

December 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 See below for Sunday schedule FIRST ADVENT 9:45AM Family Christmas Service	2	3	4 5:30PM Camp Fundraiser Dinner 6PM Member Meeting	5	6 6-8PM Kids Unexpected ADVENTure	7
8 See below for Sunday schedule SECOND ADVENT 4PM Planning Team 6PM Christmas Worship Celebration	9	10 10AM WINGS	11 6PM Cuba Report 7PM Church Council Mtg	12	13 6PM New Beginnings SS Class Fellowship	14 4PM Good Samaritans SS Class Fellowship
15 See below for Sunday schedule THIRD ADVENT 11AM Circle of Friends Breakfast	16	17	18 5:30PM Parkland Christmas Party Gift Wrapping Fundraiser	19 5PM Free Community Meal	20	21
22 See below for Sunday schedule FOURTH ADVENT	23	24 6PM Christmas Eve Candlelight Service CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	25 Merry Christmas	26	27	28
29 See below for Sunday schedule	30	31				

Sunday Schedule:

9:45AM Worship
8:30AM & 11:00AM Sunday School

Wednesday Schedule:

Special Christmas Family Events on Dec. 11 & 18
7:00PM Adult Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

BIRTHDAYS for the MONTH

1	Brenda Banks Judy Ensor Ronald Ray Jean Sims Kathryn Trail Randy Wigington Irene Winner	5	Bob Walden Steve Bowman Myrleen Quiggins Frank Miller Stacey Powell Abigail Goodin Doris Wayne	13	Kaye Kruetzman Joyce Wyman Robin Wells Duncan Powell Donna DeVore Rose Watson Shirley Cummins	25	Jason Buchanan Bob Rapp Brenda Walker Dan Solomon Elizabeth Vaughn Marilyn Knierim Jesi Jones
3	Patrick Gabbard	12	Lynette Keeling	21		31	Marie LaMonica



December 2024 Edition

Parkland Staff:

Chris Heading Lead Pastor
Jason Sneed Music and Children's Pastor
Anthony D'Avello Discipleship Pastor
Beth Turpin Student Minister
Rhonda Grider Ministry Assistant
Terry Foley Pianist
Susann Althaus Food Services Coordinator

A Note From Our Lead Pastor

I want to thank all of you for your prayers and support as our team went to Holguin, Cuba. We return with greetings from our brothers and sisters at Iglesia Bautista Maranatha, as well as a host of other church plants and pastors. In Cuba, necessity has driven creativity and a New Testament church planting movement. The government in Cuba doesn't allow churches to be built, you can't just buy a piece of land and put a church on it. Instead, house churches are the only legal form of church. So, the churches in Cuba do just that, they buy a house for a pastor and his family to live in and expand it as much as possible to accommodate a congregation. But even before the room is filled, they are thinking about the next church plant. While we were there, we met Pastor Luis. His church, Elohim Adonai, is about 15 minutes outside of town, and has grown in the last 2 years to over 100 in attendance. But his heart is already set on the next venture. He sees himself like the Apostle Paul, the one who plants a church, raises up a pastor and then heads on to plant another and another. Continue to pray for our brothers and sisters in Cuba, that the Lord would give them boldness in the face of persecution, that He would raise up pastors and church planters to go, and that He would strengthen their churches to continue to stand for the gospel for many generations to come. If you'd like to learn more about what God is doing in Cuba, make plans to join us Wednesday, December 11 at 6:00PM in the sanctuary as our team shares more of what we learned.

Pastor Chris

A Note from our Music & Children's Pastor

Children's Ministry

December is a crazy month with schedule changes. Here are the important dates for Parents:

- December 1 9:40AM Parkland Family Christmas
- December 4 6:00PM Last Children/Preschool groups for 2024
- December 6 6:00-8:00PM Unexpected ADVENTure
- December 8 9:40AM Children's Choir Singing in Worship
- 6:00PM *Seeking the King: A Christmas Worship Celebration*
- December 11 6:00PM Mission Report-no Kids/preschool groups
- December 18 5:30PM Parkland Christmas Party
- December 25 & January 1 Break Weeks-no evening activities
- January 8 6:00PM Wednesday regular programs resume

Parents, watch for more information for your kids about the schedule.

Worship Ministry

The Worship Ministry is hard at work preparing music for the Christmas season. We have several big worship services and ministry opportunities. Keep the Worship Ministry in your prayers as we prepare for this season.

