

The Parkview Banner

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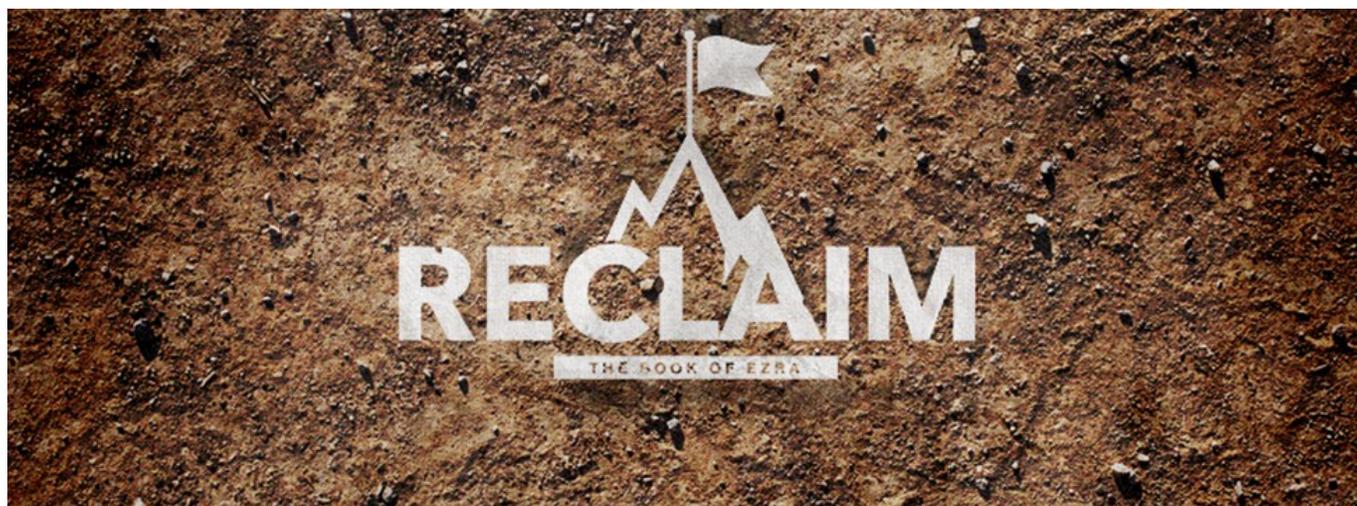
“Reclaiming” is all the rage nowadays. Have you noticed how popular this phrase is the past few years? Maybe someone was showing you their latest purchase or their most recent project and they made sure to let you know it was made out of reclaimed wood. Hopefully you ooo’d and awe’d as you were supposed to. Reclaiming is taking something used, old and beat up and repurposing it for a new life. Take an old door and make a kitchen table. Grab a pile of pallet wood and make a hutch. Your newest DIY reclaimed project will be the envy of all your friends. At least we hope so. I believe an older generation just called this being frugal and thrifty but to each their own!

I tease of course but I think there is something of eternal substance in the concept of the reclaiming movement. To seek out something used up, broken down, and despised by others and through time, effort and sacrifice turn it into something of value, something of beauty, something with a renewed purpose, well, isn’t that what God does for us?

Next Sunday we will be starting a new series of messages from the book of Ezra and I’m calling this series “Reclaim”. The people of Israel, due to their own idolatry, sin and rebellion were exiled in Babylon. They were beat up, broken down, and losing their identity. But God reclaimed His people. He did not forget them. He called them by name and brought them back to their home, establishing them again in the land of promise. Just as in the book of Ezra where God reclaimed His people as He promised He would, He also reclaims and redeems our lives for a renewed purpose in this world. Don’t miss out on how the Spirit will use this word in our church family over the next several weeks.

See you Sunday!

