

COMMUNICATING THE VISION
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Our theme for this year is “2023 A Year of Growth.” We are asking the Lord to help us reach new people with the gospel and to bring new families and individuals into the Parker Family. We are setting our sights on growing after a number of years where our growth has been hindered. It will take all of us praying, inviting, encouraging, and working to see real growth happen; but I believe we can and will do it!

Take time to think about someone or some family that is not actively involved in a church or who are not believers and begin to pray for them. Ask God to give you an opportunity to invite them to Sunday School and worship with you. I promise you there are people in every one of our lives who need to know Jesus and need to be a part of a church family. We will grow this year when each of us takes part in this effort! Please join us!

God tremendously blessed and you, as God’s people, generously gave to allow us

reach and surpass the *Touching Our World* goal by giving \$86,199 to support our missions around the world. Thank you! **May many lives be changed through these offerings.**

Good things are happening all around us. Our attendance in both services is beginning to pick up, the spirit in our church is sweet, and new people are coming to visit with us. **God is at work! Let’s join Him in what He is doing.**

Have you been in Sunday School recently? If not, will you make plans to be in Sunday School this next week? If you do not have a class, I promise you we have one for you. If we need to, we can start a new class! Everyone needs to be in Sunday School. The Bible study, fellowship, discipleship, and spiritual accountability are needed for each of us to grow in our spiritual lives. **What a difference Sunday School can make in our lives!**

This year is going to be an exciting journey so get ready for the trip!

The following men were nominated by the church to serve as deacons and have been evaluated by the Deacon Evaluation Committee and will be presented to the church on Sunday, February 5, for a vote of affirmation:

Buddy Cole	*Mike Dickert	Jonathan Edwards
Kim Moore	Mike Moore	*Brandon Ransbottom
		*To Be Ordained



Christian Sympathy. . .

Family of Anne Strickland.....
Family of Sara Mell Edwards.....
Family of Alvin Hurns.....
Family of Virginia Fulmer.....

Minister on Call			
January 23 - 29		January 30 - February 5	
Bro. Mack.....(256) 454-3049		Don Gober.....(256) 283-6156	
February 6 - 12		February 13 - 19	
Kevin Anderson.....(256) 283-5580		Bro. Mack.....(256) 454-3049	
February 20 - 26		February 27 - March 5	
Don Gober.....(256) 283-6156		Kevin Anderson.....(256) 283-5580	



DEARMANVILLE CAMPUS BRO. JOEY & BRO. JASON

Jesus has power over every need. The Book of Mark was likely written to Christians in Rome who were experiencing persecution under Nero. The author, John Mark, knows that a healthy gospel understanding is critical to hope in difficult days. As a result, this first gospel was penned to highlight that Jesus is the "Christ, the Son of God" (1:1). This truth gives assurance that Christ is greater than anything, good or bad, in our life! As we begin 2023 in the Book of Mark, I pray that you will find joy in that truth. Join us on Sunday Mornings at 11 AM for the #MarkSeries.

Below are a few things to keep in mind at DC as we begin the year...

- **DC SUPER SOUPER BOWL PARTY:** Sunday, February 12, 2023 at 5 PM in the DC Gym. Bring a favorite soup, chili, or finger food and let's watch the big game and fellowship.
- **UGANDA MISSION TEAM:** Pray for our team of nine headed to Uganda this March 16-26, 2023 as they serve alongside Four Corners Ministries in northern Uganda.
- **COMMUNITY EGG HUNT:** Saturday, April 1, 2023 from 2-4 PM. Candy drive and volunteer signups begin in February.
- **INTO THE JUNGLE VBS:** June 20-23, 2023 from 8:30-11:30 AM. Volunteer recruitment begins in February for this massive VBS experience. See Meagan Lanier for details.
- **GUATEMALA MISSION TRIP:** July 1-8, 2023. Sign up now for this great opportunity to assist a gospel-centered church in Guatemala. See Jerry Flummer for more details.

As always, continue to pray for ParkerDC as we deepen in discipleship and work as witnesses!

WOMEN’S MINISTRY CAROLYN CLIFTON

SOS THURSDAY ~ SOUP & CRACKERS
HAS BEEN RESCHEDULED

WHEN: Thurs. January 26th @ 5:30pm
WHERE: 3rd Floor of the Martin Building
WHAT: Crock pots of soups with fixings and dessert provided for you.
WHO: Ladies of Parker who would like to enjoy good food, and fun fellowship with other ladies. Plus a devotion and demonstration of how to make the jump ropes for OCC shoe boxes
CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE TO MAKE RESERVATIONS.

CLC & MEN’S MINISTRY BRANT LOCKLIER

It is getting to be that time of year, when the church starts gearing up for the new year. There is a lot of new exciting things being set up by our staff and I cannot wait to see how things unfold.

We have a **Men’s Box Lunch** scheduled for **Wednesday January 25, from 12:00 - 1:00 pm** in the CLC gym. Our speaker is still unsettled at the moment, but there is no cost and we will have some good ole burgers and dogs to eat and fellowship.

