

2024 Quarterly Business Packet

4th Quarter | October 1 – December 31

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Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, January 29

1. Open
2. Approve Agenda
3. Approve Minutes
4. Approve Church Membership Report
5. Approve Stewardship Report
6. Pastor's Report
7. Old Business
8. New Business
 - Motions for Consideration
9. Adjourn

Previous Meeting Minutes

3rd Quarter | Wednesday, October 17

- Meeting called to order on October 17, 2024, at 6:45pm with prayer by Pastor Mike Tatem.
- Motion made by Ted Janson to approve Agenda as printed, second by Larry Brown, carried.
- Motion made by Beth Long to approve Minutes as printed, second by Mark Ficken, carried.
- Motion made by Tina Smith to approve Clerk's Report as printed, second by Quentin Boyle, carried.
- Motion and second from Stewardship Committee to approve Stewardship Reports as presented. There were no questions asked. Motion carried.
- Pastor's Report was reviewed and discussed with congregation.
- Motion made by Bobby Clark to approve New Business items, second by Jim Smith, carried.
- Motion made by Larry Brown to adjourn, second by Jim Smith.
- Meeting adjourned at 7:10pm with prayer by Pastor Mike.

Church Membership Report

October 1 – December 31

Church Membership Totals

Beginning: 1,824

Additions: 9

Losses: 7

Ending: 1,826

Additions

Baptisms

1. Cash Meek | November 3
2. Molly Wells | December 22

Letter of Transfers

1. Caleb Land | October 27
2. Dania Barrett | October 27
3. Justin Bedenbaugh | October 20
4. Caitlyn Bedenbaugh | October 20
5. Colton Parrish | November 20
6. Charlotte Parrish | November 20

Statement of Faith

1. Susannah Land | October 27

Losses

Transfers

1. Carolyn Norris | December 23

Deaths

1. Billy Strickland | October 24
2. Al Buie | October 26
3. Andy Huddleston | November 2
4. Wayne Morrell | December 5
5. Gareth Dicks | December 9
6. Jimmy Musser | December 31

Pastor's Report

Mike Tatem

Our church meets four times every year to review various reports and affirm the work of our committees and ministry teams. These meetings do not last very long, but they give the church a chance to celebrate what God has done and is doing through His church called Parkview. Our next quarterly business meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 29, 2025, following our midweek Bible study. Our bylaws require that the church vote on the acceptance of minutes, membership report, and financial statements, as well as any motions for consideration from the various committees. Please review these materials prior to the meeting and contact the church office if you have any questions. You will have an opportunity to ask questions during the meeting.

As many of you know, our overall vision is driven by the Great Commandment (to love God and to love others) and the Great Commission (to make disciples of the nations.) We want to make life at Parkview a reflection of the kingdom we anticipate and make it more attractive than anything the world has to offer. For that, we need a church family that by faith is willing to live for the glory of Christ and to love what Christ loves. I pray that our church will sense the urgency of Christ's gospel for those who have yet to believe and that everyone who covenants with us will participate regularly in our times of corporate worship, our Life Groups (small group Bible studies), and our opportunities to serve in ministry and on mission.

Recently, our nominating committee selected and our congregation approved a committee that was tasked with vetting potential candidates for the student pastor position here at Parkview. I am thrilled that the committee, with unanimous support from the deacons, are recommending our Next Gen Associate Clay Rainer to become our next Student Pastor. Their full report and recommendation are included and will be considered during our time of business as we ask the church to affirm this appointment. The church will host a light lunch question and answer session with Clay for families who are involved in our Next Gen ministries. That meeting is scheduled for Sunday, January 26, at 12:30pm in the fellowship hall. We hope that you will attend to encourage and support Clay as he shares his vision for student ministry and prepares for this role.

Our church members covenant together to accomplish what we believe to be four primary ministry objectives of the church: worship, community, discipleship, and mission. My report is organized around these four ministry objectives.

Worship

Our focus in 2025 will be to continue to encounter God in worship through the priority of Scripture. We also want to obey God in corporate worship by observing the ordinances on a regular basis. The plan is to gather at the Lord's Table in communion every first Sunday of the month as well as on special occasions such as Good Friday and Christmas Eve. We baptized 14 people in 2024. I pray that we might see that number double in 2025. My prayer is that every Parkview member will make engaging in corporate worship a weekly discipline and when you are not traveling, that Parkview will be a part of your weekend priority and routine.

