

Quarterly Business Packet

4th Quarter: October 1 – December 31, 2023

Meeting: Wednesday, January 31, 2024

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Quarterly Business Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, January 31

1. Open
2. Approve Agenda
3. Approve Minutes
4. Approve Clerk's Report
5. Approve Stewardship Report
6. Pastor's Report
7. Old Business
8. New Business
9. Adjourn

Previous Meeting Minutes

3rd Quarter | Wednesday, November 1, 2023

- Meeting called to order on November 1, 2023, at 6:57pm with prayer by Pastor Mike Tatem.
- Motion made by Larry Brown to approve Agenda as printed, second by Cindy Keys, carried.
- Motion made by Sharon Keys to approve Minutes as printed, second by Jim Smith, carried.
- Motion made by Robin Tella to approve Clerk's Report as printed, second by Quentin Boyle, carried.
- Motion made by Roy Sherrer to approve messengers to Florida Baptist Convention, second by Jim Smith, carried.
- Motion and second from Stewardship Committee to approve Stewardship Reports as presented. There were no questions asked. Motion carried.
- Motions for consideration presented. There were no questions. Motion carried.
- Motion to approve Church Committees and Officers as presented. There were no questions asked. Motion carried.
- Motion to approve budget as presented. There were no questions asked. Motion carried.
- Pastor's Report was reviewed and discussed with congregation.
- Motion made by Ryan Trespalacios to adjourn, second by Quentin Boyle.
- Meeting adjourned at 6:15pm with prayer by Pastor Mike.

Church Membership Report

October 1 – December 31

Church Membership Totals

Beginning (October 1): 1,809

Additions: 10

Losses: 2

Ending (December 31): 1,817

Additions

Baptisms

1. Kathryn Bennet | October 15
2. Valerie Myers | November 5
3. Joy Johns | November 26

Letter of Transfers

1. Tyler Tomlinson | October 3
2. Edward Fuller | October 16
3. Susan Fuller | October 16
4. Matt Cashmore | October 31
5. Misty Cashmore | October 31
6. Lauryn Cashmore | October 31

Statement of Faith

1. Cindy Jo | October 1

Losses

Transfers

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Deaths

1. Ralph Norris | October 7
2. Marty Cook | October 7

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 31, 2024, 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.

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.) 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 16 people in 2023. 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 will continue to press the four ministry objectives of our recent bylaw changes, worship, community, discipleship, and mission into every aspect of our church, including programming, service opportunities, and the allocation of financial resources. We have outlined and presented a new church covenant, Next Gen core values, and mission convictions that will guide what we do as a church in the coming year and for years to come.

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 you and to our church family for your generosity and your cheerful and faithful giving in 2023. We finished the year with overall giving 4.6% above budget. In operations we spent 8.4% less than budget. We were able to use that 13% surplus to pay down debt by an additional \$175,596. Combined with regular building fund giving, we paid down a total of \$495,444 in 2023. At the end of January 2024, our debt now sits at just under \$100k which we anticipate will be paid before our June 2024 goal.

We did have to use the money that had been designated for kitchen renovations to replace our buses. Now we have two brand new buses that we trust God will use as tools to advance the gospel and expand His kingdom. We are in the process of building a new and more protective bus enclosure. Those plans are still in permitting with the city. Since we plan to have the building debt paid off by June 2024, we hope that our church family will contribute to the building fund in order to renovate our kitchen and take care of some deferred maintenance issues related to roofing and general upkeep of the interior spaces on our campus. We hope that through sustained giving, we can begin that work some time in 2025.

I am grateful that the Lord has honored our request to expand our global footprint in missions. I want to encourage you to participate in a mission trip this year. 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. We have a new "To the Nations" class scheduled for March 8-9 for those who want to participate in a short-term mission trip this year and for those who want to hear the mission convictions that will drive our future missionary endeavors.

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Pastor's Report

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February 14 is Ash Wednesday which signifies the beginning of Lent. We have a Wednesday night dinner scheduled for that evening. Please make sure you reserve your spot and get on the list by Monday, February 12. We would like to gather the church together for a Holy Convocation to sing, pray, and seek the presence of the Lord. We will not be hosting holy week gatherings for the North Florida Baptist Network this year. I hope you will make every effort to join us for our Good Friday Service on March 29, 2024.

I am excited to see what God has in store for us this year, how He will use us to change lives here in Lake city through our various ministry teams and then beyond Lake City through our involvement in church planting, short term mission trips, and financial support of the missionary agencies that we are connected to as a Southern Baptist Church. 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'm excited to see how God will use our church family here in Lake City and around the world. As you know, we are once again following a Bible reading plan together, and parents, I want to encourage you to take advantage of this discipleship opportunity with your family too. Share a few verses of what you have read with your children or share the truths that God is leading you to better understand and live out with your family during your family devotion time. It doesn't need to be complicated, but consistent faithfulness in leading your children to read and hear God's Word will make an eternal difference in their lives.

