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THE JOURNEY

September 2020

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 FELLOWSHIP

SUNDAY MORNING - SUNDAY SCHOOL - ZOOM

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

10:45 A.M. in the Sanctuary and

Presented on Parkview FACEBOOK

Wednesday evening bible study 7:00 pm

Presented on www.zoom.com

NOTE: Contact church office for connections details



Parkview's Transition

"Parkview: give glory to God, receive God's grace." Those were the last words of Pastor Greg's farewell sermon to our congregation. As we enter this time of transition in the life of our church, I would like to share with you some of the things for which I praise God: 1) we have been blessed to have the caring leadership of Pastor Greg for so many years when the current average length of a pastorate is 18 months; 2) so many people contributed of their time and resources for an excellent celebration for the family of Pastor Greg whose tenure is truly worthy of double honor (1 Tim. 5:17) ; 3) we were able to enjoy a reception in our fellowship hall in a socially responsible manner and more than 15 days later (as of this writing), no one in attendance has contracted COVID-19; 4) we are blessed with key leaders who have a transition framework to ensure that Parkview continues to offer its services to the congregation and our community and start a process that will lead to the calling of our next Senior Pastor.

I am reminded that when the first disciples went through their time of transition after the Ascension, they stayed together and persevered in prayer (Acts 1:13-14). Let me encourage you to stay connected with Parkview through our small groups in Sunday School, Wednesday Evening Bible Study, Morning Prayer and Worship services. Stay in prayer for the church that we may have a fresh experience of God's grace even during this time of transition. Next time, I'll share more about exciting opportunities for outreach that are now possible.

Jean-Paul Calixte, Sunday School Director



Experience the Changing International Learning Center

Prayer is being answered! ILC opened August 25, 2020 with 7 students in our first virtual class! 5 of the 7 students were in their own country Brazil, Ecuador, Belarus or another state in the US. 16 students have participated in the individual interview that is required for placement in an ESL class. Of the 16, only 5 are in the Gainesville area. We are definitely Experiencing the Changing environment for ESL ministry!

We are teaching two levels of English in person at Parkview Baptist Church, 3403 NW 13th St, Gainesville. We will start with only 1 class time per week, on Wednesdays 9-11am. Masks and distancing required. Classes will be limited in number. There will be no refreshments provided.

ILC is offering three levels of English virtually using Zoom. Times are Tuesday at 9am, Wednesday at 6:30pm and Thursday at 4pm.

The registration fee is waived for the Fall semester. ILC will still provide Easy English News to all students and printed materials to classroom students. We will all be learning together as ILC embraces the change that has been forced upon us.

We still need your prayers, volunteers and/or support financially as we move forward.

Blessings to you,
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TRANSITION MESSAGE FROM THE DEACONS

We have been richly blessed with twenty years of excellent pastoral leadership by Dr. Magruder. His record of service to our congregation cannot be measured in only earthly terms. He has been used by God in many ways through the years, meeting the needs of a diverse and changing congregation. He has been the only pastor some members of our congregation have ever known. He has built our solid foundation of faith in his preaching and teaching ministry. He has led us to think beyond our facilities to find ways to minister to our community. He has encouraged us to grow in our faith and outreach. He has been a comforter for us in times of grief. He has been a cheerleader for us when we faced times of challenge. And, above it all, he is our friend! Dr. Magruder has lived his faith, and allowed us to share his journey with him. And God is not finished with him yet!

All of us will suffer loss in this change in our pastoral leadership and the grief process will be different for us all. But we must remember, this is God's Church. He wants only the best for us in our future. We are faced with the most important and difficult process any church must deal with. We must seek God's person to lead the church. This search is a complicated and difficult task that requires clear thinking, devout prayer and the ability to make logical choices.

Our By-Laws have been carefully developed to provide clear instructions for the pastoral search. We will strive to keep you all informed about what we are doing, where we are in the process and what progress is being made. In the coming weeks, you will be invited to respond to surveys about what is important to you in the next pastoral leader.

The first step in our process is to maintain our current ministries. The Deacons have the responsibility for this important task. The second step is the selection of appointment of a Pulpit Committee who will lead the search for our next pastor. You are invited to prayerfully consider if you would like to be considered to serve on this committee. If there is someone you would like to recommend for this task, please ask them if they are interested before submitting their name. We would like to receive any applications or recommendations by the first week in October. The applications or submission of names for the Pulpit Committee to be directed to our **Church Moderator, Steve Gilly**. If you want to drop a note/envelope at the church office, addressed to Steve.

The final and most difficult step is the actual search process. More on that later. Be in prayer.

Michael A. Lipe, Deacon Chairman