Special events this month:

- Awana begins on Wednesday, Sept. 6th from 6:30 to 8:00 pm
- Fall Church Wide Study "Stand Firm" Begins on Sunday, Sept 10th.
- Refuge Food Pantry the third Saturday of the month
- Baby Dedication on Sunday, Sept. 17th
- All Things Women meets the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm
- Family Fun Day Outreach Event at Plum Creek Park, Saturday, Sept 30th from 12:30 - 3:00 pm

Baptism Celebrations!

- Montse Manzo on July 16th in Ensenada, Mexico.
- Micah Scherr on August 19th in the Plate River.

Life at times can be like that bully in middle school it has a way of pushing us back, knocking us down or in some cases just plain running us over. For many of us we don’t know how to deal with life’s bullying any more than we did that bully in middle school. How are we to stand firm against the daily struggles in this life? Add to that the spiritual battles that we face each day, life can be overwhelming. First step is to understand that the bully is real, his name is Satan and he is nastier than any bully you ever encountered in school.

This year’s church wide series we will be focusing on how to deal with the bully, Satan. God has given us the tools to counter his attacks in Ephesians 6 and we will spend 8 weeks focusing on how to stand firm against his attacks.

Another way to stop a bully is to gain the support of friends, to join together for support, and encouragement. When I was in school bullies seemed to pick on the individual who was by themselves. This is so true in the spiritual life. Many of us think we can make it on our own, we don’t realize that we need each other to make it. This is why we stress the importance of small groups, we can do more together. The Church Wide study Standing Firm is a great time to jump into a Small Group, I want to encourage you to make this a priority. If you are in a group commit to fully being a part of it this fall. If you are not in a group, join one. To join contact the church or email me ptvball@gmail.com I can help you find a group that fits.

-Paul Thomas

Discipleship is ... intentionally teaching someone to obediently follow Jesus.
Student Ministries Updates September 2017

Parkview Youth Ministries began the school year with a Kickoff Party on Wednesday August 30th. There was food, fun, and fellowship. The Youth Ministry leaders was excited to reconnect with returning youth and to meet and welcome the incoming sixth graders and new youth that will be joining us!

We have a different schedule planned this year for our regular Wednesday meetings. Both High School and Middle School youth will meet at the same time. We would like to have all youth at the Refuge by 6:30 pm; lesson time is at 6:50 pm and small groups at 7:15 pm. We will finish at 8:00 pm and plan on locking the doors at 8:20 pm.

The format is being changed this year to maximize our resources. We have fewer leaders this year but our core group is strong and dedicated to the Parkview mission; DISCOVERING A DEEP-ENING RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS! We have seen a lot of fruit from our Youth in the past years! From the Mexico mission trips, which have deeply impacted several students to the Super Summer camps that have challenged students to examine themselves in an authentic way. Also through our Youth Group Ministry the maturity level of our students has increased in a very positive way and it’s being passed down and encouraged in our younger youth.

Whenever we have a positive impact on furthering God’s Kingdom, we will attract the attention of the enemy. We see this in our Youth Ministries as much or maybe more so than the adult church. For this reason we are going to follow the church wide study “Standing Firm” so we can give our youth some valuable resources to deal with the world and the dangers that are sometimes hidden even in plain sight.

Want to help in some way this year? Contact Thane at 325-6707

Soul Steps
Meeting Jesus on the steps of our soul!

Women’s Community Bible Study on Mondays from 7-8 pm at the Lexington Public Library beginning Sept 11th. Join us for an 8 week study as we allow Jennie Allen to challenge us in obedience to God’s calling on our life with her book “Anything”.

Come prepared by reading the first 3 chapters of the book and complete lesson 1 in the back of the book. We look forward to exploring God’s calling on our life in this 8 week study.

Questions email iflexingtonSA@gmail.com or contact Hayley Huyser at 308-325-6133

Attendance Record
YTD Small Group Average: 109
August Small Group Average: 95
YTD Worship Average: 258
August Worship Average: 275

Parkview’s Financial Report
(Figures as of 08/29/17)
YTD Ministry Fund Rec.: 339,033.94
YTD Min. Fund Needed: 350,988.00
Weekly Average Needed: 10,977.77
Weekly Average This Mo.: 9,163.83
YTD Ministry Fund Spent: 324,378.32
Building Fund Balance: 1.143,012.18
Dear Co-workers,

Thank you for your partnership, hospitality, prayers, love and goodness to us. God gave us a wonderful furlough and trip back. It was smooth as was customs. We always feel a bit torn between two countries, the ministries, family and friends. It is a great privilege to serve Him, however. Furlough highlights would be seeing our son, Joel, Cindy, André, Julian, Alyssa, and the three greats. They about melted our hearts. We also got to see John’s five siblings and my two. We were able to attend Jennifer’s graduation from Faith Baptist Bible College and John’s marriage to Sarah Brown. We visited 15 churches, one of which doesn’t support us. Plus, we attended Baptist Mid-Missions’ Annual Conference. The preaching was exceptional and we profited from the workshops. We were given pins for 50 years of active ministry. Isn’t God good? I often say, “If He wasn’t faithful it wouldn’t have happened”. The church is doing well. They purchased 100 new chairs while we were gone and we are pleased they did it. Plus, the chairs are very comfortable. We are still concerned with the lack of commitment to faithfulness. Pray with us that God would give us wisdom in helping them have hearts that fear God and be committed. Continue to pray for the Press. Brazil has had a severe financial crisis which has affected everyone. More books need to be sold. We are thankful that Renate Reiner will be helping with the publishing of the Sunday School material. It is urgent that we get the material printed. Hopefully, it can begin this year. Thank you once again for serving with us.

