your participation from your friendly Library Staff. There's always room for more help! Ask Dee Hayward or Kaye Litzinger.

EVANGELISM & OUTREACH MINISTRY: This Ministry provides outreach to local residents, follow-up to visitors, parents of VBS students, and others, provides event planning to increase the awareness of PPC, and strive to spread the good news of Christ in creative ways. Contact John Burkhalter: theburkhalter@gmail.com for more information.

RAINBOW MINISTRY: TUESDAYS-5:30P Rainbows Ministry is the only international, not-for-profit organization that fosters emotional healing among children and youth who have experienced a significant loss, such as the death of a loved one, separation or divorce of their parents, or a myriad of other life-altering family changes. The goal of Rainbows Ministry at Parkway is to bring healing to grieving children through God's love. Contact Carolyn Jones, 770.853.0700 for information.

MEALS MINISTRY: We Need You!

The Meals Ministry at Parkway is an important ministry that only works through the generosity of our members. We need any and everyone who is willing to be part of this important ministry. Have you ever received meals when you were in need, either due to an illness, new baby, tough time? Do you remember what a blessing it was to receive the help when you needed it most? **God calls us to take care of each other.** Please consider helping with this important ministry. Please contact: Marla Edge, 678-513-3223—marla@edgefamily.org.

Pastor Bill Ford's Sermons are available by request and on Parkway's website www.parkway-church.org. If you have any questions, please contact the church office, 770-889-8694.

ADOPT A CUMMING MANOR/NURSING CENTER RESIDENT: Become a Parkway Pal

What does a "Parkway Pal" do? A "Parkway Pal" *adopts* and *reaches out to encourage* a resident who feels lonely and forgotten. Residents *love* to receive mail. "Parkway Pals" have the opportunity to brighten the days of a resident by *sending greeting cards:*

Friendship—Sharing Scriptural Inspiration—Birthday—Just Because, Seasonal: Valentines, Easter, Spring, Summer, Fall, Winter, July 4th, , Thanksgiving, Christmas

All age groups are encouraged to become "Parkway Pals". To adopt a resident and become a "Parkway Pal" call or email Joan Brown, Telephone: 678-947-0152, Email: Joan.Brown@Parkway-Church.Org.

PARKWAY MUSIC MINISTRY: We are seeking musicians! If you are interested in serving the Lord through music, (singing or playing an instrument), contact Cecile McGuire: cmmusic2004@yahoo.com.."

A / V TECHS! The Parkway Technical Services Team is seeking volunteers to assist with both the audio and visual aspects of Sunday morning services and special events. If you are interested, please complete the Time and Talent Survey form on our website :

<http://www.parkway-church.org/forms/view/12467> – or contact Shane Holthaus via email at shane.holthaus@parkway-church.org.

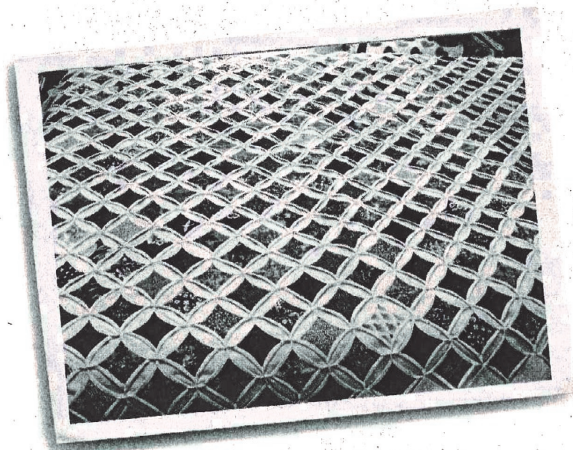
Paige Rajala's Blog

<http://www.serve-wholeheartedly.blogspot.com/>

**Youth With A Mission-- Honolulu
Discipleship Training School
January 10 - June 16, 2013**



'Dear Country...'



When I opened your February/March issue, I admired Janice Brown's mother's cathedral window quilt (page 12). Years ago, I bought a cathedral window pillow kit. I finished the pillow, then decided I could enlarge the pattern and make a quilt. Yes, it is a very difficult quilt to make. I worked on it from February through September last year, using four spools of thread, which adds up to 1,200 yards. The finished quilt (left) measures 80 by 100 inches. I gave this treasure to my daughter, who is also a quilter.