A group of kids from Faith and Donoho are having a basketball league several nights a week and it is fun to see the intensity of the kids as they play. Come watch if you have some time.

Also, the **Super Bowl Bash “Meat Fest” for men** will be held in the gym from **5:00-7:00 on February 12**. There will be ribs and wings cooked to graze on and we will see who wins the Parker Pigskin Prognostication Trophy for picking the correct score. You can see the trophy on the CLC desk.

MUSIC NOTES DON GOBER

Handbell Rehearsal each Monday at 6:30 pm (Room #241)

*Wednesday Music Rehearsals (Sanctuary)
Sanctuary Choir 6:00 pm & Orchestra 7:10 pm*

*The Sounds of Joy Choir meets
Thursdays at 9:30 am (Chapel)*

You are Invited to Join Us!

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY KIM SONNBERGER

Senior Adult Ministry is off to an exciting New Year!

Senior Adult Winter Bible Study on January 16 was great! If you were not able to attend on the 16th, then please join us for **Bible Study on Monday, January 23 and again on Monday, January 30**. Our Bible Study is being led by Bro. Philip Morris. He is taking us on a journey through 1 John, 2 John, and 3 John. Please notify the church office by Friday, January 20 at noon if you wish to attend.

You are cordially invited to a “Sweetheart Tea” sponsored by our Parker Kids. The tea is **Saturday, February 11 from 10 -11 am**. There is no cost to attend this event.

Care Corner: We will be preparing cards, making phone calls, and delivering to our shut-ins the week of February 13 - 17. If you would like to take part in any of these activities, please let the church office know.

CHILDREN’S MINISTRY & LEARNING CENTER CANDICE FEAZELL

The Children’s Ministry is very excited about 2023. We have a very busy year planned for our children and for as many children as we can reach.

We will have a **Children’s Ministry luncheon on January 22nd at 12:00** for anyone willing to help with Children’s Ministry this year! We will go over our Big Events for the year such as VBS, Easter Eggstravaganza and our Trunk or Treat. We will also go over monthly activities, Kids Camp and weekly discipleship opportunities with our children.

It is our responsibility as the Church to teach our children about Jesus and about the word of GOD. We are all need to teach our children, love our babies and help families stand firmly on the Word of God in raising and educating their children. All ages of our fellowship need to come together to disciple our children. From cooking for VBS, stuffing eggs, to teaching Sunday School, **there is a place for everyone in Children’s Ministry**. If you are interested in any area of Children’s Ministry, we hope you will attend this luncheon.

YOUTH HAPPENINGS KEVIN ANDERSON

Hello, Parker Family! Our **Discipleship Now weekend is February 17-18**. This will be an impactful time for our group. I am praying for the Lord to save our lost teens, restore and heal any broken and confused hearts. I am even praying for the Lord to call teens in our group to ministry, as He desires. Will you join us in prayer?

Please, save the date: **June 20-24** is our summer **trip to Ft. Walton Beach, Florida**. Like last year, Breakaway Ministries will be leading our time. They are excellent in reaching teens for Jesus.

*¹ I am the true vine,
and My Father is the vinedresser.
² Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit,
He takes away;
and every branch that bears fruit,
He prunes it so that it may bear more fruit.*

John 15:1-2



Wednesday Night Meals

Cost: \$5/Person; Maximum \$20/Family
Meals served from 5:15 - 5:50 pm each Wednesday.
Reservations/Cancellations Due by Noon Tuesday.

Menu January 18

Betty's Bar-B-Que Sandwich, Potato Salad,
Chips, Dessert, Drink

Menu January 25

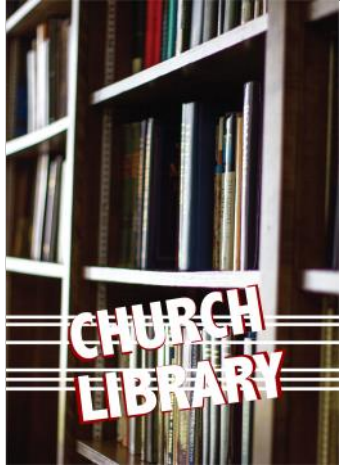
Subway Cold Cut Sandwich, Chips, Dessert, Drink

Menu February 1

Pizza, Chips, Dessert, Drink

Menu February 8

Chick-fil-A Sandwich, Chips, Dessert, Drink



January is the month for goal setting so why not set a reading goal for yourself this year? The library would like to help by offering a small incentive. The first three people to check out a book and finish it in the month of January will receive a Chick-fil-A gift card. All ages are invited to participate!

Suggested Reading

The Green Ember Series by S. D. Smith

This four-book series is written for 4th - 8th graders but can be enjoyed by older kids (and adults) as well. In true Narnia fashion, this Christian fantasy series follows the adventures of two rabbits who must battle to save their land.

Guided by Grace: The Kathleen Mallory Story
by Rosalie Hall Hunt

Last month were you intrigued to learn about the women whose names grace our mission offerings? Learn more by reading this book on the life of Kathleen Mallory, probably the lesser known of these four amazing women.

