

March 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 See below for Sunday schedule 6PM Mercy's Won Concert	3	4	5 See below for Wednesday schedule	6	7	8
Week of Prayer for North American Missions (3/2-3/9) and Annie Armstrong Offering (March-May)						
9 See below for Sunday schedule 4PM Planning Team Day Light Savings Time	10	11 10AM WINGS 6:30PM Deacons Mtg	12 See below for Wednesday schedule	13	14	15
16 See below for Sunday schedule 6PM Selection Sunday Fellowship	17	18	19 See below for Wednesday schedule	20	21	22 9AM Church Council Annual Planning
23 See below for Sunday schedule 5PM SS Teachers Mtg Church Prepared Trng 6PM F.I.V.E. Night Visitation	24	25 10AM WINGS	26 5:30PM Camp Fundraiser Meal 6PM Member Meeting Preschool/Children Groups	27 5PM Free Community Meal: Donation Dish Detergent	28	29
30 See below for Sunday schedule	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	David Bruner Bob DeVore Jerry Johnson Kiley Vaughn Jill Lake Darlene Worthington Sharon Motley	13	Debbie Smith Rose Gutermuth Bonnie Hopkins Jayden Wood Phyllis Burchett I B Jenkins Gary Nelson	20	Kayla Thompson Bonnie Worley Craig Turpin Cliff Routon Dolores Huber Troy Beld Gary Posey	26	Wilma Atchley Roy Hardy Judy Shoulders Lee Childress Gary L Johnson Lucas Dillander Carol Willoughby
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Parkland Staff:

Chris Heading, Lead Pastor
Beth Turpin, Student Minister
Terry Foley, Pianist

Jason Sneed, Music & Children's Pastor
Rhonda Grider, Ministry Assistant
Susann Althaus, Food Service Coordinator

Anthony D'Avello, Discipleship & Missions' Pastor
Kristy Brussell, Interim Financial Assistant

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A Note From Our Lead Pastor

"While the son was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion. He ran, threw his arms around his neck, and kissed him." -Luke 15:20b

You often hear me talk about repentance, turning from our sin and returning to the Lord. But at times, I think we fail to remember, just who this God is to whom we are returning. Many of us have encountered times in our lives where we needed to reconcile, and to do so, admit we were wrong. It's a hard step to take, but a necessary one if we want to live in relationship with one another. Sometimes even though we are admitting our wrong, we are met with judgment and "I told you so's." But that's not how scripture describes our heavenly Father. He is not waiting at home so he can beat us up for what we've done, he's waiting with great anticipation because He longs to welcome us back. Even while we were still a long way off, God ran to us in the person of Jesus Christ.

So, as we focus on this season of Who's Your One, intentionally seeking to take the good news to those who are far from God, let's remind both them and us that God longs for wayward sons and daughters to come home. He runs to us; He throws His arms around us and calls us His own. Or as the Apostle Paul puts it, "There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus." Hallelujah and amen!

Pastor Chris



STEP INTO THE STORY

MARCH • APRIL • MAY
Week of Prayer: March 2-9

A Note From Our Music & Children's Pastor

WORSHIP MINISTRY

This is from an article written by Mark Condon. I want to share with you while this applies to all aspects of our worship ministry choir, instrumentalist, and audio/video. If you are looking to serve in one of the most vital ministries of our church, the Worship Ministry is the place to serve.

"Do We Still Need Choirs? I am asked almost every week in my travels about choirs vs. praise teams. Is choir still relevant? Should we keep working to make this happen? Are we behind-the-times by having a choir? My answer in short is YES, we still need choirs!!!! Keep working for these reasons.

1. Although I admit keeping people committed can be a challenge, it is a healthy way to involve many people in your church where they would possibly just sit and become unengaged and not have a place to belong.

2. There is nothing like a full choir loft with an army of worshipers leading your church in passionate worship. It just speaks loud to every guest that this church has a lot of very committed people who love to worship!

3. It teaches the power of teamwork with your people. It is amazing what average singers can do when they rehearse and work together and bring harmony. There are many lessons learned here.

4. In many churches I believe it reveals the health of the church. People who are involved in choir are often some of the most committed to that congregation. They seem to hold many hats in other areas of the church. When they slack in their attendance it is often a great thermometer of where their heart and passion is in relationship with God. Yes, it's just easier to let other people do the work.

