

Business Packet

2nd Quarter | 2023

April 1 – June 30, 2023

Congregational Business Meeting

Wednesday, August 2, 2023

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Quarterly Business Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, August 2, 2023

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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, August 2, 2023. **Please note the schedule change for the evening.** We will meet at 5:30pm in the sanctuary for the business meeting. After the meeting, we will enjoy a meal (Nettles sausage) and a time of fellowship as we welcome everyone back to the campus on Wednesday nights.

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. In addition to these reports, we will also be presenting two motions for consideration. Our Guidelines to Faith and Practice Committee has presented a recommendation proposing changes to our bylaws. Those changes have been available throughout the month of July and are still available in the welcome center and the church office. The changes in the constitution must be available to the church for at least ninety days before a vote, so we will vote on the constitution changes in a future meeting.

The other item for consideration comes from the deacons and that is a recommendation to extend the Next Gen summer intern position through the end of the year. Clay Rainer has done a fantastic job of supporting the work we do for our students and children, and we believe that the Next Gen ministry will benefit greatly from his continued involvement. There is no need to change the overall budget to cover this added expense. We have unused budget money from the vacated full-time worship associate position. The long-term plan is to make the Next Gen Intern a full-time Next Gen Associate in 2024.

We will be finishing our study in the Gospel of Mark at the end of August. We will then spend several weeks working through a doctrinal study of the church. The proposed constitutional changes include changes to our church covenant, so we thought this fall might be a good time to see what Scripture has to say about the church and be reminded that the church was Jesus' idea and expectation for His followers, not an optional activity to be worked into our schedules as time permits. We will be taking a deep dive into the idea of membership and begin the process of working through our membership rolls in order to call people back to Parkview or to release them to become a part of another church family.

I have been encouraged by the faithful attendance and generosity of the Parkview family throughout these summer months. Our families are traveling, vacationing, and hopefully resting, and still our church has been faithful in prioritizing love for God in worship, love for others in service, and love for the gospel in the Great Commission. Our students and children have been to camp. Our students have attended Student Leadership University. Our Next Gen groups have been meeting on Wednesday nights in homes. We sent four mission teams out, and we are using the Sunday morning services to hear their testimonies. It has been a busy summer and now we are excited about getting back into the rhythms of work and worship that will allow us to continue to grow in grace and make much of Jesus.

We will gather as a church on Wednesday, August 9, at 6:00pm for a special time of prayer for our community as faculty, staff, and administration begin a new school year. We want to pray for our children and students and their families. If you have never participated in one of our Holy Convocations, I would encourage you to come and spend that evening with us. All of our normal Wednesday night campus activities will resume on August 16. We will also launch new Wednesday night Life Groups on August 16. We are excited about offering Life Groups on Wednesday night and trust that those who are serving on Sunday mornings or whose Sunday morning schedule doesn't allow for Life Group participation will consider joining a Wednesday group. For more information, please call the church office.

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Pastor's Report

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We continue to be aggressive in paying down our debt. As of June 30, we have paid \$257,431 on our debt. As you can see from the financial statements, we have a balance of \$408,013. This November, after our doctrinal study on the church, we will take three weeks to celebrate the generosity of Parkview families. As a part of the celebration, our stewardship team will host a dinner where we will share our vision for a debt-free church. We are praying that people will be moved to give to our building fund in such a way that we will be able to retire this debt completely by June 2024.

I am looking forward to celebrating Parkview's 69th anniversary on August 20. Our worship and Life Group schedule (except for a few classes who meet in our fellowship hall) will remain the same as always. However, we will have Brooklyn's coffee truck here, activities for children and families (including a cotton candy truck), and after the service, everyone is invited to a catered meal in the fellowship hall. If you have been disconnected from Parkview and are looking to reconnect, Anniversary Sunday is always a great place to start.

If you are interested in getting connected beyond the normal Wednesday and Sunday activities, please contact the church office. We will be glad to tell you about Parkview Fitness, First Place for Health, off-campus Bible studies, Thursday night volleyball, senior adult luncheons and outings, missional groups that serve our community, and more. Our goal is not to keep everyone busy. Our goal in these things is to help people develop community where they can grow in grace and make much of Jesus and His gospel.

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

Children's Ministry Report

Daniel Morris

Parkview Family,

We have had an exciting summer of ministry at Parkview and it has been a joy to see all that God has done in the lives of our children and families through Vacation Bible School, our Next Gen summer camps, and the work of our four mission teams.

During the last week of June, we had about 150 kids from our community on campus for Vacation Bible School. We had an amazing week and our more than 60 adult and student leaders were able to share the truth of God's Word that Jesus is holy, trustworthy, loving, worth following, and for everyone. Join me in praying for the children who responded to the gospel and the relationships that were started during this week of ministry, that God would continue to use us to share the gospel with the lost and to disciple those he called to follow after him. Thank you to our volunteers, including our amazing student ministry, for the time and effort they invested for the kingdom. God has certainly worked in and through you and your efforts!

