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Announcements:

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**Parkway's Annual Gala
 & Silent Auction
 February 25, 2012
 6:00 p.m.**

Parkway's Annual Gala and Silent Auction to benefit our youth mission programs. Tickets on sale now on Wednesday nights and Sunday mornings in the main hallway, or Call the church office, 770-889-8694.

Memory Verse

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(Psalms 40:1 NIV)

"I waited patiently for the Lord; He turned to me and heard my cry."

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.

'Stop Hunger Now'

Meal Packaging Night at Parkway!

Wednesday, February 29th, 5:30p-7:30p



**A CHILD DIES EVERY SIX SECONDS
FROM A HUNGER-RELATED CAUSE.**

Be a Part of the Solution

Participants in Stop Hunger Now package high protein, dehydrated meals. Each package provides servings for six and is easy to transport, store, and distribute to those in greatest need.

Through a fun and engaging assembly line process, a team of 40 volunteers can package 10,000 meals in just two hours. **Sign-up in the Narthex to participate.**

Fast and Remember

All adults who can fast are encouraged to do so while remembering the 1,000,000,000 people in our world who are hungry without choice. Remember also God's call to feed the hungry :

(Isaiah 58:7,10; Matthew 25:34-40).

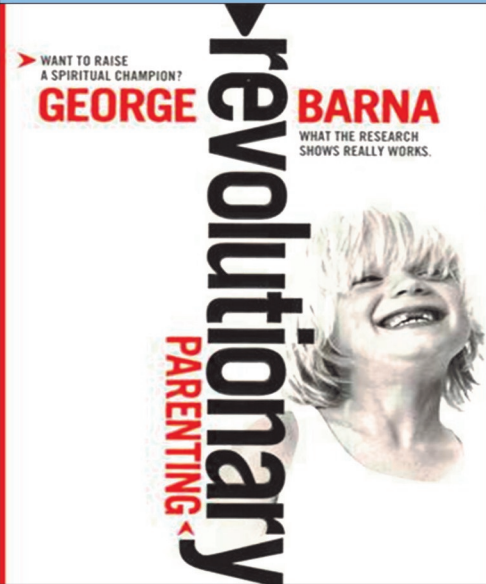
For children and those who cannot fast, please eat before you come as there will be no dinner served on February 29th.

Stop Hunger Now Globe Banks

Each family is encouraged to put one of the Globe Banks on your kitchen table. Each time you sit down for a meal, place a quarter in the bank for every person at the table. This will remind us of the thousands who die each day from hunger-related causes, and make us grateful for the food we have to eat.



New Sunday School Class – Begins Jan. 22



PARKWAY FAMILY MINISTRIES CLASS

(led by Brett Berto, Trailer B, Game Room)

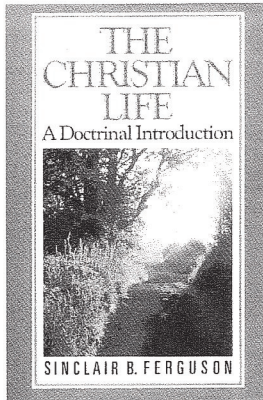
What are the key factors that will make a difference in the Spiritual lives of our children? Using George Barna's book, Revolutionary Parenting, we will discover essential steps parents must

take to shape childhood character. Barna reveals surprising information about popular parenting tactics and shows us how to instill a vibrant commitment to Christ in our kids. Books are available on the table in the main hallway.

Please Join Us for Pastor Bill's:
“INTRO TO PARKWAY” Class.
Wednesday Evenings,
Feb. 1st & 8th
6:15p to 7:30p
(Pastor's Office)
(following the Wed. Night Dinner)

NEW CLASS

The Christian Life: A Doctrinal Introduction
 Begins February 19, In Trailer A



This class, based on the book by Sinclair Ferguson, is for Christian beginners and for the "Lord's older sheep, grown tough and stringy" (quote from the back of the book). Join us for a life-shaping, interactive and fun class. "Key biblical themes of grace, faith, new birth, and assurance" are for beginners as well those believers who need to dust off their beliefs on deeper issues. These doctrines shape our Christian walk by "showing us the God we worship." Revive your walk; learn and grow! Facilitated by Cheri Ashley.

NEW CLASS

Tweaking Your Relationship With God Begins
 January 22 In Room 109



What are you doing to increase your awareness of God and to stay keen in knowing His will? How does a believer walk in consciousness of God's presence? This course will share ways by which one can deepen your faith, personal experiences of God's interventions and classical ways by which Christians have learned to walk in grace. It will be taught by Derrel Emmerson using the general guide of Richard Foster's book, Celebration of Discipline and, of course, the Bible.

WEDNESDAY PROGRAMS WINTER SCHEDULE**MORNING WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES****9:30a-11:30a***(Child care is provided.)*

- **Experiencing God, (The Revised & Expanded Edition), Led by Eloise Newton, Library (Jan. 11—May 16, 2012)**, God is inviting you to experience Him in an intimate love relationship through which He reveals to you His will, His ways, and His work. Through the Biblical principles in this course, God can teach you to know when He is speaking to you and recognize His plan for you. Sign-up in the Narthex
- **Precept Study, Led by Janet Barnett, Trailer "A". (Jan. 11—April 25, 2012)**
Jan. 11—Feb. 29: **Deuteronomy-Precept/Upon Precept**; 8 weeks
March 7—April 25: **Joshua Precept/Upon Precept**, 7 weeks

Order your books from precept.org.
Sign up in the Narthex

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, Kids 4 Truth**: (ages 3 yrs—5th grade), 6:15p-7:30p

Evening Studies: 6:15P—7:30P*(Child care is provided.)***Session I, JANUARY 11 THROUGH FEBRUARY 15, 2012**

- **Coed Bible Study is Precept-Revelation Part 1, Led by Shannon Holthaus, Room 104.** Jesus' Message to the Church (Chapters 1-3) - (10 lessons) Chapters 1-3 of Revelation contain God's messages to the seven churches of Asia. See how His messages recorded by John so long ago still speak to the church today. Workbooks are not required, but if you would like one please purchase from www.Precept.org It is the Part 1 Precept Upon Precept Book. All are welcome! Come and join us as journey begins! If you have any questions, please call Shannon Holthaus 770-886-3623
- **New Testament Men of Faith led by Peggie Barnes—Library,** This study selects men who were called to follow Jesus—faithful people who will teach us and lead us to follow Him more faithfully. In the winter session, we will study Paul, Barnabas, Timothy, James, Thomas, Paul's companions, and Jesus. Books available at Heavenly Dove.
- **Men's Evening Bible Study: The First Letter of John, Precept upon Precept Bible Study,** "How to know you have eternal life." Led by Jeff Rajala, Room 102.
- **Middle School and High School Youth Programs, Youth Trailers**
- **Music Ministry 7:00/7:30p-8:30p**
 - Praise Team Practice, Sanctuary (7:00p)
 - Chancel Choir Practice, Room 115 (7:30p)

SUNDAY SCHOOL: 10:05-10:55 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 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 10:05-10:55, and are open to anyone who wishes to attend.

- **FAITH BUILDERS – ROOM 102**, led by Keith Brown, John Burkhalter, and Billy Saville—This class is studying the Book of Acts. You are welcome to join us!
- **WOMEN'S BIBLE CONNECTION – LIB.**, led by led by Lauralie Rubel All women are invited to join us as we continue our study of the Book of Romans.
- **BOOK BY BOOK – ROOM 104**, led by Norm Bruinsma
Join us as we probe the depths of the *Letter of Paul to the Philippians* and discover the wonder of the Good News.
- **MODERN CHRISTIAN LIVING— ROOM 115**, led by Chuck Beaver
Each week we will explore a topic drawn from the week's headlines and discuss Scriptural applications and perspectives. Join us as we face the challenges of living as Christians in today's world.

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Will Startup—Youth Minister
Contact him at
will@parkway-church.org

Sunday School—10:00 – 10:55 Every Sunday Youth Trailer

This fall we will be focusing on our character and convictions.

- Developing healthy relationships
- Living on purpose
- Dealing with pain and struggles
- Discovering our gifts
- Putting our stamp on the world
- Having integrity

Contact David Hoke at 1rls@bellsouth.net or 678.977.8604

Sunday Nights—5:30 – 7:00—Youth Trailer

Have a blast! Make new friends! Grow in your faith! Contact Shannon Holthaus at shanholt@comcast.net or 770.601.6673.

Wednesday Nights—5:30 – 6:15

Supper (FREE FOR YOUTH!) In The Sanctuary 6:15 – 7:30 Bible Study In The Youth Trailer

How do we live the Jesus-centered life? Dig deeper into the Bible each Wednesday and find out. Contact Robin Bos at rbos24@comcast.net or 770.597.5224

Middle School Retreat

Our Middle School Retreat has a tremendously fun and exciting atmosphere where you feel comfortable and loved, and where you will have the best week of your life-- experiencing the love of Jesus! Watch for details coming soon. Contact Robin Bos at rbos24@comcast.net or 770.597.5224.

Senior High Mission Trip

Put your work clothes on and get ready to serve! There will be plenty for us to do-- painting, roofing, putting up dry wall, mixing concrete, pouring footings for a new house, building lots of wheelchair ramps and porch roofs. Watch for details coming soon. Contact Shannon Holthaus at shanholt@comcast.net or 770.601.6673.

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation is a year-long Spiritual journey designed for 9th – 12th graders. The program consists of the classroom course, a daily devotional, and special activities. Each Confirmand will decide if s/he is ready for Confirmation. Should you decide you are ready to commit your life to Jesus Christ and become a full member of Parkway, you will be asked to write your own personal statement of faith to share with our Elders and Deacons at the Confirmation luncheon in April. Class began Sept. 25. Contact Matthew Bullard at matthew.bullard@parkway-church.org or 770.889.8694.

Praise Bandits Practice

Contact David Hoke at 1rls@bellsouth.net or 678.977.8604.



Stephen Ministers Commissioning

On February 26, 2012, Pastor Bill Ford will commission seven new Stephen Ministers (James Ashley, Matthew Barranco, Stephen Edge, Brenda Helmly, Shannon Moore, Norman Plourde, and Bonnie Vaughan) at our 9:00 AM worship service and introduce them at the 11:00 AM worship service. At the 9:00 AM service prior to the commissioning prayer we will invite active and inactive Stephen Leaders and Stephen Ministers, Ministers of the Word and Sacraments, elders, and deacons to come forward and lay their hands on those being commissioned as Pastor Ford prays for them.

Richard Tidwell was the Stephen Leader Training Coordinator responsible for training this Stephen Minister class. Richard taught most of the training sessions and Pastor Bill Ford taught several of the training sessions. This was our seventh Stephen Minister training class since we became a Stephen Ministry Congregation in 2000. Training classes were held in 2000, 2001, 2004, 2006, 2008-2009, and 2010-2011. Stephen Ministers have a two-year commitment including the training period. The two-year commitment can be extended per approval. We usually hold new Stephen Minister classes when we have enough volunteer candidates with the right spiritual gifts.

Commissioning is a way for our whole congregation to recognize that we are sending out these trained caregivers to provide one-to-one distinctively Christian care on our behalf to people in need. By commissioning our Stephen Ministers in our worship service, we are all recognizing that Stephen Ministry belongs to all of us—everyone at Parkway. It is our ministry and a way we as a congregation care for the needs of people in our congregation and community.

After commissioning, our new Stephen Ministers will join the rest of our Stephen Ministry team—active Stephen Leaders: Pastor Bill Ford, Norm Baker, Jan Parkes, Marcia Tidwell, and Richard Tidwell; and active Stephen Ministers: Stefani Baskam, Joan Brown, Julie Cordry, Betsy Hunter, Nanette Kicker, and Wilma Plourde.

Our Parkway Stephen Ministers are not counselors but are there to meet the needs of people who are terminally ill, disabled, have lost a spouse or another loved one, are experiencing divorce, are in a job crisis situation, or find themselves in any of a variety of life circumstances. We encourage both men and women (at least 18 years old) to experience the comfort of having a Stephen Minister. The care is a Christian man caring for another man, a Christian woman caring for another woman with Christ at the center of the care. Those receiving care can be certain that their identity and what goes on in the caring relationship will be kept strictly confidential. If you are in a place of life where you need someone to listen and the hand of Christian love extended to you, our Stephen Ministry can play an important role in your life.

If you would like more information about Stephen Ministry or if you or someone you know might benefit from 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 Leaders or a Stephen Minister.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS

CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:

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

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

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

- **WEDNESDAY PROGRAM—**6:15-7:30 p.m.

"KIDS 4 TRUTH" (ages 3 yrs—5th grade), downstairs

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:

- 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)



Grab a Cloth Grocery Bag and Support one of our Local Missions

The Place is a nonprofit Social Service Organization that has been serving Forsyth County families in difficult times since 1975 with emergency basic needs. One of the ways Parkway supports *The Place* is by bringing in their most needed items for their Food Program. The Local Missions Team is providing cloth grocery bags with the list of these most needed items printed right on them. This way you can toss the bag in your car and have it with you whenever you go to the store. You may empty your bag into the bin located in the main hallway, near the Library, and then take your bag with you to reload as many times as you feel led throughout the year. Pick up your bag from the table in the main hallway today.

If you would like more information about *The Place* go to: www.theplaceofforsyth.com or contact Matthew Bullard.



Parkway Presbyterian Preschool
5830 Bethelview Road—Cumming, GA—(678) 513.3909
Website: www.parkwaypreschool.com
Email: hclarkpppk@comcast.net

Registration for Preschool

Registration for the 2012-2013 school year has begun. We would like to invite you to come tour the preschool. Give us a call 678-513-3909 to schedule a time. This is a half-day Christian program. We have loving teachers in each room. All our staff is CPR and First Aid trained. The ratios are 10:2 in our two year old programs and 12:2 in our threes, fours, and Young Fives classes. Come check us out and see that Jesus is in our school and classrooms.

Box Tops for Education

We want to thank you for your help in our efforts to collect Box Tops for Education. We have had a great collection year, and have collected \$ 243.00 towards our scholarship fund. It is collection time again and we need your help. Please look through your pantry and send in any tops you have. You can also check this website <http://www.boxtops4education.com/earn/clip/Brands.aspx> to get a list of other participating items. Thank you for your help! Send them in soon!



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, February 3rd** **11:30a.m.—1:00 p.m.**

The next luncheon date is Friday, Feb. 3rd, 2012, from 11:30 to 1:00 pm. Fran Hagerty will present slides and commentary on the Nicaragua Mission Trip taken by Parkway members last summer. They partnered with *Amigos for Christ* to help the villagers with improving their living conditions and to share the love of Jesus. Information: Dee Hayward or Nancy McHale.

MEN'S MINISTRIES

Wisdom tells us to fellowship with other men and study how the Bible applies specifically to a man's heart and life. "As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another" (Proverbs 27:17). It's time for men of the Church to stand together and let the sparks fly as we sharpen our swords. Please find an area in the body of Christ where you can serve.

- **MEN'S FRIDAY WEEKLY BREAKFAST:** (Off site) Fri. mornings, 7:00 a.m., Folks, Hwy. 20 across from Ingles.
- **MEN'S SATURDAY MONTHLY BREAKFAST:** 3rd Sat., 8:00 a.m., Parkway Sanctuary.
- **MEN'S BIBLE STUDY: Precept upon/Precept Bible Study, The First Letter of John,** written by Precept Ministries International; Chattanooga, TN. Led by Jeff Rajala—Room 102— Contact: Jeff Rajala jeffrajala@yahoo.com.
- **MEN'S SATURDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY:** Men, come meet with us **Saturdays, Feb.. 4th at 8:00 a.m. & Feb. 18th at 10:00 a.m., in room 104.** All men are invited to join in this study "A Gospel for the World". Call Jay Jones or Norm Bruinsma for details.
- **Young Men's Coffee & Bible Study:** Every Friday Morning at 6:30 a.m.—Starbuck's (435 Peachtree Pkwy.) See Matthew Bullard for details.

Welcome to Parkway!



Women's Ministry

Sondra Gross, Women's Ministry Leader

sondra.gross@parkway-church.org

SAVE THE DATE . . .

Thursday, April 26th
6:00 p.m.

**Spring Potpourri &
Secret Angel
Reveal at Parkway.**

Parkway Women's Book Club **Please Join Us!**

Monday, February 13th at 7:00 p.m.
Tonya Bellavance's House
Book Selection: *The Captive Heart*
by Dale Cramer

Bring a Friend!

Contact Stefani Baskam for more
information at jsbaskam@gmail.com.

Parkway Women's Ministry - 2011 - 2012

Winter Bible Study: Wednesdays 9:30am, 104/Library

Wednesdays 6:15pm, 104/Library

Winter Retreat: Fri., Sat & Sun, Feb. 3, 4, & 5 - Eagle's Rest

(Retreat reservations go on sale January 8, 2012.)

Spring Potpourri & Secret Angel Reveal: Thurs., April 26th-
6:30pm

Summer Bible Study: TBD

**PLUS, Monthly Book Club Gatherings, Secret Angel Program,
Monthly Craft Fellowship, Quilters, and Meals Ministry**

THE MILITARY MINISTRY—February 8th

We will meet Feb. 8th, Wednesday at 11:30 in the back of the Sanctuary. We sent around 260 boxes to the military in 2011, plus 6 boxes of coupons to the Commissary for the military families. If you know anyone who is deployed, please turn in their names. Please save your coupons, dividing them into envelopes labeled Food, Health and Toiletries, Household Supplies, Baby, and Pets. We accept donations of supplies and monetary gifts. Come join us on February 8th.

