# COMMUNICATING THE VISION W. MACK AMIS, JR., D.MIN.

It is hard to believe that Summer is already coming to a close. School will be starting soon and families will get back into their regular schedules. Where does the time go? Life seems to speed right by us. It causes me to want to redeem the time, to make the most of our opportunities, and to keep the right priorities in my life. Time is too precious to waste it!

I hope your family has enjoyed your summer and that you have made some memories. We have experienced a really good summer at Parker. Our attendance has been strong every Sunday, good events have taken place, some people have come to know Jesus and spiritual growth has taken place in many lives. We have reason to rejoice!

As we get ready for a new church year, I am praying for us to continue to grow and reach people with the gospel. I am praying for a wonderful Sunday School year where more people will join us in studying God's Word and being transformed by His truths. I am believing that God will continue to bring new families and individuals to be a part of the Parker Family. I am hoping to see new leadership come forth, both in our ministerial staff and our lay leaders. Join with me in believing

for and thanking God for these good goals.

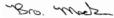
Once again thank you for your enduring

patience in waiting for the installation of the new elevator. We do not realize how much we miss something until we no longer have it! We are looking forward to that day when we have the new elevator. Hopefully sometime in October it will be operational. If you would like to contribute to the new elevator installation, please contribute to the "Elevator Fund" established by the Stewardship Committee.

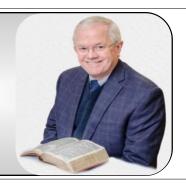
We will be having our annual Staff **Retreat August 7 - 9**. Pray for our staff as we make plans and set goals for this com-

This year we are also having a Deacons' Retreat August 18 - 19. A dear friend of mine, Derek Staples, the pastor at FBC Jacksonville, will be leading our men. I hope all of our deacons will take advantage of this fellowship, discipleship opportunity.

Please pray for all of us. Your prayers provide the power to do the work God has given us to do!



Congratulations Bro. Mack on your 16<sup>th</sup> Anniversary as our Senior Pastor



# We Welcome to Our Fellowship. . .

**Caroline Remington (MC)** By Baptism

Amelia Edwards (MC) By Baptism

Adeline Edwards (MC) By Baptism

Haddie Bush (MC) By Baptism

Dean & Tina Prodzinski (DC) Dean By Baptism; Tina by Statement

**Kensley Cramer (DC)** By Baptism

Isaac Cramer (DC) By Baptism **Novaleigh Hargrove (MC)** 

**AnaKate Tucker (DC)** By Baptism

By Baptism

# **Minister on Call**

August 14 - 20 **August 7 - 13** Kevin Anderson..... ...(256) 283-5580 Don Gober.. August 21 - 27 .....(256) 454-3049 Kevin Anderson.. September 4 - 10 September 11 - 17 Don Gober.. ...(256) 283-6156

.(256) 283-6156 August 28 - September 3 ..(256) 283-5580

Bro. Mack. .(256) 454-3049

# DEARMANVILLE CAMPUS BRO. JOEY & BRO. JASON

WHEN LIFE IS CHANGING, TRUST JESUS. This simple truth from our VBS provides some profound assurance in life. As born-again believers, we can view life and culture through the lens of either faith or fear. The one constant in all the change is Jesus Christ. God is holy, sovereign, and faithful in all things! We can trust God when we don't understand or cannot see His Hand. What a truth to hold on to!

It has been a wild summer at ParkerDC! Over the past month we hosted our largest VBS to date, sent a missions team to Guatemala, and then sent our youth group to camp in Orange Beach. God has worked in so many of these opportunities as kids have been saved, the gospel declared, the church strengthened, and faith deepened both here and abroad. I am so thankful for a gospel-centered, active church!

We have a few more things on the horizon as we begin turning the page from summer to the fall season. Be in prayer for the many changes happening at ParkerDC. This seems to be a regular trend in our short history.

