

COMMUNICATING THE VISION  
W. MACK AMIS, JR., D.Min.



Merry Christmas from the Amis family and the staff of Parker Memorial Baptist Church! I truly feel blessed to be experiencing our fifteenth Christmas with my Parker Family. My hope for all of you is that you have the best Christmas ever and that the love of Jesus is felt by all of you. Thank you in advance for every card, treat, and expression of love that you give to our family. Your kindness and generosity are a blessing to each of us!

There are a number of special events that you will have the opportunity to enjoy. I hope to see a capacity crowd at the **Christmas musical Sunday night, December 19**. Then we will close out the night with a **church-wide Christmas fellowship**. Everyone is asked to bring their favorite Christmas treat or finger food. The church will provide chicken strips, barbecue, and drinks. Please gather with us for this family experience.

Just a reminder that we are praying and believing that we will reach and surpass our **missions offering goal of \$80,000** by the end of the month. It will take all of us giving sacrificially to accomplish this goal, but it is reachable!

I appreciated the Nichols sharing with us this past Sunday about the life of a missionary. It helped remind me of the commitment and sacrifices our missionaries make when they say “yes” to the Lord.

**I hope you realize what a neat work God is doing at Parker.** We are having new families visit almost every week. A number of families have joined our fellowship in recent days; we are seeing people come to Christ and follow the Lord in baptism. We ordained four men this past Sunday to serve as deacons in our church. We were able to exceed our spending for the year by over \$20,000 because of the generous gifts of our church family. Attendance is picking up every week and more ministry is being planned and accomplished. These are good days and we want to **be sure to give God all the glory!**

Thank you for allowing me the privilege of being the pastor at Parker! I believe in the depths of my heart that 2022 is going to be one of our greatest years!

Bro. Mack

Touching Our World



TOW Goal  
\$80,000

Given  
to Date  
\$35,321

With Love and Hope

We Welcome to Our Fellowship. . .

Thomas & Debra McDonald  
Coming by Letter - MC

Johnny & Mandy Edwards  
Coming by Letter - MC

Christian Sympathy. . .

Bud Owsley, Lucie Owsley & Family.....Death of Mother, Alys  
Tessie Fuqua & Family.....Death of Husband, Ken  
The Family of Jeanne Plummer.....

Minister on Call

<b>December 6 - 12</b>	<b>December 13 - 19</b>
Don Gober.....(256) 283-6155	Kevin Anderson.....(256) 283-5580
<b>December 20 - 26</b>	<b>December 27 - January 2</b>
Bro. Mack.....(256) 831-9903	Don Gober.....(256) 283-6155
<b>January 3 - 9</b>	<b>January 10 - 16</b>
Kevin Anderson.....(256) 283-5580	Kevin Anderson.....(256) 283-5580

DEARMANVILLE CAMPUS BRO. JOEY

**Coming home can be both exciting and terrifying!** The Christmas season offers us all the opportunity to gather with family and friends. For some this only invokes feelings of bliss, and for others lots of apprehension. For most of us, we experience both. This Christmas at ParkerDC, we are inviting all to come *Home For Christmas* in our Advent sermon series. The invitation is to come home to gospel truths, to intimacy with God, to Christ’s church, and to caring community. What a great opportunity to lovingly reconnect with people as we are reminded of the incarnation! Don’t miss it. The gospel is front and center in the Christmas narrative!

We are hosting a **Christmas Eve Service** in person again this year! Please join us from 4:30 - 5:15 PM as we sing carols, fellowship, and celebrate the birth of our Savior! Also, we are offering the Lord’s Supper BEFORE the service (4-4:30 PM) for your family and friends to participate together. Our deacons and I will serve the elements and lead this meaningful time.