Justin



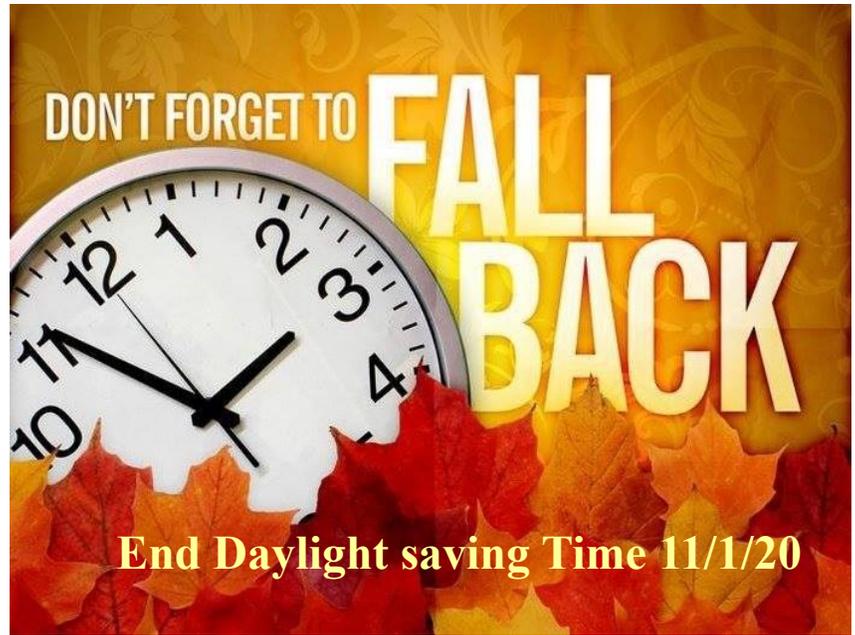
HAPPY November
BIRTHDAY

- 11/3 Michal Griffin
- 11/5 Jared Standridge
- 11/6 Creed Foster
- 11/6 Eli Owens
- 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 KeriLen Nickels
- 11/29 Lucas Tarbox
- 11/30 Coy Eskew
- 11/30 Retta Woods



HAPPY November
ANNIVERSARY

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



*Bringing Lord's Supper Thoughts in
November*

- 11/1 Danny Chaney
- 11/8 Jared Standridge
- 11/15 Shawn Jantz
- 11/22 Joseph Woods
- 11/29 Danny Chaney

Prayer Warriors

- 10/26-11/1 Mary Ann Turley
- 11/2-8 Steve Burks
- 11/9-15 Joella Wood
- 11/16-22 Pat Walters
- 11/23-29 Janie Harris
- 11/30-12/6 Teresa Fulton



I used to like to run. I mean I liked it a lot. It was nothing for me to run 70-80 miles a week. There was a time where every Saturday I'd get up at 5 in the morning and run 33 miles. I enjoyed the solitude, I enjoyed the sound of gravel crunching beneath the soles of my shoes, but primarily I enjoyed pushing my limits. How fast could I go and for how long? When I ran marathons, it was always my goal to run a time fast enough to qualify for the Boston Marathon. I achieved that goal numerous times. It was never easy, it always hurt, and it required a great deal on my part to achieve that goal.

Repeatedly, biblical authors compare living out our faith to running a race (1 Corinthians 9; Isaiah 40; 2 Timothy 4; Philippians 3; Galatians 2 and 5; Acts 20). Hebrews 12:1 is the verse I find most helpful. *"Since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us..."* There is an obvious command here. If we're going to run the race of faith in Christ we must lay aside our sin. In a physical race there are certain things you can't do. You can't take shortcuts, you can't hop in a car and catch a ride, you can't take performance enhancing drugs. These things disqualify you from the race. They're against the rules. Willful sinning and disobedience against God are no more acceptable. But, as I said, this is obvious to most.

However, the author mentions something that we probably overlook. We must lay aside every weight. Everything that hinders us from following Christ must be put down, whether or not it's "sinful." It is well within the rules of marathon running to wear a backpack full of weights while you run. But no one does that because it doesn't help in running the race. As Christians I believe we sometimes ask the wrong question, "How far can I go?" For example, how far can I go in what I watch before it is sinful, how much time can I spend on my phone before it's sinful, how much can I say about so and so before it's gossip. You get the idea. But the question the author of Hebrews says we should be asking is not, "How far can I go?" but, "Does it help me run the race?"

So, this is our challenge. Let's not just avoid sin, let's ask about everything in our lives, "Does it help me run the race of faith in Jesus Christ?" *Father, help us lay aside every weight and run the race that is set before us.*

Joseph

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Sun. School 9:30a Worship 10:30a (also live online)
Wednesday Night 6:30-7:30pm at Parkview for Adults, Kids, Youth
Monday—Friday at 9am live online Biscuits & Avery - the morning Psalm Devo
<https://parkview.freeonlinechurch.com/live> <https://www.facebook.com/PVCCOK/>
Facebook group pccfamilyministry2020
Jr High and High School Youth Group
Sundays 6pm & Wednesdays 6:30pm at Parkview

Thank You

Thanks to Joseph for performing an uplifting service in memory of Keith. Also want to recognize Justin for doing the audio, many thanks. The meal the ladies fixed and who were helped by Danny Chaney, was delicious and comforting.

Thanks too for the cards, phone calls, plus many prayers offered up for Keith and our family.

We will never forget the many kindnesses extended to our family at this difficult time.

Jolene & Suzanne Singleterry



Sympathy

We extend our very deepest sympathy to the families of our very own who passed away in September —

Lana Burks on Sept. 5th

Beth Graves on Sept. 29th

Keith Singleterry on Sept. 30th

These folks will be greatly missed by Parkview. We're keeping their families in our prayers and putting our trust in the Lord of Lords who is the reason for our HOPE and PEACE.

Please Note: Nomination Extension for Parkview 2021 Elders & Deacons

- The deadline to nominate Elders or Deacons has been extended 1 week. All nominations must be given to any Elder or Minister by the end of the morning worship service on Sunday, October 18, 2020.
- Congregation will vote on Elders Sunday, October 25, 2020. Elders serve a 3 year term.
 - Deacons will serve in 2021 (a one year term)

You must be 16 years old and a member of Parkview to nominate.