



**Parkview Baptist Church** **THE JOURNEY**  
 3403 NW 13th Street  
 Gainesville, FL 32609  
 Phone: 352-378-2606  
 Email: office@parkview-baptist-church.org  
 Website: www.parkview-baptist-church.org



**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

**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

October 2020



**"Praying Together" by Linda Ballard**

Covid-19 has hindered and enabled. We can see God is giving us new opportunities to discover other ways of developing communications and unity. New ways to do "church."

Parkview is facing a new day, a new challenge. Therefore, we are asking every member (active & inactive), as well as, persons who have shown interest in the work God is doing through and among those involved at Parkview, to join in a time of weekly guided prayer.

Several people have been asked to call others who are listed on our church directory in order to uphold and encourage all of us to seek God's will for Parkview as we transition from the ministry of Pastor Greg to a new pastor God will bring to us. If you have not heard from someone by the time you receive this, please contact the church office. We want to assure all who have a desire to support God's work through the ministries of Parkview have that opportunity.



**Transition Report from Deacons**

A very popular folk song of the 1960's was titled "The times, they are a changing." That protest anthem is very appropriate for today's world. Nothing seems to be normal. Nothing is as we were comfortable with it. Nothing is as safe and sure as we want it to be. COVID-19 had turned our world upside-down.

Our traditional American dream seems to be turning into a nightmare in so many ways. Race relations in our country are as bad as they have ever been, with hatred and violence exploding across the nation. The economy acts like a rollercoaster, with ups and downs making our personal financial future seem questionable. Even our health, the most important aspect of life, is being threatened in new and frightening ways.

One area of stability in our normal lives has been our families. Another stable aspect of life has been our Church Family. We have been blessed by the stability of twenty-years of pastoral service by Dr. Greg Magruder. Not a day has gone by in the past month without my thoughts drifting back to him in the pulpit or in some other area of ministry. I trust that many in our church family are still remembering and missing the Magruder's and still in the difficult process of saying goodbye to them. That is as it should be – and as it will continue to be for some time. The transition from one pastoral leader to the next one is never easy, especially when the relationships have been deep and long.

But time moves on, and the Lord's Church continues to be a place of stability for worship, ministry and fellowship. The pulpit schedule for October will include the following pastors. Rev. Michael Lipe and Communion (4th), Rev. Linda Ballard (11th), Rev. Dennis Durant (18), Rev. Randy Kemmerer (25).

We are following all safety protocols to minimize the risk to our Church family as we worship together.

Sunday School and Wednesday night Bible study continue electronically.

The ALPHA program on Sunday afternoons is a vibrant and important tool for Spiritual growth for all ages.

As we maintain our ministries, we are looking forward to new ministry and new leadership. This month, we will present a Pulpit Committee for approval by the church. They will begin the important task of seeking God's leading to the next pastor for Parkview. Please be in prayer for the Deacons as we maintain ministry and to the Pulpit Committee as they begin their work.

The times, they are a changing, but God is eternal!

Michael A. Lipe, Chairman of Deacons

**What is "Normal"?**

The "new normal" is an expression that is used quite frequently to describe current realities of living in a world affected by a pandemic, being socially distanced from each other, unable to spontaneously drop by an elderly neighbor for a visit, societal unrest, looming national elections, parents and guardians working extra hours as de facto home school teachers, the uncertainty of what is yet to come. Then we come across a Bible verse like 1 Thess. 5:18: "...give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you"... and wonder. Is it even possible to feel thankful in those circumstances? Consider these three things: 1) when Paul wrote those words, it was after he was forced to leave the city of Thessalonica under cover of darkness because of a violent mob opposition to the Gospel. He was, in effect, socially distanced from his Thessalonian brothers and quite frustrated by that situation. He did something about it: he sent Timothy to exhort and assess their spiritual welfare. 2) God is omniscient and is not "caught by surprise" by the things that disrupt our "old normal"; 3) God is sovereign and we can rest on His word and not give into fear "though the earth gives way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea..." (Psalm 46:2). Just picture this scenario for a moment. When our circumstances change, we can always look for opportunities to help further His kingdom. One such opportunity is the ministries and services we now have online: The ILC reports having students attending from far flung places. Our Wednesday Night Bible study/Discipleship training frequently receives guests from Gainesville, south Florida and Atlanta. These blessings come our way when we're willing to invest in prayer for and outreach to those God has placed in our sphere of influence. Even in the "new normal", even in a time of leadership transition, the Great Commission and Great Promise endure. That is exciting. That's something for which we can be very thankful.

Jean-Paul Calixte, SSD