We are so excited as God continues to grow our youth group at ParkerDC! As many of you know, I have been spending a lot of time with our students as their “transitional” youth pastor before we call someone to this role. I am so impressed with our teens and what God is doing. Recently we have seen salvations, baptisms, and a deeper desire to grow in faith! We are also taking 28 people (21 teens / 7 adults) to the **Edge Student Leadership Conference** next month in Gatlinburg. This is the largest group of teens we have been able to take anywhere! Pray for a spiritually fruitful trip!

One final thing...we are hosting our quarterly **Church Family Meeting** on Wednesday, December 15 (6 PM) in the Fellowship Hall. During this meeting we will give full reports of what God has done in 2021 financially and spiritually. We will introduce our 2022 church theme and talk vision as well. Please make every effort to attend this important time! Merry Christmas! Thank you for your gospel partnership!

WOMEN’S MINISTRY CAROLYN CLIFTON

You're invited to a Southern Ladies Christmas Gathering on Wednesday, December 15, from 5:45 - 7:00 pm on the 3rd floor of the Educational Building. We have set this time aside to do something special with our ladies. We will gather together to enjoy dessert, complete with hot chocolate and coffee bars, hear a Christmas devotion, share favorite personal Christmas memories, and play games with prizes and everyone will take home a little gift! For our mission project we are asking everyone to bring an unwrapped children's toy for the Alabama Baptist Children’s Home. We would also like for you to bring a clearly written or typed favorite Christmas dessert recipe to be formatted on pages you can place in the back of the latest Parker Memorial Cookbook. Ladies, come and enjoy a time of fun and fellowship with your Sisters of Strength! For planning purposes, please call the church office or email [cclifton@parkermemorial.com](mailto:cclifton@parkermemorial.com) and let us know you will be attending.

Parker’s latest cookbook, **Little Bites of Heaven from Parker's Pantry**, cost \$20.00, and is filled with over 300 recipes and many cooking tips. If you have not purchased your cookbook, let me encourage you to get your copy soon! If you need curbside, pick-up or a local delivery, just call me and let me know.

Ladies Walking Together - Karen Connell is interested in forming a group of ladies to join her in walking together. If you’re interested, you can call or text Karen Connell at (256) 225-1115.



SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY KIM SONENBERGER

As Christmas approaches, may we remember the greatest gift of all is our relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ. It didn’t cost you a cent but is more valuable than any gift anyone could ever give you. So this Christmas, love on Jesus and let Him love on you.

**Pacesetter Luncheon** for December ♦ Christmas Carols to Remember ♦ **Tuesday, December 14th** at 10:45 am ♦ Fellowship Hall ♦ Cost \$5 per person

Menu: Cranberry Chicken & Dressing, Twice Baked Potatoes, Green Beans, Pear Salad, and Red Velvet Cake

**Movie and a Meal ♦ Friday, January 7th** at 11:00 am ♦ Feature Presentation: “A Man Called Peter” based on a true story by Christian author Catherine Marshall  
Menu: Potato Soup with Turkey or Ham Sliders (and of course Popcorn)  
Cost: \$3 per person

Mark your calendars for **Senior Adult Winter Bible Study** led by Dr. Gary Hollingworth ♦ **January 17th - 19th**, 9:30 am until 11:30 am ♦ More Details to Follow

MUSIC NOTES DON GOBER

Upcoming Music Opportunities

- \* **Choir and Orchestra will resume on January 12 at 6 pm.**
- \* **Sounds of Joy resumes on January 13 at 9:30 am.**
- \* **Handbells resume on January 17 at 6:30 pm.**

YOUTH HAPPENINGS KEVIN ANDERSON



Our Christmas party will be on Saturday, December 11<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 until 8:00 pm at the Friendship House (Alabama Baptist Children’s Home Group Home.) Address is 1931 Donna Drive, Oxford, Alabama. Our students love to visit and hang out with Josh, Heather, and the boys. Please bring a creative, and not too expensive, gift for a round of Dirty Santa. Students can sign up online at [www.parkermemorial.com/students](http://www.parkermemorial.com/students). If you would like to provide a side dish or dessert for the event, please let me know!