Bonnie Kincaid Cumming, Georgia

"BEAUTY BENEATH the Surface" (February/March, page 16), by Amy Bunt, especially touched my heart. My husband, Stanley, passed away in December 2011, and this was my first Christmas without him. When she wrote, "Spring will come again, and the flowers will return," I believe this, because "life is good because God is good." I was introduced to your magazine many years ago while waiting in a doctor's office. I remember thinking, *This is the most beautiful and heartfelt magazine I have ever seen.* I still feel that way. God bless you for creating this inspirational magazine.

Jo Ann Fazenbaker
Oakland, Maryland

"BOOTLEG BAKERS" (December/January, page 51) brought back a memory of our family's experience with bootleg oleo. Living in Wauwatosa, Wisconsin, we didn't have to sneak margarine out of Illinois. Our milkman did it for us! He would take orders from his customers, go to Illinois over the weekend and deliver the oleo along with the milk the next week.

Ted Lau
St. Paul, Minnesota

I HAD TO WRITE IN to say that, while I've seen a lot of cute babies in my day, Luke Steeves' daughter Makayla ("His Little Maple Sugar," February/March, page 57), tops them all. She is so adorable. Thank you for sharing this great photo.

Muriel Romprey
Santa Clara, California

YOU CAN'T IMAGINE how surprised I was to see the "Small Town Spotlight" on Mariposa, California (August/September, page 11). I have wonderful memories of Mariposa. In the late 1950s and early '60s, my folks owned a small cafe, Half Way House, on the northwest end of town. My siblings and I attended elementary school in the Quonset huts on the hill east of the cafe. I haven't been back in 40 years, but I can still tell many stories about Mariposa.

Jan Kenemore Roberts
Grain Valley, Missouri

SEVEN YEARS AGO, my husband, Bill, and I moved to upstate New York. The first day here, we met our neighbor Gladys. She was 90 but was still mowing her lawn and weeding her flower garden. We loved her from

the start. We helped her with chores, and she baked us brownies! After she passed away, we helped her son and his wife clean out her home. As we were going through pictures, we saw a beautiful photo of Gladys and her husband, Clayton. Imagine my surprise to see that photo (below) in your February/March issue (page 41). I am ordering a bunch of copies to share with all our neighbors!

Cathy Rawlings
Livonia, New York



Gladys and Clayton

We make a point of reading every one of your letters. If we like yours, you might see it in print on this page in one of our future issues! Send your comments via email to editors@country-magazine.com.

The Stephen Leaders' Team

Stephen Leaders are clergy and lay Christians trained at a seven-day Leader's Training Course (LTC) to implement Stephen Ministry on behalf of the congregation and to recruit, select, train, and supervise Stephen Ministers for the congregation. Stephen Leaders carry out a variety of tasks to begin and maintain successful Stephen Ministry in our congregation. Most importantly, Stephen Leaders can trust that God will be working with them and through them to help make Stephen Ministry happen in our congregation. God has used this ministry in thousands of congregations, using Stephen Leaders from all walks of life, all ages, and all educational and professional backgrounds to care for His people with the love of our Savior, Jesus Christ. We have four active Stephen Leaders (Pastor Bill Ford, Norm Baker, Stephen Edge, and Marcia Tidwell) commissioned by our congregation to serve as Stephen Leaders. Betsy Hunter, one of our Stephen Ministers, plans to attend an LTC in June, 2013 with commissioning as a Stephen Leader at Parkway to follow. Once Betsy is commissioned, Marcia Tidwell plans to go to inactive status.

Qualities of an Effective Stephen Leader: A Stephen Leader is one who feels God's call to be a Stephen Leader; is a committed member and is respected by the members of our congregation; is a servant leader who is willing to meet the needs of others, depends on the Holy Spirit for guidance, and remain accountable to the leadership of our congregation; desires and actively pursues a growing relationship with Jesus Christ; enjoys people; has completed a Stephen Series LTC; commits to at least two years of training and service as a Stephen Leader; is assertive and open (not aggressive, passive, or manipulative); is a responsible, reliable person with a genuine and increasing desire and ability to relate to others in respectful, appropriate, and helpful ways; is willing to learn and grow; is able to appreciate the distinctive approaches and goals of Stephen Ministry; and is realistic about the amount of time and energy he or she has available for the leadership of the ministry, recognizing that personal or family crisis situations limit one's ability to minister to others.

