

January 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 New Year's Day No evening activities Church Office Closed	2	3	4
5 See below for Sunday schedule	6	7	8 5:30PM Camp Fundraiser Meal 6PM Member Meeting	9	10	11
12 See below for Sunday schedule 4PM Planning Team	13	14 10AM WINGS 6:30PM Deacons Mtg	15 See below for Sunday schedule 6PM RD Groups begin semester	16	17	18
19 See below for Sunday schedule 5PM SS Teachers' Meeting	20 Church Office Closed	21	22 See below for Sunday schedule	23	24	25
26 See below for Sunday schedule	27	28	29 See below for Sunday schedule	30 5PM Free Community Meal	31	

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

1	Joe Jones	11	Jason Goodin	19	Connie Posey	24	Samantha Goodin
	Elizabeth Stansbury	12	Perry Neikirk		David Bonee	25	James Tucker
3	Ray Zuberer		Phillip Neikirk	21	Jay Stewart	27	Luke Dillander
4	Marvin Allen	14	Chet Machan	22	Julie Johnson	28	Ben Solomon
7	Belinda Ray	15	Molly Grubbs	23	Terry Foley	29	Stanley Porter
8	Scott Prather	16	Rachel Hasch		Cleveland Francis	30	Kyle Frederick
10	Allie Simpson				JoAnn Kelly		Jeff Kindall

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



January 2025 Edition

A Note From Our Lead Pastor

“New year, new me!” Everywhere you turn in January, you hear this sentiment. We see a new year as a blank slate, a canvas on which to paint a new life and experience that we’ve always desired. And while there is something to be said for new beginnings, the biggest problem with a new year is that you’re still the same you. Nothing about the movement of the planet around the sun changes your character, your discipline, or your habits. Now don’t get me wrong, change is possible, but it will not happen just because the calendar reads 2025. Instead, we need to learn a new axiom, “If nothing changes, nothing changes.” That might sound repetitive but hear me out. If you fail to change your habits, your thoughts, your actions, nothing in your life will change, it will simply remain as it always was. Change is possible, but a change in outcome requires a change in behavior.

The Apostle Paul tells us in Romans 12 about how we can be transformed, or profoundly changed when he says, “Therefore, brothers and sisters, in view of the mercies of God, I urge you to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God; this is your true worship. Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may discern what is the good, pleasing, and perfect will of God.” He had just spent the first 11 chapters describing the mercy and grace of God given to us in Christ, now in light of that gospel, we must be transformed by the renewing of our minds. To have a renewed mind is to have a new perspective, to see things differently. The gospel changes how we relate to our own health, our relationships, our money, our time, our talents, everything. So, if you want a new you in 2025, it won’t come because the calendar changed, it comes when you are changed by the good news of Jesus. My prayer for you is a year of renewal and growth in the Lord.

Pastor Chris

A Note From Our Music and Children’s Pastor

WORSHIP MINISTRY

As we wrap up a very busy and successful year, I would like to take some time to remind you about the importance of the worship ministry. Each week the men and women in the worship ministry work hard to honor God and lead His people in worship. If you want to make a difference and impact the whole church, the worship ministry is the place to serve. Here are some words from Mike Harland, former director of Lifeway Worship, about choir and can be applied across the Worship and Music Ministry of the church.

“Choirs (instrumental and tech) Emphasize the Whole Group Over the Parts. You can’t have a choir with one person. You can’t even have a choir with a few people, relatively speaking. Choirs are made up of a group of people, all uniting with the single purpose of singing a particular message together. It requires that each person sacrifice personal interest and pursue the purpose of the whole.

Choirs (instrumental and tech) Demonstrate the Value of Each Person. At the same time choir emphasizes the whole, it also gives value to the individual. Each voice adds a unique part of the sound – a sound that is incomplete when that voice is missing. Though choir produces something greater than any one singer, it also relies on each person doing their part.

JANUARY 19 • 5PM • GYM

SUNDAY SCHOOL

TEACHERS MEETING ONLY

Free Community Meal

DONATION NEEDED:

KLEENEX and PAPER TOWELS

Drop off at Donation Station

before January 30

Choirs (instrumental and tech) Illustrate the Diversity of Gifts in the Church. The varying levels of ability in a volunteer church choir would surprise most non-choir members. In virtually every choir, there will be wide range of skills and training. The leader has the responsibility of developing the sound of the choir, taking into account the different types of singers in the group.”

Now that 2025 is starting would you consider joining the worship ministry as we share the gospel through music and technology.

CHILDREN’S MINISTRY

I know it is January, but VBS will be here soon so please begin praying how you can serve in this ministry.

We also need help with our Wednesday evening Children and Preschool ministries so please consider joining these ministries so that we can continue to invest in our next generation.

If you are interested, please, see me or call the church office.

Pastor Jason

January 1, 2025 – New Year’s Day

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

January 20, 2025 – Martin Luther, Jr. Day

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OUR CHURCH GIVING GOAL \$ 25,000

A Note From Our Discipleship and Missions’ Pastor

SHE’S COMING TO VISIT!

Lord willing, our IMB Missionary “K” will be joining us for worship on January 26th! She’ll be in the States for a little bit before heading back to the Middle East!

We will not be able to have her come forward during the service for her safety (her identity must be protected), but there will hopefully be a couple opportunities for you to meet her and love on her! We cannot wait for more of our church family to meet her!

She will also answer any questions for those who are interested in going on our Parkland Middle East Mission Trip in November 2025.

January 2025 Bible Reading Plan

Reading Week starts on Thursdays

Week 1 – January 2

Day 1: Esther 1-2

Day 2: Daniel 1-3

Day 3: Daniel 4-6

Day 4: Romans 8

Day 5: Esther 1-2

Week 2 – January 9

Day 1: Esther 3-4

Day 2: Exodus 1-3

Day 3: Exodus 11-12

Day 4: Hebrews 3

Day 5: Esther 3-4

Week 3 – January 16

Day 1: Esther 5-6

Day 2: Genesis 39

Day 3: Genesis 40-41

Day 4: 1 Peter 2

Day 5: Esther 5-6

Week 4 – January 23

Day 1: Esther 7-8

Day 2: Genesis 42-43

Day 3: Genesis 44-45

Day 4: Matthew 20

Day 5: Esther 7-8

Week 5 – January 30

Day 1: Esther 9-10

Day 2: Numbers 9

Day 3: Joshua 4

Day 4: 1 Corinthians 1

Day 5: Esther 9-10

November/December 2024 Financials

will be provided in the

January Member Meeting

PARKLAND DESERT TRIP

Many have expressed interest in our Middle East Mission Trip for November 2025. We will only be able to take 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 to start the process.



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!

Keep your eyes peeled for upcoming dates when we will be reading the Scriptures together!

It sounds so simple and plain, but 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!

One of the greatest challenges is finding *when* the best time is to gather in a home. Our church leaders will brainstorm a variety of options for times, and a variety of books of the Bible to read together. God has revealed Himself to us in a Book, therefore, we should read it out loud together and delight in His Word!

Can’t wait to read with y’all in the new year!

Pastor Anthony

MEMBER MEETING

CAMP FUNDRAISER DINNER

IN CHURCH GYM

JANUARY 8

5:30PM FUNDRAISER DINNER

6:00PM MEMBER MEETING