

Pastor's Report
Congregational Business Meeting
April 22, 2020

Our church meets four times every year to review various reports and affirm the work of our committees and ministry teams. But we are living in unusual times. Because of Covid-19, we are unable to gather on our campuses in large groups. Our quarterly business meeting would have been scheduled for Wednesday, April 29, 2020, but with social distancing restrictions, we realize it will not be possible to conduct business as usual.

We do, however, want to keep our church family informed and allow the opportunity for feedback concerning where the church has been, where we are, and where we believe we are going. Our business meetings have traditionally been a brief time of business where we recognize and celebrate what God is doing in and through His church called Parkview.

Prior to every business meeting, we release a packet of reports that include ministry updates, minutes from previous meetings, a membership report, financial statements, and various staff and committee recommendations that our bylaws require our church to affirm. Even though we cannot meet to conduct actual business, we can still provide this packet of reports to our church family. Anything that needs to be officially approved by the church family will be done at the next scheduled business meeting, whenever the social distancing restrictions are relaxed enough for us to assemble together as a church on our campuses.

The federal government has released a three-phase plan that is designed to safely reopen businesses, schools, churches, and other organizations. We need to realize that whatever "normal" we will eventually return to, will more than likely be a new normal. Our staff and leadership teams are thinking through what these phases will mean and what this new normal will look like for our church in the coming weeks and months.

For now, we will maintain our online-only presence among our church family and in our community. When we get to the point where we can begin opening our campus again, we need everyone to realize that it will not immediately be business as usual. For instance, we will have multiple services, but because of social distancing requirements, we will have to meet in different rooms on our campus. Therefore, even when we begin meeting on campus for worship, our life groups will continue to meet through teleconference ZOOM meetings. Our early service will be earlier than normal in order to clear and sanitize the campus entirely before the next group comes in.

Our on-campus focus will be Sunday mornings at Lake Jeffery. Wednesday midweek services and our NextGen ministries will remain online only. We plan to give priority to our Senior Adults in the first service so that they are walking into a space that has been cleaned, disinfected, and unoccupied for a full week. Because groups will more than likely be limited to 50 in phase one with six feet between families, space will be limited in our worship center. We will need everyone to be patient with us as we try to evenly distribute people throughout the campus

with senior adults in the first service getting priority seating in the worship center and fellowship hall. We will not initially have preschool care or children's church so families with small children will be encouraged to continue to worship at home or be ready to worship as a family with other families in our NextGen spaces.

We have taken steps to upgrade our technology to provide the best online experience possible. We believe that our online presence will be a part of the new normal when the Covid-19 crisis has passed, so we are thinking long term through what that will look like for our church family and what that might mean for our participation in the Great Commission. Please continue to pray for the staff as we pursue a plan that will allow us to maximize our fellowship in corporate worship while maintaining a safe environment. Our goal is to get our church reunited as quickly as possible while continuing to be good neighbors within the community around us.

As you look through the reports in this packet, you will realize that the gospel has not been hindered and church growth has not stopped because of the Covid-19 crisis. We have added new members to our church family. We continue to baptize believers into our church family. Our offerings remain strong due to the generosity of our Parkview families. Thank you for continuing to support the work of the church, for praying through how God might use you to reach your spheres of influence with the gospel, for tuning in online as much as possible, and for your encouraging words online and in notes and cards that we receive in the office.

Pray for our Jamaica partnership. The team has canceled their trip for this year but have already scheduled Vacation Bible School in Jamaica for 2021. The logistics for the construction mission trip are not as complex, so that trip has not yet been officially canceled. The leadership for that team is waiting to see what phase of recovery we will be in by the end of June. Our staff is working through what NextGen ministry will look like this summer. Please pray through these decisions with us as we seek to move forward in ministry as quickly and safely as possible.

We are continuing our search for a student pastor. We are moving carefully (and I know for many of you way too slowly) through this process, but please understand, that we need to be intentional in the hiring process. We have an incredible staff. Finding someone who will fit in doctrinally is the easiest part of the process. But we also need someone who will match the work ethic, philosophy of ministry, and personalities of the current staff. We appreciate your patience and your prayers through this process.

As always, if you have any questions, please feel free to call or email me. Thank you for the privilege of serving the kingdom with you every day. On behalf of the entire staff, please know that we love you and miss you and cannot wait once again to be able to worship with you in person. If you need anything, please let someone know. Our church office, deacons and Life Group leaders are ready to serve you and meet your needs wherever possible. Stay safe and stay connected.

