

The Parkview Banner

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This month Parkview Christian Church is going to introduce two new ways to grow in your faith. The first thing we are going to start is a new format for our adult Sunday School. Instead of having all the adults together in one class in the fellowship hall, we are going to divide the whole group up in to four separate, smaller classes. These classes will be held in the Fellowship Hall, the Lamplighter Room, the Youth Room, and the North end of the Youth Building. The classes will be taught by four of our elders: Steve Burks, Howard Victery, Shawn Jantz, and Jared Standridge. Each class will have a different topic/subject and each class will last for a semester, which is about 4 months long. This “Spring Semester,” starting the first weekend of February, will be the first semester of our plan. In the Fall, we will have another semester, and everyone will rotate to a new class with a new teacher. The idea is that our Sunday School system will be a 2-year program, with 4 semesters, and everyone being able to go through all four classes with all four teachers by the time we finish. After two years, we will evaluate our system to see what changes we need to make, and create a new curriculum for the next season of Sunday School at Parkview. Also, at the end of each semester, during Summertime and the beginning of Winter, we will all come together again for one large group in the Fellowship Hall until the next semester begins.

Our hope and prayer is that these classes, with smaller groups in each class, will create a little more intimacy and greater discussion in the classroom as we desire to make our Sunday School a discussion based learning format since our Wednesday and Sunday services are more of a lecture based format. We want to see greater participation in the groups so that people all have a chance to share the insights that the Holy Spirit gives them about the Scriptures. What we need then from our members here at Parkview, is for everyone to sign-up for our new Sunday School format and then we will divide up the adults in smaller groups and assign them to one of the four classes to begin our semester plan.

The second thing we have coming up in the month of February is the Valentine’s Day Dinner on Friday, February 10th, at 5:45 pm here at the church. We are going to be planning a huge dinner for all the couples in our church to celebrate Valentine’s Day and our marriages. It will be a fun evening with a great dinner, an interactive activity, and a message about how to strengthen your marriage. But the exciting thing about this event is that the event is not just for people in the church; it is also for non-believers. So we need all the couples at Parkview to sign up and come to the event, but we also need all the couples to invite another couple (or two) to the dinner because we are going to use this pseudo holiday to share Jesus with people. This will be a great opportunity to bring someone who might not be so comfortable coming to a normal church service, but would feel comfortable coming to have a good time at a Valentine’s Day dinner. We are also working now to set up childcare for all the parents that will need it that night because we do not want anyone to not be able to come because they have to stay with their kids.

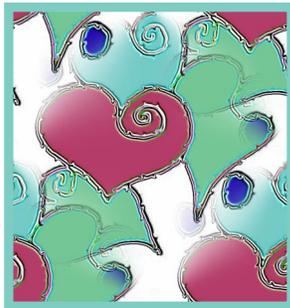
So all you couples, mark down Friday, the 10th of February on your calendars and come on out to our Valentine’s Day dinner. We are going to have a great time as we continue to try to reach young families and their kids here at Parkview!

-Pastor Tom



HAPPY FEBRUARY BIRTHDAY

- 2/1 Jolene Singleterry
- 2/5 Galen McLaughlin
- 2/10 Kaylee Cassmeyer
- 2/11 Rebecca Owens
- 2/12 James Tarbox
- 2/15 Hazel Woods
- 2/15 Clay Elrod
- 2/19 Shirlene Cozzitorto
- 2/23 Amanda Nickels
- 2/23 Lashonda Cassmeyer
- 2/27 Adalyn Tarbox
- 2/27 Lincoln Nickels
- 2/27 Melissa Sanders



HAPPY FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARY

- 2/2 Bruce & Dawna Dorough
- 2/4 James & Rachel Tarbox
- 2/6 Ryan & Anne Stubblefield
- 2/17 Danny & Deneva Chaney
- 2/20 Matt & Sara Dean

Wednesday Night Lite Meals are back at 5:30pm just before our Wednesday Night Activities for Everyone (Donations Taken)

Parkview, if you'd like to provide, prepare and serve a 'light meal' or if you want to volunteer to clean up after a meal, please use the sign up sheet in the front foyer. Thank You Very Much.

~ With Sympathy ~

We want to extend our deepest sympathy to Greg, Lynne, Renee' and Dorsey and all the family of Claudene Alt who passed away January 13th. Parkview was Jack & Claudene's long time home church having come here in December of 1986. She will be greatly missed.

