

February 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 2PM Pickleball
2 See below for Sunday schedule 9:45AM Lord's Supper	3	4	5	6	7 6PM Preschool & Children PJ Storytime Youth YES Conference	8 5:30PM GLM Dine & Laugh Fundraiser
9 See below for Sunday schedule 4PM Planning Team 5:30PM "Soup"er Bowl Party	10	11 10AM WINGS 6:30PM Deacons Mtg	12 See below for Wednesday schedule	13	14	15
16 See below for Sunday schedule 5PM SS Teachers Meeting 6PM F.I.V.E. Night Visitation	17	18	19 See below for Wednesday schedule	20	21	22
23 See below for Sunday schedule 12PM VBS Material Distribution	24	25 10AM WINGS	26 See below for Wednesday schedule	27 5PM Free Community Meal: Donation Laundry Det.	28	

Sunday Schedule:

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

Wednesday Schedule:

5PM Bring Your Own Dinner
6PM RD Groups; Youth, Children, and Preschool Groups
7PM Adult Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

BIRTHDAYS for the MONTH

2	Donna Rapp	11	Peggy Stanley	16	Joni Kimbro	21	Georgia Comstock
4	Susan Banks	12	Rob Lewis		David Simpson		Rodney Gaines
6	Becky Stewart	14	Jaden Ramsey	18	David Miles	23	Roy Davis
7	Zach Prather	15	Lola Noel		Penny Stansbury		Marjorie Stuart
8	Jami Collins		Lisa Persinger	20	Brandon Hall	27	Mickey Hardy
9	Linda Butler	16	Will Ballou		Rhonda Logsdon	28	Don Milby
	Richie Heatherly		Doris Jenkins		Angie Mudd		Dorothy Tucker
	Katie Simpson				Darnell Parrish		Yvonne Wilson

Parkland Staff:

Chris Heading, Lead Pastor; Jason Sneed, Music & Children's Pastor; Anthony D'Avello, Discipleship & Missions' Pastor; Beth Turpin, Student Minister; Rhonda Grider, Ministry Assistant; Kristy Brussell, Interim Financial Assistant; Susann Althaus, Food Service Coordinator; Terry Foley, Pianist



February 2025 Edition

A Note From Our Lead Pastor

You hear us say, "Helping wanderers become faithful followers of Jesus," nearly every Sunday. That's our mission statement, a description of what we believe God has called us to do as a church every single day. But what you may not be as familiar with is our vision statement. It's a description of the better future we will all experience as we accomplish the mission God has given us.

"A transformed people, joyfully living their calling for His Kingdom." That's our vision, that as God transforms us from wanderers to faithful followers that we would experience abundant joy and find our place to serve the greater Kingdom of God. In my 13 years here at Parkland, one thing is very clear, we have a keen sense of calling. Not only will our staff or lay leaders say they feel called to this church, but most church members will tell you the same.

We know that God has a calling on our lives, a direction and purpose for each one of us. It's my hope that this year we can dive deeper into a biblical understanding of calling. That's why we've chosen books like Esther, Ephesians, and Galatians for sermon series and further study. God has called you, He's called me, and it's my responsibility to discern and flourish in His calling. May the Lord's calling for you be clear and may we lean into it even more in 2025.

Pastor Chris



A Note From Our Music and Children’s Pastor

WORSHIP MINISTRY

Now that we made it through Christmas, New Years, and the snowstorm we can get back to a regular rehearsal schedule. If you have been waiting for your opportunity to join the worship ministry now is a good time because we have some great new music that we will be learning for congregational singing, instrumental music, and choral music. We welcome everyone who loves music and has a desire to share their talents to join us during one of our rehearsals to see what we do and how we minister to the whole body of believers.

Our Worship Band meets on Tuesdays at 6:30PM in the sanctuary where we rehearse our next week’s worship music, look at any new choir music we will be accompanying, new instrumental songs we are working on, and new congregational music. Our Worship Choir meets every Wednesday at 7:00PM in the sanctuary where we rehearse our next week’s worship music, choir anthems, and new congregational songs.

