

## COMMUNICATING THE VISION

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These are exciting days at Parker as we see God begin to bring growth to our fellowship. We are seeing people give their hearts to Jesus and come forward in the public invitation. We are seeing new families and individuals come to be a part of our family. **God is truly blessing and honoring our efforts to grow His kingdom.** I hope you are joining in the effort to “tell our story” about how we came to know Jesus. As we share, God does two things: (1) He uses your story to touch the hearts of others who need Jesus; and (2) He gives you the power to overcome the old enemy who is seeking to hinder your life and oppose God’s work. **Join with me and others as we seek opportunities to tell our story.**

I appreciate the prayers and support as I have gone through my recent surgery. **I have felt your prayers and have been encouraged by your expressions of love and care.** Please continue to pray for me. The surgery was far more involved than what I first anticipated and my recovery has been challenging. Please pray for God to give me strength as I possibly face further

surgery in the near future. I must admit this has been a taxing experience and has caused me to reach deep into God’s resources to stay above the storm.

I hope you have been participating in some of the outstanding ministry opportunities our staff has been making available. I appreciate their hard work and vision as they seek to provide our Parker Family with the best opportunities in our community. It was exciting to experience *The Jesus Revolution* movie as a church family! I know the Women’s Ministry, Men’s Ministry, Senior Adults, Children and Youth have all provided special opportunities. I believe you would have to look long and hard to find a church with more of a passion to provide ministry for its family than Parker.

It is a season of growth and a fresh spirit is evident in all of our services! **Praise God from whom all blessings flow!**

Thank you, Byron Nichols, for stepping in to preach God’s Word in such an effective way. I appreciate you!

*Bro. Mack*

**Easter Eggstravaganza**  
April 1st  
11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

YOU ARE INVITED

### We Welcome to Our Fellowship. . .

**Dina Smitherman**

By Statement

**Shane Dawson**

Profession of Faith/Baptism

**Dennis & Melissa Folk**

By Transfer of Letter

**Marty Lowery**

By Statement

**Thomas Darden**

Profession of Faith/Baptism

**James & Paula Gregory (DC)**

By Transfer of Letter

### Christian Sympathy. . .

Keith & Martha Gray & Family.....Death of Son, Bryan

Family of Ann Doyal.....

Byron Wheatley, Elmer Wheatley & Family.....Death of Brother/Son

Sandra White & Family.....Death of Son-in-Law

### Minister on Call

<b>March 13 - 19</b>	<b>March 20 - 26</b>
Don Gober.....(256) 283-6156	Kevin Anderson.....(256) 283-5580
<b>March 27 - April 2</b>	<b>April 3 - 9</b>
Bro. Mack.....(256) 454-3049	Don Gober.....(256) 283-6156
<b>April 10 - 26</b>	<b>April 17 - 23</b>
Kevin Anderson.....(256) 283-5580	Bro. Mack.....(256) 454-3049

## DEARMANVILLE CAMPUS BRO. JOEY & BRO. JASON

**Do you hear rumors of God at work?** I continue to hear and see news of God doing unique things all over the world. These things excite me and heighten my desire to see Him do this here. To be clear, I don’t want revival so that we get the attention or glory. I am longing for revival so that Christ’s Church brings Him glory again! Continue to pray for this and allow God to expose the sinfulness in our lives. It is not by accident that the events of Asbury and other colleges are in conjunction with the release of the “Jesus Revolution” movie. God is telling us that He wants to do this again!

It’s a busy time of the year at ParkerDC. Please note the many opportunities to serve, invite, and connect to what God is doing here. We are seeing a steady increase in attendance and connection! These are flickers of something greater...

Here is a Quick Glance at What’s Next...

- **UGANDA MISSION TEAM...** Please pray for our team of nine headed to Uganda to help at Abana’s Hope (Four Corners Ministries) next week, March 16-26, 2023. Half of this team will be new visitors to our African partnership. Pray for travel, health, and effective gospel ministry.
- **COMMUNITY EGG HUNT...** Saturday, April 1st (12-3 PM). Mark those calendars now for our big CEH as we welcome our community on campus. This year we will offer inflatables, live music, games, a balloon animal booth, food, and the big hunts (of course). We are now collecting candy and signing up volunteers!
- **INTO THE JUNGLE VBS...** We are now recruiting volunteers for our big daytime VBS this June 20-23, 2023 (8:30-11:30 AM). VBS has been very effective here at DC over the past 8 years and we continue to see growth and fruit. Please consider helping us. See Meagan Lanier or call our church office for more info!
- **APPROVED YOUTH CAMP...** Sign up now for youth camp this July 10-15, 2023 in Orange Beach, AL. Cost is \$200 per student. See Nick Gregory to sign up!