Parkview has her own YouTube Channel

Access it by - going to YouTube

- typing in parkview christian church chickasha oklahoma

- clicking on the Parkview icon

You'll find Family and the Bible Series, The Letter to the Romans Series, A New Year Prayer & Fasting



*Parkview Leadership Meeting
for all Elders & Deacons
Sunday, February 12th after am service*



“I am having to learn some things I already know.” “I’m in a season where head knowledge is finally becoming heart knowledge.”

Each of these quotes came from conversations I’ve recently had with two of my best friends. These men are sources of encouragement and edification for me. They spur me along in my faith. And I don’t believe it’s coincidence that within the past week I’ve had two separate conversations with them in which they expressed a need for their intellectual knowledge of God to become heart penetrating knowledge of God. Or, to say it another way, a need to grow.

But this isn’t a need peculiar to them. In fact, growth is a biblical command. Ephesians 4:15 tells us to grow in every way. In John 15 when Jesus tells the disciples that he is the vine and they are the branches, the implication is they must grow in order to bear fruit. So, the question we must answer is, “How do we grow?”

I’m guessing most of us would answer that question with spiritual disciplines—prayer, fasting, meditation, reading the word, worship—or things like active participation in the body of Christ, fellowship. And certainly, those are necessary elements of growth. But, I believe 2 Peter 3:18, Peter’s final words to the church, is helpful. “Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Jesus Christ.” Growth, Peter says, comes from going deeper in Jesus. So, all the things I mentioned above really only have value when they take us deeper into Jesus.

And here’s the joy for the Christian—there is no end to the depth of Jesus. Paul talks about the unsearchable riches of Jesus Christ (Eph. 3:8). He doesn’t mean that the riches of Christ can’t be searched, he means that the ends of the riches of Christ can’t be reached, because there aren’t any. There’s always more of Jesus to be had, to be loved, to be treasured.

So, let the aim of disciplines be desperation for more of the riches of Jesus. And as we grow by going deeper into Jesus, maybe we’ll learn some things we already know. Maybe “Jesus loves me this I know, for the Bible tells me so” will be more than knowledge of the head, but the treasure of the heart.

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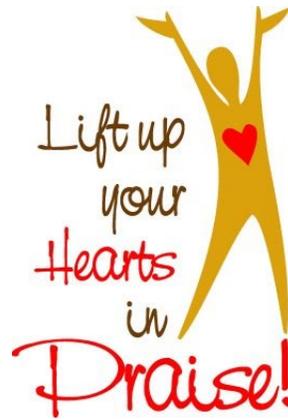
Sunday School 9:30am for all ages
 SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP 10:30am
 (also live online)

Sunday Night Youth 6pm

Sunday Evening - Small Groups

Wednesday: 4:30pm Praying Together
 Meals at 5:30pm (Donations Taken)
 Youth Meet at 6pm when there is a Meal
 6:30-7:30pm at Parkview--Adults Meet, Kids Meet

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



February 2023
 Prayer Warriors

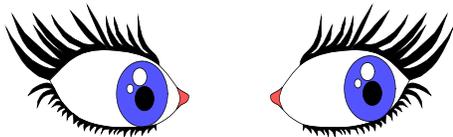
1/30-2/5
 Teresa Fulton

2/6-12 Dianne
 Robbins

2/13-19 Coy & Roberta Eskew

2/20-26 Mary Sill

2/27-3/5 Rosie Morris



February Women's Gathering
 Friday, Feb. 24th at 6pm



If you are visiting
 with us today, be
 sure to come eat
 with us. We'll get
 better acquainted.

Sunday Pot Luck Lunch
 at Noon in the Fellowship Hall
 After the Morning Service
 on

Sunday, February 26th

Everyone brings their lunch and we
 share what we bring.

Dear Parkview Church,

I want to thank you for your pray-
 ers for my surgery and recovery.
 Even though there've been some
 rough days, I am gaining strength
 every day.

I praise God for His grace poured
 out on me and my family. And I am
 thankful for my cousin Dixie Elder
 for her love and concern.

May the Lord continue to use this
 congregation to bless others.

Sandra Tatum
 from Union City

(Sandra's was one of our recent
 prayer needs. Keep her in prayer as
 she continues to recover.)

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On Wednesdays  
 at 4:30pm prior  
 to our  
 Wednesday  
 Night Lite Meals  
 the Elders and  
 Staff gather in  
 the Youth  
 Building for  
 prayer.

They would like  
 to invite anyone  
 who would like  
 to

Please Join  
 Them For Prayer  
 Wednesdays at  
 4:30pm at  
 Parkview