Looking ahead to 2022, we have two trips planned. The first trip will be to Dallas, Texas, from June 18-25 for those who have *completed* 9th-12th grades. This will be an exciting week for our students as we serve at Mission Arlington. The second trip will be July 26-30 for *incoming* 7th-12th graders to Breakaway Beach Camp in Fort Walton Beach, Florida. Look for a parent and student meeting in early February of 2022.

CLC & MEN’S MINISTRY BRANT LOCKLIER

Some of us men were out in the church parking lot painting the curbs recently, and we were using paint that was good enough to cover the old paint with just one coat. One good coat is what the homeless need sometimes. Just one coat will help keep them warm during the winter months. We are having a used coat and sweater drive. I am going to look through my closet and find that one coat that I no longer wear or that one sweater that is not being used. We are asking you to do the same thing. Check your closet and bring that one coat by the CLC desk. On January 16, we will gather all the coats and give them to some organizations that will distribute to the needy.

The CLC will be closed for the holidays from December 23 to January 3 and will reopen January 4.

May each of you have a blessed and peaceful holiday!

CHILDREN’S MINISTRY & LEARNING CENTER CANDICE FEAZELL

**Merry Christmas!** What a wonderful Christmas season this is! It is such a busy time for our families and children. I am thankful to have had some wonderful opportunities to celebrate Jesus’ birth with Parker’s Kids.

The Children’s Choir did a wonderful job singing for us! I am so thankful for Bro. Don and his music program for our children. They had fun preparing, learning so many important skills, and sharing their talents with us!

On December 5<sup>th</sup> Parker’s Kids met together for a time of fellowship, ornament making, hearing the story of Jesus and some fun snacks. Each child made at least three handmade keepsake ornaments for their family. What a sweet time of fellowship we had celebrating Jesus, making memories and creating ornaments they will hang for years to come!

Loving Kids Learning Center has also been super busy teaching about Jesus’ birth, learning memory verses, making Christmas crafts and preparing to celebrate with a school-wide “Happy Birthday Jesus” party. What a blessing it is to hear these precious babies retell the Christmas Story! The opportunity for our staff to teach them truth each day is such a joy. “*Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it.*” Proverbs 22:6.



SUNDAY HOLIDAY SCHEDULE  
Sunday, December 26  
10 am Worship Service Only  
Sanctuary  
  
Sunday, January 2  
10 am Worship Service Only  
Sanctuary

CHURCH OFFICE HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

December 23	Closed
December 24	Closed
December 27 (Monday)	8 am – 12 Noon
December 28 (Tuesday)	8 am – 12 Noon
December 29 (Wednesday)	8 am – 12 Noon
December 30 (Thursday)	8 am – 12 Noon
December 31 (Friday)	8 am – 4:30 pm
January 3 (Monday)	Closed

Contributions to be credited to 2021 tax returns must be received in the Church Office on or before **DECEMBER 31, 2021, OR** must be postmarked on or before December 31, 2021, **OR** must be recorded to online on or before December 31, 2021. Contribution statements will be mailed during the month of January 2022.

SPECIAL NOTICE

The Main Campus Church Office  
will be open all day Friday, December 31,  
(8:00 am until 4:30 pm)  
to receive end-of-year contributions.

Wednesday Evening Activities Canceled  
December 22, December 29, January 5

SUNDAY SCHOOL AVERAGE ATTENDANCE

	Main Campus	DeArmanville	Total
October Average.....	228.....	73.....	301

And God's People Gave . . .

