



**Committee Meetings for January**

- No Trustees Meeting for January
- Jan 15 Tues 7:00 pm Stewardship Meeting
- Jan 22 Mon 7:00 pm Deacons Meeting
- Jan 28 Sun 5:30 pm Church Council Meeting
- Jan 28 Sun 7:00 pm Church Business Meeting



*Willing Widows*

There will not be a meeting in January



PARKVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH

# THE JOURNEY

**Motto for Mission 2018 : Share His Love**

**Greeters Jan**

- Jan 7 Connie Baker
- Jan 14 Marlene Maddox
- Jan 21 Jean Gough
- Jan 28 Doris Harlow

**Ushers Jan**

- Henry Keene
- Charles Lawson
- Andrew Magruder
- Jean-Paul Calixte

**SOL-SERVANTS**

A FELLOWSHIP MINISTRY OF  
SOLO (Single) ADULTS  
SOCIALY SERVING CHRIST



Saturday January 27

We are going to the Dudley Farm Historic State Park for a guided tour. Then we will go to Newberry Backyard BBQ for Lunch. Contact Connie for transportation 352-316-1178.

We will be leaving at 8:30 am sharp !  
from the Church.



## Jesus Among Secular Gods

FREE EVENT

An open forum with  
**Ravi Zacharias and Vince Vitale**

Thursday, Jan. 25th, 2018 @ 7pm

Exactech Arena  
at the Stephen C. O'Connell Center  
Gainesville, FL



**Mission Statement**  
The Mission of Parkview Baptist Church is to lift up Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord, and to obey His Great Commission.  
*Matthew 28:18-20*

**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.

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

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**Children's CHURCH**

**2ND 3RD AND 4TH SUNDAY**  
**10:45 AM**  
Bring family, friends  
& neighbors

**The Pastor's Letter**



**MISSIONS 18**

The year 2017 was eventful and full of ups and downs at Parkview Baptist Church. If you consider all that has happened, you may be tempted to wonder how we survived such an eventful year. But as always, God is good, Jesus oversees his church, and the Lord sees us through on this earthly journey.

The church saw several staff changes this year. Shane Johnson, who served us well for several years, resigned to become Executive Director of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Alachua County. Shane is well-equipped for this position and has already made needed changes and improvements to the organization. Mario Martinez was moved from part-time Minister of Music to full time Minister of Education and Music. His leadership this past year has been phenomenal as he navigated leaving a full-time teaching job to becoming full time in ministry again. He and his family have blessed our church family and Mario has impacted our church with fresh ideas and enthusiasm. Lazaro Armada was brought on as an Associate Pastor and worked with our youth ministry. He quickly raised attendance and activities for the youth and by the fall had a strong, growing youth group. Laz developed health problems that kept him from fulfilling his responsibilities and sadly resigned because of health issues. Any one of these staff changes would have been major in the normal flow of church life, but Parkview was able to adjust and prosper despite these changes. That is a tribute to our church family and God's grace.

Then there was my heart attack. I was rushed to the ER in August with breathing issues and after a heart cath was found to have three blockages in my heart. The doctors immediately put me into surgery and repaired my heart with triple by-pass surgery. It was later discovered that my heart was not beating properly so they added a pacemaker a few days later. For the next six weeks, I was in recovery mode and worked to get my strength back. I was finally able to make it back to work on a limited basis. In the meantime, the church stepped up to not only maintain the normal activities of the church but also to minister to me and my family in a remarkably caring and loving way. I will forever be grateful to the church and all my friends and family who supported me with their prayers and cards and service. This again is a tribute to our church family and God's grace.

The year 2017 also saw us lose some stalwart members and people of great faith who made Parkview what it is today. Kenneth Langdon, Richard Gailey, Kim Bell, Evelyn Casey, Anne Daley, Sarah Hudson, Patricia Durant, Diana Gay Long and Louise Mott passed away during 2017. We will miss them and all the contributions they made to our church. Once again, the church provided care and concern in loving and tangible ways to let these families know how much their loved ones were appreciated.

God is good, and your actions are a tribute to our church family.

All the ups and downs of 2017 have affected our attendance and programs. We have had to scramble to have teaching and leadership positions filled. This is positive in the sense that some people have taken on new responsibilities and have volunteered in ways that they have not done before. Adversity often creates opportunity and some of our members have trusted the Lord to guide them into new roles in our church family. We praise God for this. On the down side, attendance has declined, and we have had to restart some programs that were affected by staff changes. My absence seems to have led some who were thinking of joining to no longer consider doing so. Others have taken a wait and see attitude to see if the church can recover from so many changes. We are on the road to recovery, but we still need to be faithful to the task.

That leads me to **Mission 2018**. We need to refocus our commitment to reach out to the community and lead the unbelievers and unchurched to Jesus. Our motto for Mission 2018 is **Share His Love** to emphasize our purpose of **Evangelism**. Our guiding verse this year is 1 John 4:10-14: *"This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins...And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world."* Our objective for the New Year is that "we will tell others by word and action that God loves us and sent his Son Jesus to forgive our sins and to be our Savior." The only way our church will grow is if we share his love.

Will you join me in this new mission for 2018?

The first commitment you can make is to pray the 5 BLESSings prayer for 5 people, 5 minutes a day, 5 days a week, for 5 weeks and Invite your friends and neighbors to attend the Ravi Zacharias Open Forum at the O'Connell Center on January 25, 2018. We will be sharing information about the event in January, but you can begin to think of five unchurched friends and family members who need to know Jesus as Savior. You can begin to pray for them and then invite them to the forum. God has been good to us this past year. You have been amazing. Let's continue to Share His Love in 2018.

*Pastor Greg*



**GRACE MARKETPLACE  
MINISTRY**

**SUNDAY JANUARY 21**

**Plan to be a part of our Ministry to Grace Marketplace, serving a meal there at 4:30-5:30 pm on the 3rd Sunday of the month. Preparation starts the Friday before with shopping and cooking, then Sunday afternoon, noon to 3:30 pm, we finish the meal. Call or text Fran Ingram for details.**



**INTERNATIONAL  
LEARNING CENTER**

**Classes Begins Monday January 8, at 9:00 AM. Volunteers are always needed for teaching, helpers and children's workers.**

**Contact Mary Lynne Moore or the church 378-2606**



**Community and Family  
WEDNESDAY EVENING  
5:30 PM — 6:30 PM**

Our Wednesday Community Meals, served at 5:30 pm. All are welcome to be a part of the fellowship and team work involved. There is always something to do and people to get to know and encourage. Call or text

Fran Ingram [\(352\) 870-6662](tel:352-870-6662) for details.



COMMUNITY DINNER

**Everyone is Welcome  
Saturday January 13  
9:00 AM—12 noon**



**ALL**

**CHURCH  
WORKDAY**

**SUNDAY January 14th  
8:00 AM**

**Men**

Join us for Breakfast!  
In the MAC



**WEDNESDAY EVENING PRAYER AND  
DISCIPLESHIP CLASSES**

**6:30PM**