

Pastor's Report
Congregational Business Meeting
July 28, 2021

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, July 28, 2021, 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.

The writer of Hebrews has reminded us to “consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together” (Heb 10:24-25). I am grateful to be a part of a church family that takes its involvement in the work of the kingdom through Parkview seriously. I am grateful for the volunteers who give their time weekly and monthly in preparation and program, who give added meaning to our time together, and who have taken ownership in this thing called Parkview. They make what we do possible, and their support allows us to do it with excellence to the glory of God. Thank you!

We are beginning to see the fluctuations in our weekly church attendance trend upwards. It appears that our lows are where our averages were just a month ago (around 240) and our highs are now beginning to break the 300-barrier. I am encouraged by the number of people who continue to interact with us virtually through Facebook Live and YouTube. I anticipate that we will continue to see positive results from our future NEXT classes as we continue to use those gathering to intentionally invite people to embrace the gospel, be baptized, and join in the work of the kingdom through membership at Parkview.

Parkview's 67th Anniversary is coming up, and we are planning to celebrate it on August 15. We are considering safe options for that day and how we might use it to not only celebrate our past but encourage our families for engagement in Parkview's mission for the future. Our worship and Life Group schedules will remain the same, however, the Life Groups that meet in the fellowship hall will have to cancel or relocate for the day.

Soon, many of us will be getting back into the rhythms of work, school, and rest. I hope that you will consider adding faithful participation in a Life Group to that rhythm. We believe that if everyone gave not just one hour on Sunday morning for worship, but also committed an additional hour to small group Bible studies that our church would grow stronger in its faith, in its boldness, in the health of our marriages and families, and yes, in numbers. A higher level of involvement in worship and small group Bible studies leads to a higher level of outreach in our community and a larger volunteer base needed to accommodate the growth that occurs when people start prioritizing Jesus in their lives and in that of their families.

The second of three family-related conferences is scheduled for August 20-21 and will focus on Grace-filled parenting. I hope that as everyone gets back into the routine of the school year, our NextGen parents will use this time to be encouraged in their walks with Christ and how to develop that walk in their children.

I know that global travel has been somewhat difficult because of Covid-19 restrictions, but it appears that some of those restrictions are being lifted. I believe that Parkview is well-positioned to take a more global approach to our missionary endeavors. We have established a construction mission team that serves the kingdom well here in the United States. We are praying that our Jamaica partnership will resume in July 2022. I would also like us to consider expanding our global impact beyond this hemisphere.

There are two global impact opportunities that I would like for our church to consider. The first is a partnership with IMB missionary Tom Kirby. Tom serves with Syrian refugees in Greece. Joe and Susan Crocker will be heading that way in 2022 to help organize short term mission trips to support the work there. Much of the work is supported financially by our contributions to the Southern Baptist Convention through the Cooperative Program and to the International Mission Board directly through the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. My goal will be to send missionary teams and possibly financial support through an ongoing partnership in the future.

The second partnership is one with an organization called 20Schemes. 20Schemes is partnered with the Gospel Coalition to reach the impoverished areas (Schemes) of Scotland, and to plant churches in those areas by training indigenous leaders to disciple others. Our goal would be to establish ongoing support for the work through the regular sending of mission teams, and possibly through regular, ongoing financial assistance.

I am grateful for the generosity of the Parkview family. We surpassed our goal of \$10,000 for our One More Child (Florida Baptist Children's Home) offering. We are \$153,000 away from getting our debt below \$1M, and I am confident that we will be there before the end of the year. We are working on a budget proposal for the 2022 fiscal year and will have a budget summary to you prior to the meeting in October. Our goal is to present a budget where the overall total remains the same or increases by less than two percent.

Deacon nomination forms are available in print and online. Please prayerfully consider submitting the names of men who are actively involved in every aspect of the ministry here at Parkview. Qualified men will be serving in some capacity already and will be faithfully participating in the overall life of the church, including Life Groups and regular attendance in worship. We will ballot your qualified nominations at a special called business meeting on Sunday, September 19, at the close of each service. You will have the opportunity to vote online as well.