NOW AVAILABLE

DVD's available for checkout in the library!

90th Birthday Celebration

HONORING

Barbara Jones Culberson

SATURDAY, JANUARY 21

2-4 PM

Fireside Room

No Gifts
Cards of Well Wishes Appreciated

SUNDAY SCHOOL AVERAGE ATTENDANCE

	Main Campus	DeArmanville	Total
December	219.....	98.....	317

And God's People Gave . . .

MAIN CAMPUS:

Total Approved Budget FY 2023.....	\$ 1,241,535.00
Weekly Budget Requirements.....	\$ 23,875.67
Given December.....	\$ 213,160.46
Budget Requirements Y-T-D.....	\$ 95,502.68
Budget Receipts Y-T-D.....	\$ 213,160.46
Together We Will + One to Date.....	\$ 72,530.00
Touching Our World Missions.....	\$ 86,199.00

DeARMANVILLE CAMPUS:

Total Approved Budget FY 2023.....	\$ 320,728.00
Weekly Budget Requirements.....	\$ 6,167.85
Given December.....	\$ 36,393.20
Budget Requirements Y-T-D.....	\$ 24,671.40
Budget Receipts Y-T-D.....	\$ 36,393.20

Weekly Schedule

MAIN CAMPUS

Sundays

8:30 am - Casual Worship - CLC Gym
9:00 am - Library Open until 10:00 a.m.
9:50 am - Sunday School
11:00 am - Library Open until 12:00 p.m.
11:00 am - Classic Worship - Sanctuary

Monday thru Friday

7:00 am - Intercessory Prayer Ministry - CLC

Mondays

10:00 am - Pickleball - Gym

Tuesdays

9:00 am - Staff Meeting - Main Campus
2:00 pm - Flexibility Class - CLC

Wednesdays

10:30 am - Learning Center Service - Chapel
4:45 pm - Library Open until 5:00 pm
5:15 pm - Family Night Supper - Fellowship Hall
6:00 pm - Pastor's Bible Study/Prayer Time - Fellowship Hall

Wednesdays (Cont'd)

6:00 pm - Ladies Bible Study - 3rd Fl Martin Bldg
- Children's Activities - Children's Area
- Youth Bible Study - 3rd Fl CLC

7:00 pm - Praise Team Rehearsal

7:10 pm - Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thursdays

8:00 am - Woodcarvers - CLC
10:00 am - Pickleball - Gym
2:00 pm - Flexibility Class - CLC

DeARMANVILLE CAMPUS

Sundays

9:45 am - Sunday School Small Groups
11:00 am - Worship Celebration

Wednesdays

5:15 pm - Family Night Supper
6:00 pm - Adult Bible Study
- Children/Youth Activities
7:15 pm - Worship Choir Rehearsal

Calendar of Activities

January 20 - February 12

SATURDAY, January 21

2:00 PM 90th Birthday Celebration Honoring Barbara Culberson - FS Room

SUNDAY, January 22

12:00 PM Children's Ministry Luncheon - FH

MONDAY, January 23

11:00 AM PS Bible Study - 3rd Fl, Martin Bldg

WEDNESDAY, January 25

12:00 PM Men's Box Lunch - CLC Gym

THURSDAY, January 26

5:30 PM SOS "Soup & Crackers" - 3rd FL Martin Bldg

SUNDAY, January 29

5:00 PM MC Family & Friends Night - CLC

MONDAY, January 30

11:00 AM PS Bible Study - 3rd Fl, Martin Bldg

SUNDAY, February 5

8:30 AM DC Men's Breakfast

THURSDAY, February 9

11:15 AM Parker Serving at Soup Bowl

SATURDAY, February 11

10:00 AM Parker Kids' Sweetheart Tea for Sr. Adults - FH

SUNDAY, February 12

MC "Photo Booth" for Valentine's Day

5:00 PM DC "Souper" Bowl Party - FH

5:30 PM MC Men's "Meat Fest" Super Bowl Party - Gym

PARKER MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH

<u>Main Church Office</u> 256-236-5628	<u>Prayer Room</u> 256-236-1515	<u>CLC</u> 256-419-2120
<u>Parker Counseling Center</u> 256-770-7337	<u>DeArmanville Campus</u> 256-831-9200	
	<u>Loving Kids Learning Center</u> 256-419-2845	

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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Main Campus

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday: 8:00 am - 5:00 pm
Wednesday, Friday: 8:00 am - 4:30 pm

DeArmanville Campus

Monday - Thursday: 8:00 am - 5:00 pm
Friday: 8:00 am - 4:30 pm

Christian Life Center

Main Campus

Monday thru Friday: 7:00 am - 5:00 pm

WEBSITES

www.parkermemorial.com
www.dclivelove.com

SUNDAY SERVICES TELECAST

Parker TV on YouTube

Worship Services Streamed Live
at www.parkermemorial.com



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fruit, He takes away;
and every branch that bears fruit,
He prunes it so that it may
bear more fruit.
⁸ My Father is glorified by this,
that you bear much fruit,
and so prove to be My disciple.

John 15:1-2, 8