- December 1 Parkland Family Christmas
- December 8 *Seeking the King: A Christmas Worship Celebration*
- December 24 Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Pastor Jason

Lottie Moon Post Office

Bring Christmas cards for Parkland families to elevator foyer during December.

Place the cards in the slots by last name.

Suggested cost 30¢ each. All proceeds go to Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.



MEMBER MEETING
CAMP FUNDRAISER DINNER
IN CHURCH GYM
DECEMBER 4
5:30PM FUNDRAISER DINNER
6:00PM MEMBER MEETING



CUBA'S REPORT
WEDNESDAY
DECEMBER 11 • 6:00PM
Held in Sanctuary
No childcare provided



CHURCH COUNCIL
DECEMBER 11
7PM | RM 139
MEETING

Parkland Desert Trip

Many have expressed interest in our Middle East Mission Trip for November 2025. For this trip we will only be taking 7-10 individuals.

The first step for this trip is to fill out the pre-application form that the International Mission Board (IMB) requires (which will also include a background check). If you are interested in going on the trip, please scan the QR Code to start the process.



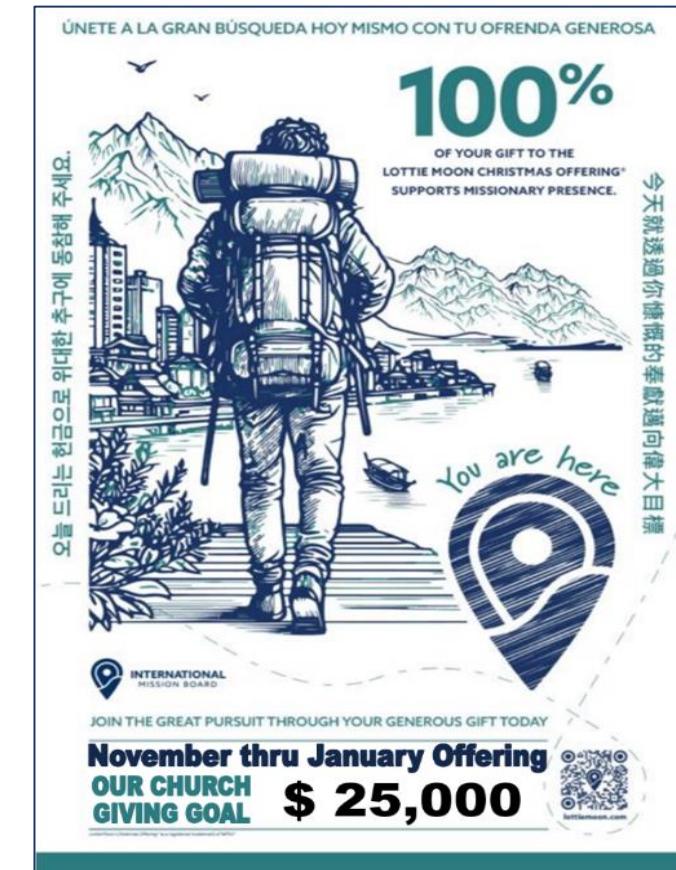
In the coming months there will be an information meeting scheduled that will share which country we will be traveling to, cost, trip details, etc. We will be working with our IMB Missionary (K) and her team.

If you have any further questions about this process, please contact me, 623-606-3211.

Pastor Anthony



Family Friendly
Christmas Eve
Candlelight
Service
Tuesday, Dec. 24
6:00PM



October 2024 Financials:

October Income: \$64,963

October Expenses: \$60,789

2024 Bible Reading Plan for December

Reading Week starts on Thursdays

Week 49 – December 5

- Day 1: Mark 14:53-72
- Day 2: Genesis 3
- Day 3: Isaiah 11
- Day 4: Luke 1:26-38
- Day 5: Mark 14:53-72

Week 50 – December 12

- Day 1: Mark 15:1-20
- Day 2: John 15
- Day 3: Romans 5
- Day 4: Matthew 1:1-17
- Day 5: Mark 15:1-20

Week 51 – December 19

- Day 1: Mark 15:21-41
- Day 2: Psalm 30
- Day 3: Hebrews 12
- Day 4: Luke 2:1-21
- Day 5: Mark 15:21-41

Week 52 – December 26

- Day 1: Mark 15:42-16:8
- Day 2: John 16
- Day 3: 2 Corinthians 5
- Day 4: Luke 2:22-52
- Day 5: Mark 14:42-16:8