

The Parkview Banner

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I'm sure most of us have people we can point to who have served as examples of how to run the race of faith. My old Sunday school teacher (as well as many other things), Scott Parnell, was one such person for me. He showed me the value of service, gentleness, and joy. An older lady in that same congregation, Mardell Taylor, impressed upon me the delight of worshipping God in song. Cliff Abbott, my high school FCA leader was an example of someone who had a heart for reaching young people with the gospel. I didn't realize their impact or importance as a boy, but all these people left their mark on my faith development.

And this is the way God intended it. He wants us to look to those who have gone before and imitate their faith. The author of Hebrews certainly felt this way. "Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God. Consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith." (Hebrews 13:7) "Do not be sluggish, but imitators of those who through faith and patience inherit the promises." Not to mention the entirety of Hebrews 11 is a collection of snapshots of the lives of great men and women of faith, men and women whom we might imitate. The author of Hebrews seems quite comfortable in saying that those who have gone before can and will continue to speak for our encouragement and enrichment in Christ if we will simply take the time to preserve their memory. God has designed us and called us to look to and imitate those who have faithfully run the race before us.

So, two questions need to be asked. First, who has God in his grace placed in your life that you might look to their example and imitate their race? Because that's exactly what it is—grace. And to ignore the one's who have gone before is to forsake the grace of God. The second question is, "Am I running my race in a manner worthy of imitation?" "Am I running my race in such a way that I might be the extension of God's grace to those who come after me?" Let's run the race the Lord has set before us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, so that others might be encouraged in the Lord when their eyes are fixed on us.

Joseph

March Birthdays

3/3 Kay Cordell
 3/13 Anthony Hart
 3/13 Stormi Stroud
 3/16 Joe Boley
 3/17 Lauren Simons

March

March Anniversaries

3/17 Clay & Teri Elrod
 3/18 Shawn & Susi Jantz
 3/22 Zach & Amanda Nickels



March 2024

Leadership Board Meeting
 Sunday, March 10th
 Following the Morning Service

Parkview Christian Church Prayer Warriors,

I would like to thank you all for your faithful prayers & prayer cards I received during my cancer treatment—chemo & surgery in 2023. We certainly felt all your prayers going to God for us. I have a CT Scan scheduled soon to see if everything's good post op. I feel great and am optimistic about the results. My wife, Gayle, is writing this note for me so you'll be able to read it!

With Our Love, Fred & Gayle Garrison

I will bless you. . .and you shall be a blessing.
 Genesis 12:2 NKJV

For the Ladies

Wednesdays 11am-Noon
 Ladies Bible Study on
 Judges/Ruth

“Cultivating a Life of Character”
 Janie Harris Leading

Annual Ladies Event at Ozark
 Christian College, Joplin, MO
 April 12-13

Your Exodus Story

Registration Mar-April \$35

If you're interested, or have
 questions, please see Rose



You're invited each Wednesday during lent to
 lunch with a brief worship, from 12 Noon—1pm

Feb. 28 Location: New Life Christian Church
 Speaker Rev. Michael Oberlender, First Christian Church

Mar. 6 Location: Epworth Methodist Church
 Speaker Father Bill Carlin, St. Luke's Episcopal

Mar. 13 Location: Holy Name Catholic Church
 Speaker Pastor Chad, Chickasha First Assembly of God

Mar. 20 (Spring Break) Location: St. Luke's Episcopal
 Speaker Father Michael Wheelahan, Holy Name Catholic

Mar. 27 Location: First Baptist Church, 324 W. Colorado
 Speaker Pastor Brian Clark, New Life Christian Church



Coming Up In APRIL and SUMMER CAMP NEWS

Spring Camp at Camp Sooner April 5th—6th For Grades 1-5

(Parents encouraged to attend and share the camp experience with their camper)

Camper Cost \$30 Parent Cost \$10

Registration is now open at www.campsooner.regfox/spring-camp (Pay Online)

2024 Camp Sooner Summer Camp

Session	Dates	Non-Member Church Rate	Member* Church Rate	Sponsor Rate All attending adults	Start Time	End Time
High School 9th-12th Gr	June 2-7 Sun-Fri	\$250	\$200	50%	4pm Check in begins at 2pm	12:00 pm
PreTeen 3rd-5th Gr	June 9-12 Sun-Wed	\$200	\$160	50%	4pm Check in begins at 2pm	3:00 pm
Elementary 1st-3rd Gr	June 13-14 Thurs—Fri	\$100	\$75	50%	10:30am Check in begins at 9:30 am	3:00 pm
Middle School 6th-8th Gr	June 16-21 Sun-Fri	\$250	\$200	50%	4pm Check in begins at 2pm	12:00 pm

Grades: Sessions are determined by what grade a camper WILL BE GOING INTO for the fall. A camper may move DOWN one grade, but never UP a grade. An upcoming 6th grader may attend PreTeen Camp (down a grade), but an upcoming 8th grader may NOT attend Senior High camp (up a grade).

Two Camps: Campers may NOT register for more than one session as a camper.

1-An upcoming **6th grader** should NOT attend both PreTeen camp as a 5th grader and then Middle School camp as a 6th grader. They must choose ONE.

2-Same for upcoming **9th graders**; they should NOT attend High School camp as a 9th grader and then Middle School camp as an 8th grader. They must choose ONE.

REGISTRATION OPENS APRIL 1st

Students in **3rd grade** should determine which camp fits them best (1 night or 3 nights).