In addition to an emphasis on corporate worship as reflected in our church covenant, we want to continue to encourage members to develop their private and family worship times through daily Bible reading plans. We will throughout the year recommend or provide devotional guides to complement seasons such as Lent and Advent. We believe that a heart of worship is reflected in the way we sing, pray, give, study, and respond to encountering God corporately and individually. I look forward to our church growing in grace together as we worship the God who is worthy.

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Community

We continue to place a priority on growing our church through growth in our small groups. We believe that our life groups provide the best opportunity for church members to develop friendships and community in our church. Our prayer is that our life groups will be the major outreach arm of the church as well as a place where our members can enjoy fellowship with and care for one another. I believe we have some of the best Bible teachers in our city. I want to publicly thank them for the work they do week in and week out in preparation, and for their faithfulness to be available to facilitate discussion around the truths that we encounter in God's Word.

We believe that being on mission together and serving on ministry projects together are great ways to build friendships and develop Christian community. In addition to Life Groups, the church will continue to offer additional on-ramps for building community through various Bible studies, ministry team opportunities, and recreational activities such as Thursday night volleyball. Please be sure to read the reports from our Women's Missions and Ministry director. Again, consider finding community in groups such as these.

Discipleship

Believe, belong, and become are still the measurable steps of the discipleship process here at Parkview. Corporate worship, NEXT classes, life groups, ministry teams and NextGen ministries are all tools used to help us grow both numerically and spiritually. Numerically, the average worship attendance has grown significantly over the past three years. In 2024, we averaged 457 people per Sunday, up 3% from 2023, but up 30% over 2022 and 50% over 2021. Thank you for your faithful participation in the Sunday morning service and for faithfully inviting others to participate as well. I hope we will continue this steady growth trend in 2025.

I am encouraged by the faithful generosity of our Parkview family. Paul wrote in 2 Corinthians 9:7, "Let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver." I want to say thank you to you and to our church family for your generosity and your cheerful and faithful giving in 2024. We finished well, almost 9% above budget in giving. We paid off our debt and paid cash to reroof every shingle roof on our campus. We were able to reserve \$33k surplus 2024 dollars for use in 2025 for worship, Next Gen ministry, missions, and maintenance. We want to encourage church members to continue to give to the building fund. Our plan is to renovate the kitchen and bathrooms in our fellowship hall when we have enough saved up to complete that project. We intend to include the courtyard women's bathroom in that renovation as well.

Part of the discipleship process includes providing opportunities for people to serve on one of our ministry teams. Thank you to the army of volunteers that commit their time and energy to make sure that everything we do, we are able to do with excellence. Please consider helping us by serving on our first impressions team or in our 11:00 nursery rotation. We want the little ones that are entrusted to us to know just how much Jesus loves them, and we want parents to know that when they leave their children with us that they will be well cared for.

You will want to mark Sunday, March 2, 2025 on your calendar and save that date for our March into Missions. After the church, you will have the chance to enjoy a light lunch and browse missions and ministry opportunities that are supported by our church. Our prayer is that you will find your place to serve (or additional places to serve) in 2025.

Mission

In 2024, we sent 12% of our tithes and offerings or \$163,295 to a missionary funding mechanism called the Cooperative Program of the Southern Baptist Convention. The Cooperative Program provides a way for the 45,000 Southern Baptist Churches in our nation to pool our resources together to support missionaries through our two sending agencies, the North American Mission Board, and the International Mission Board. We don't want to stop at just sending financial resources to the mission field. We want to send human resources as well. In 2024, we sent teams to Scotland, Jamaica, North Carolina, and Budapest. We had church members make trips with other organizations to Ecuador and Kenya. We committed to sending JonSeth and Brittany to Crestview to plant Grove Church.

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Pastor's Report

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We want to continue to grow sending opportunities in 2025. Mike and Jeannie McGalliard are already in Ecuador again this year. We will send two construction teams this year, one to North Carolina and one to Arkansas. We will return to Jamaica to partner with the Springfield network of churches in Vacation Bible School. Our students will be heading to Latvia to be a part of the IMB mission lab in Eastern Europe. And we will send two teams to Scotland this year, one to Kilwinning and one to Dundee. We will encourage church members to participate in these and other sending opportunities throughout the year. We trust that you will be faithful to hear and respond to God's call on your life to give, pray, and go.

Thank you all for your prayers for our staff and for your continued faithfulness to the work of the kingdom at Parkview. I love our church and trust that in 2025, we will be unified in our work by the ongoing presence and power of the Holy Spirit who lives in each of us.

Children's Ministry Report

Daniel Morris

The first Sunday in February will mark nine years of ministry with you at Parkview. Our church family is such a blessing to Emily and I and to our children. You are a constant reminder of God's grace in our lives, and I am so grateful for the opportunity to follow Jesus with you.