Gifts and Abilities of Effective Stephen Leaders: Our Stephen Leader Team needs to include people who as a team possess the following gifts and abilities: teaching skills, or an aptitude for teaching from prepared materials; communication skills—speaking, writing, and listening; administrative and organization abilities; relationship skills, such as insight and empathy; supervision and leadership skills; be willing to devote time to leading this ministry in our congregation, and encouraging and supporting our Stephen Ministers as they provide Christian care to their care receivers; and be able to work cooperatively with the Stephen Leader Team, our pastors, and other staff.

Stephen Leader Team Structure includes our Pastor Bill Ford and six Stephen Ministry Coordinator areas. Even though one Stephen Leader serves as coordinator for a particular area, other Stephen Leaders or pastor may provide help.

Pastor (Bill Ford) performs a vital function in leading the congregation's Stephen Ministry. He makes informed decisions about the extent of his involvement in managing Parkway's Stephen Ministry; includes Stephen Ministry in his preaching and teaching; supports the concept of lay ministry and encourages members to accept care from laypeople; recommends laypeople with gifts to be Stephen Ministers and Stephen Leaders; evaluates the needs of people in crisis and determines whether a Stephen Minister is appropriate; encourages all congregation members to act as ministers of referral who find those in need of care and encourages them to consider a Stephen Minister; encourages the congregation to provide the necessary time and budget resources for the program.

Stephen Leader Team Coordinator (Norm Baker) organizes the team's efforts and coordinates long-range planning and development of the congregation's Stephen Ministry; develops and monitors a budget for our Stephen Ministry; coordinates when to train additional Stephen Leaders and helps select those to send to an LTC. Stephen Leader Team meetings are currently scheduled for the second meeting of the month after the Small Group Peer Supervision and Continuing Education sessions. Stephen Ministry meetings are scheduled for the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month.

Awareness-Building Coordinator (Norm Baker) is responsible for publicizing Stephen Ministry so that congregation members understand it, support it, volunteer to serve and receive Stephen Ministry when they need it; serves as a liaison with the congregation's other caring ministries; reports regularly to the congregation's board or committee responsible for Stephen Ministry; talks regularly with pastors and church staff about Stephen Ministry; communicates with other congregations that have Stephen Ministry.

Training Coordinator (Stephen Edge) oversees all aspects of recruiting, selecting, and training Stephen Ministers and works closely with the Continuing Education Coordinator to ensure that high standards of training are always maintained; establishes the training schedule (dates, topics, presenters) for the 50 hours of Stephen Minister training at Parkway. Our next Stephen Minister Training Class is planned to begin in August, 2013.

Continuing Education Coordinator (Stephen Edge) provides ongoing training to meet Stephen Ministers' growing needs for skills; establishes the continuing education schedule (dates, topics, presenters); researches and arranges for appropriate guest speakers; establishes and maintains a Stephen Ministry library. Continuing Education sessions are normally held twice monthly before or after Small Group Peer Supervision.

Referrals Coordinator (Marcia Tidwell) spearheads the effort to identify care receivers from the congregation and community, coordinates preparation interviews, and working with the pastor, assigns care receivers to Stephen Ministers.

Supervision Coordinator (Marcia Tidwell) makes sure that there are Supervision Groups and Facilitators (Stephen Leaders and trained Stephen Ministers) to provide support, encouragement, and accountability for Stephen Ministers. The Facilitators, Stephen Ministers and leaders normally participate in Small Group Peer Supervision sessions twice monthly.

If you would like information on Stephen Ministry, to train as a Stephen Minister, or if you or someone you know might benefit from the care of a Stephen Minister, please contact Pastor Bill Ford, Phone 770-889-8694, E-mail: Bill.Ford@parkway-church.org, or Norm Baker, Stephen Leader, 770-886-0439, E-mail: normanmaryb@bellsouth.net or one of our other Stephen Ministers or Stephen Leaders.