Worship Ministry Report

Parkview Family,

It has definitely been an odd couple of weeks. I miss you dearly. I miss the joy of leading a full room in remembering and rehearsing the gospel together. I miss the passion seen in the room as we all exalt a worthy Savior week after week. I cannot wait until we can join together again. Although we are grateful for the technology that we have that allows us to meet together in a safe format online, I think we can all agree that this is not the ideal. Between worshiping in our PJs or crazy munchkins running around the house, there is an obvious difference in our worship gathering. We are a face to face church. God's plan is for people to be in community. He desires for us to gather together to stir up one another in love and good deeds. What a great and joyous day that will be when we can all gather together in the same room to declare the faithful works of our God.

That being said, I am so encouraged by the idea that family worship is happening all around our community within your own homes. I've seen many families post videos of their kids singing along with us. This is so reassuring. We desire to be a church that empowers our students and children to know and embrace the gospel for themselves. The fact that they are singing these biblical truths with their families is one of the highlights of this entire experience to me. Keep seeking your hope in the God of Hope! Look to Him in these trying times!

To attempt to encourage our worship ministry members, David and I have done a virtual worship gathering online Wednesday evenings at 7:15. Man, do I miss the joy and encouragement found in our times of choir rehearsal. Our hope is that these would be times of encouragement and hope in the midst of social distancing. We are grateful for all of our worship ministry members tuning in.

I cannot wait to gather again!

Soli Deo Gloria!

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Skylar Teel

Next Generation Ministry Report

Parkview Family,

Thank you for helping us stay connected with your children and students as we continue to practice social distancing. I know that this might have been a hard week for many of our families as we just heard that schools will continue distance learning for the rest of the school year, and our children are missing friends and sports. I hope that our church family can help by providing online opportunities for discipleship and community even while we can't be together in one building. I look forward to, and am encouraged by, every Zoom meeting, phone call, and long-distance smile and wave I can share with each of our students and children, and I hope those are an encouragement to them too.

While we are all separated, we are doing our best to stay connected through our Next Generation Ministries. Our Children and Preschool Life Groups are meeting all together using Zoom at 9:15 on Sunday mornings. We wrap up by about 9:45 so that parents have time to get ready for their Life Group meetings at 10am. On Tuesday nights at 6pm we meet on Zoom for a Kid's Ministry Hangout. This time is just for fun and games like charades, indoor scavenger hunts, and Pictionary. On Wednesdays, I have encouraged our families to continue working through their children's Awana books, sharing videos of their kid's reciting verses and answering questions as they go. Every other Thursday we distribute "Quarantine Survival Bags" to our children and preschoolers with snacks, toys, craft supplies, and activity sheets to use with all of our online programming. As I write this, we are preparing 50 more bags to pass out at the church office on Thursday. I look forward to every opportunity we have to connect with the children and families of Parkview. Thank you for helping your children be a part of these! For more information about any of these online gatherings, follow our Facebook page and check your email for our weekly updates.

Our students are also staying connected primarily through Zoom meetings. Student Life Groups meet at 10am on Sunday mornings with a large group teaching time and breakouts with their small groups and Life Group leaders. On Wednesday nights at 7pm, our students meet on Zoom again with a time for games and discussion of their Bible reading plan. Since our social distancing began, our students have read the Gospel of John together, and have recently started the book of Acts. Thank you to Billy and Denise Young who have coordinated and led all of these Zoom meetings with our students while we have been unable to gather in person. Encourage your students to join us for these online gatherings, and to join us in reading one chapter of Acts each day. You can keep up with all of this through our weekly Student Ministry emails and social media updates.

As we look ahead to the summer months, we will need to make some disappointing changes. Our Super Summer Camps for children and students will not be happening at Lake Yale this year. We are still planning to offer some kind of camp experience for both of these groups, but they will probably include only our church family. I know this will be sad news for some of our kids and students, but we will do everything we can to make sure that both groups can still be

together for the weeks of July 6-10 for students and July 13-16 for children. It will be a few more weeks before we have more details to share and of course we will need to comply with any CDC or local government suggestions. Watch for more information in our weekly emails and on our social media pages.

We have also decided to reschedule our Vacation Bible School. The new dates will be July 27-31, 2020. We think that this new date will give us a better chance of holding a VBS in the same way we have been able to in past years. I'm still looking forward to a great week of discipleship and outreach for our children with LifeWay's Concrete and Cranes, and I'm also excited about the opportunity to serve alongside a number of our students as they learn to share the gospel with children.

Know that I am praying for our children, students, and parents while we are apart. Please let me know how I can be praying for you and your family. Let's do our best to take advantage of every opportunity God has given us to disciple our children and help them to love and serve the Savior with their lives. I can't wait until we can all gather together again in person!

Thank you,
Daniel Morris