

**ALL MEN
JOIN US FOR
BREAKFAST!!
SUNDAY JULY 8 AT
8:00 AM IN THE MAC**

*Willing Widows
Fellowship*

Willing Widows will not be meeting for the summer.
"The JOY of the LORD is our Strength!"





THE JOURNEY


Believe ... Belong ... Become ...

- Greeters**
- 2 Marlene Maddox
 - 9 Amber Hunter
 - 16 Connie Baker
 - 23 Jean Gough
 - 30 Sylvia Colman
- Ushers**
- Henry Keene
 - Jean-Paul Calixte
 - Andrew Magruder
 - Charles Lawson

SOL-SERVANTS
A FELLOWSHIP MINISTRY
SOLO (Single) ADULTS
SOCIALY SERVING CHRIST

Saturday July 15, 1:00 pm until??? Pool Party and picnic lunch at Connie's at Brittany Estates off Waldo Rd. Wear your swim suit, bring your towel and sunscreen and \$2.00 for the kitty.
RSVP needed for food prep 352-316-1178



- Committee Meetings in July**
- 3rd 7:00 pm Trustees Meeting
 - 9th 4:00 pm Mission Team
 - 10th 7:00 pm Stewardship Meeting
 - 23rd 6:00 pm Deacons Meeting



Mission Statement
The Mission of Parkview Baptist Church is to lift up Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord, and to obey His Great Commission.

Our Purpose Statement
The purpose of Parkview Baptist Church is raising the family of Jesus Christ by leading every member to:

-MAGNIFY HIS LORDSHIP IN WORSHIP
-MULTIPLY HIS FAMILY THROUGH EVANGELISM/MISSIONS
-MATURE HIS CHILDREN THROUGH DISCIPLESHIP
-MODEL HIS LIFE THROUGH SERVICE/MINISTRY
-MINISTER HIS LOVE THROUGH FELLOWSHIP

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY - 9:30 A.M.
SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP - 10:45 A.M.
SUNDAY MORNING CHILDREN'S BIBLE STUDY - 9:30 A.M.

Sunday July 2

First Freedoms Sunday

"Religious Liberty"

John 8:31-36

We will celebrate Independence Day on this Sunday but give special attention to our first freedom of religious liberty.

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The Pastor's Letter



Religious Liberty

Independence Day. What a great time to celebrate our freedom in America and especially remind ourselves that we have freedom to worship without coercion. Religious liberty is not a universally accepted concept. It is America that has championed this freedom and America must be vigilant to maintain religious liberty.

Baptist have had a unique part in the development of religious liberty in the United States. Often we hear that America is a Christian nation and that we should promote the Christian faith as a nation. Certainly America was settled by Christian groups that fled to our country looking for relief from religious persecution. But America was also settled by other groups that had economic or political interests. And the Christian groups were often intolerant of those who did not share their religious beliefs.

Many of the same Christian groups that looked for religious liberty in the United States continued the policies of their persecutors once they settled in America. The Puritans of Massachusetts set up a New Jerusalem that insisted that civil authorities maintain the state religion and punish violators. Some men and women challenged the state church and were persecuted for it.

Anne Hutchison was arrested for teaching salvation by grace and holding Bible studies that questioned church-state authority. Roger Williams was run out of the colony for insisting that neither church nor state should persecute the heretic or the atheist. He insisted that even Jews and Turks could be good citizens of the state without having to conform to the state church. Obadiah Holmes accepted Christ and was baptized in 1650. He was banished from the colony for opposing infant baptism. He settled in Rhode Island but returned to visit friends in Massachusetts only to be arrested for unauthorized worship in the friend's living room. Holmes was given 30 lashes for his "crime." As you can see, having a Christian foundation in America did not necessarily mean we had religious liberty in America.

No, we needed new ideas and a fresh approach to religious faith and state government. Roger Williams established the Rhode Island colony and was the first person in America to separate the church from the local government. Williams chartered his colony on the ideal set forth by Jesus that we should "Render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's and unto God the things that are God's" (Matthew 22:21). Jesus separated and affirmed the roles of civil and religious authority. This revolutionary concept was later promoted by Thomas Jefferson and later adopted in the First Amendment of the Bill of Rights: "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof."

