

## *John 8:12*

*Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."*

He is the light of the world. He came into a world of darkness leaving behind a heavenly temple of endless light. He is the manifestation of truth, justice and grace. The darkness He came into had sunk so far into depravity it was unable to behold and comprehend the significance and power of this light. In a world of racism, hatred, and greed, He shone forth compassion, love, and holiness. The darkness rejected His light and murdered Him. After conquering death He promised to return and left the world in darkness again except for a small band of followers who had seen what the rest of the world did not.

## *Matthew 5:14-16*

*"You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven."*

Now you are the light of the world. Having tasted His goodness, His faithfulness, and His forgiveness you now possess this light. God now manifests truth, justice and grace through YOU. Now the darkness opposes YOU. Compassion, love, and holiness still shine in this world but it is through YOU because of Him. Through these holidays and on in to 2021 let your light shine before others that we may all give glory to our Father who is in heaven.

We do not know what 2021 holds in store for us. It may be a year of recovery where things seem to get back to "normal". It may not be! Anyone who thinks they know what is coming is fooling themselves. But the great thing about being a disciple of Christ is I don't need to know what 2021 will bring. I already know what I need to know. He came as the light of the world 2000 years ago and that light still shines through His bride, the church. This is our purpose and place in this world. Let's shine.

Justin

**Happy Birthday**

- 1/1 Teresa Foster
- 1/3 Matthew Cooper
- 1/22 Jonah Standridge
- 1/24 Debbie Bothroyd
- 1/24 Meili Peterson
- 1/27 Ashlyn Wilson
- 1/27 Chelsy Pifer
- 1/30 Suzanne Singleterry
- 1/31 Paula Veach
- 1/31 Raneer' Hayes



**Happy Anniversary**

- 1/1 Jared & Cassidy Standridge
- 1/28 Jayson & Paula Veach

**Prayer Warriors Jan. 2021**

- 1/4-10 Charlotte Brooks
- 1/11/17 Elsie Hinson
- 1/18-24 Mary Ann Turley
- 1/25-31 Steve Burks

*Bringing Lord's Supper Thoughts  
in January 2021*

- 1/3 Jared Standridge
- 1/10 Shawn Jantz
- 1/17 Joseph Woods
- 1/24 Danny Chaney
- 1/31 Jared Standridge



Our sympathy goes to Mike & Melissa Evon and Hayden at the passing of A.C. Hays, Melissa's father, on December 4th. A.C. and his wife

Virginia, who passed away last year, were faithful members of Parkview since 1997 active in both the men's and women's ministries. A.C.'s services are Fri., Dec. 18th at the Ft. Sill Ntl Cemetery.

Sympathy is also extended to Rebecca Owens and her family and Michael Cassmeyer and his family. Rebecca and Michael's grandmother, Viola (Johnson) Rogers, passed away on Sunday, December 13th. Her services are planned for Fri., Dec. 18th at 2pm.

*You have declared today that the LORD is your God, and that you will walk in his ways, and keep his statutes and his commandments and his rules, and will obey his voice. And the LORD has declared today that you are a people for his treasured possession, as he has promised you, and that you are to keep all his commandments... Deuteronomy 28:17-18*

These verses lead me to a bit of self-examination, and have me asking myself several questions. First, I ask myself if this really is the declaration of my mouth. I don't necessarily mean that I must walk around and tell everyone that the Lord is my God. I mean, do I make that declaration to God himself? Do I wake in the morning and remind myself that I am in a covenant relationship with God? A covenant relationship involves two parties. Which leads me to my second question and point of reflection, am I doing my part in this relationship? Am I holding up my end of the covenant; meaning, am I walking in God's ways, keeping His commandments, and obeying his voice?

If you're anything like me, answering these questions might leave you feeling a little deflated. We're in good company at least. If Paul was doing the things he didn't want to do, and not doing the good he ought, I wouldn't imagine our experience would be much different. But, that's no excuse to settle. Obedience and faithful covenant living has been God's expectation for his people from the very beginning. So, how do we grow in that area?

I believe the answer is in the second part of the above passage. The greatest treasure of our lives has to be living in the blessing of God. Namely, that God has made us a unique people, a people for his own possession. But not in the same way that God owns everything in the world. We are a treasured possession. We are His jewels, His prized possession. To treasure that above all things means we understand that God's blessing for our lives, being his chosen people, is where every bit of our worth and purpose comes from. Success in your role as mother or father, employee or employer, student, church member, grandparent, friend, or neighbor is found in living in your identity as God's chosen people. Let's live in the blessing.

Joseph



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**SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP**

10:30a (also live online)

Jr High & High School Youth Group,

Wednesdays 6:30pm at Parkview

<https://parkview.freeonlinechurch.com/live>

<https://www.facebook.com/PVCCOK/>

Facebook group pccfamilyministry2020

Above is the schedule as of 12/17/20. For now

Sunday School, Sunday PM Youth and

Wednesday Night Adults and Kids will not meet.



VIRTUAL Christmas Eve Candlelight Service  
at 5pm Dec. 24th on our Facebook page

Be sure to pick up candles for you and your family to take home to participate in the Virtual Christmas Eve Candlelight Service.

These will be available on Sunday morning, Dec. 20th or you can pick them up at the church building during office hours, Monday—Tuesday, Dec. 21 & 22 and until 2pm on December 23rd.

**Parkview 2021 Leaders**

Elders:

Shawn Jantz serving 2021-2023

Danny Chaney serving thru 2022

Joe Spencer serving thru 2022

Jared Standridge serving thru 2021

2021 Deacons:

Danny Bothroyd Matt Dean

Clay Elrod Roy Graham

Anthony Hart Cody Owens

James Tarbox Ron Wood

November 2020 General Fund  
Weekly Giving

Nov. 1 \$3,718.22

Nov. 8 \$4,188.47

Nov. 15 \$5,036.55

Nov. 22 \$2,877.73

Nov. 29 \$2,948.32

General Fund Weekly Need \$4,469.38

Roof: \$25,306.00 Raised To Date