As I write this, we are preparing for our second weekend of Upward Basketball and Cheer Games. So far this season we have seen more than 200 people on campus for our practices during the week and far more than that here for our first Game Day. The vast majority of these families have no connection to a local church, and I have already heard from coaches about children who have no concept of who Jesus is. This is an amazing gospel opportunity, and I am so thankful for our team of coaches and volunteers that share the truth of the gospel through practice devotions and strive to connect with families to see them changed by Jesus. Our volunteers are pretty busy on Game Days, so I would love for you to consider coming out on Saturday mornings for the rest of January and February to get to meet families from our community, to invite them to church, and to share the gospel. To help equip all of us to do that, we are planning a Gospel Conversation Training on Friday evening, February 7, at 6pm. Plan to join us that night and then our church family can take the gospel to the lost in our own gym and to Lake City's soccer fields on Saturday morning.

Over the last few months, Sunday mornings have been a really exciting time for our Next Generation Ministries. We have an outstanding team of leaders in all of these ministries, our Life Groups are growing, and those leaders are faithfully discipling our children from our preschoolers through our students. Every week I look forward to the opportunity to worship with our Kindergarten - 5th graders and seeing them grow in their walk with Christ and their understanding of the gospel over the years is a gift from God. As our Next Gen ministries continue to grow, our need for leaders willing to love and serve our children grows along with them. Right now, our greatest volunteer need is for our preschool ministry during the 11am Worship Service. These volunteers serve in one of our preschool rooms during worship about once a month. I hope you will prayerfully consider how God may be calling you to serve in this ministry.

Even though the year has just started, we are already planning for the summer. Our Next Gen summer events offer unique opportunities for focused discipleship of our children through camps, VBS, and even mission trips. Here are some events to plan and pray for this summer:

- Student Camp, June 9-13
- Vacation Bible School, June 23-27
- Super Summer Kids Camp, July 14-17
- High School Mission Trip to Latvia, July 18-26

I love being a part of church that so faithfully serves and gives to see the gospel go to the next generation and to the ends of the earth. I can't wait to see how God works in and through our Parkview family this year!

Grace and Peace,
Daniel Morris

Worship & Discipleship Updates

Skylar Teel

Church Family,

“The LORD, the LORD, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, but who will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children and the children's children, to the third and the fourth generation.” This is how God Himself describes Himself. I pray that we would be a remembering people as we continually remember His character day by day and let His Spirit conform us to Jesus' image.

Our weekly gatherings provide the opportunity to remember His character. I pray that you and your family treasure and prioritize this weekly gathering as we sing, pray, and apply God's Word to our hearts. These are pivotal moments in the believer's journey. Let's gather so that we can be sent out on mission every single week. Let's commit in 2025 to make a significant kingdom impact in Lake City. God has us here in this city to reach lost people around us. Let's get after it!

This is a big year for Parkview as we take the step of faith in sending some of our best. I'm extremely excited for the momentum we're seeing in people desiring to GO on mission opportunities. Let's all commit to giving, praying, and going in 2025. I pray we meet the challenge with prayerful hearts as we seek the Lord's guidance. I cannot wait to see what the Lord has in store for us as we are faithful to send.

After a brief time of rest after our Christmas Concert, the choir is back and ready to lead well. I can't wait for them to help lead out every week. We're already anticipating a few Sundays in particular – MultiGen Sunday (February 9) and Easter (April 20). Pray for our incredible team of vocalists, musicians, and technicians. They are great servants of the Lord who desire to see Jesus lifted high every week.

2024 was a great year of health for our discipleship and life groups. Multiplication beats addition every time, so we're constantly looking for ways to multiply disciples at Parkview to faithfully live on mission for the kingdom. Pray with me that we would make disciples well in 2025. I pray that you are connected well in authentic gospel community. We desire that every member be involved in community at Parkview.

Paul Tripp says often, “every believer is in the middle of their own sanctification.” This includes pastors. Because of that, I'd love for you to pray for me and my family. I have my own struggles with prideful thoughts, seeking control, not living surrendered throughout my days. Pray for me to listen to the voice of the Lord more than any others – people or the enemy. Pray for Shelly as she faithfully lives out her own calling as she leads at Westside Elementary and faithfully leads and serves our family relentlessly. Pray for Liam and Micah to trust in Jesus at a young age.

I love being your worship pastor. I love seeing lives changed in gospel community. I'm praying for you and asking God to do some amazing things in our midst over the coming months. Let's not limit what God can do through His people. May we all actively seek unity around the gospel!

