

# The Parkview Banner

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Well the last time I wrote a newsletter article I had no idea what was coming for us as a church. If I HAD known by some prophetic vision of the season we would be walking through I imagine I would have attempted to prepare us for this event.

Perhaps I would have written about the power of hope or maybe I would have focused on how our faith enables us to overcome fear. I could have taken a more practical approach and discussed what online church would look like, the need to stay in touch with one another or discipling your children apart from the weekly routine of going to church. The more I think about it though I'm not sure that one article would have made any bit of difference in the long run.

At the end of the day God prepares us as individuals, families and congregations years in advance for what comes. And no matter what comes our way nothing changes the essential elements of our faith. We follow Jesus. It's that simple. Whether it's in a pandemic, war, famine or a time of peace and plenty, we follow Jesus.

## Colossians 2:6-7

**“Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.”**

Walk in Him. You received Him by grace and so continue to walk in Him. Grow the foundations and roots of your life and family deep into faith in Him just as you have been taught. And in all things be thankful. This was our simple call to life 3 months ago in peace and calm. It is our call to life now in a pandemic and it will continue to be our way of life whatever the next valley brings us.

Hopefully we will very soon begin a transition back to rhythms of home, work and church life that we are more familiar and comfortable with. God willing we will all see each other again soon but before we do I would ask you to examine yourself. Think on these past few weeks and on what God has taught you.

Justin



Join us online Monday through Friday at 9am for Biscuits & Avery, the morning Psalms Devo

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

- 5/2 Ron Morris
- 5/4 Robin Grossnicklaus
- 5/5 Devon Avery
- 5/6 Olivia Griffin
- 5/7 Zach Nickels
- 5/7 Chelsea Weger
- 5/8 Roy Graham
- 5/14 Danny Bothroyd
- 5/15 Terry Smith
- 5/15 Leah Avery
- 5/16 Emma Woods
- 5/16 Rook Lewis
- 5/17 Maddox Foster
- 5/17 Bailey Tarbox
- 5/18 Kay Lewis
- 5/18 Beth Graves
- 5/19 Janie Spencer
- 5/25 Kent Foster
- 5/30 Mary Sill



**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

- 5/3 Joseph & Rose Woods
- 5/22 Justin & Heidi Avery
- 5/26 CD & Glenda Trujillo
- 5/27 Steve & Lana Burks

**May 2020 Prayer Warriors**

- 5/4– 10 Steve & Lana  
Burks
- 5/11-17 Joella Wood
- 5/18-24 Pat Walters
- 5/25-31 Janie Harris

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Sunday Worship 10:30am live online  
 Wednesday Night 6:30pm live online

Monday—Friday at 9am live online  
 Biscuits & Avery - the morning Psalm Devo  
<https://parkview.freeonlinechurch.com/live>  
<https://www.facebook.com/PVCCOK/>

Sunday Morning Children’s Lesson 9:30am on the  
 facebook group  
[pccfamilyministry2020](https://www.facebook.com/pccfamilyministry2020)

Jr High and High School Youth Group



*We're Rejoicing!!!*



at the baptism on Wednesday, March 25th at  
 Parkview of Jennifer Spray. Jennifer is married to  
 Michael, and they’re the parents of twins, Micheal  
 and Nicholas, and of Lindsay and Kelsey. The  
 Sprays are an active part of the Parkview family.  
 Jennifer is a member of our Sunday morning praise  
 and worship team. They live at 2794 CS 2786,  
 Chickasha, OK 73018.



and at the baptism of Everett Michael Kent on  
 Wednesday, April 1st at Parkview. Everett is the  
 great grandson of John & Mary Sill. His mom is  
 April Kent. They live in Chickasha and Everett is in  
 the 4th grade.



Waiting. For many of us, waiting is not our strength. But often times, we're not given a choice. We're forced into moments and seasons of waiting. Sometimes those seasons move more quickly than we've anticipated and sometimes they move at a glacial pace. Right now, we're all in a season of waiting. Waiting for life to return to something more familiar. A life where we can return to work, go out to eat, travel places other than the grocery store, congregate with our brothers and sisters in Christ physically, and perhaps most importantly, return to a time and place where we don't have to think about being infected with a potentially deadly virus every time we leave our house.

After Governor Stitt's conference, it seems we may be close to realizing some of these things. However, even if all goes as planned, it will still be over a month until everything returns to "normal", with no assurance that we're actually out of the Covid-19 woods. So, we wait.

This waiting has me thinking of God's people who anxiously, and longingly waited for Messiah. Except they didn't wait days, weeks, or months like us. They waited decades, centuries, and millenniums. It was in the earliest days of man's existence that Messiah was spoken of when God promised that Satan's head would be crushed under Messiah's foot. It would be a long time until Jesus would actually come. I think about all those heroes of faith written of in Hebrews who obediently followed God wherever He might lead, waiting for Israel to be restored, waiting for Messiah, never getting the chance to lay eyes on Him.

However, Hebrews 11:39-40 says, "And all these, though commended through their faith, did not receive what was promised, *since God had provided something better for us*, that apart from us they should not be made perfect." God was providing something better than expected. Something better for his people.

Perhaps even now in our waiting God is going to provide us with something better than expected when this is all over. Something for our own good. The challenge for us will be to recognize it. Many of God's people who had been waiting for so long did finally get to see Messiah. And He was better than expected. But many of those people didn't recognize Him because He wasn't *who* they expected. We know that even now God is working for our good. So, while we wait, let's pray that when this season of quarantine and Covid-19 has passed, we don't miss God's goodness because it wasn't what we expected.



Joseph

# PARKVIEW

CHRISTIAN CHURCH

# BINGO

Been to Upper Room	Spent the night @ Camp Sooner	Had a family member baptized @ Parkview	Ridden somewhere in the Parkview van	Been to an Ice Cream Social
Attended Ladies Day	Volunteered at a Vacation Bible School	Posted a comment on an online Mid-Week Gathering	Been to a Resurrection House Dinner	Attended a Parkview Christmas Eve Service
Enjoyed a Ron Wood Easter morning breakfast	Been inside the new youth building	FREE SPACE 	Provided a Wednesday night meal	Purchased a Core 52 book
Attended a Chili Cook-off	Brought food to a small group meeting	Downloaded The Church App	Have more than one bulletin in your car somewhere	Attended a Parkview Thanksgiving dinner
Been taught a new song by Steve Burks	Have a spot that is "yours" in the sanctuary	Received a hug from Elsie	Dressed up for Fall-O-Ween	Realized greeting time is over and you're still talking