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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 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

**December 2020**

*For unto you is born this day*

*In the city of David a Savior who is Christ the Lord Luke 2:11*



**Transition Report from the Deacons**

Season's Greetings!

Our world is dark and frightening. COVID-19 seems to be in control of so much of our lives that there is little to be happy about. Many of us have never experienced such a dangerous and frightening time in our lives. Nearly everyone knows someone who has suffered from the Pandemic. We all know people who had experienced loss of income or even loss of a career.

Millions of Americans are facing Christmas with doubts about how they will be able to celebrate. How can they provide the gifts that they want to give to their family? How can they enjoy family gatherings during the virus? How can they sing "Joy to the World" when they feel no joy?

A single word can provide joy during sadness. That word is ADVENT. Advent refers to the coming of Christ into a dark and dangerous world. He came not as a conquering warrior but as a helpless infant born into poverty and isolation.

As we remember and celebrate this coming, may we each find personal joy in a relationship with the Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace that the prophet Isaiah promised? Joining together for worship is a wonderful way of experiencing the joy of the season.

Each of the four Sundays in Advent, we light another candle on our Advent wreath. We hear the Word of God promising us hope and joy and peace.

In the coming weeks, our guest speakers will be:

December 6th – Rev. Michael Lipe with Communion

December 13th – Rev. Linda Ballard

December 20th – Rev. Steve Pettit

December 27th - Rev. Michael Lipe

On Christmas Eve, we will focus on Jesus as the light of the world. We will participate in a brief service (5:30 – 6:15 PM) in which we will focus on the circumstances of the birth of the Lord. We will share in lighting the Christ Candle and circulate this light into a dark world. What more powerful statement can we make in the face of a troubled world that to come together in a joyful remembrance of the greatest gift God ever gave.

Our anthem should be "Oh, Come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord."

Michael A. Lipe, Deacon Chairman

**A note from the Pulpit Committee**

God has a sense of humor. I started my November article with a comment about the rather warm weather. This morning, I had to scrape ice from my car windshield! Hooray for December. I wanted to use this space to give you a first update on the Pulpit Committee. We have been quite active since the committee's appointment on October 18, 2020. We have spent time in prayer. We have established a detailed framework for the tasks enumerated in our church By-Laws in order to seek and recommend a suitable candidate for Senior Pastor. We have met with seasoned former ministers who have worked with pulpit committees in other churches in order to listen to their perspectives on our work and gain their insight regarding opportunities to consider and pitfalls to avoid in the process. We have researched and carefully designed a survey to solicit feedback from our active members on the type of Senior Pastor they desire to lead Parkview. This survey also provides an opportunity for sharing members' vision for Parkview. We are looking for your input. We want to hear your honest opinion to inform our search and future plans of the church leadership. The survey will be distributed via regular mail during the second week of this month.

The deadline to return the survey is January 15, 2021.

I encourage you to take appropriate time to pray, fill and return the survey. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me or any of the Pulpit Committee members (Henry Keene, Fran Ingram, Tammy Eddy, Dennis Durant, Steve Ballard, and Steve Gilly) whom I commend for their willingness to engage on this journey. May God bless you and clothe you with His grace and peace during this special season of Christmas.

Jean-Paul Calixte, Chair