

COMMUNICATING THE VISION

W. MACK AMIS, JR., D.Min.

Merry Christmas from the Amis family! We hope that all of you, our precious church family, have the best Christmas ever. I hope the love of Jesus touches each of your hearts and you know just how blessed you are to be a part of God’s family. We count it a real privilege to be a part of the Parker Family and to be celebrating our 17th Christmas with you.

Remember the worship and fellowship opportunities we have coming up this month. Our Sanctuary Choir and Orchestra will be presenting the Christmas musical, *Love Made A Way*, Sunday night, December 17 at 6:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to stay for our churchwide Christmas fellowship following the musical. You are asked to bring your favorite Christmas treats and come for a sweet time of fun and fellowship. The church will provide all the meat, rolls, and drinks. I hope we have an overflowing crowd in both the musical and fellowship.

Please remember our schedule for Christmas and New Year’s. We have a combined worship service at 10:00 am on both Sundays, December 24 and January 31. It is

always fun to get together as the whole family of Parker during this holiday season. I believe we will have some anointed worship services.

Please remember also to support our worldwide missions effort by giving to *Touching Our World*. Our goal this year is \$65,000. Every penny of this money is given to support missionaries on the international field, North America, and in the state of Alabama. We believe in missions and we want to maintain steady support to the thousands of missionaries that we support.

Would you like to make this Christmas unforgettable? Do something for someone else. Give sacrificially to help someone less fortunate than you. I promise you if you will bless someone else this Christmas you will never forget it. You probably will forget about something someone gives you, but that will not happen when you go out of your way to show kindness to another person.

Thanks for letting me be your pastor these 16+ years. You are a blessing to us!



Touching Our World

With Love And Hope

Missions Goal: \$65,000



Touching Our World Missions Offering provides funding for International Missions (Lottie Moon Christmas Offering,) North American Missions (Annie Armstrong Missions Offering,) and State Missions (Myers Mallory State Missions Offering.)

GIVEN TO DATE: \$28,211

We Welcome to Our Fellowship. . .

Bruce & Elaine Anderson
Coming by Transfer of Letter

Christian Sympathy. . .

Family of Marion Watson.....

Minister on Call			
December 11 - 17		December 18 - 24	
Kevin Anderson.....(256) 283-5580		Don Gober.....(256) 283-6156	
December 25 - 31		January 1 - 7	
Bro. Mack.....(256) 454-3049		Kevin Anderson.....(256) 283-5580	
January 8 - 14		January 15 - 21	
Don Gober.....(256) 283-6156		Bro. Mack.....(256) 454-3049	

DEARMANVILLE CAMPUS

BRO. JOEY & BRO. JASON

I absolutely love Christmas lights! Perhaps it is the holiday memories from my childhood or now the moments with my children, but Christmas decorations always fascinate me. Have you ever considered how quickly our homes, neighborhoods, churches, and communities decorate and slip into holiday mode in November and early December? And whereas some of it is secular and commercial, some of it speaks of our need to celebrate something transcendent. We need Christmas to reorient us to traditions, values, and hopefully, the gospel! Let me encourage you to slow down and invest in people this holiday season. There is no better time to nurture love and compassion AND intentionally share the Gospel. Below are a few things to keep on your radar as we move forward at ParkerDC this December and January.

- **YOUNG AT HEART SENIORS CULLMAN TRIP...** Friday, December 8th.
Leaving ParkerDC at 9:30 AM and attending the Cullman Christmas Village. Call our office to sign up!
 - **CHURCH FAMILY MEETING...** Wednesday, December 13th at 6 PM in the Fellowship Hall
 - **WOMEN’S CHRISTMAS COOKIE/CANDY EXCHANGE & SAV-A-LIFE DRIVE...** Sunday, December 17th, 2-4 PM in the Fellowship Hall (DC). Natasha Rodriguez will be the guest speaker. Go to the Facebook event page to get all the details about the exchange and items needed for Sav-A-Life.
 - **CAROLS, CANDLES, & COOKIES...** Wednesday, December 20th at 6 PM. This is a family-friendly and fun worship experience full of singing, stories, skits, and cookies!
 - **FRIEND DAY & VISION SUNDAY...** January 7, 2024. Invite your family and friends to Small Group and Worship Celebration as we talk mission and vision moving forward at ParkerDC!
- Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from all of us at ParkerDC!**

CAROLS
CANDLES
& COOKIES

A family-friendly Christmas experience for everyone!