Soli Deo gloria!

Women's Missions and Ministries Report

April Janson

God's Mission, Our Passion. The WMM Watchword is *"Because we loved you so much, we were delighted to share with you not only the gospel of Christ but our lives as well."* -- 1 Thessalonians 2:8

Parkview's women were on mission in 2024, actively involved in praying, giving, and going. They prayed for the needs of church family and friends as well as those who serve faithfully on the mission field in the US and around the world. Parkview women were on mission visiting the sick, grieving, and homebound; going on mission trips to foreign countries and North Carolina; and supporting local community service organizations.

Mathis Mission Group in 2024: These faithful women met the second Tuesday morning of each month at 10:00 a.m., in the Adult VI classroom. Betty Lawhon led the group; Vicky Estep led in a time of prayer for missionaries, and members discussed a featured article in *Missions Mosaic* magazine. Members wrote notes or cards to sick and homebound church members and made visits to nursing homes. Offering funds were used to support mission efforts at Parkview. In August, Jeannie McGalliard spoke about her work in Ecuador, and in November, Sandy Furches spoke about the Jamaica mission trip. Visitors and new members are welcome!

Sharon Mission Group in 2024: This group met at 6:00 p.m., the second Monday of each month in the Fellowship Hall. This group of about 67 members was led by Gail Hartzog. Meeting attendance averaged 25 to 40 ladies. Laurie Winget presented the Missionary Prayer Calendar at each meeting. As shown below, each month's program focused on a different ministry opportunity, planned and organized by a small committee.

- **January:** The year began with an Ecuador mission report presented by Jeannie McGalliard. Members provided baby items for a new "Mamacitas" program for teenage mothers in Ecuador.
- **February:** The group prepared 195 Valentines for nursing home residents and veterans and delivered carnations and hand-made valentines to Parkview's homebound members.
- **March:** The group focused on One More Child and how Parkview supports foster care families, including how the church uses a statewide portal to provide assistance for children and families in crisis.
- **April:** A "Spring Into Missions" focus table was on display in the Welcome Center. Members helped with Mary White's *Body and Soul Fitness* Kickoff event, collected items for the Christian Service Center, and hosted guest speaker Chris Walters, CSC Director, who shared about the work of the Christian Service Center.
- **May:** Members visited the VA Domiciliary and took homemade desserts and goodies to be served during Movie Nights throughout the year. Members visited with resident veterans during the dinner hour and had a brief meeting afterwards in the Domiciliary dining room.
- **June:** Two staff members from the Pregnancy Care Center spoke at the June meeting and received the many items donated for moms and babies, including diaper bags, baby clothes, blankets, and other items.
- **July:** The focus in July was on Another Way, a women's shelter and counseling resource. A guest spoke on the urgent issue of domestic violence and received many items donated for the residents and their children.
- **August:** Laurie Winget shared about her Jamaica mission trip, and members prepared items for about 50 Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes. Bonnie Mosby helped Parkview's children pack the boxes in October.
- **September:** The annual WorldCrafts Celebration was held in September with a special guest, Cindy Bradley, Florida Baptist Women's Missions and Ministries Education Director. Members received items purchased through WorldCrafts, a convention-wide effort to reduce human trafficking around the world.
- **October:** The meeting in October was cancelled due to Hurricane Milton, but members dropped off canned goods, plastic ware, paper goods, and other items to support the Lad Soup Kitchen.
- **November:** In November, the group held its annual Holiday Party for the residents at the CARC Group Home. The 13 residents received multiple gifts and party snacks. This is a special event of the year!
- **December:** In December, members baked cookies and brownies and prepared small snack bags for the 130 VA Nursing Home residents. The group discussed plans for 2025, including the schedule of mission and ministry projects for each month of the coming year.

Other

- **New-Member Gift Bags**--Vickie Steward reported 22 "Bread-and-Jam" bags delivered to ladies who are new members of Parkview.
- **March Into Missions** -- Sharon Group is also planning the **March Into Missions** event after each service on **Sunday, March 2, 2025!**

Motions for Consideration

The following recommendations come from the different leadership teams in our church. They come in the form of a motion and second so after any discussion, we will ask the congregation to approve these motions.

From the Student Pastor Search Committee:

BACKGROUND:

For some time now, we have been preparing for a time of transition in our church staff. The church has already affirmed our support of JonSeth and Brittany as we send them out in response to God's call on their lives to plant Grove Church in Crestview, FL. We understand the emotional and spiritual attachments that develop in the course of doing ministry together. Still, our desire has been to provide the families that are involved in our student ministry with a transition that is as seamless as possible, while still maintaining the integrity and traditions of our church's processes.