His for Brazil,
John and Karen Swedberg

Missionary UPDATE

Boundaries Now … or Tears Later!

On August 8th, the ladies from both the Living Waters Ministry and Parkview Women’s Ministry presented “Boundaries Now … Or Tears Later”. The evening was intentionally targeted to mothers and daughters, or mentors of middle school, high school or college bound ladies. The intent was to reinforce the need for boundaries or the resulting consequences, to support the parents’ enforcement of boundaries, and to spark a viable conversation between the parents and daughters. Attendance went beyond our expectations. There were about 65 attendees, with an approximate total attendance of 70 people.

The room was vividly laden with a theme of shimmering gold. Each place setting included a painted gold stone with the scripture passage reference 1 Peter 1:7 inscribed on it.

“so that the proof of your faith, being more precious than gold which is perishable, even though tested by fire, may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ”

The evening began with an opening devotional and prayer by Mori Gordon followed by a taco bar served by ladies from the Women’s Ministry. The program started off with Jane Schroeder giving a clarification of what the Living Waters Ministry is. The speaker for the evening, Audrey Cover enlightened the young ladies present on what a life looks like when boundaries are not in place by her living testimonial, leading into the heart of her presentation. It was then opened up to a period of questions and answers. What we found out was that there is a great hunger for help in regard to boundaries. Feedback showed, parents found out it is not only okay to set boundaries for their children, but a necessary part of parenting. There was a positive reception to this night with a desire for future trainings like this one on a more in-depth level.

CORE VALUES

Relational Evangelism

Though there is great variety in how God has made us, we are united in our faith relationship with Him as Christians. We also share some core biblical values as his followers in the Parkview family. These values help us promote and pursue unite with each other as we seek to impact others and follow Jesus together.

One of our core values is relational evangelism. We believe in sharing Jesus naturally in the normal flow of our relationships. In Mark 1:17 Jesus said, “Follow me and I will make you become fishers of men.” This is not optional. Those who really follow Jesus find that their hearts become like His. He noticed people. He cared about people. He connected with them because he cared. His desire was to invite others to enter the kingdom of God.

The ultimate dream is that we would become a spiritual family who care so much about others that Jesus naturally flows out. In the end evangelism is not a program or an event. It is the flow of Christ from one person to another.
Please mark your calendars
Family Fun Day Outreach Event
September 30th at Plum Creek Park
12:30-3:00 pm

Children ministry team is sponsoring the second annual on Saturday, September 30th from 12:30 to 3:00 pm at Plum Creek Park.

The vision is to bring families together in our church and community to share the Love of Jesus Christ with one another. This year we are featuring the Semisaurus Mobile Museum. A 48 foot semi trailer converted into a professional museum to teach history and science from a Biblical perspective. Also included will be a free meal, bouncy houses, carnival games with prizes, balloon guy and more. Bring your family, neighbors and friends for a fun day.

We need help and would like this to be a Parkview event going to the community. Sign up sheets will be in the foyer the next few weeks if you would like to volunteer to help with this event.

Join us on
Wednesday Nights 6:30–8:00 pm
And learn how to “Live Out Loud.”

- September 6 Awana begins - Registration
- September 13 - Let’s Get Started
- September 20 - Go Big Red Night - wear red
- September 27 - Backpack Night

Ages 3yrs - preschool

Sparks:
K-2nd grade

T&T Club:
3rd-5th grade

You can make a difference
Find Healing for Your Heart

Living waters can help anyone who is tired of struggling with the hidden pain of relational or sexual brokenness. While it takes many forms, the powerful shame of it keeps too many in darkness for too long. Many in our community have found hope & healing. Why not you?

Details:
- Begins October 3rd.
- 6:30-8:30 at Parkview
- 20-week closed group
- Gender specific groups with high confidentiality
- Caring trained leaders

SIGN-UP at parkviewfamily.com.
For more info contact johnparkviewch@msn.com.

How Life Ministry Started!

In 2007 pet therapy was started for my mother. Dementia was progressing, everything had been tired. I relayed to my dad the only other thing we could try is to add another member to the family which became nine week old Benny. He brought much joy to my mom for four years. She shared Benny with several friends at the nursing home, something began to bother me, I just didn’t know what or why.

Pastor John presented messages about “Better Together, What on Earth Are We Here For? 40 Days of Community”. I started praying about a ministry to get involved in but what? The Lord kept pushing but what? Finally why not start a new ministry, but what?

My work has always been nursing. I enjoyed geriatrics, even as a child would like being around older folks. I had been taking care of my parents who both had dementia, my mother for many years. Thank you Lord, I finally get it. I know what you want me to do. After five years of preparation and prayer LIFE Ministry started on July 31, 2013.

--Barb Chase

August Food Pantry happened August 19th with our regular prep day on the previous Wednesday. Our team is building relationships with one another and with our guests in a manner which is God blessed. The relationships on this ministry team has been a blessing to all of us involved. We would be blessed to invite others to join our team if you are being called to serve and would be truly welcomed.

To start with, the prayer room and children’s room were well utilized. Awanas and Good News Club were promoted. Each month, walls of defenses are coming down and relationships are being built. We served 74 families (327 individuals) and handed out 127 bags of food.

It is wonderful to see God working in the hearts of the diverse group of volunteers who come to work and serve each month. Only God can make that happen.

--Food Pantry Volunteers
The Whole Armor Of God
(Eph. 6)
By L. Scott Sarnes

For now our struggle is not to fight in this world,
Our enemy is not of flesh and blood.
We battle powers of this present darkness,
For us to win we must don the whole armor of God.

The word of God defeats the evil forces,
Open your mouth and speak out the truth.
Dark worldly powers in the realms of heaven,
Cannot prevail against the whole armor of God.

Finally be strong in His mighty power,
So you can stand against the devils’ schemes.
The prince of darkness throws his flaming arrows,
You can survive if you wear the whole armor of God.

The shield of faith and helmet of salvation,
The belt of truth fastened round your waist.
Breastplate of honor and the sword of spirit,
Proclaim the gospel and wear the whole armor of God.

Stand firm and strong, defiant, fearless and brave
The Lord is by your side
So stand your ground our God is mighty to save
The darkness cannot hide

Lyrics to a song I wrote after doing a study of Ephesians, maybe we’ll play it for you during the church-wide series.
See you Sunday! --Scott

Parkview Baptist Day of Caring
Sunday, October 8th 2017

The Day of Caring is a day to have our whole church family help members of our congregation and community complete work projects that they are unable to accomplish by themselves. We have a variety of projects from lawn work, washing windows, and simple house repairs. The purpose of the day is to show the love of Jesus through our actions and service. We could still use a few more projects to work on, so if you know someone that could use our help please sign them up or call us.

How can I be part of the Day of Caring?
- Signing up to become a work site volunteer
- Becoming a project/work site Leader
- Recommending a Project site/or person we can help
- Providing child care for our workers at the church
- Help prepare or provide food for our workers for the celebration meal at the end of the day
- By purchasing a Day of Caring Volunteer t-shirt
- By providing a financial donation to help with the expenses
- Becoming a pray partner for this day
- Talk to your small group/or family and do a project together

How do I sign up for the Day of Caring?
We will have sheets for volunteers at the church office. We will also have Project Site Recommendation sheets in the office if you know a person or project that could use our help. You can also sign up by visiting the Parkview Church Facebook page or by calling or texting Tim Davis at 308-325-0048. We would like to have the majority of our volunteers signed up by Sunday, September 10 in order to order t-shirts and needed supplies for our projects.

Agenda for the Day of Caring Sunday, October 8
9:00-10:15 AM Regular Church Service
10:15-Noon Prepare to Serve
Noon-4:00 PM Day of Caring Service Projects
4:30-6:00 Worship and Celebration Dinner at the Church!
Pastor’s log September 2017

We have spent the past few months focusing on what it looks like to center our lives on Jesus? What can we expect from Jesus and what our part looks like. My hope for all of us is that we come out the other side with our lives more centered on Him than they have ever been. More fulfilled. More joyful. More effective. More impactful. This won’t happen by accident. We all tend to drift to other things. So I invite you to make it a life habit. If you missed any of the lessons you can find them on our website (newly updated by Joy Heck-enlively… THANKS!)

I’m excited about the focus of our next series, Standing Firm. This world is NOT heaven. We live on a spiritual battlefield. Real darkness is wrecking lives all around us.

Have you ever watched the news wondering what it must be like for people living in place like Syria, Mosul? War zones?

We live in a war zone. If you have ever stepped up to really follow Jesus you have felt this. If not, you may not realize it yet. When you take your faith with Jesus seriously you become a target of His enemy. The whole purpose is to prevent us from going deeper in our relationship with Jesus, His family & especially His mission. He wants to disrupt Jesus’ work through us! This happens especially when you are on the verge of a spiritual breakthrough.

Spiritual enemies require spiritual weapons. You cannot fight deception with security systems, muscles, knives, bullets, or bombs. We must prepare spiritually in advance. It’s important to stay ready and train because we don’t know when or how the attack will come. We need His whole armor.

Thankfully, God gives us armor to stand strong in His mission. Like protective gear for athletes and first responders, How much more important to take up the spiritual protection Jesus offers us for the most destructive battles you will ever face. Join us the next two months as we learn about the Spiritual protection God has designed for us and how we can best make use of it.

Standing with you,

John

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