The Role of a Deacon **How Can Your Deacon be of Help to You?**

Effective deacons lead by encouraging, motivating, and serving others. Acts 6:5

The office of deacon as set for the in Scripture is one of compassion, witness, and service after the example of Jesus Christ. Persons of spiritual character, honest repute, of exemplary lives, brotherly and sisterly love, sincere compassion, and sound judgment should be chosen for this office. It is the duty of deacons, first of all, to minister to those who are in need, to the sick, to the friendless, and to any who may be in distress both within and beyond the community of faith. **G-6.401-G-6.402**

- **Visiting with you to “get acquainted”.** You should always feel comfortable in calling on your Deacon during any illness or at a time of sorrow. Get to know each other before any need arises.
- **Rejoicing with you and your family.** Sharing your special moments can increase your joy. Let your Deacon know what is going on in your life.
- **Being your friend.** You can count on your Deacon to listen to your troubles and concerns in confidence. It is comforting to know that someone is willing to be there to share your burdens or listen to interesting plans you might have.
- **Giving support in a time of crisis.** Allow your Deacon to know the difficulties you are facing whether this is financial, marital, loneliness, health or an imminent death. Listening is a special privilege in a Deacon’s ministry to you.
- **Helping to find answers to questions about faith or our church with its theme of Connect, Grow and Serve.** You have a personal resource you can turn to – your Deacon. It is better to voice your questions regarding your spiritual life or your concerns about the activities of the church so your Deacon can help clarify and encourage you as a part of the body of Christ at Parkway.
- **Guiding you to have a closer relationship with members of the church through fellowship.** As you connect with God in the worship services, you also grow spiritually through being a part of smaller groups. Fellowship is offered through Wednesday night meals, Bible Studies mid-week and Sundays, and any number of special interests groups. Find a place that suits you and soon you will put names to faces and share more easily.
- **Finding ways to serve within the church.** Your Deacon, as a leader in various ministries, is familiar with the places of service at Parkway and the needs that your spiritual gifts can fill. Discuss where you would like to serve as you continue on your journey to *Connect, Grow and Serve*.

Praying for you and with you. This is a place of importance that your Deacon wants to honor. Let your Deacon know of a specific request from you and be assured that this will be held in confidence.

If you don’t know who your Deacon is and who the members are of the flock you are in, please contact Donna Carroll at Parkway, 770-889-8694.

ELDERS

James Berry

Roger Blackstock

Keith Brown

John Burkhalter

Suzie Dominique

Thomas Freas

Wendy Hamilton

Shannon Holthaus

Eloise Newton

Jordie Rajala

Jon Reneslakis

Billy Saville

DEACONS

Matthew Barranco

Tonya Bellavance

Dave DePoorter

Mary Gorrie

Carrie Hamilton

Jay Jones

Andre Keeve

Nancy McHale

Al Parkes

Wilma Plourde

Joel Van Wyk

Susan Voshell

Virginia Watson

Deborah Schlittler

Brazilian

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Fridays—9:00a.– 3:00p
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OUTREACH MINISTRIES:

Please call the church office, 770-889-8694, for contact numbers.

Hannah’s Ministry: Contact Carrie Hamilton carrie.hamilton@parkway-church.org or Sherrill McCracken sherrill.mccracken@parkway-church.org.

Stephen Ministry: Contact Norm Baker norm.baker@parkway-church.org. Supervision and Continuing Education are held on the first and third Sunday evenings (except for holidays or special church events) in the library from 6:00 - 9:00 PM.

Brazilian & Immigrant Ministry: Contact Cido Araujo cido.araujo@parkway-church.org.

TROOP 200 SCOUTS: Ken Gross, ken.gross@parkway-church.org.

PACK 200 CUBS: Chris Dominique, chris.dominique@parkway-church.org.

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES AT PARKWAY!

At Parkway we are called to share the good news of Jesus Christ with others as we worship, learn, share, grow, and serve in the joy of His Spirit.

