



GROW Together

By any definition, growth is a miracle. A single dormant seed mysteriously springs to life and with proper nurture produces a bountiful harvest. But what we plant is important. "Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow" (Galatians 6:7 NRSV).

**The seeds we plant determine the harvest we reap.** Christians can develop (grow) in their spiritual life. There are three good seeds we can plant so we can GROW in our Christian life. The Lord causes these seeds to GROW. God rewards our worship. God rewards our witness. God rewards our work. When we plant the seeds of worship, witness, and work, the Lord brings a harvest of reward. We grow together as we work together. One way to observe how a church grows together is to look at the annual budget the church adopts. Our Stewardship Committee is putting together the budget for the upcoming year. The membership and leadership of the church under the guidance of the Holy Spirit determine the vision and goals of the church and finance accordingly. A unified budget reflects the mission of the church. We fund what we feel is most important to complete the Lord's work and mission.

Our church feels it is important to support other ministries and groups that carry on kingdom work that supports our greater vision for reaching the world for Christ. We set aside ten percent of our income to fund ministries that we as a small church could not do on our own. We unite with our brothers and sisters in Christ to impact the world in a variety of ways. A look at our church budget shows that we support numerous ministries locally and globally. Our local congregation is able to have a global impact.

Locally, we support Gainesville Community Ministries so that people can have food, utility assistance, and medical help. SIRA provides counseling, health options, and pregnancy testing for women seeking guidance. Christians Concerned for the Community provides appliances, furniture, and assistance to needy families. They also build ramps for the elderly and handicapped. And we support the Florida Baptist Children's Homes locally through our Friends of Children ministry that houses children and helps single mothers find shelter for their families.

Of course, our International Learning Center meets each week to teach English as a Second Language to international students and their families. Our local North Central Florida Baptist Association is in our budget too. We are able to unite with 40 plus churches and missions to serve Christ in our area. We used the association-sponsored Mission Trailer recently at one of our outreach events. The association also sponsors Samaritans Clinic to help with the health and dental needs of the poor in our area. Our food ministry, while not in the budget, feeds over 100 people every Wednesday. We are able to touch people's lives in positive, helpful ways as we work together.

Our budget includes global ministries that we support. The Southern Baptist Convention in Florida and nationally is supported through our budget giving. The Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of Florida and nationally is funded through our giving as well.

These groups help us spread the Good News around the world and give us access to a united mission to fulfill the Great Commission of Jesus.

One example is the recent devastation caused by Hurricane Dorian in the Bahamas. CBF Florida and the SBC Disaster Relief crews are ready to help the Bahamas recover. Some have asked, "What can I do to help the Bahamas?" Here is a letter from Ray Johnson, the Coordinator for CBF Florida:

*As I mentioned yesterday, I have been working with Rick Burnette (CBF Global's domestic disaster response coordinator), Evan Rees (CBF Florida's moderator-elect), Chris Lane (director of National Christian Foundation), and several others to get aid to the islands of Abaco and Grand Bahama this weekend, if the weather and the conditions permit.*

*Please continue to remember that you can do three things for our brothers and sisters in The Bahamas:*

*Continue to pray for the people of Abaco and Grand Bahama. Also please pray for the family members who are waiting to hear from their loved ones;*

*Donate to CBF Florida's disaster response ministry so that we can get resources to the islands when they begin to rebuild. You donate online by clicking this link. Be sure to click the "Disaster Response" button.*

*Register with CBF if you are interested in volunteering for the long-term response effort to help The Bahamas recover. You can do that here. Realize that registering helps us reach out to you for future work in that no teams are yet able to go into the affected areas.*

*If you feel led to give to a ministry that is doing first response work, let me recommend that you look at HeadKnowles Foundation, which is mustering flights and flotillas to bring in food and supplies in conjunction with appropriate government agencies. You may also want to consider World Central Kitchen, which is positioned right now to bring feeding stations to the people of Abaco and Grand Bahama as soon as they are given the go-ahead by the government.*

*Thank you for all that you do for God's Kingdom,*  
Ray Johnson  
Coordinator, CBF Florida

We grow together as we work together. The BEST work is TEAMWORK. Let's continue to sow good seeds together and see the beautiful harvest that the Lord brings.

Pastor Greg

# THE JOURNEY

## who's your ONE?

It doesn't matter how many buildings we construct, churches we plant or sermons we preach if we're not intent on doing everything so that lost men, women and children will experience the transforming work of **God**.

DEACON **Reception**

**Come meet your Deacon**  
**Sunday September 29**

IN THE MAC - AFTER WORSHIP



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### Motto for Mission 2019: Pray for Breakthrough

**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

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



### 2nd Annual Denim & Diamonds

Tuesday, September 24th 6:00 - 9:00PM  
AT SANTA FE RIVER RANCH IN ALACHUA

This event is a fund raiser for The Brave Moms Program (that helps mothers of young children with housing, Christian mentors, and other services so children can remain safe.

Come share this amazing evening with friends, family, church families and our community leaders.

please email FOC at [friendsofchildrenfl@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofchildrenfl@gmail.com) For more information contact Mary Lynne More ml @myilc.org

Other opportunities to support the event will be through individual ticket sales and ads in the program book

Event tickets - \$65/supporter name -\$25

¼ page ad - \$100/ ½ page ad—\$200