- **CENTRIKID CAMP...** Our children's camp is July 31st August 4th at Worldsong Missions Place in Pell City. We have a record number of 3rd - 6th graders attending this year. Pray for Meagan Lanier and our chaperones.
- PASTORS BIBLE STUDY: REVELATION... Bible Study option on Wednesdays at 10 AM at ParkerDC. Bro. Joey is teaching through the Book of Revelation each week. Group is designed for retired adults and/or adults with unique working hours.
- ADULT SMALL GROUP EMPHASIS... Now through August, this six-week joint emphasis in SS using the book "I Am A Church Member" (Thom Rainer) is designed to nurture a healthier understanding of the church and church membership as well as promote unity and shared vision.
- WEDNESDAY NIGHTS ARE BACK.... August 9th!

# WOMEN'S MINISTRY CAROLYN CLIFTON

Summer break is almost over! I believe we are all ready to get back to Wednesday night activities on August 9th and having more events for our ladies! What's Coming Up Next?

Ladies Bible Study- Starts Wednesday, August 9, Mama Bear Apologetics - Guide to Sexuality, in the Patio Room, 2nd Floor of CLC. This study is a Biblical guide to sexuality. It teaches us how to empower children to understand, to value and to live out God's design. This world is after them and trying hard to confuse them. This class is for moms, grandmothers, aunts, sisters, teachers, etc. - anyone that has a child or children in your life! Call the church office and sign up for the study. This class ends September 27th. We will the begin the study of Isaiah on October 4th.

Sunday, August 13, Junk Food & Jump Ropes 2:00pm-5:30pm in the CLC. Our goal is to finish this project on this day. We have a few more to braid, we need to tag the completed jump ropes, and we need to tie them up, so they fit in the OCC boxes. If you checked out jump rope kits, please bring them with you. Please come and enjoy some yummy snacks and fun fellowship as we work. Call the church office and sign up for this event so we have plenty of snacks for everyone!

# **July Staff Anniversaries**

Alice Brown – July 25 2 Years - Receptionist

Janice McCabe - July 27 16 Years – Pastor's Ministry Assistant

Brandon Ransbottom - July 29 1 Year - CLC: Building Superintendent

#### Christian Sympathy. . .

Ramona Winn Family.... Wendy Burns & Family......Death of Mother Tonia Wright & Family......Death of Mother 

#### MUSIC NOTES DON GOBER

# Music Groups For All Ages Begin in August!

Sanctuary Choir & Orchestra will resume on Wednesday, August 9. Orchestra will meet at 6 pm and Choir begins at 7:10 pm in the Sanctuary. **Sounds of Joy Choir** resumes **August 17** at 9:30 am in the Chapel. Handbell Rehearsal resumes September 11 at 6:30 pm in Room #241.



# CHILDREN'S MINISTRY & LEARNING CENTER CANDICE FEAZELL

The Children's Ministry has had a great Summer and preparing for Fall. Move-Up Sunday is August 6<sup>th</sup> and our current Sunday Schoolers will move up to the next class. We are so excited to see our sweet Sunday Schoolers growing and learning so much and to start Wednesday Night Discipleship classes after a good vacation time this Summer. We will have Children's Choir and Discipleship each Wednesday evening for the Fall semester. We will start children's events at 5:45 p.m. each Wednesday night so we can have time for choir and discipleship.







# YOUTH HAPPENINGS KEVIN ANDERSON



We all have questions that need answering. The problem is, they're hard questions that many of our students don't know how to answer! We will begin a four-week series entitled, "W" Friend on Wednesday, August 9, as we start back up. In this fourweek series, we take four "hot topic" questions that students struggle to answer in their personal lives and biblically unpack them through God's word.

We are planning a youth/parent lunch for Sunday, August 20, at noon in the youth room. We will have a Q&A session about this year's youth events. Please join us!

# SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY KIM SONNBERGER

Special thanks to Bro. Jerry Marks! I received all positive comments from those who attended his informative presentation of The Men Behind Our Constitution. Some attendees said they want to send his message to Washington, DC.