As I write this, we have just finished our first Upward Game Day of the season. We have about 95 children participating in basketball and cheerleading teams this year, and the vast majority of those families do not attend church anywhere. Sports ministry provides a unique opportunity for sharing the gospel with children and families that would otherwise never hear that truth. There is no other ministry or event that Parkview does that leads lost people in our community to come on campus to hear the gospel through practice and game devotions twice a week for eight weeks. At almost every practice night so far this season, I have had the opportunity to engage in one-on-one gospel conversations with parents and grandparents. Join me in praying for these families and for our volunteers that are having similar interactions each week. This ministry takes a significant number of volunteers serving as coaches, assistant coaches, referees, and greeters during January and February to be effective. Joining me on the coaching team this year are Clay Rainer, Amber Reustle, Emily Morris, Mike McGalliard, Brad & Stephanie Hough, Mitch Bishop, Zac & Ashlie Bielling, Chris Ward, Rich Schultz, and Justin Morrison. Emily, Robin Tella, Jessica & Aspen Ward, and Tiana Biel are coaching and helping with our cheer team. Jimmy Blanton, Shawn Morrison, and Josh Roberts are serving as referees and Ted and April Janson are serving as greeters during our Game Days. I am so grateful for the willingness of these men and women to serve our community and share the gospel with the children and families of Lake City. I hope you will prayerfully consider joining this ministry team as we still have 5 more weeks of practices and games.

The start of a new year is also a great time to get reconnected with the weekly discipleship ministries of Parkview. Our Life Groups and Kid's Worship times on Sunday mornings consistently speak the truth of the gospel into the lives of my own children, and our adult Life Group is constant source of encouragement and gospel community for Emily and me. Nothing can replace the habit of studying the Word of God together with your church family and living in community and that is true for parents and for the next generation. Develop those habits in your children's lives now and lead them in that prioritizing the Sunday gathering of the church in your own lives.

We are already beginning to prepare for our summer events this year, and I want to go ahead and share some important dates with you. First, our Vacation Bible School falls on a different week this year: June 10-14. This change will help our student ministry team, including Pastor JonSeth and myself, that will be spending a week on mission in Hungary also be able to serve in VBS. The other date I want to share is our week at Super Summer Kids for 3rd-5th graders on July 15-18. I hope you will make plans now to serve on the VBS team and to involve your children in both of these discipleship opportunities.

Thank you for the opportunity to worship and serve alongside you in ministry at Parkview! You are a constant reminder of God's grace in my family's life.

Thank you,
Daniel Morris

Student Ministry Report

JonSeth Sammons

*“But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ- by grace you have been saved.”
-Ephesians 2:4-5*

I have been so overwhelmed with how God is moving in our student ministry! I couldn't have been more encouraged over the past year and how God used our life groups and student worship service. We have seen new leaders join our team and infuse life and passion for our students. God is so good in how he works!

I'd ask you to join us in prayer as we are pushing through the book of Ephesians on Wednesday nights. God is using that book to remind us of the gospel in knowledge, but also in how we are to live according to the gospel. “The gospel changes everything” is the tagline for this series.

Next, we will be diving into a series on the spiritual health of a believer.

Summit Weekend is right around the corner. We are so excited to partner with a few churches in our city to put this weekend on. A major win from recent is the number of new faces we have had! Praise God! Our students are inviting their friends, which was a major goal for our student ministry last year!

His glory is our reward,
JonSeth Sammons

Worship Ministry Report

Skylar Teel

Parkview Family,

It's a joy to pastor you and serve alongside of you. Sundays are always the highlight of my week. It's a special and significant moment when the church gathers to magnify Christ. Never undervalue the gathering. God invites us into His presence every time we meet. We do so corporately on a regular basis because we need regular reminders of the gospel. Let's sing loudly and come expectantly as we worship Him! As we journey through the book of Acts this year we'll see how dependent upon the Spirit early believers were. I pray we would join them as we eagerly seek the Lord every time we come together on Sunday mornings.

I love serving alongside our worship team. Our choir is back and leading us in full force on Sunday mornings. Our choir and our band lead us well and I'm incredibly thankful for them and their friendship. There is always a need for more choir members, so join us on Wednesday nights as we continue to make Easter preparations. We also have a need for more tech team members. Let me know if you're interested in serving in this way.

I love our life groups and we have seen incredible fruit over the last year. We've added 5 groups since February 2023 and they are each doing well. The addition of our Wednesday night life groups + home groups have been really successful. I'm thrilled to see so many in gospel community. I'm praying for authentic gospel community to continue to be formed through our life groups. I'm always looking for more ways to continue to multiply our discipleship efforts. Are you involved in a life group? If not, I hope you consider joining one in 2024. We have so many different options for each season of life. We believe in these groups and we're seeing God do some incredible things through them. Jump in and see your relationship with God deepened and amazing friendships formed.

After Easter we're going to spend a few weeks in another discipleship class teaching on how to properly read, study, and pray God's Word. Be on the lookout for more information for this upcoming class. These types of classes have been incredible times that deepen our faith and sharpen us in community.

I love being your worship pastor. I'm praying for you and asking God to do some amazing things in our midst over the coming months. Let's not limit what God can do through His people. May we all actively seek unity around the gospel!

Soli Deo gloria!

Pastor Skylar