Wednesday, DECEMBER 20th
6:00 PM

WORSHIP CENTER & MAIN LOBBY

Parker DC Women's Ministry

Christmas Cookie/Candy Exchange + Sav-A-Life Drive

December 17th 2-4pm
Fellowship Hall

Coffee and Hot Cocoa Provided
Bring Homemade Cookies or Candles to exchange (see info page)
AND an item for Sav-a-Life Store (see list)

Speaker: Natasha Rodriguez from Sav-A-Life

WOMEN’S MINISTRY

CAROLYN CLIFTON

Tis the season and so much to do! There are parties, programs, and even plans for us to go caroling, not to mention all the family gatherings we have scheduled ! It’s all so fun and a favorite time of the year! But among the hustle and bustle of this and the shopping, let’s not forget to worship and focus our thoughts and purpose in everything we do on that precious baby that was sent to be and is the Savior of the world. Share the hope Jesus gives us with someone this season and look for those who need to know Him, who might need to experience love like Jesus gives - those who are alone or who have hurting hearts, those who are hungry, those who just have needs. You know, like Jesus showed us to do!

Come be present for the many planned events and bring folks with you to the gatherings and celebrations of His birth and most importantly bring them to worship Him! Much love to you and a hope for you all to have a blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Upcoming:
Ladies Bible Study will start back on **Wednesday, January 10 @6:00pm**
Women on Mission meeting **January 15 @ 10:00am**
Ladies Sweet Fellowship Cookie Swap on **Wednesday, February 14 @6:00pm**

YOUTH HAPPENINGS

KEVIN ANDERSON

This has been a great year in our youth ministry! We saw three come to faith in Jesus this year and we have grown in number. But most importantly, we have grown in our faith together. We are serving and having a great time together. If you have a son, daughter, grandson, or granddaughter who would be a prospect for the Parker youth group, feel free to share their contact information with me. I would be glad to reach out to them.



MUSIC NOTES

DON GOBER



Music Ministry Upcoming Ministry Opportunities! Our **Sanctuary Choir and Orchestra** will rehearse on January 7 at 9am. Then, regular rehearsals will resume on Wednesday, January 10 - Orchestra at 6:00pm and Choir at 7:10pm in the Sanctuary. The **Adult Handbells** resume on Monday, January 8 at 6:30pm in Rm #241. The **Sounds of Joy Choir** begins again on Thursday, January 11 at 9:30am in the CLC chapel. **WHERE WOULD GOD LIKE YOU TO SERVE THIS YEAR?** Questions? Contact Don or Wendy at 256-236-5628 for more information.

CHILDREN’S MINISTRY & LEARNING CENTER

CANDICE FEAZELL

Children's Sunday School Christmas Party



Join us on

December 10th
2 pm - 4 pm

Parties to be held in your Sunday School Classrooms.

Gingerbread Houses, Snacks, Inflatables

The Children's Ministry is having a super busy December. We wish you all a very Merry Christmas. We will celebrate by learning all about the Christmas Story in all our classes, events and gatherings. In addition to our Sunday School, Children's Church and Wednesday night discipleship classes, we will have the following events:

- December 10th- Children's Sunday School Parties
- December 17th- Children's Ornament Party
- December 21st- Loving Kids Learning Center Class Christmas Parties
- December 24th- Children's Church "Happy Birthday Jesus" Party

We have already had our Loving Kids Learning Center Christmas Program (December 5) and our Children's Choir Christmas Program (December 6.) Thank you for your attendance and support of the Children’s Ministry and the Learning Center.

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

KIM SONNBERGER

Pacesetter Christmas Luncheon ♦ Pianist: Dr. Wendy Freeland ♦ December 19 at 10:45 am ♦ CLC Chapel and Coffee Corner ♦ Cost: \$6 per person ♦ For reservations call the church office by noon on December 18.