Faith and Growth Opportunities

Jeff Hempker - jeffhempker@comcast.net

Eloise Newton - eloisenewton@att.net

Sunday

- Basic Christianity
- Women Bible Connection
- Book by Book
- Faith Builders
- Life Truths for Couples

Wednesday Morning Women's Studies

- Precept Studies
- Topical Studies

Wednesday Evening Studies

- Women Precept Studies
- Women Topical Studies
- Men's Topical Study
- Small Groups

Caring Ministries

- Stephen Ministry—One on one lay Christian Care to listen, support, encourage, and pray. Norm Baker - normanmaryb@bellsouth.net
- Hannah's Ministry—A support network for couples suffering through fertility challenges, miscarriage, stillbirth, and early infant loss. Carrie Hamilton - carrie.hamilton@parkway-church.org and Sherrill McCracken sherrillmc@yahoo.com
- Military Ministries—Group meets to fill boxes, write thank you notes, make prayer squares and have great fellowship. This is to make sure our military knows we thank and support them for serving in our military to keep us safe. Mary Mac Harrell, mmharrell@bellsouth.net
- Nursing Home Ministries—To share your and God's love in our Assisted Living and Nursing Home Ministry, contact Joan Brown, joan.brown@parkway-church.org
- Tuesday Prayer Group—Meet every Tuesday morning in the library at 9:30-10:30a.m. Come join us as we pray for our Parkway family. Contact info@parkway-church.org for more details.
- Quilting Ministry—Group meets monthly to make quilts for child care hospital and other needs. Suzie Dominique - domlawn1@bellsouth.net

Missions

Parkway is involved in Local, National and International missions. At least 10% of our annual budget is allotted to Mission Programs. Parkway also has an Associate Pastor who works with International families to help them adjust to life in the U.S., and conducts Sunday Evening Worship and a weekly Bible study in Portuguese.

Mission Ministry Leaders

- International Missions
Thomas Freas - tfreas@teleguipcorp.com
- Domestic Missions
- Local Missions
Matthew Bullard - matthew.bullard@parkway-church.org

International Ministries

- Parkway Brazilian Church—Cido Araujo, Pastor, cido.araujo@parkway-church.org

Worship and Music

Keith Brown - keithchar20@att.net

Cecile McGuire - cmmusic2004@yahoo.com

Sunday Worship Services

- 9:00 a.m.—Traditional Worship with Chancel Choir
- 11:00 a.m.—Contemporary Service with Praise Music

Music Ministry

- Adult Chancel Choir (9:00 a.m. Service)
- Praise Choir (11:00 a.m. Service)
- Praise Band (11:00 a.m. Service)
- Handbell Choir

Men's Ministries

info@parkway-church.org

- Wednesday Evening Bible Study (school year)
- Friday Prayer Breakfast (weekly off site)
- Saturday Fellowship Breakfast (monthly)
- Iron Sharpening Night
- Retreats
- Fellowship Activities

Women's Ministries

Robin Still - stillfamily6@comcast.net

Bible Studies

- Sunday Morning Faith and Growth Class
- Wednesday Morning (2) & Evening (2) Studies (1 a.m. study only—summer)

Fellowship, Learning, and Ministry

- Fall Kick-Off Dinner
- Christmas Tea
- Spring Potpourri
- Secret Angel Program
- Monthly Book Club
- Needle Work Classes
- Meal Ministry

Outreach & Evangelism Ministries

John Burkhalter burkhalter@charter.net
 Jon Reneslacijs - reneslacijs@bellsouth.net

- Outreach to local residents.
- Follow up to visitors, parents of VBS students, and others.
- Event planning to increase the awareness of PPC.

Fellowship and Other Ministries

info@parkway-church.org

Fellowship

- Coffee Ministry
- Wonder Workers
- Wednesday Night Dinners
- Wednesday Early Bird Hymn Sing
- "Prime Timers" (55+ years)
- Quarterly Brunches & after Worship Luncheons

Library Ministry

Greeters and Ushers

Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts

Building and Grounds Committee

Children's Ministries

Sunday Mornings

- Sunday School
 - Children's Worship
- Wednesday Evenings
- Christ Creations (arts, drama, & music)
- Summer Activities
- Vacation Bible School
 - Summer Reading Program

Youth Ministries

Sunday Mornings

- Faith & Growth Classes
 - Worship
 - Middle and High School Youth Groups
- Sunday Evenings—5:30-7:00 p.m.
 Wednesday Evenings—6:15-7:30 p.m.
 Special Activities & Events throughout the year.

Information

For information about Parkway Church activities, including meeting times and leaders, please call the church office at 770-889-8694 or check our website: