

# Quarterly Business Packet

1<sup>st</sup> Quarter | 2022

(January 1 – March 31)

Congregational Business Meeting | May 4, 2022

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# Pastor's Report

Mike Tatem

Our church meets four times every year to review various reports and affirm the work of our committees and ministry teams. These meetings do not last very long, but they give the church a chance to celebrate what God has done and is doing through His church called Parkview. Our next quarterly business meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 4, 2022, following our midweek worship service. Our bylaws require that the church vote on the acceptance of minutes, membership report, and financial statements. Please review these materials prior to the meeting and contact the church office if you have any questions. You will have an opportunity to ask questions during the meeting.

I am grateful for every person who is engaged with the work here at Parkview. I love the fact that we have people who have invested decades of their lives in the work of the kingdom through their involvement at Parkview, and at the same time, we have people who are just starting their faith journey with us. I believe God strategically places us in a faith family in order to maximize kingdom impact in our community and in our spheres of influence. I am honored to be your co-laborer in the things of Christ. My prayer is that our pastoral staff is sensitive to your calling and giftedness and that we have been successful in helping you find your place in the work of the kingdom here.

As many of you know, our overall vision is driven by the Great Commandment (to love God and to love others) and the Great Commission (to make disciples of the nations.) Our process for advancing this vision is summarized by three words: believe, belong, become. We want to make life at Parkview a reflection of the kingdom we anticipate and make it more attractive than anything the world has to offer. For that, we need a church family that by faith is willing to live for the glory of Christ, loves what Christ loves, and senses the urgency of His gospel for those who have yet to believe. Our prayer is that everyone who covenants with us will participate regularly in our times of corporate worship, our Life Groups (small group Bible studies), and our opportunities to serve in ministry and on mission.

I am grateful for the generosity of the Parkview family. In addition to our ongoing giving to the Cooperative Program which funds our participation in missions in North America and around the world, we gave just over \$10,000 to the North American Mission Board through the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering. This offering supports church planting efforts here in the United States and relief efforts in areas affected by natural disaster.

One of our goals this year was to be intentional about supporting foster and adoptive care in our community. To that end we collected approximately 18,000 diapers for One More Child (Florida Baptist Children's Home) to be used among the foster families in North Florida. We will be receiving our annual Mother's Day Offering this May and pray that God would allow us to raise \$10,000 for One More Child. Our Sharon Mission Group received the 2022 Community Advocate Award from Guardian ad Litem for our ongoing partnership with them. Last year we collected underwear and diapers for small children. This year, we will be collecting underwear and socks for teenagers who have been assigned to Guardian ad Litem care. We know that everyone in our church cannot participate financially in everything that we do because we do so much, but we are able to do so much because everybody participates at least one thing.

## Pastor's Report

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We continue to respond to various foster care requests through our involvement in Care Portal and the Nest. Thank you to those who are on that rapid response team. Our partnership and support of foster families extends beyond financial commitments. On May 20, our church will host an event for foster children that will give foster parents an evening out. Look for a volunteer link in our weekly email blast and sign up to help us feed and entertain children for a few hours. Adult volunteers for this event, like all of our Next Gen activities, will need to consent to a background check. Even if you can't help that night, you can pray for the children and families who are involved in foster and adoptive care in our city. If you have questions about how you can be involved in our foster care initiatives, please contact the church office.

We have begun our regular support for church planting in Scotland through 20 Schemes. Our goal is to send a team to encourage church planters there sometime in 2023. Joe and Susan Crocker have returned from their time in Greece and will be sharing about their experience on Sunday, May 22. Everyone is invited to the Fellowship Hall after church on that Sunday for a light lunch and to hear details about their trip and how Parkview can begin putting together teams to serve unreached people groups through the work being done in Athens. Look for the registration link in upcoming email updates. Our goal is to begin sending teams to Athens as soon as the IMB missionary there is ready for us.

I am grateful for the generosity of the children and grandchildren of three of our founding families: Robert and Grace Cappell, Ashley and Martha Cheshire, and Van and Lucille Giebeig. These families contributed over \$40,000 to renovate the seating area of our Fellowship Hall. I hope you will take the time to stop by and see how beautiful it is. We hope to have an unveiling event in the near future. We continue to push toward retiring our debt by June 2024, so that we can renovate the kitchen and bathroom areas of the Fellowship Hall. Thank you to everyone who contributes regularly to the building fund.

Thank you all for your faithfulness to the work here at Parkview. I love my church! I hope you can say the same.

# Children's Ministry Report

Daniel Morris

Parkview Family,

I am so thankful for the opportunity to serve alongside the staff and families of Parkview. You are a constant reminder of God's grace towards me and my family. As we prepare for a busy summer of ministry, I'm excited to see how God will work in the lives of our children and families.

At the end of February, we finished another season of Upward Basketball and Cheerleading. This year we had more than 100 children participating in teams and 25 volunteers that served each week of January and February to share the gospel with these children and connect with the families of Lake City. I'm thankful for each coach, referee, and greeter that served this season and their willingness to give of their time and energy to serve on mission in our own city.

We just have a few weeks of our spring semester of Awana Clubs left. On Wednesday night, May 25, we will celebrate the end of the Awana year and the start of summer. Our Preschool and Children's Ministries will continue to meet on campus each Wednesday night in June from 5:45-7:00pm, but in July we will be meeting off campus at a different home each week. Throughout the summer, we will continue to study God's Word together and learn about God's mission for us each Wednesday night, and in July we might do that around a pool.

On Sunday mornings, our preschool and children's Life Groups are continuing a chronological study through the Bible with the Gospel Project for Kids. Over the next few months, we will be studying through the books of Judges, Ruth, and 1 & 2 Samuel. As a part of this study, we focus on one core doctrinal truth for four to five weeks at a time. Right now we are learning how God takes sin seriously, and over the summer months we will be learning that God is good to judge sin, God is good to give grace, and God is good to give mercy. I am so thankful for our Life Group Leaders that faithfully prepare, teach, and love our children each week. Join me in praying that God would continue to use their efforts and the truth of the gospel they share each week to lead our children to love and follow Jesus.

Vacation Bible School is about two months away and preparations for that have already started. VBS will be June 27 - July 1 from 9am - 12pm, for children that have completed Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Our theme this year is Spark Studios and our children will be learning that we are created in Christ and designed for God's purpose. Registration is already open for children and for volunteers, so sign up to bring your kids and to help out for the week at [www.pbclc.com/vbs](http://www.pbclc.com/vbs).

In July, we will be taking our older children, in 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade, to Super Summer Kids at Lake Yale Baptist Conference Center. This three night, four day, camp is July 11-14, and space is limited so be sure to sign your kids up soon. Camp is a great discipleship opportunity for our children as they step out of their regular routines and focus on the truths of God's Word. Our kids will have a great time, and they will encounter the gospel as a part of every activity everywhere they go. This is one of my favorite weeks each year, and I can't wait to see how God uses Super Summer Kids in the lives of our children.

It is a great blessing to see God work in and through the lives of the children and students of Parkview. Thank you again for the opportunity to serve alongside our amazing staff and church family!

Thank you,  
Daniel Morris

# Student Ministry Report

JonSeth Sammons

The students we have in student ministry are the best around! They are so joyful, and servant hearted. God is moving in our student ministry! We have been asking for God to do big things this year in our students lives and hearts. I pray that as a church we make it a priority in our life to pour into the life of the next generation. Here are some things to be praying for our students!

- **Sunday Morning Life Groups**

Life Groups continue to bring depth to God's word. Please pray that God would use this time to deepen the faith of our students.

- Pray that the students would be transformed by the gospel.
- Pray that they would have the right view of God.

- **Student Services @ Parkview**

Student Worship is my favorite time of the week! We are finishing up our series in Romans this Wednesday night!! We have been learning and growing in our knowledge and obedience to God's word. We have seen salvation through this series. A deepening love for serving the church through this series. God is still going to use this series in the life of our students! I praise God for his Word, and his work.

- Pray that students would turn from their sin and trust in Christ whole heartedly!
- Pray that students would have a clear understanding of the gospel.
- Pray that God would move in our student ministry in a mighty way!
- Pray that God will call some of these students to be missionaries!
- Pray that we would fall deeply in love with Jesus.

His glory is our reward,  
JonSeth Sammons

# Worship Ministry Report

Skylar Teel

Parkview Family,

Romans 16:19-20 reads, “For your obedience is known to all, so that I rejoice over you, but I want you to be wise as to what is good and innocent as to what is evil. The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.” JonSeth came into my office recently and told me that this is what he would love our church to be known for. I think he is spot on. Matt Chandler often tells his church that he wants them to punch Satan in the face. What a great goal, but we can only do this through a dependence on the Holy Spirit of Christ within us. To be able to bear much fruit and pursue righteousness, we need the Spirit’s help. Don’t rely on your own ability. It is so easy to do so. I’m guilty of this often, but I must constantly remind myself that I can do nothing of value apart from Christ. Rely on Him. Trust in Him. He’s simply better at accomplishing his purposes.

Easter and Good Friday were special. There is something about the addition of our Good Friday gathering that makes our Easter celebration that much sweeter. I hope that you took advantage of our lent guides, holy convocations, Good Friday service, and Easter celebration. If not, I hate to break it to you, but you simply missed out on what the Lord did. Lent has such a beautiful way of slowly leading us to the cross. This was an edifying time for me. I hope it was for you, as well. We look forward to doing many of these things again next year.

You can probably feel the pull of summer upon us. It is so close, and many are already thinking about the joy of less-crowded schedules. If you’re like me, the reality is that never happens. Sorry to break the news to you. However, here is my encouragement to you. Find your rest in Christ. What better way to do that than prioritizing our Sunday meeting times!

I cannot emphasize enough how important these gatherings are to the believer’s heart and mind. Prioritize these times. Treasure these times. Don’t schedule over these times. Your presence matters here. When you are not here in person, our church misses out. Your presence in person matters! The Sunday morning meeting is vital for discipleship and sanctification. We need the body of Christ, and we need it on a regular basis. Sundays are always a highlight of my week. I love worshiping with my church family week in and week out. I hope the same can be said of you.