## WOMEN’S MINISTRY CAROLYN CLIFTON

Many thanks to our Women’s Ministry Team, Lisa Askew, Martha Gray, Whitney Remington, Katie Edwards, Erica Ford, Anna Bush, Laurie Mills, for their hard work in planning, preparing, setting up and pulling off the Ladies Happy Birthday Bash! They did such a good job! We had 73 ladies signed up to come. A special thank you to Lesa Cummings for taking pictures in our photo booth. Sheila Borders brought us a great word, reminding us that when we are born, we begin at that moment writing our story. Then when we are born again, our 2<sup>nd</sup> birthday, that is the most important choice we make in life and should change our story as we strive to do it God’s way. She reminded us that when we pray that prayer of salvation, that is just the beginning. God desires us to live our life according to His word from that day forward, for us to have a relationship with Him, walk with Him, talk to Him and listen for Him to speak to us. He wants us to pray, study His word and share the good news with others! Thank you so much Sheila, for sharing your heart and truth with us! Thank you to all the ladies who came to the Happy Birthday Bash and made it such a fun day together!

**What’s Next?..... Pizza & Painting – March 14, @ 5:30, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the Martin Building.** Laurie Mills will help us paint a wooden cross for our doors or walls. The cost is \$30.00 to include the cross, paints and supplies, instruction, and pizza! Please call the church office register so we can insure we have enough supplies and food.

**Women’s Bible Study – March 29-April 26 @ 6:00pm** on 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the Martin Building, we will begin “The Faithful” study.

**WOM Monthly Meeting - Monday, March 20, 10:00 am in the Fireside Room**  
Missions Action Project: Bring NEW twin size sheet sets, pillows or comforters for the “Sleep in Heavenly Peace” ministry.

## CLC & MEN’S MINISTRY BRANT LOCKLIER

The 5K race raised over \$2,000 for missions and was a success as all had a great time on a beautiful day for a race. Thanks again to the many volunteers that helped: Dennis Dunn, Don Gober, Steve Cheatwood, Kevin Anderson, Jock Burgess, Sara Rutledge, Frantina Wilson and Becky Henry all played special roles in the mechanics behind the race. There were others that managed traffic corners for us. It was just great to see it all come together. This was the 11th annual Greg Stone Memorial Pancake Race and most everyone enjoyed a pancake breakfast afterwards thanks to Allyson Mims and Don Whitlow, who furnished pancake tickets for all.

We will be sending a group to the Soup Bowl on March 16 for about an hour to help serve. Call me at 256-419-6444 if you would like to help.

The men will be having a golf tournament on March 27 at Pine Hill Country Club. Let’s hope for good weather.

## MUSIC NOTES DON GOBER

**Music Day Camp 2023**

**iAM**

**SAVE THE DATE!**

**July 10-14 ~ 8:30 am until 12:00 noon**

## SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY KIM SONNBERGER

This has been a mild winter so Diane Smith, CBA missionary, has only asked for our assistance to help feed the homeless twice thus far, January 27 and February 18. We are on standby to assist in March as needed.

**Pacesetter Luncheon March 21** ♦ Vocalist Judge Alice Martin ♦ 10:45 am ♦ Fellowship Hall ♦ Cost: \$6 per person (includes lunch) ♦ Call the church office by noon on March 20 for reservations.

**Care Corner:** If you would like to participate in helping reach out to people, please contact the church office. Phone calls, sending cards, or delivering care packets. All are needed to reach out to care for someone.

Pacesetter Post is being prepared. You should receive yours during first week of April.

## CHILDREN’S MINISTRY & LEARNING CENTER CANDICE FEAZELL

**Egg-Stravaganza**

**Saturday**  
**April 1**  
**11 am - 2 pm**

April 1<sup>st</sup> is our Easter Egg-stravaganza! We will have inflatables, games, candy-stuffed eggs, food, prizes, a petting zoo, balloons for the kids and most importantly have an opportunity to share the GOSPEL with others as they come on campus. **What a wonderful opportunity to show love to our neighbors and our children and to fellowship with each other!**

This is a church-wide event. We need all the help we can get to make this a great success. **Let us know you can help** by calling Candice at 256-238-3340 or emailing at [cfeazell@parkermemorial.com](mailto:cfeazell@parkermemorial.com). We are a fellowship that loves God and loves people. This is a wonderful way to show just that to our community.

## YOUTH HAPPENINGS KEVIN ANDERSON



The youth will be going back to Fort Walton beach Florida June 20-24 for an impactful week with Breakaway ministries. We saw two of our students come to faith in Christ last year! If you would like to help send a teen to camp this year, please do so! We would like to raise enough funds so every teen who wants to go can do so free of charge. Please send gifts to the church office.