In anticipation of the Sammons family move, and to assist with our growing Next Gen ministries, we hired Clay Rainer, first as a Next Gen Intern and then as the Next Gen Associate, knowing that when the time came, Clay would be a stabilizing force in student ministry in between any staff changes. Then, several weeks ago, we moved forward with the process by having our nominating committee select and our church approve a student pastor search committee. I have included the report submitted by the committee chair Scott Moore in its entirety. This report was first submitted to the deacons during their meeting on January 13, 2025.

SEARCH COMMITTEE REPORT:

Team Members:

Jimmy Blanton, Beth Long, Ashley Meek, Scott Moore (Chair), Roy Sherer & Ryan Trespelacios

Purpose:

To review applicants for Student Pastor position and to select an approved individual to fill that role.

Process:

Review applications, discuss and pick one individual to focus our intention on as our prospected Student Pastor at Parkview Baptist Church.

Summary:

The committee, in its entirety, has met 2 times to review incoming applications for the position of Student Pastor. We have received a total of 7 applications coming in since the advertising of the position which was posted in the beginning of December 2024. (Daniel has a listing of job boards that the position has been advertised on and the committee agreed that these were more than sufficient in effectively advertising the position.) After the first meeting and the reviewing of 4 applications the committee unanimously agreed that Clay Rainer was the best candidate for the Student Pastor position at Parkview, and we would focus our attention on him until receive more applications to review. We then met again on January 5th to review 3 more applications evaluating them and discussing how they compared to our current lead applicant Clay. After discussing this, we once again unanimously agreed that Clay was still clearly the leading applicant and the best fit for the position. It was at this time that we had an additional discussion focusing on Clay and at the end it was unanimously agreed that we would hold an interview with Clay and invited Mike to attend. After this interview the committee stayed to have further discussion and once again unanimously agreed that Clay was a beyond qualified applicant and felt that God has called him into student ministry and that we were confident that he should be our next student pastor. Ryan Trespalacios made a motion to close the application process (we had received no other applications since the last meeting) and to present to the deacons our selection of Clay to be called by the congregation of Parkview Baptist Church to be our Student Pastor. Ashley Meek seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous in favor of the motion to move forward with this recommendation.

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Motions for Consideration

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I believe that this committee has been very transparent with each other, honest and unified throughout this process and in our objective of identifying the absolute best applicant to fill the position of Student Pastor here at Parkview Baptist Church.

SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATION:

For now, Clay will continue in his current role so there is no immediate budget impact. The deacons will meet to discuss ordination and a salary package that will take effect at a later date. They will bring those recommendations to the church no later than the April 30, 2025, business meeting.

The Student Pastor Search Committee, being unanimous in its decision, with the unanimous support of the deacons, recommends that Clay Rainer be called to assume the role of Student Pastor of Parkview Baptist Church. This recommendation also has the full support of the pastoral staff, as well.

From the Deacons:

BACKGROUND:

We believe that God's plan for reaching the nations is the church, and following the example of the church in Antioch in Acts 13, that we are responsible for affirming God's call on the lives of those He is sending. We believe that we are to be the sending agency who promises not only to affirm the call of God to the mission field, but to care well for those that God sends to the nations through us. The missionary agencies of the Southern Baptist Convention understand well the role that the church plays in sending out church planters and missionaries. They will not support missionaries who try to act independently of a sending church. For instance, the reason the North American Mission Board is supporting JonSeth and Brittany in planting Grove Church Crestview is because Parkview is sending them.

Likewise, missionaries that are appointed to go overseas with the International Mission Board must also have a sending church that has affirmed their call and is willing to not only send them out but care well for them while in the field. Chris and Jessica Ward are working through the process of answering God's call to the mission field. The Lord seems to be opening doors for them through the International Mission Board. Chris has shared his testimony and evidence of his calling with the deacons who have affirmed his call to the mission field through the International Mission Board.

SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATION:

Chris and Jessica have been active in our church for several years and have participated in multiple short term mission trips. They have a heart for missions and evangelism and a desire to reach the nations with the gospel of Jesus Christ. Chris will continue to serve with our various mission teams either in organization or in participation.

The deacons recommend that we affirm Chris and Jessica Ward's heart for missions, and their call to be vocational missionaries with the International Mission Board, that we identify as the sending church for Chris and Jessica, and that we do everything we can to pray for and support them as they pursue God's will and direction for their lives.