2024 Quarterly Business Packet

2nd Quarter | April 1 - June 31

Meeting: Wednesday, August 21

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Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, August 21

- 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
- 9. Adjourn

Previous Meeting Minutes

1st Quarter | Wednesday, April 24, 2024

- Meeting called to order on April 24, 2024, at 6:54pm with prayer by Pastor Mike Tatem.
- Motion made by Jim Smith to approve Agenda as printed, second by Sharon Keys, carried.
- Motion made by Teena Smith to approve Minutes as printed, second by Cindy Keys, carried.
- Motion made by Jack Salva to approve Clerk's Report as printed, second by George Boutwell, carried.
- Motion and second from Stewardship Committee to approve Stewardship Reports as presented. There were no questions asked. Motion carried.
- Motion and second from Deacons to approve proposed schedule for July as presented. There were no questions asked. Motion carried.
- Pastor's Report was reviewed and discussed with congregation.
- Motion made by Jim Smith to adjourn, second by Susie Larson.
- Meeting adjourned at 7:05pm with prayer by Pastor Mike.

Church Membership Report

April 1 – June 31

Church Membership Totals

Beginning (January 1): 1,816 Additions: 7 Losses: 8 Ending (March 31): 1,815

Additions

<u>Baptisms</u>

- 1. Jordan Hager | April 7
- 2. Sammy Walker | April 7
- 3. Aurora Sikes | April 7
- 4. Amber Reustle* | April 7
- 5. Travis Melgaard | April 28

*Already a member. Not counted in new totals.

Letter of Transfers

- 1. Jessica Melgaard | April 16
- 2. John Wheeler | May 13
- 3. Caren Wheeler | May 13

Statement of Faith

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Losses

Transfers

- 1. Mason Jennings | April 17
- 2. Chris Hornbaker | April 1
- 3. Janna Hornbaker | April 1
- 4. Sydney Hornbaker | April 1
- 5. SaraBeth Hornbaker | April 1

<u>Deaths</u>

- 1. Earl Hickman | May 30
- 2. Gloria Musser | June 21
- 3. Jordan Hager | June 22

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, August 21, 2024, following our midweek worship service. Our bylaws require that the church vote on the acceptance of minutes, membership report, and financial statements. 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.

We will be finishing our study in the book of Acts at the end of August. I hope you have enjoyed the journey as much as I have. Recently, the media has made much of the Ten Commandments being allowed in public spaces. Back in 2021, our doctrinal study was on the Ten Commandments. In keeping with that theme, I thought that this year for our doctrinal study we would take a deep dive into the Sermon on the Mount. We will let the words of Jesus Himself inform a kingdom application to the law of Moses as we seek to live with gospel credibility and kingdom attractiveness.

In John 13:34, Jesus said, "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another." The only way to love one another is to be in community with one another and the best and most consistent way for you to enjoy community at Parkview is through our Life Groups. We want to care well for one another and as much as our deacons try to be involved in meeting the needs of our church family, involvement in a Life Group provides a better mechanism for providing and receiving care. If you are not yet involved in a Life Group, I want to encourage you to take the next step in cultivating church community by joining one. We will be glad to assist you with finding the right group for you.

I am extremely grateful for the generosity of our church family throughout the first half of 2024. As you can see from the financial statements, we are 9.5% above budget in our giving. Even though we no longer have to pay down debt, our building fund continues to increase. Our plan is to continue to promote the building fund so that we can, as quickly as possible, install new roofing on our buildings and renovate the kitchen and bathrooms in our Fellowship Hall. Through your ongoing generosity, we are able to afford to replace aging air conditioning units and stay ahead of ongoing maintenance requirements.

Extending beyond the needs here at the church, your generosity has also supplied resources to North American Mission Board Church Planters (\$9,798 to NAMB through Annie Armstrong Easter Offering), One More Child (\$3,837 through Mother's Day Offering) and Southern Baptist widows (\$3,510 through Mission Dignity.) I want to encourage you to stop by the resource table in the Welcome Center to see how you can support the work being done to improve economic advancement in impoverished areas of the world through World Crafts. In September, we will focus on the work being done right here in our state through the McGuire State Mission Offering.

A few weeks back, I mentioned in our weekly email newsletter that we had an incident with our Fellowship Hall lift that forced us to suspend use temporarily. The incident involved a member of our contract cleaning staff who somehow managed to open the door and step into the lift when the platform was actually at another level. She fell and sustained some injuries that as far as we know are fully recoverable. We want to pray for her recovery.

We also need to let you know that as a result of this event, we have been notified by the Law Offices of Farah and Farah that a claim will be forthcoming. Our insurance company will be handling representation on our behalf. We will keep you posted concerning our exposure and liability as that becomes known to us. Please know that we take the safety of our campus very seriously. That lift had just been inspected and cleared for operation two weeks earlier. An investigation is being made into the mechanical failure that allowed the door to open when the lift wasn't present. The part that failed is being replaced and we will let you know when the lift is once again fully operational. We don't believe that there was anything negligent on our part, but it is difficult to know what the outcome of a settlement might be.