### 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 March 15

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

#### Menu March 22

Subway Cold Cut Sandwich, Chips, Dessert, Drink

#### Menu March 29

Pizza, Side Salad, Dessert, Drink

#### Menu April 5

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

### CHURCH LIBRARY News

Come join us on **Sunday morning, March 19th**, for the library's **Easter Open House from 9 - 10 am and 11 am - 12 pm**. We will have refreshments and a free Easter devotional book for all who drop by. While you are there, check out a book to prepare your heart for the Easter season!

Too busy to read a book? Listen to a podcast instead!

The March podcast suggestion is: *The Daily Still*.

Are you interested in teaching adults and older children to read?

Contact Dina Smitherman, (256) 676-8659.

New Book Review: *Little Pilgrim's Progress* by Helen L. Taylor

Need a faith-inspiring book to read to your children and grandchildren? This newly illustrated edition of *Little Pilgrim's Progress* tells the adventure of little Christian as he travels to the Celestial City. It's John Bunyan's 1678 Christian classic beautifully illustrated and updated to be understood and enjoyed by today's children.

--- Coming Soon! The Book Nook in the CLC!

### March Staff Anniversaries

**Gwen Moore – March 9**

14 Years – Church Pianist

**Kim Sonnberger – March 10**

9 Years – Director, Sr. Adult Ministry

**Don Gober – March 13**

32 Years – Minister of Music

**Kevin Anderson – March 30**

13 Years – Casual Worship Leader, Youth Minister

## Remember to spring forward!

**Daylight Saving Time Begins this Sunday, March 12, 2:00 am.**

Don't forget to "spring forward" one hour before you go to bed Saturday night!

### SUNDAY SCHOOL AVERAGE ATTENDANCE

	Main Campus	DeArmanville	Total
February...	237	120	357

### And God's People Gave . . .

#### MAIN CAMPUS:

Total Approved Budget FY 2023.....	\$ 1,241,535.00
Weekly Budget Requirements.....	\$ 23,875.67
Given February.....	\$ 89,812.51
Budget Requirements Y-T-D.....	\$ 310,383.71
Budget Receipts Y-T-D.....	\$ 384,463.41
Together We Will + One to Date.....	\$ 83,035.50

#### DEARMANVILLE CAMPUS:

Total Approved Budget FY 2023.....	\$ 320,728.00
Weekly Budget Requirements.....	\$ 6,167.85
Given February.....	\$ 23,038.44
Budget Requirements Y-T-D.....	\$ 80,182.05
Budget Receipts Y-T-D.....	\$ 85,130.53

## Weekly Schedule

### MAIN CAMPUS

#### Sundays

- 8:30 am - Casual Worship - CLC Gym  
Children's Church - Chapel
- 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  
Children's Church - Chapel

#### 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 - FH

### 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

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

### Calendar of Activities

#### March 12 - April 6

#### Sunday, March 12

- 2:00 AM Daylight Saving Time Begins

#### Tuesday, March 14

- 10:00 PM "Sr. Adult Singing" - FBC Leeds
- 5:00 PM Buildings & Grounds Cmte - CR
- 5:30 PM SOS "Pizza & Painting"  
3rd Floor Martin Building

#### Wednesday, March 15

- 5:15 PM MC Stewardship Cmte - CR

#### Thursday, March 16

- 11:45 AM Parker Serving at the Soup Bowl

#### Sunday, March 19

- 9:00 AM Library Easter Open House Begins
- 4:00 PM MC Deacons Meeting - CC

#### Monday, March 20

- 10:00 AM WOM Meeting - Fireside Room

#### Tuesday, March 21

- 10:45 AM PS Monthly Luncheon - FH

#### Thursday, March 23

- 5:00 PM Associational VBS Clinic - PMBC

#### Wednesday, March 29

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

#### Saturday, April 1

- 11:00 AM MC "Egg-Stravaganza"
- 12:00 PM DC Community Egg Hunt

#### Wednesday, April 5, Thursday, April 6

- 10:00 AM Parker @ Baptist Service Center

### 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.dclive.com

#### SUNDAY SERVICES TELECAST

Parker TV on YouTube

Worship Services Streamed Live  
at [www.parkermemorial.com](http://www.parkermemorial.com)



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*<sup>1</sup>I am the true vine,  
and My Father is the vinedresser.  
<sup>2</sup>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.  
<sup>8</sup> My Father is glorified by this,  
that you bear much fruit,  
and so prove to be My disciple.*

John 15:1-2, 8