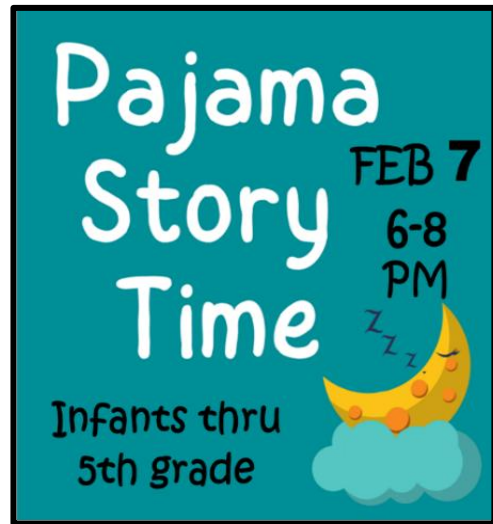
The reasons to be part of the worship ministry are numerous. Over the next few newsletters, I will share some from articles I have been reading that encourage people to be involved in their worship ministries. Here is a reason from an article by Vince Wilcox, “We’re all too aware that many public schools have had to cut their arts and music offerings in order to fund basic math, science, and language programs—even though research shows that musical training helps children with their cognitive and social growth. The consequence is that most young people don’t have the opportunity to learn to sing or play an instrument, much less learn how to read music. In many cases, the local church—through its children’s, teen, and adult choir programs—may be the only place where young people (as well as older people) can learn the discipline of music without having to pay for lessons.”

CHILDREN’S MINISTRY

VBS is rapidly approaching, and we will start volunteer recruitment in February so be prepared to say yes when you are asked to serve in this ministry.

We need some classroom volunteers for our Wednesday evening Kids Connect ministry. We are down two teachers and if you would be available to help, please see me ASAP so we can continue to offer this ministry to our kids.

Pastor Jason



A Note From Our Discipleship and Missions’ Pastor

PARKLAND DESERT TRIP

Many have expressed interest in our Middle East Mission Trip for November 2025. Only 7-10 people on this trip.

The first step for this trip is to fill out the pre-application form and background check that the International Mission Board (IMB) requires. If you want to go on this trip, please scan the QR Code.

There will be an information meeting that will share which country we will travel to, cost, and trip details. 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.



LET’S READ TOGETHER!

Throughout church history God’s people have gathered for the public reading of His Word. They would meet in groups, they would meet in homes, they would gather to read and discuss the Scriptures together out loud.

So, let’s get back to that! We will read through the Book of Romans; the Book of 1 Corinthians; and the Book of Revelation each week for three weeks. The groups will meet in different homes one day a week starting in February. Sign up during the month of January for these group meetings.

- Read through the Book of Romans
8PM – Tuesday, February 4, at the D’Avello Home
8PM – Thursday, February 6, at the Sneed Home
10AM – Friday, February 7, at the Heading Home
- Read through the Book of 1 Corinthians
8PM – Tuesday, February 11, at the D’Avello Home
8PM – Thursday, February 13, at the Sneed Home
10AM – Friday, February 14, at the Heading Home
- Read through the Book of Revelation
8PM – Tuesday, February 25, at the D’Avello Home
8PM – Thursday, February 27, at the Sneed Home
10AM – Friday, February 28, at the Heading Home

Pastor Anthony

December 2024 Financials
December Income: \$104,297
December Expenses: \$80,926

- February 2025 Bible Reading Plan
Reading Week starts on Thursdays
- Week 1 – February 6
Day 1: Esther 9-10
Day 2: Numbers 9
Day 3: Joshua 4
Day 4: 1 Corinthians 1
Day 5: Esther 9-10
- Week 2 – February 13
Day 1: Luke 15:1-10
Day 2: Psalm 23
Day 3: John 10
Day 4: John 21
Day 5: Luke 15:1-10
- Week 3 – February 20
Day 1: Luke 15:11-24
Day 2: Proverbs 28
Day 3: 1 Timothy 6
Day 4: 1 John 1
Day 5: Luke 15:11-24
- Week 4 – February 27
Day 1: Luke 15:25-32
Day 2: Matthew 23
Day 3: Matthew 24
Day 4: Matthew 25
Day 5: Luke 15:25-32