Pastor's Report

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If you are interested in getting connected beyond the normal Wednesday and Sunday activities, please contact the church office. We will be glad to tell you about Parkview Fitness, First Place for Health, off-campus Bible studies, Thursday night volleyball, senior adult luncheons and outings, missional groups that serve our community, and more. Our goal is not to keep everyone busy. Our goal is to provide opportunities for service and to help people develop community where they can grow in grace and make much of Jesus and His gospel.

Thank you all for your faithfulness to the work here at Parkview. I love our church! I hope you can say the same.

Pastor Mike

Children's Ministry Report

Daniel Morris

Parkview Family,

It has been a joy to see God work in the lives of our children and students over the last few months. Serving with many of you through ministry events like Vacation Bible School, Super Summer Kids Camp, and our High School Mission Trip are some of my family's favorite weeks of each year. We are blessed to be a part of God's work at Parkview!

We started our summer events a little bit earlier this year with Vacation Bible School in the second week of June. Over that week, about 65 adult and student volunteers shared God's love, taught the unchanging truth of God's Word, and called our children to respond to the gospel. We also had the opportunity to connect with families from our community that do not have a church home. Thank you to our VBS leadership team, including our amazing student volunteers, for the time and effort that you put in during VBS and in the weeks leading up to it. Your efforts make a difference, and God will continue to work in the lives of our children through those efforts. Join me in praying for those families and for our Parkview kids who heard and responded to the gospel during VBS.

Another vitally important discipleship opportunity for our Next Generation Ministries each year is our summer camps. Every year our Student Ministry takes our middle and high school students to camp and our Children's Ministry takes our 3rd-5th graders to camp. Parents, I know that these trips can be expensive, but I want to encourage you to view these opportunities as significant investments in the spiritual lives of your children. There is no other time in our children's lives when they are removed from the regular rhythms and busyness of life to focus exclusively on their walk with Christ for a full week. These trips can be life changing opportunities for your kids, and we are blessed to be a part of a church family that loves to help send our kids and students to camp! In July, we took 21 of our Parkview Kids to Super Summer Camp at Lake Yale. This was an incredible week of focused discipleship for our children, and we all had a great time. Thank you to Melanie Trespalacios, Stephanie Johns, Carlee Beauchamp, DJ & Tiana Beil, Emily Morris, and Clay Rainer for joining us for this week of discipleship and for loving and serving our children so well! Plan ahead now for your children to be a part of these ministry opportunities next year.

This June, I had the opportunity to be a part of our High School Mission Trip to Budapest, Hungary. Our group was part of an International Mission Board Youth Lab where we spent time each morning in practical missions and evangelism training before going out each afternoon to put all that we learned into practice. During that week, our students and leaders faithfully and obediently followed Jesus by sharing the gospel with the lost in Budapest, but we also all came home equipped and ready to do the same thing right here in Lake City. Parents, begin to plan ahead now for your children to be a part of one of these trips during their high school years. This is another investment that is worth making in their lives! Three of our students came back from our trip this year considering a call to ministry or missions, and all of us came back with a renewed desire to follow after Christ and be a part of God's work in Lake City and around the world.

I know this is a busy time of the year with our kids starting school, but this is also a great time to refocus our families on following Jesus. Build time for family devotions into your daily or weekly schedules. I know that can be an intimidating thing to start for the first time, but it doesn't need to be. With younger children, simply reading from a good storybook Bible and praying with your children can make an amazing impact. Make good use of the opportunities God gives us with drives to school or to dance or sports practices to talk to your children and point them to Jesus. With older children or students, involve them in reading a portion of your own Bible reading plan for themselves and pray with them. Simple obedience in consistently discipling our children in our day-to-day lives can make an eternal impact. The same thing is true with the weekly discipleship ministries at Parkview. Consistency in bringing our kids to church for Sunday morning Life Groups and Wednesday night Awana Clubs makes a significant impact on their discipleship journey, and the priority that we place on following Jesus as he calls us to, as a present part of his church, will make a greater impact in the lives of your children than any sports league or dance team or even weekend at home.

I am so grateful for the opportunity to serve alongside this church family at Parkview. You are a consistent reminder and example of God's overwhelming grace towards me and my family, and I can't wait to see how God will use his church in the coming months!

Thank you, Daniel Morris

Student Ministry Report

JonSeth Sammons

"But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh." -Galatians 5:16

Praise God! Stop and take a moment to praise God for what he has done this summer! God is blessing our church significantly in many ways! Ill speak on Student Ministry first. We had an amazing camp this summer! Our students were able to experience a great week of fun, biblical teaching and bonded together over an obstacle course/zip line! The spirit of God continued empowering our students when we took a group of students on a mission trip to Budapest, Hungary. I saw God empower students and leaders in sharing the gospel boldly in a monumental way!

