

# 2022 Quarterly Business Packet

4th Quarter | October 1 – December 31

Congregational Business Meeting | January 25, 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, January 25, 2023, following our midweek worship service. Our bylaws require that the church vote on the acceptance of minutes, membership report, and financial statements. We have one additional motion from our deacons to review and affirm as well. 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.

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 and to love what Christ loves. I pray that our church will sense the urgency of Christ's gospel for those who have yet to believe and 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.

Our membership report continues to reflect a gospel priority in our theology of ministry. We were able to baptize 24 people in 2022. I am grateful for the faithful witness of Parkview members and your willingness to invite people to join in the work that we are doing here. We are praying for growth in involvement in our Life Groups. I hope that if you are not yet connected to a group, that you will consider participating in one in 2023. Please let us know, and we will connect you to a group that fits your worship schedule.

I am encouraged by the faithful generosity of our Parkview family. Paul wrote in 2 Corinthians 9:7, "Let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver." I want to say thank you to our church family for your generosity and your cheerful and faithful giving in 2022. We finished well. Up until November, I had been forecasting for our stewardship committee that we were going to finish about \$30k behind budget this year. By God's grace, our church family gave 1.5 times the monthly budget requirement in December, so we did not finish \$30k behind budget but instead exceeded budget by \$8k. As reflected on the balance sheet, your stewardship committee is working to take advantage of rising interest rates by investing our reserves in safe, high-yield CDs. Thank you for your continued generosity to the mission in 2023. Let's begin this year as well as we finished last year.

We will continue to prioritize debt reduction through building fund giving and surplus operating revenue. Last year, we were able to pay down \$279k in debt, bringing our debt total down to \$665,444. Our goal is to continue to pay down debt as quickly as possible and have it completely eliminated by June 2024.

After three years, we are finally going back to Jamaica to continue our more than ten year partnership with Springfield and Buckingham Baptist Churches. It is short notice but commitments need to be made by January 31. I hope you will prayerfully consider joining the team this year. We hope to announce dates for a 20schemes trip to Scotland this year as well.

Remember, the first question to ask when considering a mission trip is not, "Can I afford it?" or "Do I have the time?" The first question should be, "Is God calling me to it?" If so, He will provide the time and resources for you to go. We have templates of letters that can help you raise financial support among your family members and friends. Please don't let costs keep you from exploring the possibilities.

## Pastor's Report

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This month Parkview Fitness celebrates five years of service to our community. Everyone is invited to an open house on January Thursday, January 26, from 2-4pm. Our volunteers continue to invest a tremendous amount of time, energy, and effort in making sure that we are able to provide our community and church family with a place specifically designed to care for mind, body, and soul. I hope you will drop by and hear the team's vision for the future of Parkview Fitness. Along the same lines, we offer First Place for Health, a Bible-centered curriculum designed to help people meet physical goals while strengthening their faith. A new study is scheduled to begin, Friday, February 24, so now is the time to sign up and get involved.

As I mentioned in an email and on Sunday, January 8, that the band director from Ft White announced his retirement and then very sadly and unexpectedly passed away. We mourn his loss with our friends from Ft White. As it turns out one of the students that he mentored has taken his place and that student is our own David Harris. David accepted the full-time position as band director at Ft White and started on January 9. His last day as a full-time pastor here at Parkview was January 8. At the time of the writing of this report, the deacons have not yet met to approve a bi-vocational job description and salary package for David. They will do so in their meeting on Monday, January 23. You will receive a recommendation and a motion along with the business meeting agenda on Wednesday, January 25. If you would like to know the motion prior to the meeting, please contact the church office on Tuesday. We are thrilled that David and Emily will be staying right here, worshipping with us and involving themselves in ministry as they always have. As a church we will pray for David in this transition as we send him into Ft White High School to be a light in that community and a missional influence among the students who will be in his classes.

