

PARKWAY

BAPTIST CHURCH

Monday, August 31, 2026

Dear Parkway Church Family,

The first meeting of Parkway Baptist Church took place on October 24, 1954. And after much prayer, the Holy Spirit led in a marvelous way...to a large three-story house located at the corner of Olive Street Road and Ross Avenue, known as the Denny property. Ever since that time, Parkway has grown and continued to build new buildings. And we want to care for what God has entrusted to us, not simply for ourselves, but for the generations who will come after us.

When our current building was constructed, Parkway Baptist Church moved forward praying about people it would house over the next 30 years. We are beneficiaries of the sacrifices of previous generations, and the time has come for us to consider those who will come to Parkway 30 years from today. We must be strategic. We must be intentional.

We need to fix up the house...in order to build a family.

Our building is not our mission, but it is a valuable tool God has entrusted to us for the mission. It provides a place where we gather for worship, proclaim the Gospel, disciple families, welcome guests, serve our community, and reach the next generation for Christ. Because of that, we believe we are called to steward it faithfully.

Over the past two years, God has allowed us to complete more than \$300,000 in important facility improvements through faithful giving, careful stewardship, generous gifts, and the time and talents of our church family. These projects have included new carpet in the Youth Hall, the renovation of Room E204, improvements to our Upper North Wing children's classrooms, refreshed office and conference areas, a new Worship Center sound system, and the modernization of our elevator.

In the coming weeks, we will also replace all three Worship Center HVAC units, which are more than 20 years old, at a cost of approximately \$154,995. Because of healthy reserves and faithful giving, this critical project has been strategically planned through the great work of our Trustee and Finance Committees.

God has provided, resources have been stewarded well, and you have been faithful.

On August 7, a major sewer-stack problem was discovered in our Lower East Wing restrooms, located in the oldest portion of our facility. Once walls were opened, we discovered multiple sewer-stack leaks, asbestos, mold, and deteriorating infrastructure.

We immediately filed an insurance claim, but at this point our insurance company has indicated that it does not expect to provide coverage for the loss. After prayerful discussion among our pastors, Trustees, and Finance leadership, we believe the best path forward is a two-phase plan.

PHASE ONE — Immediate Mitigation & Plumbing • Approximately \$33,000

This includes mitigation, asbestos abatement, removal of affected materials, and repair and replacement of the leaking sewer stack. With the unanimous approval of our Trustees, this work is already underway and is being funded through restricted reserves designated for unbudgeted facility needs.

PHASE TWO — Rebuild the Lower East Wing Restrooms • Approximately \$50,000

Once the emergency work is complete, the Lower East Wing restrooms must be rebuilt. Our goal is not extravagance, but to provide clean, modern, attractive, durable, and efficient restrooms in one of the most heavily used areas of our church—an area regularly used by children, families, guests, and our congregation.

For Phase Two, we are asking the Parkway family to prayerfully consider making a special gift above your regular tithes and offerings toward rebuilding these restrooms.

There is no pressure. We simply ask each of us to pray: “*God, is there something You would have me do?*”

Some may be able to give significantly. Others may give a smaller amount. But, together, our gifts can accomplish something substantial. You should know that every pastor is leading out in this endeavor, personally contributing financially to this project because we would not ask our church family to do something we are unwilling to do ourselves.

This unexpected need is just a bump in the road, not a change in direction. Our Trustees, Finance Team, pastors, and staff remain committed to becoming increasingly proactive in caring for our facility. We are developing a comprehensive three-to-five-year facilities plan that will help us anticipate needs, establish priorities, and steward our resources wisely – in order that more time and energy can be given to people and ministry.

Enclosed you will find a flyer with more information and how to give.

God has entrusted this house to us. May we care for it faithfully and use it effectively for the purpose He has given us: **Glorifying God, Proclaiming the Gospel, Making Disciples.**

Thank you for your continued faithfulness, generosity, prayer, and partnership as we steward our resources and invest in the future of Parkway Baptist Church.

Matthew Creath, Associate Pastor – Administration and Education

On behalf of the Pastors, Trustees & Finance Team of Parkway Baptist Church