Appreciation for prayers & supplies from our Armed Forces:

From Hunt Donaldson:

Hello Mary Mac,

Hello Mary Mac, I'm not quite sure how to express my appreciation for the individual stockings. A smile came across each Marine's face upon receipt of their wonderful gift(s). They all have asked me to thank you and the church for taking such care in preparing their packages. Can you please let the church know that their efforts to make our lives here more comfortable has had a significant impact on us. The church's fellowship has undoubtedly taken us under their wing and provided us with the reassurance of God's ever loving care. Please know your support will not be forgotten. A very well known pray was recently given here, for what circumstances I can not divulge but this prayer has given me strength throughout my military career. The Chaplain began his words with "If you fear, fear no more for God has assured us"; (He then recited the 23rd Psalm.) Respectfully, Sgt. Donaldson, William H, NCOIC PRP Personnel Retrieval & Processing, Mortuary Affairs, Camp Bastion Afghanistan." (Hunt is Becky Donaldson's son.)

SEW FAITHFUL QUILTERS—Feb. 9th

We will meet February 9th at 6:30 in Room 104. We sent 57 quilts to the Children's Healthcare Hospital for Christmas. Throughout the year we gave 30 quilts to members of the church who have lost a loved one or been seriously ill. Thanks to all the ladies who made these quilts and shared their talents. Won't you come join us, beginners and experienced quilters are welcome.

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.

ORPHAN MINISTRY

Do you have a heart for children? Consider the impact you can have on a hurting child. Join our growing ministry! We need teens and adults alike to spread God's love for orphans in the U.S. and abroad through prayer, outreach, and helping organize events like the Foster Family Fun Day planned for May 2012. For more information, contact Amy or Travis Raish at [\(770\) 500-0889](tel:770-500-0889).

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.

INTERCESSORY PRAYER GROUP—FEB. 2ND- 10A.M.—Lib.

Join us in the Library on the first Thursday of the month at 10:00 a.m. for prayer. If you have an interest in participating or have any questions, please contact Nancy McWhorter, nancymcw@comcast.net.

LIBRARY MINISTRY

Attention Young Readers

Beginning in January, on the fourth Sunday of each month, Elementary age children will have an opportunity to visit the church library at the conclusion of Children's Church. They will be able to check out a book or two to enjoy reading Christian books throughout the year. Your child is encouraged to bring their blue Parkway Media bag with them if they have one from Summer Reading. The library would like to encourage parents to enjoy perusing the wide variety of genres offered as well. Books can be returned and new ones check out anytime the library is open on Sundays and Wednesdays or during church hours. There is a self serve check out notebook near the window. If you have any questions please see Kaye Litzinger or Suzie Dominique.

PARKWAY'S WONDER WORKERS need you! If you would like to help on Friday mornings (10a-11:30a) with folding our bulletins and preparing our pew pockets for Sunday worship, come and join us in fellowship and help in the preparations for Sunday morning worship!

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.

THE PARKWAY MEALS MINISTRY NEEDS YOU!

- Do you like to cook?
- Can you cook a little extra and freeze part of your meals for someone in our church family that has a need?
- Can you help deliver those meals to our church family members that may have a need?
- Can you provide a whole meal or maybe just a little something we can put together with something else we have?

*If you answered "YES" to any of those questions, **WE NEED YOU!** Please contact Marla Edge at 678-513-3223 or marla@edgefamily.org and let her know in what way you can help. We will call upon those volunteers on a rotation basis.*

CONGRATULATIONS TO

JOE BERRY

ON HIS RECENT

EAGLE SCOUT HONOR. -1/6/2012



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.

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Roger Blackstock
Robin Bos
Keith Brown
John Burkhalter
Suzie Dominique
Thomas Freas
Jeff Hempker
David Hoke
Shannon Holthaus
Eloise Newton
Billy Saville
DEACONS
Norm Baker
Randy Bellavance
Joan Brown
Dave DePoorter
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Carrie Hamilton
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Tim Still
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Children’s Choirs& Music, Sherrill McCracken	Sherrill.McCracken@parkway-church.org
Parkway Preschool Director, Heather Clark	Heather.Clark@parkway-church.org
Church Receptionist & Secretary, Donna Carroll	Donna.Carroll@parkway-church.org
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Office Hours: Monday—Thursday, 9:00a.– 4:00p Fridays—9:00a.– 3:00p	

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 second and fourth Sunday evenings in the library from 6:15 - 8:45 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.

For information on these ministries go to info@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 - eloisewton@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
- Intercessory Prayer Group—Meet on Thursday mornings in the library at 10 a.m. for prayer. Contact Nancy McWhorter, nancy.npt@vacation.com
- 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

Sondra Gross - cocoa83@bellsouth.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

Fellowship and Other Ministries

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Fellowship

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

Library Ministry

Evangelism and Outreach

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

Will Startup - will@parkway-church.org

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:

www.parkway-church.org