This fall we are really striving to be a student ministry marked by two components: Being a witness, and being ALL IN. Pray for our students as we begin a series on Godly Friendships and then later in the fall we are diving into the book of REVELATION! Yes, you read that right! REVELATION! Praying big things and expecting God to do far more than we can even imagine!

The lord continues to bless our efforts in being faithful to send teams overseas to accomplish the great commission. I was personally blessed on multiple of these trips this summer and am grateful to serve in a capacity to see God move in the hearts of our congregation with those who participated! If you are on the fence about our trips, I hope you were blessed by our mission talk backs! Talk to me or any of our participates and get their thoughts and experiences from their trip this summer!

I end this as I started. PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW!

His glory is our reward, JonSeth Sammons

Worship & Discipleship Updates

Skylar Teel

Church Family,

What a joy it is to know God and enjoy Him forever. Even more so, what a joy it is to be fully known by God. He knows us fully and loves us. I pray that you and I never get over God's grace to us. In my life, I'm continually drawn back to the famous passage found in John 15 that reads, "Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing." If you are a follower of Jesus, Christ is in you, and you are in Christ. Our identity in Christ changes everything. I pray that you and I are continually refreshed and revived in His grace and kindness as we abide in Him.

We experience His kindness and grace in greater ways when all gather together every Sunday. I pray that you fight to make this a part of your regular schedule as we start a new season. The gathered Church has always been a special time throughout history. What a privilege that we get to jump into what God is doing in the life of other believers. Remember – the gathering is not just about you, but about others. Think about a few things when you come to church on Sunday. How can I serve others? How can I encourage others? How can I spur someone else on toward Christ? This type of mindset really serves the whole church when we gather. I can't wait to sing, pray, and apply the gospel to our hearts every Sunday this fall. Be there!

Rhythms of rest are so important in the Christian life. We prioritize that within our worship ministry – whether it is strategic times for the band to enjoy worshiping from the congregation or a summer break for our choir, God wired us to rest in Him. We've enjoyed some time to rest and rejuvenate and now we are full steam ahead. Pray for our choir and our worship team this Fall as we work and worship together. Here are a few special events this fall:

- August 23-24 | Choir Retreat
- August 25 | Night of Praise
- September 22 | MultiGen Sunday
- December 7-8 | Christmas Concert Weekend

We're coming up on a year of midweek and home groups. These have been a great addition to our life groups. God is doing some special things in our life groups. Authentic gospel community is the goal. My prayer is that we go beyond surface level conversation and enjoy gospel culture in these groups. If you're not in a life group, I strongly encourage you to join one. I am fully convinced that we cannot live the Christian life well without gospel friendships and community. We need other people speaking into our lives. So, join a life group.

Keep an eye out for our next discipleship class that we'll do this fall. We'll promote more details once we have them.

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!

Parkview Wellness Ministries

Mary White

Never could I have dreamed of how much the Lord has blessed me through these wellness ministries. I am not the poster perfect picture of how the world sees wellness. But the Lord has been working on my heart. That is what these ministries are all about. I am thankful for gaining a closer relationship with Christ through prayer, bible study, and making exercise an act of worship.

• First Place for Health

pbclc.com/health

You won't want to miss the upcoming session of First Place for Health. It will start on Friday, September 13, at 2 pm in the Parkview Baptist Church Youth Café. The bible study is called *Training for Success*. If anyone is interested in joining the wellness ministry, you can contact me. Maybe you feel led to facilitating an evening bible study, or maybe you might want to volunteer at Parkview Fitness, or maybe you might be interested in helping in one, or all ministries. I'd love to hear from you.

Parkview Fitness

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Parkview Fitness is curves style resistance training equipment that is downstairs. Upstairs has full body equipment. There is a Treadmill, Elliptical machine, Bio Force weight machine, Bicycle, Row machine, Ride & Row machine, Gazelle, abdominal machine, and a massage chair. Everyone is welcome. This past Monday there were a total of 11 people working out. That is a record. I'd love to see that record beat.

• Body and Soul Fitness

bodyandsoul.org/classes/meet-our-instructors/mary-white

I am a Certified ACE Group Fitness instructor with Body & Soul Fitness. As I seek wellness, my hope is to shine so people will know HIM. There are 2 people signed up right now. Please pray for growth as an outreach ministry for the gospel. I will attend a Body & Soul Fitness conference in October. It will be a week of prayer, worship, training, and exercise. Join Body & Soul Fitness classes for Longevity 360 style workouts that consist of Cardio, strength, balance, and coordination. All proceeds go back into the ministries or a community need. Sign up today and make exercise a part of your worship.