December Mission Projects: We will again collect money in the Sunday School classes to assist the Calhoun County Baptist Association in feeding the homeless in the months of January, February, and the first part of March. Collection envelopes will be in your classes during the month of December.

The Baptist Service Center needs our help in supplying food and hygiene products for Christmas. The list of items needed are in the Sunday School folders. Items can be delivered to the receptionist area or the CLC desk or let the church office know that you left your items in your Sunday School room and we will pick them up. Mark you calendars for Senior Adult Bible Study ♦ January 22 & 29
May you focus on Christ this Christmas and feel His mighty presence with you.



Church-Wide
Christmas
Fellowship

Sunday, December 17
7:15 p.m. – CLC Gym

Bring your favorite holiday
“finger foods.”



SUNDAY HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Sunday, December 24
10 am Worship Service Only
Sanctuary

Sunday, December 31
10 am Worship Service Only
CLC Gym

Church Office Holiday Schedule

December 25 (Monday)	Closed
December 26 (Tuesday)	Closed
December 27 (Wednesday)	8:00 am - Noon
December 28 (Thursday)	8:00 am - Noon
December 29 (Friday)	8:00 am - 4:30 pm
January 1 (Monday)	Closed

The Christian Life Center (CLC)
will be closed December 25 thru January 1.

Contributions to be credited to 2023 tax
returns must be received in the Church Office
on or before **DECEMBER 31, 2023, OR** must
be postmarked on or before December 31,
2023, **OR** must be recorded to online on or
before **December 31, 2023**. Contribution
statements will be mailed during the month of
January 2024.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AVERAGE ATTENDANCE

	Main Campus	DeArmanville	Total
November.....	226.....	115.....	341

And God’s People Gave . . .

MAIN CAMPUS:

Total Approved Budget FY 2024.....	\$ 1,273,635.00
Weekly Budget Requirements.....	\$ 24,492.98
Given Week 1.....	\$ 33,487.50
Budget Requirements Y-T-D.....	\$ 24,492.98
Budget Receipts Y-T-D.....	\$ 33,487.50
Together We Will + One to Date.....	\$ 117,165.00
Elevator Fund.....	\$ 28,919.00
Touching Our World.....	\$ 28,211.00

DeARMANVILLE CAMPUS:

Total Approved Budget FY 2024.....	\$ 299,710.00
Weekly Budget Requirements.....	\$ 5,763.65
Given Week 1.....	\$ 11,331.09
Budget Requirements Y-T-D.....	\$ 5,763.65
Budget Receipts Y-T-D.....	\$ 11,331.09

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
- 6:30 pm - Handbells

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

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
- Children/Youth Activities

Calendar of Activities

December 10 - January 3

Sunday, December 10

- 2:00 PM Parker Kids Christmas Party
Sunday School Classrooms

Monday, December 11

- 10:00 AM WOM Meeting - Fireside Room

Wednesday, December 12

- 5:30 PM MC Quarterly Business Mtg - FH
- 6:00 PM DC Church Family Night - FH

Saturday, December 16

- 4:00 PM DC Caroling and Fellowship
- 5:00 PM MC Youth Christmas Fellowship -
Big Time Entertainment

Sunday, December 17

- 6:00 PM MC Sanctuary Choir & Orchestra
Love Made A Way

- 7:00 PM MC ChurchWide Fellowship - Gym

Wednesday, December 20

- 2:00 PM Pacesetters Caroling
- 6:00 PM DC “Carols, Candles & Cookies”
No Evening Activities on Main Campus

Sunday, December 24, December 31

- 10:00 AM MC Combined Worship Service
Sanctuary (24th) Gym (31st)
- 11:00 AM DC Combined Worship Service

December 25, 26, and January 1

- Church Offices, CLC, and LKLC Closed

PARKER MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH

<u>Main Church Office</u>	<u>Prayer Room</u>	<u>CLC</u>
256-236-5628	256-236-1515	256-419-2120
<u>Parker Counseling Center</u>	<u>DeArmanville Campus</u>	
256-770-7337	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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The Journey of Christmas

December 17 @ 6pm

Presented By
Parker Memorial
Sanctuary Choir & Orchestra

Followed By
Churchwide Fellowship at 7:15 p.m.