

The Parkview Banner

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Far and away the best moment of my year was last week. I baptized my son Devon into the fellowship of Christ on Monday, October 7th. He had made a decision of repentance and had chosen to become a follower of our Savior and Lord. It's too difficult to put into words what a profound, humbling, and beautiful moment that was for our family so I will not try to do so here in this space. I would like to mention a phrase that stood out to me from that event.

We baptized Devon in the baptistry at Draper Park Christian Church up in Oklahoma City. We did this so that my grandfather Jim Avery, who baptized me in the same baptistry 27 years ago, could be in attendance. Immediately after Devon was immersed I asked my grandpa to pray. During his prayer he thanked God for many things but one thought stuck out to me. He thanked God for the “undeserved favor” He has shown our family. As soon as he used this phrase I was blown away cause I realized that every one of his children, grandchildren, and all of their spouses knows who Jesus is and has given their life to Him. And now he was sitting in attendance to see the next generation follow down this path as well.

I don't imagine very many people nearing their 90's can look down the family tree and say the same thing but those who can certainly have experienced the favor of the Lord. The only response should be worship and gratitude for His grace. The temptation I imagine would be to allow this to inflate one's pride. Look at the legacy I have passed along. Look how blessed MY family is! But my grandfather in his wisdom thanked God for our family's “undeserved favor”. As a pastor for decades he knows as well as anyone that God-fearing parents who do everything right often are left praying for their children and grandchildren who have chosen a different path rather than being able to sit in the position he sat Monday night.

The lesson of humility is necessary for us all. Whatever we might be tempted to hang our hat on, whatever we would like to point to as evidence of our sainthood we must give in worship and gratitude back to God. All we have, all we've been given and all that is promised to us that we wait upon is truly the undeserved favor of our Father.

Justin

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- 11/3 Michal Griffin
- 11/5 Jared Standridge
- 11/6 Eli Owens
- 11/6 Creed Foster
- 11/9 Cassidy Standridge
- 11/11 Amelia Woods
- 11/13 Dick Darrow
- 11/13 Elaine Murray
- 11/14 Juanita Goss
- 11/16 Jayson Veach
- 11/16 Sue Howard
- 11/19 Dixie Elder
- 11/19 Madison Talbert
- 11/21 Jennifer Veach
- 11/21 Teri Elrod
- 11/23 Ed Deplois
- 11/25 Joe Spencer
- 11/25 Susi Jantz
- 11/26 Claudene Alt
- 11/27 John Sill
- 11/28 Keri Len Nickels
- 11/29 Lucas Tarbox
- 11/30 Coy Eskew
- 11/30 Retta Woods

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**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

- 11/2 Terry & Robin Smith
- 11/9 Galen & Marge McLaughlin

**Called to Serve in November 2019**

Leading Worship: Steve Burks, Jerry Hughes, Cassidy Standridge, Jennifer Spray, Heidi Avery

**GREETERS & DOORHOLDERS**

- 11/3 1-Pete Cozzitorto; 2-Shirlene Cozzitorto; 3-Paula Veach; 4-Jennifer Veach
- 11/10 1-Teresa Fulton; 2-Weyman Fulton; 3-Elsie Hinson; 4-Dixie Elder
- 11/17 1-Pat Crawford; 2-Kay Cordell; 3-Mary Sill; 4-Pat Walters
- 11/24 1-Galen McLaughlin; 2-Marge McL; 3-Howard V.; 4-Shelley Stahlman

**Communion Thoughts**

- 11/3 Joe Spencer
- 11/10 Ed Deplois
- 11/17 Jared Standridge
- 11/24 Howard Victory

**NURSERY**

- 11/3 \_\_\_\_\_
- 11/10 Tonya Martinez
- 11/17 Retta Woods
- 11/24 Amy Wilson

**SERVING THE LORD'S SUPPER/PASSING PLATES**

- 11/3 Roy Graham, Anthony Hart, Galen McLaughlin, Danny Chaney
- 11/10 Joe Boley, Norman Fritz, Jared Standridge, \_\_\_\_\_
- 11/17 Joe Spencer, Shawn Jantz, Howard Victory, \_\_\_\_\_
- 11/24 Ron Wood, Pete Cozzitorto, James Tarbox, Robert Martinez