Just last week, we took seventeen of our 3rd-5th graders to Super Summer Kids at Lake Yale. It was an amazing week of discipleship for our kids and we all had a great time. Thank you to Ryan Trespalacios, Jennifer Laubenheimer, Lisa Swisher, Stephanie Johns, Joanna Robertson, and Emily Morris for unconditionally loving and caring for our kids at camp! Our dates for next year are July 15-18, so plan now for your 3rd-5th graders to join us.

At the beginning of July, our Czech Republic Mission Team had the opportunity to serve, along with team members from First Baptist Church of Plant City, in Rokycany for a week of ministry. Chris Ward, Kinita Bishop, and I supported Mozaika Church and their church planting team through children's clubs in the mornings, store-to-store relationship building to help local believers and IMB missionaries connect with their community, and nightly coffee and conversations gatherings with the church planters and people from the community. We also had the opportunity to spend time serving each of the church planting team families, and getting to know them and the challenges they face in being faithful believers in an unreached country. Only .25% of the population of the Czech Republic are followers of Christ, and the Mozaika church plant is the only gospel church in Rokycany. Join me in praying for our brothers and sisters that are serving there including the future pastor of this church plant, Zach Lewis and his wife Hannah, as well as IMB missionaries Eric and Lauren Coale, and join us in praying for God's direction as we consider the possibility of a long-term partnership with this church.

As we all move back into the rhythms of a new school year, this is a great opportunity to begin new habits of discipleship with your family. If you have younger children, simply reading from a story Bible and praying together each night could make a significant and eternal impact in your children's spiritual development. If you have older children or students, drive times and bedtimes make excellent opportunities for gospel centered conversations and prayer together. Let's commit together to be intentional and faithful in discipling our children and following Jesus together.

Thank you again for the opportunity to serve alongside our amazing staff and church family. I'm excited to see all that God will do in and through Parkview Baptist Church in the coming months.

Thank you,
Daniel Morris

Worship Ministry Report

Skylar Teel

Parkview Family,

It's a joy to pastor you and serve alongside of you. I'm grateful for all that God is doing in our midst. He has great things in store for His church called Parkview. Things are beginning to ramp up here at Parkview as we run into the Fall season. I hope that as we all start to get back into the routine of normal schedules that we place a great importance on the weekly church gathering. I hope you love worshiping with the church every week. It's so important to the life of the Christian to be in community. Always keep in mind that your presence is important in our gatherings. Something important is missing when you are not here.

I was recently praying through Psalm 86 and verse 11 resonated with me. It reads, "Teach me your way, O LORD, that I may walk in your truth; **unite my heart to fear your name.**" Wouldn't that be a great prayer for us, as the church, to pray together. Let's pray that the Lord would unite our hearts to fear His name. Let's fear His name above the applause of man. Let's fear His name above our prideful tendencies. Let's fear His name above all. I'm praying for you and me – that we would all unite our hearts to fear His name!

In a few short weeks, we're excited to host our annual night of praise. I'm really excited about what the Lord is going to do this night through our team, but also through you. We always want our singing to be participatory. So, come August 27 at 6:00pm for a night of passionate, joyful singing to the Lord. "He's good and I've witnessed it." So, let's praise His name for His great faithfulness to His covenant promises.

On Wednesday, August 16 we're making some shifts to our midweek activities to make accommodations for additional life groups that will take place on Wednesday evenings. We have two groups that will take place on Wednesday nights – 1 led by Chris Ward and 1 led by me (Skylar). **If you're unable to be a part of a life group because you serve in a different capacity on Sundays, these are a really great opportunity for you. If you're a family with young kids and mornings are a little more difficult, these are a really great opportunity for you.** Childcare will be provided. So, come join us. We're glad to see how God is moving in the life groups of our church family. We've placed a major focus on this area of church life, trying to see healthy organic growth and multiplication of groups. We believe we need to be starting new groups on a regular basis. It's a mark of health in a church.

In addition to 2 new midweek groups starting, we also have 1 in home group starting led by Brad and Stephanie Hough that will take place at their home Sunday afternoons. This is another great place to plug in and find community.

If you're not involved in a life group at Parkview, join one. We'd love to see new people join these groups. We believe that community is essential to the growth of any believer. In community, we are sharpened in our understanding and our grasp of the character of God through His spoken Word.

