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The Pastor's Letter



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Motto for Mission 2020: Magnify Jesus as Lord

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 FLOWSHIP
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| SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY | 9:30 A.M. |
| SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP | 10:45 A.M. |
| SUNDAY MORNING CHILDRENS SERVICE 2ND & 4 | 10:45 A.M. |
| WED CHILDREN'S BLAST, PRAYER, BIBLE STUDY | 6:30 P.M. |



March 26

WELCOME

Dr. Fred Luter, Jr.

LOCATION: Sardis Baptist Church 3515 Main Street,

Worthington Springs, Fl 32697

5:30 pm. (refreshments till 6:30) 8:30 pm.

NCFBA Annual Missions Celebration!!

Guest Speaker: Dr. Fred Luter, Jr. Pastor of Franklin Avenue Baptist Church in New Orleans

Pastor Fred Luter, Jr., the first African American President of the Southern Baptist Convention will deliver the Word. Dr. Luter is the Senior Pastor at Franklin Avenue. His inspiring story starts with what he refers to as his "Damascus Road Experience." Come, fellowship, worship with music groups from around our Association, and connect with brothers and sisters from our member churches. There will be booths with information and highlights of our partner missions opportunities. Come get connected with others in 2020.

Working Together for Kingdom Impact

Lent 2020

Ash Wednesday, is the first day of Lent, the 40 days that precede Holy Week and Easter. We celebrated Ash Wednesday on February 26 and reviewed the importance of remembering our mortality. God told Adam, "you are dust and to dust you shall return" (*Gen 3:19*). In the tenth century the use of ashes was employed in visibly reminding worshipers of their mortality as they began their Lenten journey. Ashes have historically and biblically been associated with death, repentance and humility. We come to Easter by way of the cross. Lent is a historic Christian practice that prepares the heart and spirit for Easter. It is a time for reflection, fasting, confession, and prayer. It is a time for self-evaluation as well as to encourage others to follow Jesus.

Why 40 days? The Bible has many stories related to the number forty. It rained 40 days and 40 nights as Noah fled to the ark. Israel wandered 40 years in the wilderness. Jesus was in the wilderness 40 days and 40 nights when he was tempted by the devil. The number 40 seems to be a period of time in which important things happen. But practically speaking, it takes about 40 days or six weeks to develop a new habit. You grow through practice and repetition. When you learn something new it takes three weeks to feel comfortable. Then it takes another three weeks to make it a habit. A 40 day commitment can transform your life.

The 40 days of Lent can develop your spiritual life and create new habits in your walk with God. For us, the Season of Lent is an invitation to 40 days of renewal ("Lent" means "spring"), forty days to prepare ourselves to take in the Good News of Easter through deeper disciplines of prayer, fasting, and giving.

From Sunday, March 1 through Palm Sunday, April 5 we are going to participate in the church wide 40 Day Campaign *Time to Dream: Open Doors to Your Future.* We will discover the doors God opens to us: the door to a new you; the door to authentic relationships; the doors to greatness and abundant blessing; and the doors to our world and our eternal legacy. These six weeks of intense focus on Christ will open doors to a new relationship with Jesus and a new vision for our church. What is God's will for our lives and church? What open doors does he have for us? We aim to find out!

I will be preaching on God-sized dreams for our church each Sunday. You will be studying a different theme each week during the Sunday morning Bible Study hour. We will all be on the journey to see what open doors God has for us as we move toward Easter. We will develop the habits of weekly worship and fellowship, Bible Study, prayer, and daily devotions.

We want you to prepare well for Easter spiritually. We also want you to begin to look for ways to invite friends to come to our Palm Sunday and Easter services so they can hear the Resurrection story.

Palm Sunday and Easter are a perfect time to invite unchurched friends and family to come to church and hear the Good News. Our church points people to Jesus and challenges them to put their faith in him as Lord. Telling others about Jesus will not only impact the lives of others but will inspire your own lives as well. We all have friends, neighbors, family members, co-workers, and acquaintances that need to know Jesus as their Savior. Is there one person you know that you can invite to our Palm Sunday and Easter worship services? Is there one person you know that you can begin to pray for and lead to Jesus? Let's use the season of Lent as a time to pray for the salvation of our one.

Pastor Greg