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

# Children's Ministry Report

Daniel Morris

Parkview Family,

As we begin a new year of ministry together at Parkview I am so excited to see how God will work in and through his people. As you know, our church family is reading through the Bible together this year with the Everyday With Jesus Bible, and I want to encourage parents and grandparents to make the most of this opportunity not only in your own lives, but also in the lives of your children. Let them see you reading and studying the Word of God and be intentional about sharing a story, verse, or a gospel truth with them each day. It is never too early or too late to encourage a love for scripture in the hearts of our children. Join me in being intentional about family discipleship this year.

As I write this letter, we are just a few days away from our first Upward Game Day of the season. We have about 90 children participating in our basketball and cheerleading league this year, with only a few of those families being connected to our church or to any church. For the rest of January and February we will be sharing the gospel with these children during every practice and with their friends and families each Saturday during the halftime of every basketball game. Joining Pastor Mike and I on our basketball coaching team this year are Zac Bielling, Mike McGalliard, Mitch Bishop, Roy Sherrer, Chris Ward, and Ty Wehinger. Emily Morris and Robin Tella are coaching our cheer team, Jimmy Blanton and Josh Roberts are serving as referees, and Ted and April Janson are serving as greeters each Saturday. This ministry is only possible through the time and effort of our volunteer team, and I am so grateful for their willingness to serve in a way that leads to so many gospel opportunities. The potential of Upward Sports at Parkview to reach the lost in Lake City is limited by the number of men and women willing to serve as coaches for one hour on one night of the week and one hour on Saturday mornings for six weeks in January and February. This season we had to limit our cheer groups and our younger basketball divisions. Join me in praying for the families that we are sharing the gospel with now, and consider joining us in this important work.

With the start of our Spring Semester, now is a great time to get your children involved in our weekly discipleship ministries. On Sunday mornings, our preschool and children's Life Groups are continuing our chronological study through the Bible with The Gospel Project for Kids. Over the next few months we will be finishing up the Old Testament and moving into the gospel accounts of the Life and ministry of Jesus. On Wednesday nights at Awana Clubs, our children and preschoolers are involved in small group Bible study, memorization, and mission's education. We have groups for children from 2 years old through 5th grade. We have an outstanding group of leaders that serve in these ministries each week and they are a constant source of joy and encouragement to me as seek to share God's love and truth with the next generation together.

Plans and preparations are already underway for our summer events. Be sure to mark your calendars for Vacation Bible School on June 26-30, and for Super Summer Kids on July 17-20. Both of these will great discipleship opportunities for our kids, so watch for more information in the coming weeks.

It is such a joy to worship and serve Christ with our Parkview Family. Thank you for the opportunity to serve alongside our amazing staff and church family!

Thank you,  
Daniel Morris

# Student Ministry Report

JonSeth Sammons

I believe that God is moving in a big way in our student ministry! God is bringing so much growth in our students. My prayer is that God would grow the faith of our students. 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. We had a bittersweet moment this past Sunday, as we had to say goodbye to our middle school boys' Life Group leader Clay. He is finishing up school on campus in Graceville, fl. Be praying for Clay, but also for our students who were heavily invested in by Clay!

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

## Student Services @ Parkview

Student Worship is my favorite time of the week! We are in a series about sharing the gospel, "Be 1, Bring 1!" Be praying that our students will take their faith seriously and share the good news of Jesus with their friends. It has been a great time of encouragement together! Pray that students would turn from their sin and trust in Christ whole heartedly! I'm boldly praying for many salvations at the words of our students.

- o Pray that students would have a clear understanding of the gospel.
- o Pray that God would move in our student ministry in a mighty way!
- o Pray that God will call some of these students to be missionaries!
- o Pray that we would fall deeply in love with Jesus.

Thank you for your continued prayers! Our goal as leaders in the church is to be led by our great shepherd, Jesus. Thank you all for the way you serve our church family. Please let me know how I can be praying for you!

His glory is our reward,  
JonSeth Sammons

# Worship Ministry Report

Skylar Teel

Parkview Family,

I'm not sure how you viewed 2022. For some it may have been the best year yet. For others it may have been the worst. As I think back on the previous year, so much has happened in our church family. I'm grateful for yet another year to serve the kingdom alongside you.