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 make this year the best year yet by having 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

Previous Meeting Minutes

4th Quarter | Wednesday, April 26, 2023

- Meeting called to order on April 26, 2023 at 6:54 pm with prayer by Pastor Mike Tatem following Midweek Worship Service.
- Motion made by Bob Smith to approve Agenda as printed, second by Julian Singleton, carried.
- Motion made by Quentin Boyle to approve Minutes as printed, second by Cindy Keys, carried.
- Motion made by Jim Smith to approve Clerk's Report as printed, second by Sharon Keys, 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:
 - A. Motion carries to close for Wednesday night services during July. Motion made by Jim Smith with a second by Cindy Keys. Motion carried.
- Motion made by Joe Harrell to adjourn, second by Jim Smith.
- Meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm with prayer by Pastor Mike.

Previous Meeting Minutes

Special-Called Business Meeting | Wednesday, May 24, 2023

- Meeting called to order on Wednesday, May 24, 2023 at 6:56 pm with prayer by Pastor Mike Tatem following Midweek Worship Service.
- Motion out of committee. No second needed. There were no questions asked. Motion carried.
- Motion made by Quentin Boyle to adjourn, second by Wanda Reliford.
- Meeting adjourned at 7:05 pm with prayer by Pastor Mike.

Church Membership Report

April 1 – June 30

Church Membership Totals

Beginning (April 1): 1,794

Additions: 14

Losses: 3

Ending (June 30): 1,805

Additions

Baptisms

1. Braden Hough | May 21

Letter of Transfers

1. John Gaines | April 23
2. Amy Gaines | April 23
3. Malachi Gaines | April 23
4. Amos Gaines | April 23
5. Linda Vibbart | May 2, 2023
6. Jack Weeks | May 7
7. Tina Weeks | May 7
8. Mike Sheffield | May 7
9. Lisa Sheffield | May 7
10. Judy McMillan | July 6

Statement of Faith

1. Scott Johns | April 22
2. Stephanie Johns | April 22
3. Hannah Johns | April 22

Losses

Transfers

1. Roger Bass | Gateway Baptist Church
2. Jeanelle Bass | Gateway Baptist Church
3. Frances Wynn | Northside Baptist Church

Deaths

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Motion for Consideration

The following recommendations come from the different leadership teams in our church. They come in the form of a motion and second so after any discussion, we will ask the congregation to approve these motions.

From the Deacons:

Background:

On May 24, 2023, the church voted to appoint Clay Rainer as a Next Gen Summer Intern. Clay has been working with our children and students throughout the summer and has proven to be a valuable asset to our pastoral team, fulfilling every aspect of the job description that was presented at that time. We believe that his continued involvement will help us engage families more proficiently and increase the effectiveness of discipleship among their children and students.

Clay will finish his degree program at the Baptist College of Florida in December and will begin work on his Master of Divinity degree in January at Southeastern Theological Seminary. Our plan is to reevaluate the position in December and bring further recommendations regarding this position for 2024. The job description with the word "Summer" removed from the title is attached for your review. There will be no budget impact to this position. We have unused budget dollars left from the Worship Associate position that will be used to cover the cost of the Next Gen Intern. The motion comes out of committee so it does not require a second, but we will afford time for discussion if needed. As always, please feel free to contact the church office prior to the meeting to voice any questions or concerns.

Recommendation:

The deacons recommend to the church that we retain Clay Rainer as a Next Gen Ministry Intern through the end of the year.

From Guidelines to Faith and Practice:

Please see the packet of proposed bylaw changes that were first presented to the church on July 2, 2023. The Guidelines to Faith and Practice Committee recommends that the church adopt the proposed changes to the bylaws that are included in that packet and that the church authorize the staff to adjust the numbering, order, punctuation, and grammar in the final document rewrite should the need arise.

Next Gen Intern Areas of Focus

Preschool

Work with office support staff to recruit and develop additional preschool ministry team members and leaders.
Provide direct support to preschool ministry in the absence of regularly scheduled team members.

Children

Manage the ministry social media and email updates.
Provide administrative and teaching support to Vacation Bible School.
Provide administrative support to Summer Camp
Provide direct support to Children's Life Groups in the absence of regularly scheduled team members.

Student Ministry

Manage the ministry social media and email updates.
Lead Wednesday night student ministry teams.
Provide administrative support to Summer Camp and serve as direct support as leader.
Provide administrative support to Student Leadership University
Schedule and lead Wednesday night off-campus student activities in July

Pastoral Ministry

Be involved with the pastoral staff in pastoral care ministries.
Be involved with Senior Adult ministries as needed.
Be involved with the overall work of the staff.
Facilitate the Parkview Podcast.

If the staff and the church decide to extend these responsibilities beyond summer, then Clay will have the chance to cultivate sermon preparation and delivery in both the student ministry and midweek services. He will take on additional responsibilities in the children's ministry such as assistant director of Upward Basketball. He will take a leadership role in helping to plan, prepare, and implement student discipleship events such as fall retreat. He may also begin to invest himself in collegiate ministries as the need arises.

As with any job description, this list of responsibilities is not comprehensive, and it is understood that the Next Gen Intern will be fully invested in the life of the church and provide additional support to other ministries as needed.