As always, I would love to have more people join us in our worship ministry – whether in choir, band, orchestra, or tech. If you’re interested in serving in any of these roles, I would love to have a conversation with you.

I’m thankful for each of you and appreciate your prayers as we continue to move forward over the coming months together, unified, as the church. Let’s continue to have a complete dependence on the Lord in everything that happens at Parkview! If there is any way that we can serve you or pray for you, please don’t hesitate to reach out. It’s a joy to be your worship pastor. Love you church!

Soli Deo gloria!

Pastor Skylar

# Worship Associate Report

David Harris

Hey Parkview Family,

If you haven't noticed, God is doing some great things in our church. I am so grateful to be a part of this family we call Parkview. To serve alongside such an incredible staff, church leadership team, and incredible people is an honor. This year's season of Lent was so humbling, and I can't think of a better way that we could have prepared our hearts for Easter. I hope you were able to remember the gospel in a fresh way through our fasting, holy convocations, and special services. I am certainly encouraged and overwhelmed reflecting on all that God has done this year. If you get a chance, thank Skylar and Mike for their masterful planning and cooperating to accomplish everything we did the past few months!

Thank you for allowing all of our pastors to head up to Louisville for the final T4G Conference. It was genuinely (and yes, I know I said this about Lent) humbling and encouraging. Some of my favorite authors and pastors were there to preach, and they were faithful to preach God's Word in a way that, I think, has challenged all of our staff. I am praying against apathy in my own life, in the lives of our leaders, and in the lives of our church. Mike has said it often, and it has been on all of our staff's hearts as well: familiarity is a dangerous thing.

I pray that we will grow in gratitude for Christ's sacrifice on the cross, His resurrection, and that we would continue to desire Him more than anything in this world. Let's be church leaders marked by prayer, desire for the Word, and a desire to live Holy lives. Let's not grow cold to the glorious truth of the gospel, and let's not let any possession in our life get a higher priority than our Bibles. Continue to encourage one another and check up on each other with genuine compassion and interest. I love my church family, and I am grateful for you all!

*"Therefore I, the prisoner in the Lord, urge you to walk worthy of the calling you have received, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace." (Ephesians 4:1-3)*

Our student ministry's Spring Retreat was an incredible weekend, and much needed. If you're over the age of 17, I have news for you...our students sing louder than you, and you need to step it up! In all seriousness, I am so encouraged by the passion with which our students sing in worship. They were so engaged in the singing, the sermons, and the small group times. JonSeth did an incredible job lining everything up for this trip, and it turned out better than I could've imagined. Please pray with me that our students continue to seek God in His word and continue to be obedient to Him with their lives.

In Christ,  
David Harris

## Previous Meeting Minutes

4<sup>th</sup> Quarter | 2021

- Meeting called to order on January 26, 2022, at 6:47 pm with prayer by Pastor Mike Tatem following Midweek Worship Service.
- Motion made by Quentin Boyle to approve Agenda as printed, second by Larry Brown, carried.
- Motion made by Hugh Dampier to approve Minutes as printed, second by Wendy Tonetti, carried.
- Motion made by Cindy Keys to approve Clerk's Report as printed, second by Bob Smith, carried.
- Motion and second from Stewardship Committee to approve Stewardship Reports as presented. There were no questions asked. Motion carried.
- Pastor's Report was reviewed and discussed with congregation.
  - Old Business: none reported
  - New Business: none reported
- Motion made by Quentin Boyle to adjourn, second by Sharon Keys.
- Meeting adjourned at 6:58 pm with prayer by Pastor Mike.

# Church Membership Report

1<sup>st</sup> Quarter | January 1 – March 31

## Church Membership

Beginning (January 1): 1746

Additions: 14

Losses: 13

Ending (March 31): 1747

## Additions

### Baptisms

1. Reagan Swisher | January 1
2. Bim Lynch | January 16
3. Sylvia Lynch | January 16
4. Kyle Lynch | January 16
5. Al Derway | January 16
6. Toby Sealey | January 23

### Letter of Transfers

1. Ellie Chewning | January 23

### Statement of Faith

1. Craig Chewning | January 23
2. Heather Lane | January 23
3. Richard Ray | January 23
4. Sandy Thiessen | February 21
5. John Scaife | February 25
6. Braxton Hicks | February 27
7. Hannah Hicks | February 27

## Losses

### Transfers

1. Steven Riggs, Jr | February 10
2. Traci Riggs | February 10
3. Megan Riggs | February 10
4. Gary Stoeckert | March 7
5. Cheri Stoeckert | March 7
6. Gladys Barton | March 12
7. Krissy Smith | March 17
8. Jo Lytte | March 17
9. Jim Lytte | March 17

### Deaths

1. Mary Brannon | January 29
2. Patricia Hollingsworth | February 19
3. Verne Hiett | March 17
4. Jean Hibbard | March 19