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## THE JOURNEY

### 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/MISIONS
- .....MATURE HIS CHILDREN THROUGH DISCIPLESHIP
- .....MODEL HIS LIFE THROUGH SERVICE/MINISTRY
- .....MINISTER HIS LOVE THROUGH FELLOWSHIP

### Church Services and Discipleship Events

Sunday Morning Worship Service: 10:45AM [in Sanctuary and on Facebook Live]

Sunday School [small groups Bible study] via Zoom.us and teleconference

Wednesday Night Bible Study via Zoom.us: 7:00PM

NOTE: Contact Church office for connection details

January 2021



*Praise the Lord!  
For it is good to sing praises to our God; for it  
is pleasant, and Praise is beautiful!*

*Psalm 147:1*



### Happy New Year!

Those words have never sounded so good and sweet since we have turned that last page of the 2020 calendar and are looking forward to new beginnings in 2021. I am very thankful for our willingness as a congregation to adapt to the disruptions of the previous year and continue to be the body of Christ in this corner of Gainesville, FL. We stopped in-person gatherings in obedience to the advisories and mandates of local and state governments but used online technologies to offer Sunday sermons, Sunday School classes until it became safe to partially reopen our sanctuary and campus for church and community services. That is responsible leadership that deserves appreciation. We honored our Senior Pastor and his family in a very special and meaningful way considering the restrictions that determined what we could and could not do for such an occasion. We were blessed with guest preachers every Sunday who presented God's word from a variety of perspectives and deacons who stepped up to lead our worship services, a role that goes much beyond offering the Invocation prayer. We were blessed with worship lay leaders who prepared and facilitated the broadcast of our worship services every Sunday. We were blessed with several guest speakers for our Wednesday Night services and faithful participants who make those gatherings quite inspirational. We celebrated the Advent of our Lord and Christmas with special ceremonies and a candlelight service, all within a beautifully decorated sanctuary. Our efforts throughout last year were not perfect but we have worked and continue working through challenges. I am also very thankful that God has preserved our members from the serious complications of the pandemic.

We are now in a new year. We have new possibilities starting with the release of several vaccines that are being distributed with all the logistical challenges related to that process. There is hope. Our Pulpit Committee is looking forward to receiving the congregational surveys so we can interpret the desire of our members for our next Senior Pastor as we pursue the search for suitable candidates.

Please remember the deadline to submit your response is January 15.

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### Deacon Transition Report

Congratulations! Parkview Baptist church survived 2020 despite many challenges. COVID-19 has put us in a difficult spot. Not only were we limited in the number of persons who could attend live worship services, but we experienced the retirement of Dr. Magruder after twenty years of faithful service.

Many faced loss of income and all experienced a loss of freedom of movement. Nearly every family knows someone who has been impacted by the virus.

Perhaps the worst aspect of these past months has been the sense of isolation from our family and friends, and from our church family. We have continued to provide Sunday School and mid-week Bible study electronically. We continue to conduct worship in the Sanctuary every Sunday morning.

In January, the schedule of guest speakers is as follows:

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| 3 <sup>rd</sup>  | Rev. Michael Lipe with Communion |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> | Rev. Steve Pettit                |
| 17 <sup>th</sup> | Rev. Linda Ballard               |
| 24 <sup>th</sup> | Rev. Randy Kemmerer              |
| 31 <sup>st</sup> | Rev. Larry Ingram                |

You are welcomed back to corporate worship whenever you feel you can come. We are following all COVID protocols for safety.

As we enter a new year, may God continue to bless us individually and as a church.

**Michael A. Lipe, Chairman of Deacons**

All of our online sessions (Sunday School, Wednesday Night Bible Study, quarterly business meetings etc.) conducted via Zoom also have a telephone number that you can dial in and participate. That's yet another opportunity for us to connect with our church and invite friends, relatives, associates and neighbors to participate as well. I encourage you to remain hopeful in God's grace, faithful in God's service, eager to grow in faith and ready to move as the Holy Spirit leads us at the dawn of this New Year.

**Jean-Paul Calixte, SSD**