5. A great choir will attract and influence new people to your church. "...If I be lifted up...I will draw..." A great choir and worship department is often the leading reason people initially enjoy your church and want to come back.

6. It is a great place for fellowship and discipleship. It builds relationships and solidifies people. It is basically a "small group."

7. A full choir loft creates energy in your services and ministers to everyone and we know that energy is...contagious!

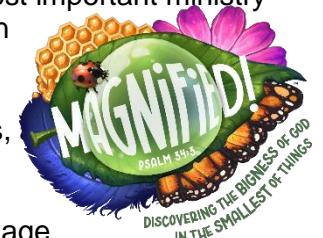
8. There are so many songs with such POWERFUL life changing messages that can only be delivered through an anointed choir.

9. It builds character to be faithful, accountable and future leaders in other areas of the church. (one of my most faithful choir members now pastors Turnpoint. He proved for years his heart, his passion and his strong leadership. Now, I work for him.)

10. Once you get there and get the song learned it is enjoyable and fulfilling to bless others!"

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

It is hard to believe that we are already making plans and getting things together for Vacation Bible School! This is one of the most important ministry opportunities that we have on our calendar each year so



please start praying for our teachers, leaders, volunteers, children. This is also a great time to make your plans to serve in VBS no matter your age or physical limitations. Vacation Bible School is June 23-27, 6-8:30PM. Our annual VBS training will be Sunday, April 27 at 5PM so mark your calendars. This training is for everyone who wants to help in VBS from teachers to helpers to get an overview of VBS and goals.

Pastor Jason

March 2025 Bible Reading Plan
Reading Week starts on Thursdays

Week 1 – March 3
Day 1: Ephesians 1:1-14
Day 2: Acts 19
Day 3: Colossians 3
Day 4: Romans 3
Day 5: Ephesians 1:1-14

Week 2 – March 10
Day 1: Ephesians 1:15-23
Day 2: 1 Corinthians 12
Day 3: Colossians 1
Day 4: Philippians 2
Day 5: Ephesians 1:15-23

Week 3 – March 17
Day 1: Ephesians 2:1-10
Day 2: John 1
Day 3: Romans 4
Day 4: Romans 5
Day 5: Ephesians 2:1-10

Week 4 – March 24
Day 1: Ephesians 2:11-22
Day 2: Genesis 17
Day 3: Isaiah 49
Day 4: Galatians 3
Day 5: Ephesians 2:11-22

Week 5 – March 31
Day 1: Ephesians 3:1-13
Day 2: Acts 10
Day 3: Acts 11
Day 4: Colossians 2
Day 5: Ephesians 3:1-13

January 2025 Financials
January Income: \$54,655
January Expenses: \$77,109

PARKLAND DESERT TRIP

Many have expressed interest in our Middle East Mission Trip for November 2025.

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, please contact Anthony at 623-606-3211.

IN CONCERT

MARCH 2ND 6:00PM
CHURCH SANCTUARY

COST: LOVE OFFERING WILL BE TAKEN FOR GROUP

MERCY'S WON

A Special Note of Gratitude

The Miller Family would like to thank everyone for all the expression of sympathy, prayers, and cards during the passing of Frank.

The family gives a special thank you to the Sisters in Christ and Joyful Servers Sunday School classes for the delicious meal that was provided to the family after the funeral.

Becky Miller

2025 DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME INFO

March 9, 2025 at 2:00 am

Spring Forward

* Clock moves an hour ahead.
* Check smoke detector batteries.

MARCH 16 at 6PM in GYM

SELECTION SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP

MARCH 22 9AM Church Gym

Church COUNCIL Planning Meeting

CHURCH PREPARED SEXUAL ABUSE PREVENTION, RESPONSE AND CARE

Church Prepared Training

MARCH 23 • 5PM

If you volunteer in VBS and haven't had this training Sign up to attend!

MEMBER MEETING CAMP FUNDRAISER DINNER IN CHURCH GYM

MARCH 26

5:30PM FUNDRAISER DINNER 6:00PM MEMBER MEETING

Free Community Meal

DONATION NEEDED: DISH DETERGENT

Drop off at Donation Station before MARCH 27