Last year, a prevalent theme was constantly at the forefront of my mind. God continued to press this phrase into my heart and mind – "Apart from me you can do nothing." It was a helpful reminder as I seek to pastor you well. It was helpful as I seek to be the husband and father that I am called to be. See, you and I desperately need Christ in every single area of our life. I pray that as we start this new year that Christ is our life – not just a piece of our life. We sang a song on New Year's Day that spoke to this theme and resonated with me as we start a new year.

Should nothing of our efforts stand  
No legacy survive  
**Unless the Lord does raise this house**  
**In vain its builders strive**

I'm grateful that as we start a new year we are focusing on knowing the God of the Bible better by reading His Word. There is no better place to know God than in His Word. My prayer is that we would be a people united in loving, cherishing, treasuring, and enjoying God's Word.

The Lord is up to something here at Parkview. In 2022 we saw incredible life change through regular baptisms. I can't wait to see how the Lord is going to use each of us for His glory as we seek to get the gospel to our friends, community, and ultimately to the nations.

Our worship ministry is back in full force. I'm so excited to have our choir back with us on Sundays. If you see a choir member, be sure to encourage them for how they lead us faithfully every week. I can't wait for a few special Sundays on the horizon – MultiGen Sunday (March 5), followed by Easter weekend. It's going to be an incredible spring season.

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 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

3rd Quarter | November 2, 2022

- Meeting called to order on November 2, 2022, at 6:54 pm with prayer by Pastor Mike Tatem following Midweek Worship Service.
- Motion made by Mark Ficken to approve Agenda as printed, second by Larry Brown, carried.
- Motion made by Bobby Clark to approve Minutes as printed, second by Mary White, carried.
- Motion made by Julian Singleton to approve Clerk's Report as printed, second by Sue Harmon, 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:
    - The Deacons made a motion and second to accept the holiday schedules as presented. There were no questions asked. Motion carried.
    - Motion from the floor to elect messengers to the Florida Baptist State Convention in Pensacola, FL on November 14-15. So far, we know that the staff who will be attending are: Mike & Judy Tatem, Skylar Teel, David Harris, JonSeth Sammons, and Daniel & Emily Morris. Motion made by Larry Brown with a second by Susie Larson. Motion carried.
    - The Stewardship Committee made a motion and second to approve the Budget Summary and Budget Narrative for the proposed 2023 Budget. There were no questions asked. Motion carried.
    - The Nominating Committee made a motion and second to approve the committee members for 2023. There were no questions asked. Motion carried.
- Motion made by Quentin Boyle to adjourn, second by Matthew Graham
- Meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm with prayer by Pastor Mike.

# Church Membership Report

October 1 – December 31

## Church Membership Totals

Beginning (October 1): 1,771

Additions: 19

Losses: 12

Ending (December 31): 1,778

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## Additions

### Baptisms

1. Lincoln Graham | October 16
2. Meghan Bishop | October 23
3. Mitchell Bishop | October 23
4. Jayson Sammons | October 30
5. Ryleigh Trespalacios | October 30
6. Levy DeAndrade | October 30
7. Donald Coon | November 13
8. Mike Martin | November 27
9. Bentley Beil | November 27

### Letter of Transfers

1. Bethany Harris | October 12
2. Kevin Chappell | October 17
3. Shane Thompson | October 28
4. Larry Potts | October 28
5. Julia Rivera | November 3
6. Chris Smith | November 7
7. Kimberly Mezger | November 21

### Statement of Faith

1. Amber Reustle | October 12
2. Jack Russell | October 28
3. Rhonda Russell | October 28

## Losses

### Transfers

1. James Barkley | Shiloh Baptist Church
2. Michelle Barkley | Shiloh Baptist Church
3. Kent Elder | Hopeful Baptist Church
4. Laveenia Elder | Hopeful Baptist Church
5. Josh Simpson | Hopeful Baptist Church
6. Lori Simpson | Hopeful Baptist Church
7. Matt Simpson | Hopeful Baptist Church
8. Sara Simpson | Hopeful Baptist Church
9. Sandy Furches | Oak Park Baptist Church

### Deaths

1. Elsie Huddleston | October 7
2. Bobby Bishop | November 10
3. Elsie Hickman | December 6