You need to understand these two principles spelled out in the first sixteen words of the Bill of Rights to understand religious liberty in the United States. The "establishment clause" keeps the government from advancing, promoting, or privileging religion. The "free exercise clause" prevents the government from discouraging, inhibiting, or denying the exercise of religion (from First Freedoms Project, Baptist Joint Committee for Religious Liberty). The founding fathers wanted to guarantee the free exercise of religion for all citizens and remove all religions from state sponsorship or control.

In many nations around the world, the religious authorities control the state. It is in those countries that religious persecution takes place. In European countries that have state-sponsored churches the churches are empty and religious vitality is weak. In America, where citizens can choose the religion of their choice or no religion at all, religious faith and worship attendance are strong. America is one of the most religious countries in the world and the government did not have a thing to do with it.

Let's insist on religious liberty for all this Independence Day. Let's be diligent to worship and share our faith in a country that allows us to do so without restraint. Let's stand strong for those of other faiths to worship as they feel led and let's share with them the freedom we have in Jesus Christ. Let's stand up and speak up when the government tries to limit or promote religion. Let's be Baptists and Americans in the great cause of religious liberty!

Pastor Greg

PRAYER MEETING
WEDNESDAY EVENINGS
6:30 pm
DISCIPLESHIP MEETING
WEDNESDAY EVENINGS
7:00 pm



International Learning Center
Fall classes begin
August 21, 2017
Monday & Wednesday
9:00-11:30 a.m.
Wednesday August 23, 2017
6:30-8:00 pm
Mary Lynne Moore., ILC Director

Congratulations

June 18, 2017, the church voted to hire Mario Martinez as our fulltime Minister of Education and Worship and we hired Lazaro Armada as our fulltime Associate Pastor. We praise God for our new staff. Thank you church for your vision and faith.

Pastor Greg

Rev Mario Martinez

What a thrill to be here on staff with you. Here are some background information so we can get to know each other better. I graduated from a B.A. in music from the Baptist College of Florida in 1999. Since then I have served full time at FBC Salt Springs as Music and Youth Minister until 2006. I also served full time as Worship Leader and Minister to Youth from 2006 to 2015 at FBC Williston. Taught full time in the public school system from 2015-2017 while working part time as the worship leader here at Parkview Baptist. I am married to Cathy for 34 years and together we have two boys Mario Martinez III and Luis Martinez. I am grateful to God for allowing me another opportunity to serve in a capacity that I believe God has called me to. My Passions run deep in bringing Gods people together each week as we gather and further the purpose for the kingdom. My door is always open about anything. I look forward to sharing with you.

See you there or in the air! *Mario*



Makers FunFactory VBS

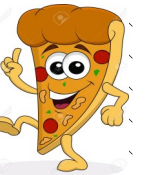
Children experienced a fantastic VBS week where they learned that God loves them and made them wonderfully complex. Thanks to all the volunteers and families that participated. We had an enrollment of 38 children! WOW GOD! We will have a VBS reunion before school starts! More information at a later date will be coming to you! **Karen Magruder, Director**



SIZZLIN' SUMMER FOR

CHILDREN AND YOUTH -

- Sundays** - Life Connections Bible Study for youth and children
- Wednesday nights** - Children Activities (grades K-5) - Games, Bible, Crafts; Youth Activities (grades 6-12) PANDEMIC - Prepping for a Contagious Faith!
- Outbreak** - First Friday of every month (7-10) - lesson, games, snacks, fellowship times, trips and outings. **July 7 is the first Outbreak.**
- Saturday Activities** - Youth events and outings. **July 1 Meet and Greet** with youth and parents. Pizza provided.
- Children events** - field trips and outings with parents and children!



Grace Marketplace

JULY 16th

- Join us on the Third Sunday at 2:00 pm to prepare a meal
- and 4:00 pm to deliver a warm meal to the homeless.
- Contact Fran 870-6662 if would like to serve in his ministry.

August 16 Wednesday

DINNER WILL RETURN

5:30 PM — 6:30 PM

At Parkview

Free Community Dinner