Pacesetter's Luncheon on August 15 at 10:45 am • Director Janice Scheitlin of the Calhoun Baptist Service Centers will bring us a wholistic picture of the center's services. We look forward to seeing all of you there. If you have served or currently serve at one of the Calhoun County Centers, please attend. We would like to recognize you. Mission Project: Please bring a pair of new reading glasses to the August luncheon. The readers can be any strength. The glasses will be donated to the Baptist Service Centers to be used for those in need that visit the centers.

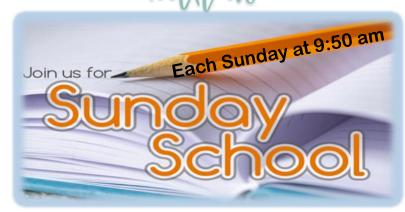
# Wednesday Night Fellowship Meals Resume Wednesday, August 9, 5:15 pm.

Changes are coming! Watch for updates on the meals.

While we are working on the details for the new menu, we will start back with your two favorite vendors: Chick-fil-A (August 9) and Betty's Bar-B-Que (August 16.)

Please call the church office by Tuesday noon to sign up!





<u>S</u>	SUNDAY SCHOOL AVERAGE ATTENDANCE		
	Main Campus	<u>DeArmanville</u>	<u>Total</u>
June	251	112	363
July	228	101	329

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

MAIN CAMPUS:		
Total Approved Budget FY 2023	\$1,	241,535.00
Weekly Budget Requirements	\$	23,875.67
Given June	\$	70,220.72
Given July	\$	95,287.26
Budget Requirements Y-T-D	\$	835,648.45
Budget Receipts Y-T-D	\$	817,182.79
Together We Will + One to Date	\$	99,060.00
Elevator Fund	S	4.337.00

DeARMANVILLE CAMPUS:
Total Approved Budget FY 2023\$ 320,728.00
Weekly Budget Requirements\$ 6,167.85
Given June\$ 20,948.57
Given July\$ 28,039.66
Budget Requirements Y-T-D\$ 215,874.75
Budget Receipts Y-T-D\$ 223,631.44
Baby Bottle Boomerang Donations\$ 1,006.53

# Weekly Schedule

#### MAIN CAMPUS

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 5:45 pm - Children's Activities - Children's Area

#### **Calendar of Activities**

August 1 - August 31

Monday, August 1 thru 4 DC Children's Camp at WorldSong

Sunday, August 6 9:50 AM "Move Up" Sunday MC

Monday, August 7 thru August 9 Staff Retreat

Wednesday, August 9

5:15 PM Wednesday Evening Activities Resume

Sunday, August 13

2:00 PM MC Women's "Junk Food and Jump Ropes" - CLC

Monday, August 14

11:15 AM Parker Serving at Soup Bowl Tuesday, August 15

10:45 AM PS Monthly Luncheon - Chapel/ Coffee Corner

Wednesday, August 16

10:00 AM Parker @ Baptist Service Ctr 5:15 PM MC Stewardship Cmte Mtg - CR Friday, August 18

10:00 AM Parker @ Baptist Service Ctr Friday, August 18 thru August 19

MC Deacon Retreat - Cook Springs Tuesday, August 22

11:30 AM Homebound Ministry Luncheon -Western Sizzlin'

#### **CHURCH OFFICE HOURS Main Campus**

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

**DeArmanville Campus** 

Monday - Thursday: 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

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

#### Wednesdays (Cont'd)

6:00 pm - Pastor's Bible Study/Prayer Time

Fellowship Hall

- Ladies Bible Study - CLC Patio Room - Youth Bible Study - CLC 3rd Floor

7:00 pm - Praise Team Rehearsal - CLC Gym 7:10 pm - Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thursdays

8:00 am - Woodcarvers - CLC

9:30 am - Sounds of Joy - Chapel

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

#### PARKER MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH

Main Church Office 256-236-5628

Prayer Room 256-236-1515 256-419-2120

Parker Counseling Center 256-770-7337

DeArmanville Campus 256-831-9200

Loving Kids Learning Center 256-419-2845



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