**CHILDREN'S WORSHIP**

- 11/3 Kids Worship Dismissed Today
- 11/10 Joseph and Rose Woods
- 11/17 Jennifer Spray, Joseph Woods
- 11/24 Jared Standridge, Retta Woods



**Veterans Day**

**NOVEMBER 11TH**

**PRAYER WARRIOR(S)**

- 11/4-10 Elsie Hinson
- 11/11-17 Mary Ann Turley
- 11/18-24 Steve & Lana Burks
- 11/25-12/1 Joella Wood

**MON.,  
NOV. 11TH  
AT 7PM  
Elders/Deacons  
MEET**

It's hard to believe the first nine-weeks of the school year is already in the books. It's been busy for the youth but we've got a few more events to finish out the calendar year. Here's all the important details.



First, the high school students will be attending *The Event* at Ozark Christian College on November 1-2. If your student isn't registered, please let Joseph know quickly if he/she will be attending. The cost is \$35 plus money for two fast food type meals. When you register, please let Joseph know what size shirt your student needs. Register by contacting Joseph at 999-2055.

Second, the children's Christmas program will be December 15<sup>th</sup> during our morning service. That means it's time to begin practice. Practices will begin at 6:00 on Wednesdays in the auditorium. Please note that this is 30 minutes earlier than our normal start time of 6:30. If you would like your child to be a part of the program, it is very important that your student attends the practices. Please make sure your student(s) is here as often as possible.

Finally, Winter Camp at Camp Sooner will be December 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>. Winter Camp is for students in grades 6-12. We will leave the church building at 5 p.m. on December 6<sup>th</sup>. Dinner will not be served that evening so your student should eat dinner before coming or you can send money and we will stop at McDonald's on the way. We will return on December 8<sup>th</sup> around noon. They will be served breakfast that day but not lunch. The cost for Winter Camp is \$50 and the price includes a shirt. Pick up a registration form in the front foyer and return completed to Joseph. Your student must be registered by November 17<sup>th</sup> to guarantee a shirt.

I'm particularly excited about this year's Winter Camp because of our speaker, Eric Epperson. Eric is currently the Vice President of Storytelling at Christ in Youth. He has served as the programming director of Move, CIY's summer HS conference. He has produced award-winning short films and documentaries, including *Love Costs Everything*. Eric studied writing and improv at Chicago's Second City. We had the opportunity to hear Eric speak this summer at CIY. He is indeed a phenomenal storyteller and your student will be blessed to hear him tell the story of God and His church.

From the Vineyard,  
Joseph

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Sunday School at 9:30am Sunday Worship at 10:30am  
 Sun. PM Jr & Sr High Students

Wednesday Meals at 5:30pm (Donations Taken)

Wed., Students Meets at 6pm, Adults 6:30-7:30pm  
 Kids Meet 6-7:30pm

# REJOICE!

as Devon Avery was baptized on  
 Oct. 6th at Draper Park CC,  
 OKC by his father, Justin. We're  
 so happy for his decision and look  
 forward to helping him grow in  
 the Lord. Devon is a 4th grader  
 at Grand Elementary.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3RD 6PM AT PARKVIEW

# Upper room WORSHIP

Annual All Church  
 Thanksgiving Dinner  
 Sunday, Nov. 17th at 5pm

*Turkey, dressing, potatoes, gravy,  
 rolls and drinks will be provided.*

EVERYONE is asked to bring  
 Salads, Veggies,  
 Desserts.

*Each family  
 please bring  
 2 dishes.*

*Happy  
 Thanksgiving*



## PANTRY

It's Donation Time at  
 Parkview

Bring your  
 non-perishable food  
 items to Parkview.

**We'll deliver them  
 for you.**