MAIN CAMPUS:

Total Approved Budget FY 2021.....	\$ 1,399,632.00
Given November.....	\$ 108,923.78
Budget Requirements Y-T-D.....	\$ 1,399,632.00
Budget Receipts Y-T-D.....	\$ 1,325,356.81
Together We Will thru November .....	\$ 487,340.56
Touching Our World Y-T-D.....	\$ 35,320.88

DeARMANVILLE CAMPUS:

Total Approved Budget FY 2021.....	\$ 295,431.00
Weekly Budget Requirements.....	\$ 5,681.37
Given November.....	\$ 25,427.30
Budget Requirements Y-T-D.....	\$ 295,431.00
Budget Receipts Y-T-D.....	\$ 348,393.08

Weekly Schedule

MAIN CAMPUS

Sundays

8:30 am - Casual Worship - CLC Gym  
9:00 am - Library Open until 9:45 a.m.  
9:50 am - Sunday School  
10:45 am - Library Open until 11:00 a.m.  
11:00 am - Classic Worship - Sanctuary

Monday thru Friday

7:00 am - Intercessory Prayer Ministry - CLC

Mondays

8:30 am - Strength & Balance Class - CLC  
10:00 am - Pickleball - Gym

Tuesdays

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

Wednesdays

8:30 am - Strength & Balance Class - CLC  
8:30 am - Learning Center Service - Chapel  
5:45 pm - Nursery Opens  
6:00 pm - Pastor's Bible Study/Prayer Time  
Fellowship Hall  
- Children/Preschool Discipleship  
- Youth City 514 - CLC 3rd Floor

Wednesdays (Cont'd)

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

Fridays

8:30 am - Strength & Balance Class - CLC

DeARMANVILLE CAMPUS

Sundays

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

Wednesdays

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

Calendar of Activities

December 9 - January 8

SATURDAY, December 11

5:00 PM MC Youth Christmas Party

SUNDAY, December 12

5:00 PM DC Youth Christmas Party

WEDNESDAY, December 15

5:45 PM MC Women's Ministry - 3rd Floor

SUNDAY, December 19

6:00 PM "Only Love" - MC Sanctuary

WEDNESDAY, December 22

Loving Kids Learning Center Closed  
All Wednesday Evening Activities Canceled

THURSDAY, Dec. 23, FRIDAY, Dec. 24

Church Offices, Learning Center, CLC Closed

SUNDAY, December 26; SUNDAY, January 3

10:00 AM MC Combined Services - Sanctuary

11:00 AM DC Worship Service

December 27 - 30 - No Wednesday Evening Activities

8:00 AM - 12:00 PM Church Offices Open

FRIDAY, December 31

8:00 AM - 4:30 PM Church Offices Open

MONDAY, January 2

Church Offices and CLC Closed

WEDNESDAY, January 5

No Wednesday Evening Activities

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, Tuesday, Thursday: 7:00 am - 7:00 pm

Wednesday, Friday: 7:00 am - 5:00 pm

WEBSITES

www.parkermemorial.com  
www.dclivelove.com

SUNDAY CLASSIC SERVICE TELECAST

11:00 am - Cable Channel 24 - Week Delay

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



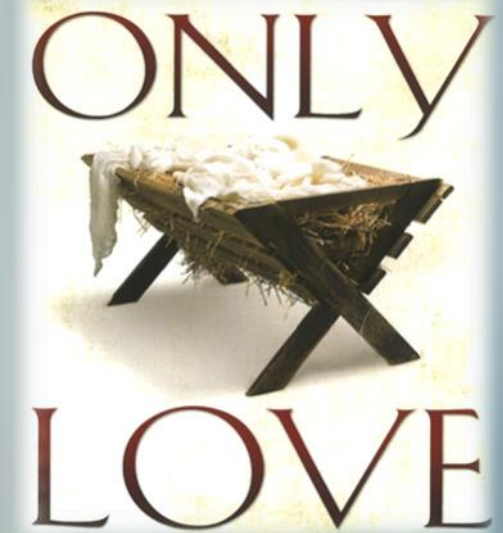
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Sanctuary Choir & Orchestra  
Christmas Worship  
December 19 @ 6pm

A Benevolence Love Offering will be received.



Church-Wide  
Christmas Fellowship  
following the musical  
Bring your favorite holiday  
"finger foods."