Thank you all for your faithfulness to the work here at Parkview. Stay safe and stay connected!

Children's Ministry Update

Parkview Family,

Thank you for your continued prayers and support for our Children's Ministry. It is a joy to serve with you at Parkview as we seek to reach the next generation together. We have had an exciting summer of ministry with the children of Parkview and I'm looking forward seeing all that God will do in the coming months.

We had a great week of discipleship through Vacation Bible School at the end of June and beginning of July, with about 100 kids enrolled and just over 50 volunteers. Our leaders faithfully shared the gospel with these children each day, and we were able to connect with families from our community that have never been a part of a church family. Thank you to everyone who served our church and community so well through VBS. Please join me in praying for the families we connected with that week and the children who have responded to the gospel.

Just last week, we took our 3rd-5th graders to Super Summer Kids at Lake Yale. This was another solid week of discipleship for our children and it's always a joy to see God work in the lives of our kids at camp. Thank you to Janna Hornbaker, Lisa Swisher, and Emily Morris for taking such good care of our kids at camp!

Looking ahead to the fall, our fall semester of Awana Clubs begins on August 11. This ministry for children 2 years old through 5th Grade focuses on hiding the Word of God in the hearts of our children. Sign your kids up now at www.pbclc.com/awana. It takes about 40 weekly volunteers to effectively lead this ministry, so begin praying now about how God may be calling you to serve in this ministry.

On Sunday mornings, our preschool and children's Life Groups will be finishing up our three-year chronological journey through the Bible in August, and beginning again with Genesis in September. With a new school year starting in just a few weeks, our promotion Sunday is coming up on August 15. That Sunday morning, our kids will be moving to their new Life Groups, so be sure not to miss this first Sunday of the school year. As always, greeters and teachers will be at each Check-In Desk, ready to help everyone find their place.

God is moving in a significant way in our Next Generation Ministries at Parkview. Right now, we have about ten children who have responded to the gospel and are moving through the process of preparing for baptism. Join me in praying for these children and their parents as they walk through an intentional time of family discipleship that ensures a firm understanding of basic Christian beliefs including the truth of who God is, why Jesus died for us, the reality of sin, the nature of the church, and the importance of baptism and the Lord's Supper. Nothing brings me greater joy in ministry than helping parents have gospel conversations with their children and seeing them baptized.

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

Student Ministry Update

It has officially been a year since being here @ Parkview! That time has flown by! Thank you for the love we have been shown here! We are so excited for what God is going to do in year two!

- **Summer Recap**

My first summer was filled with highs and lows!

We had camp and it was an amazing week of worship and fun! I prayed leading up to this camp that this week would be a week that the students can look back on and say, "That was the week I started taking my faith serious!" I love camp! It puts you in this chamber where you are in the word 3-4 times a day and worship services twice a day! Its purpose is to create a chamber where its all about Jesus, so that you can take it back to the church and live out that camp experience back home. I think camp can really help produce disciples that are all in for Jesus. I believe that is what we got this summer. We had many students who stated that they have been going through the motions and felt refreshed in the Lord. Other students stated that they had a ton of knowledge about who Jesus was but not truly following him with their whole heart, and that they wanted to pursue him whole-heartedly! This camp brought a sense of family to our student ministry. Where before it felt disjointed it now feels more like a family unit! I witnessed students who began to raise their hands in worship, others worshipping for the first time. God moved in the lives of the student and the leaders. Many students mentioned to me how grateful they were for Parkview because of how we worship and how the gospel is preached, which was so encouraging to hear! I am already praying for camp next summer as we plan and begin to prepare to cultivate the passion students have after coming back from camp.

The low of the summer would have to be the fact that halfway through VBS I had to have emergency surgery! But God is good and I'm healing great! I wanted to say thank you for the phone calls, texts, emails, and cards I received! Thanks once again for pouring your love out to me and my family!

- **Sunday Morning Life Groups**

Life Groups are continuing as planned! We are having a great time working through scripture breaking it down and growing in our knowledge of Jesus and how we can be transformed by this knowledge!

