

Reflector

Parkway Baptist Church—February/March 2020

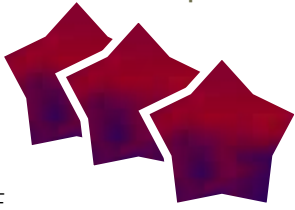
Preach the Gospel

MISSIONS SUNDAY

Sunday, February 16
10:30am
Parkway Baptist Church

Celebrate what God has
done through Parkway
Baptist Church in the
last year!

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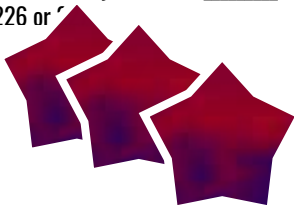
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God Will Never Give Up on You

He sees your potential.

Do you ever wonder if you are wasting God's time, or even if God has given up on you? Philippians 1:6 reads, *"being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ."*

God never gives up on you. God's intention is that we be profitable servants in His plan. The Lord God sees our potential. He knows our capacity to grow and to develop. He, likewise, is aware of our weaknesses, and is ready to help us. Paul said it best, *"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."* (Philippians 4:13).

We all make many mistakes, but lessons learned from them are used by God to build character. God is ready and willing to forgive our confessed sin. But He expects us to learn from our experiences in trials, tribulations, and suffering.

What does God expect? *"For everyone to whom much is given, from him much will be required; and to whom much has been committed, of him they will ask more."* (Luke 12:48).

Keep pressing, on dear Brothers and Sisters (II Timothy 4:7)!

PASTOR



Finishing Strong

How are you living your life? By what rules? Following whose example?

As I write this, we have just concluded 2019 and are charging into 2020. I have to ask myself the same questions. How did I live in 2019? Did I finish well? Looking forward, what should I do better? The changing date on the calendar is not something magic, but it is a good time to assess ourselves with an eye for improvement. Fortunately, we as believers, have a great example to follow, Jesus!

Jesus provided a great example of finishing strong for us to model. Near the end of His physical existence on earth, Jesus was crucified; the punishment of a criminal for One who did not sin! He could have been angry and resentful for how He was being treated. Instead, He showed His true character; forgiveness, mercy, compassion, and love.

All through His ministry, Jesus forgave sin and instructed His followers to forgive. *“Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you.”* (Eph. 4:32). While on the cross, Jesus even forgave those who were crucifying Him, *“Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.”* (Lk 23:34). As we begin a new year, who do you need to forgive? If you don’t, the anger in your heart will keep burning. Trust me on this... forgiveness is why Jesus shed His blood on the cross and He invites us to the table of forgiveness, *“Drink of it, all of you; for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.”* (Matt. 26:27-28).

Jesus also demonstrated mercy in His final hours. The criminal on the cross near Him recognized Jesus for who He was. He acknowledged his own wrong-doing but recognized that Jesus had done nothing to deserve punishment. He asked Jesus to remember him when He entered His kingdom, and Jesus was merciful. We can wonder why the criminal believed Jesus was divine, but only the spirit of God could reveal Jesus’ true identity to this man. Is this the year when YOU recognize who Jesus is, and give your life to Him?

We see Jesus’ love for mankind on the cross, but we also see an example of His personal love and compassion for family. As He was dying, He made sure that His mother would be cared for by one of His closest disciples. When He saw John and His mother near the cross, He told John, “Behold, your mother!” In the hecticness of life, we should never forget to cherish the gift of our physical family and our church family.

One of the last things Jesus modeled for us on the cross is His trust in and surrender to His Heavenly Father. In His final breaths, Jesus said, *“Into your hands I commit my spirit.”* Luke 23:46. In His final moments, Jesus trusted His Father. Shouldn’t we?

STUDENT EVENTS 2020

GENERATE CAMP, RUSTON, LA, JUNE 15 -19

If you missed the deadline for the deposit, talk to Mike to see if there are any open spots. Cost for Camp is \$329.

STREET REACH, MEMPHIS, TN, JULY 19-24

Sign up by February 23, 2020 with a \$50 deposit. Cost is \$275.

DNow WINTER RETREAT, MARCH 6-8

Watch for more details.

For more information on any of these events, contact Mike Laws at milaws@parkwaybaptist.net.

No one finishes their life stronger than Christ! He sacrificed His life for our forgiveness. Like the criminal, we deserved punishment, not Him. He willingly took it for us. But the amazing thing is, His life is not over! His personal, earthly ministry ended when He conquered death, but He is alive!

As we charge into the new year, are we exhibiting the heart of Christ? Are we following the example Jesus set for us on the cross by showing forgiveness, mercy, and compassion to others? Jesus’ earthly ministry ended at the cross, but that is where ours begins. Through His followers, His ministry never ends. God has plans for you. Are you ready? Have you surrendered to Him? It is a new year. Make it your best ever!

MIKE LAWS



Scan to your smartphone for quick access to Saturate Student Ministry's facebook page!

Combat “The Blues”

Stay connected!

The winter months in St. Louis can be tough. The sun disappears, its gray much of the time, and the St. Louis “blues” has more than one connotation for many. The holidays have come and gone, and a new year has started. Sometimes, this can be challenging, even for the follower of Christ.

Groups with Great Success

To battle this, it is very important to always stay connected to the body of Christ. At Parkway, there are many ways to connect. Our Sunday groups are always a wonderful way to connect to the body. We have groups of varied ages and stages in life, and are beginning to start new groups that have two, three and even four generations all studying the Bible together on Sunday mornings. Thus far, it has been a great success, as everyone has something to offer others from their life stage and experience in following Christ.

Events Not to Miss

I’m also excited for a few events that you do not want to miss in the coming months. First, on February 16, we will have Missions

Sunday. We will celebrate what God has done through our Acts 1:8 efforts, share the plans for our new partnerships in 2020, and make commitments for the next year. You do not want to miss this Sunday morning.

Empower to Connect Conference

Additionally, I cannot wait for Parkway to host the *Empower to Connect Conference* on Friday, March 27, and Saturday, March 28. This conference is designed for anyone who works and cares for children. The conference is designed to understand how to better relate, connect and understand children, and gives practical tools for such. Many foster and adoptive parents, such as Leslie and I, have taken part in this conference in the past, and it is well worth your time. So whether you are a Sunday school teacher, Awana leader, preschool teacher, or if you just want to care for your children or grandchildren better—this is for you! I am also pleased to say that while most churches charge for this event—Parkway is offering it completely free to our

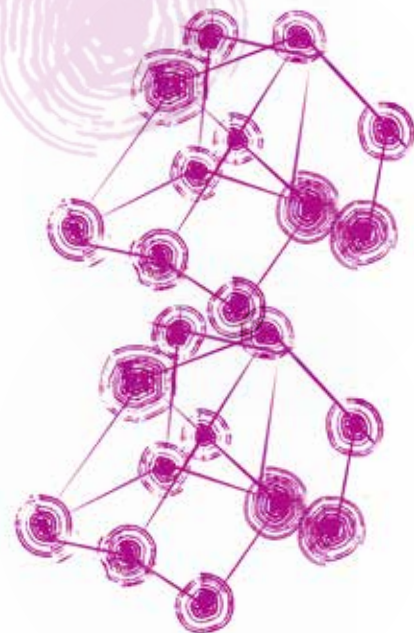
community. Invite your friends and family to join you. You may register at www.parkwaybaptist.net/events.

As always, please let me know how I can connect you at Parkway. My desire is to see each of you growing in Christ, surrounded by Biblical community, and expressing your faith through living missionally in your spheres of influence.

Many blessings!

MATTHEW CREATH

Minister of Administration/
Education



Stay Connected!

Family Life



LOVING GOD ~ NURTURING PEOPLE ~ SHARING CHRIST GLOBALLY

December Financial Statement

YTD Tithes & Offerings	\$ 1,209,833.78
Budget YTD Tithes & Offerings	\$ 1,313,788.49
Tithes Under Budget	\$ 103,954.71
YTD Expenses	\$ 1,238,211.00*
Budget YTD Expenses	\$ 1,313,788.49
Expenses Under Budget	\$ 75,577.49

*The expenses include \$99,903.26 transferred from the general fund to the Facilities Enhancement Fund.

Celebration55+ News

February

03/10/17/24 CELEBRATION⁵⁵⁺ CHOIR 10:00 A.M., MUSIC ROOM

Friendship Village (Both Facilities).....	06
<i>Leave 9:30 a.m., Sing 10:00 a.m.</i>	
Council Meeting	10
<i>11:15 a.m., Conference Room 1.</i>	
President's Day	17
<i>Church Office Closed</i>	
Luncheon	18
<i>11:30 a.m., Fellowship Hall, \$3.00 plus a covered dish.</i>	
Pillow Stuffing	20
<i>9:30 a.m., E102</i>	
Senior Adult Day at Missouri Baptist University	21
<i>Meet at Parkway at 8:30 a.m. Cost is \$20.00.</i>	

March

02/09/16/23/30 CELEBRATION⁵⁵⁺ CHOIR 10:00 A.M., MUSIC ROOM

Brooking Park and The Willows.....	05
<i>Leave 9:00 a.m., Sing 9:30 a.m. and 10:15 a.m.</i>	
Council Meeting	09
<i>11:15 a.m., Conference Room 1.</i>	
Luncheon	17
<i>11:30 a.m., Fellowship Hall, \$3.00 plus a covered dish.</i>	
Pillow Stuffing	19
<i>9:30 a.m., E102.</i>	

SENIOR ADULT DAY AT MISSOURI BAPTIST UNIVERSITY

Join us Friday, February 21 for Senior Adult Day at MBU. We will see their production of "Into the Woods" and then have lunch on site. The cost for this event is \$20. We leave at 8:30 a.m.; the show begins at 9:30 a.m. Sign up and pay at the Welcome Center or contact Gary Cole at 314.548.6576.

Family Food Pantry

Family Food Pantry collection (non-perishable items and no glass, please) takes place the first Sunday of the month. In February and March the collection takes place February 2 and March 1.

The Family Food dates for Saturdays at Jubilee Church, 4228 S

Kingshighway Blvd, St. Louis, MO 63109 are:

February 1	August 8
March 28	October 10
June 6	December 12

Transitions

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY TO:

Doug, Delores, Andy, and David Morr in the death of Doug's mother. Howard & Mary Mullins, Moree, Darin, Esten and Alaina Ronning in the death of Howard's sister.

WELCOME NEW BABY:

Hanna Grace, infant daughter of Ryan and Theresa Riley.

Staff Anniversary

Kris Graves — February 2013, Seven Years

Dale Morrow — March 1989, Thirty-one Years

New Members



Mary Lasswell
Baptism

Welcome to Parkway
We thank God for You!!



"being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ." Philippians 1:6



Family Life Birthdays

February

Ruth Pallepamu _____ 2/5
Gregory McGraw _____ 2/6
Richard Cude _____ 2/7
Dorothy Long _____ 2/7
Edward Wisniewski _____ 2/7
Quay Finefrock _____ 2/8
Rachel Pallepamu _____ 2/8
Betty Walters _____ 2/8
Ivory Vetter _____ 2/9
Delores Morr _____ 2/10
Kristi Stroud _____ 2/11
Carter Dale _____ 2/12
Aubrey Grantham _____ 2/12
Marion Mahoney _____ 2/14
Shirley Biebel _____ 2/16
Sherry Blankenship _____ 2/16
Myrlin Herdlein _____ 2/18
Daniel Price _____ 2/18
Gabriel Castebianco _____ 2/19
Mike Rogers _____ 2/19
Garland Westfall _____ 2/19
James Cain _____ 2/20
Yuung Ping _____ 2/24
Olivia Rosewell _____ 2/24
Samantha Bozarth _____ 2/25
Nancy Price _____ 2/25
Steve Agrippino _____ 2/26
Jeanne Cody _____ 2/26
Dorman Midyett _____ 2/27
Sandy Savage _____ 2/27
Edmund Willis _____ 2/27
Donna Parson _____ 2/29

March

Christy Agrippino 3/4
Jason Harris..... 3/4
Richard Martin..... 3/4
Dwight Blankenship 3/6
Nancy Probst.....3/7
Becky Wescoat.....3/7
Joseph Read..... 3/8
JoAnn Castebianco..... 3/11
Luke Price 3/11
Lynn Cunningham 3/12
Katie Nelson 3/12
Bradley Underwood 3/12
Nathan Reed..... 3/13
John Grater 3/14
Melissa Midyett 3/14
Dave Lowry 3/16
Mary Lou Kelley 3/18
Nitsa Hindeleh 3/19
Andrea Rogers 3/23
Ethan Lau 3/24
Christi Waterman.....3/26
Patrick Ferguson3/29
Tina Thompson.....3/30



*Happy
Birthday!!*

February 2020

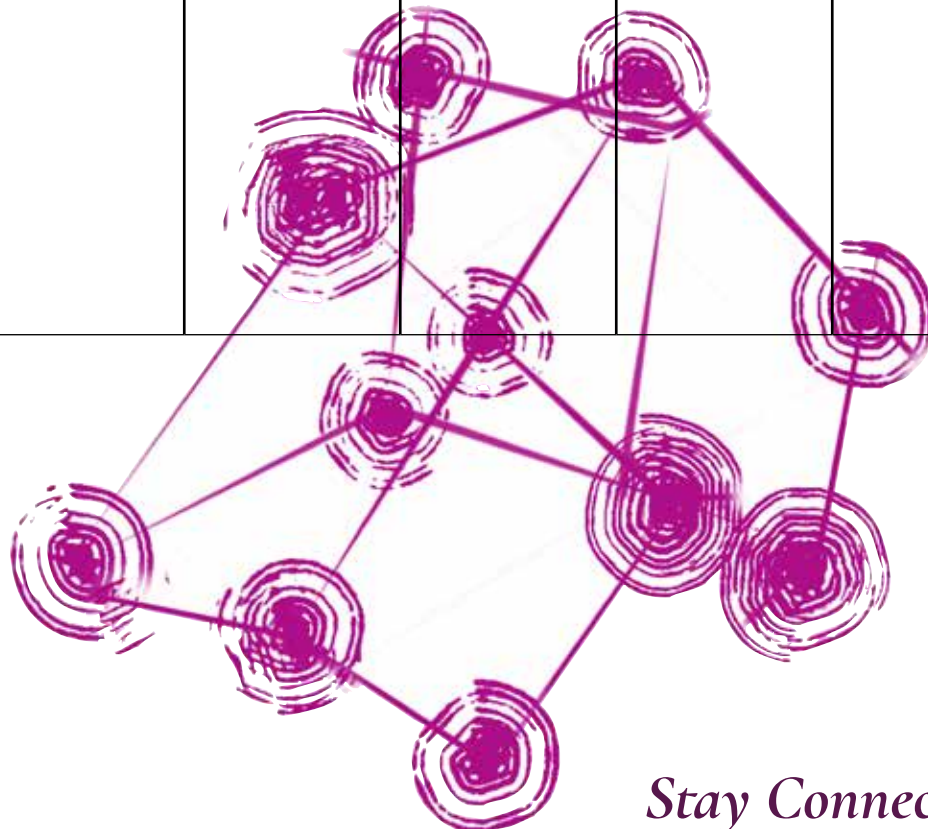
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 9:30 AM Family Food Pantry @ Jubilee Church
2 GROUNDHOG DAY SuperBowl Sunday - No evening activities	3		5	6 9:30 AM Celebration ⁵⁵⁺ to Friendship Village (both facilities)	7	8
9 4:00 PM Acts 1:8 Meeting 4:00 PM Children's Ministry Team	10 11:15 AM Celebration ⁵⁵⁺ Council	11	12	13	14 VALENTINE'S DAY	15
16	17 PRESIDENT'S DAY Church Office Closed	18 11:30 AM Celebration ⁵⁵⁺ Luncheon	19 6:30 PM Finance Committee Meeting	20 9:30 AM Pillow Stuffing	21 8:30 AM - 2:00 PM Celebration ⁵⁵⁺ to Senior Adult Day at MBU	22
23 TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY 12:30 PM International Potluck Fellowship	24	25	26 ASH WEDNESDAY 6:30 PM Awana Bible Quiz for T&T	27	28	29

March 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 6:30 PM Upward Awards Night	2	3	4	5 9:00 AM Celebration ⁵⁵⁺ to Brooking Park and The Willows	6 DiscipleNow	7 DiscipleNow
8 DAYLIGHT-SAVING TIME BEGINS DiscipleNow 4:00 PM Acts 1:8 Meeting 4:00 PM Children's Ministry Team	9 11:15 AM Celebration ⁵⁵⁺ Council	10	11	12	13	14
15	16 Parkway Spring Break	17 Parkway Spring Break 11:30 AM Celebration ⁵⁵⁺ Luncheon	18 No Wednesday night activities Parkway Spring Break	19 Parkway Spring Break 9:30 AM Pillow Stuffing	20 Parkway Spring Break	21
22	23	24	25	26	27 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM Empowering to Connect	28 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM Empowering to Connect 9:30 AM Family Food Pantry @ Jubilee Church
29 12:30 PM International Potluck Fellowship	30	31				

February - March Regular Scheduled Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
8:15 AM - 9:00 AM Church Library Open	9:00 AM Preschool Classes	9:00 AM Preschool Classes	9:00 AM Preschool Classes	9:00 AM Preschool Classes	9:00 AM Preschool Classes	7:00 AM BSF Men's Leaders Meeting
8:30 AM - 9:00 AM Kingdom Work Prayer Time	10:00 AM Celebration ⁵⁵⁺ Choir	9:00 AM Precept Bible Study Classes	12:00 PM - 6:15 PM Prayer Time	Upward Practice (through February)	Upward Practice (through February)	9:00 AM Upward Games (through February)
8:30 AM Orchestra Rehearsal	Upward Practice (through February)	7:00 PM BSF Men's Bible Study	6:00 PM Griefshare			
9:15 AM - 10:15 AM Bible Study		Upward Practice (through February)	6:00 PM - 8:30 PM Library Open			
10:30 AM Worship			6:30 PM Awana			
12:00 PM Library Open after Service			6:30 PM Saturate (7th-12th graders)			
3:00 PM Parkway Choir Rehearsal			6:30 PM Women's Bible Study			
5:00 PM Children's Choirs						
5:00 PM Men's Bible Study						
5:00 PM Rubies (Women's) Bible Study						
5:00 PM Trek/ Journey (Jr Hi & Sr Hi Awana)						
6:30 PM Men's Basketball						



Stay Connected!!

Mark Your Calendars!!

YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS THE FUN!!

CENTRIKID

July 13-17

Cost: \$309

Venue: Southwest Baptist University, Bolivar, MO

Register at parkwaybaptist.net/events. To reserve your child's spot, a \$60 deposit is due by February 5. You can pay online or give Becky a check or cash. Balance will be due at our Parent/Camper meeting in June. Please talk to Becky if a scholarship is needed.

UPWARDS AWARDS

Sunday, March 1, 6:30 p.m.

With special guest, Mark Lippard.

AWANA GO

February 5 - Awana GO Kickoff.

This year we have adopted South Asia which includes India, Pakistan, Afghanistan, Nepal, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, and Bhutan. We provide kids the opportunity to connect with God's work all around the world. We will have lessons about kids in South Asia and collect money to help Awana Clubs there. For every \$10 that is collected, a child can attend Awana. Won't you help? Envelopes will be available on the information rack or on the table in the upstairs foyer

SOUPER BOWL NIGHT

February 12

Bring a can of soup for our food pantry

QUIZ NIGHT FOR T&T BOYS & GIRLS

February 26

AWANA GO LESSONS CONTINUE

March 4

SPRING BREAK – NO AWANA

March 18

OUR AWANA MISSIONARY VISITS & IT'S BACKWARDS NIGHT

April 1



Mark your calendar for our Annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 11 for all preschoolers and elementary-age kids. Watch for additional details in the KidZone Newsletter.

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Here is the ticket link.

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