- 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**

As of right now we are currently not meeting on campus on Wednesdays. Instead, we are watching a show called The Chosen. It's a new show about the life of Jesus. It has been enriching and we will be doing this until school starts back up!

We are kicking off Student Worship on August 11! We are excited to be back on campus! We are going to be diving into the book of Romans this fall! A daunting task! But one that will fill the students with sound doctrine and bible teaching!

- 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.

- **Upcoming Ministry Plans**

We are taking the students for some fun to Wild Adventures on July 31! Again, we have our first student worship nights back on campus starting August 11!

His glory is our reward,

JonSeth Sammons

Worship Ministry Report

Parkview Family,

I hope that you are making Sundays a priority for you and your family. As the Fall season rolls around and schedules start to settle back into a weekly rhythm and routine, let me encourage you not to forget about the weekly worship service. Prioritize it. Treasure these times. Don't schedule over it. These gathering times are vital for discipleship and sanctification. We need the body of Christ, and we need it on a regular basis. The author of Hebrews says it this way: "And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near." 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.

Our worship ministry is back in full swing. Next Wednesday, August 4 will be our first choir rehearsal back in full force. I'm beyond excited to have our choir back leading us on a weekly basis. The weekly rehearsal times are always a highlight of my week as we rehearse, worship, and laugh together. Now would be a great time to join us if you're interested. I'm really thrilled with how many new people have expressed interest in joining this ministry. Now is your chance to join the army of worshipers that we have in the choir. It is sure to be an amazing season.

Over the next few months our worship ministry will be very busy with several different events. Our choir retreat will be held from August 27-28 ending with our Night of Praise on Sunday, August 29 at 6:00pm. We'll have some special guests that night that I'm really looking forward to having lead alongside our team. Our Night of Praise is always one of my favorite moments of the year. Be sure to invite some friends, family, and co-workers. Later in September, we'll have our kids and students join us for our music portion of the worship service for MultiGen Sunday. It's a joy to see kids, students, and adults – every age and voice – unify their hearts and sing the gospel together. Mark your calendars for Sunday, September 26 for that special Sunday.

We have a need for people to serve on our tech team. If you're interested in running lyrics, sound, or our streaming service, please let me know and we will get you plugged in. Our goal is to try and have people on a once-a-month rotation.

If there is any way that we can serve you or pray for you, please don't hesitate to reach out. Stay connected. It's a joy to be your worship pastor. Love you church!

Soli Deo gloria!

Pastor Skylar

Parkview Family,

First, I want to say that Emily and I were grateful to get away and spend time with our families this month. We had a great time, but are so happy to be back! This Summer has been so busy for me, and so many people that I've talked to seem to feel the same for themselves. Because of this, I'm very excited to get back into a weekly rhythm and settle into the Fall semester. Before we get there, I hope you'll join me in praying for our upcoming Night of Praise that will take place on the last Sunday of August. I'm pumped to come together for a night of worship with the full choir, local church family, and (hopefully) community!

I know this isn't a report on Student Life Camp, but I have to say that our week there was so good for me. I loved seeing our students dig into God's word daily and deepen their friendships with each other. The worship gatherings were so refreshing, and it was incredible to experience the passion in the room that grew as the week went on. I hope the friendships, discipleship, and worship that happened that week will continue to develop in the weeks and months to come. Please pray for our students, and student ministry leaders! John 16:33 was the theme for Student Life Camp 2021:

I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world. -John 16:33

Just like the students were encouraged to find things in their lives that they tend to live for instead of God, I want to challenge all of us to do the same. It's easy to point out examples of idols in others' lives, but it can be painful to get honest with ourselves and see where our priorities are messed up. We don't drift towards holiness, and we tend to buy into the lie that the things of this world can ultimately satisfy us...Jesus is better than those idols that you are able to identify in your life. Let's lay those down and find joy in God.

I'm so grateful to be a part of what Parkview is doing for the sake of the Gospel. I love seeing God work in and through our church, and I feel there are some incredible things in store for us in the days to come. Stay the course. Pray for me, and know that I am praying for you!

In Christ,
David Harris