

October 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 NO Basketball Games
4	5 6PM Basketball Practices	6 6PM Basketball Practices	7	8 6PM Basketball Practices	9 6PM Hartstern Fall Festival	10 Kids Basketball Games
	ETCH Conference, Brentwood TN					
11 <i>Lord's Supper</i> 4pm "Let's Grow" Home Gathering	12 6PM Basketball Practices	13 8AM WINGS 6:30PM Deacons 6PM Basketball Practices	14	15 6PM Basketball Practices	16 5PM Okolona Family Fall Festival	17 Kids Basketball Games
18 11AM Foundations Class 5PM SS Teachers Meeting 6PM F.I.V.E. Night Visitation	19 6PM Basketball Practices 6:30PM LRBA Annual Mtg	20 6PM Basketball Practices	21	22 6PM Basketball Practices	23	24 Kids Basketball Games
25 9:30AM Kids Basketball Celebration	26	27 10AM WINGS	28	29 5PM Free Community Meal	30	31 <i>Treat Your Street</i> SS Event

Sunday Weekly Schedule:

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

Wednesday Weekly Schedule

5PM Around the Table-Bring Your Dinner
6PM Prayer Meeting (Sanctuary); Childcare(0-2)
6:30PM Adult, Youth, Children & Preschool Classes

Thursday Weekly Schedule:

6-8PM Worship Band & Choir
Rehearsal – Sanctuary

BIRTHDAYS *for the* MONTH

2 Jane Allen	7 Anne Barker	12 Adalynn D'Avello	17 Linda Parrish	27 Betty Kinley
Aaron Meredith	Mike Ratchford	Buster Gagel	19 Ian Johnson	Debbie Ratchford
Nevan Puente	8 Charlene Bennett	13 Kathy Pierce	Cierra Senn	28 Anthony D'Avello
3 Shirley Hardy	9 Eugene Lykes	14 Cory Brussell	20 Steve Knierim	Pearl Pedigo
Kaden McKenzie	Elliot Nacke	15 Gary Gabbard	21 Pam Beasley	29 Donna Hodges
Barbara Miles	Dennis Purvis	Deborah Luttrell	Todd Hall	Sean Meredith
George Payne	10 Olga Brooks	George Wells	25 Jaxzia Dunn	
6 Tim Fleming	11 Ross Boyd	16 Gina Curtis	Bobby Willoughby	

Parkland Baptist Church Staff:

Chris Heading, Lead Pastor | Zach Doyle, Interim Worship Leader | Anthony D'Avello, Discipleship & Missions' Pastor | Beth Turpin, Student Minister
Rhonda Grider, Ministry Assistant | Kristy Brussell, Interim Financial Secretary | Lee Ann Buchanan & Cierra Bowman, paid Childcare Workers



October 2026 Edition

A Note From Our Lead Pastor

Change is one of life's few constants. Our families change, our circumstances change, and churches change too. People come and go, leaders step into new roles, and seasons of ministry come to an end.

We are experiencing that reality at Parkland as we enter a season of staff transition. No staff member is permanent; we are all interims, seeking by God's grace to shepherd well while we are here and leave the church stronger for those who come after us. So, how should we approach this season? There are 4 priorities I want us to consider.

Perspective. Transitions are temporary. Things will not always be as they are today. At the same time, we must have realistic expectations.

With fewer staff members, we simply cannot do everything we have done before. Some ministries may need to pause, change, or look different for a season. That is okay. It will not be this way forever.

Positivity. Our greatest temptation may be to focus on what we have lost. Instead, let's celebrate what God is doing. Let's encourage those who are stepping up, celebrate the wins, and look for evidence of God's faithfulness among us. We all have things we may not like, but we aren't going to give our energy to complaining.

Patience. We would love for God to provide new leaders quickly, but His timetable is not ours. We cannot rush what God is doing.

We must learn to wait on the Lord and trust His timing. He will provide at just the right time.

Prayer. Ultimately, our future does not rest on a committee, a resume, or a search process. It rests in the hands of God. Jesus said, "Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field" (Matthew 9:38). So, let's pray—for the leaders God is preparing, for our committees, for our staff and lay leaders, and for God's will to be accomplished among us.

The days ahead may be challenging, but we do not walk this road alone. Jesus promised, "I will build my church" (Matthew 16:18). Let's take heart, trust Him, and walk through this season together. This too shall pass.

Pastor Chris

A Note From Our Student Minister

Most of us have a path we take on a normal basis. We drive to work the same way, we park in the same general area, we even go in the same door. I would guess that most of us follow this same pattern when we are at church. We enter and walk in the same general direction all the time. I would like to encourage you to try a new travel path. See if you can go through the elevator foyer and look at the bulletin board now called the "Local Missions and Ministries." Board.

It will have all sorts of opportunities for you to take advantage of. There will be sign-up sheets, advertisements for events, and new opportunities for you to get involved - both with Parkland and as individuals.

I hope to see the elevator foyer full of you as you look at the board and see how you can minister to others. The graphic below is the first way to help by signing up for these events.

Beth Turpin

Parkland Baptist Church
August 2026 Financials
August Income: \$62,751.87
August Expenses: \$83,758.98

Bible Reading Plan for October

Week 1: Jeremiah 27, 28, 29, 24, James 4
Jeremiah 37, 21, 34, Psalm 79, James 5
Jer 30-33, 1 Peter 1, Jer 38, 39, 52, 1 Peter 2
2 Kings 20, Isaiah 38-40, Psalm 68, 1 Cor 11
2 Kings 24-25, 2 Chr 36, Psalm 126, 1 Peter 3

Week 2: Lamentations 1-5, Psalm 137, 1 Peter 4
Obadiah, Jer 40-42, Psalm 147, 1 Peter 5
Jeremiah 43, 44, 46, 2 Peter 1
Jeremiah 47, 48, 49, Psalm 80, 2 Peter 2
Jeremiah 50-51, 2 Peter 3

Week 3: Ezekiel 1-3, John 1
Ezekiel 4-6, Psalm 82, John 2
Ezekiel 7-9, John 3
Ezekiel 10-12, Psalm 83, John 4
Ezekiel 13-15, Psalm 136, John 5

Week 4: Ezekiel 16-18, John 6
Ezekiel 19-21, Psalm 84, John 7
Ezekiel 22-24, Psalm 134, John 8
Ezekiel 25-27, Psalm 85, John 9
Ezekiel 28-30, John 10

WE NEED YOUR HELP

Volunteers Call-Out Opportunity

Make a Difference in your Community





Hartstern Elementary
Oct. 9 | 6-8pm
Serve Food
Meet families



Okolona Family Fall Festival
Oct. 16 | 5-8pm
Meet & Greet



Treat Your Street
Oct. 31
SS Outreach at Homes

Show your Support!

KIDS BASKETBALL GAMES
Sept 12-26 • Oct 10-24

KIDS CELEBRATION
SUNDAY • October 25

Wednesday Topics

Christian Counseling, Rm. 211 Systematic Theology, Rm. 207

Wednesday 10/7 @ 6:30pm
Christian Counseling & Education
Foundation Topical Study: *Families Helping People in Crisis*
Systematic Theology Study: *The Inerrancy of Scripture* - Read Chapter Five and answer questions.

Wednesday 10/14 @ 6:30pm
Christian Counseling & Education
Foundation Topical Study: *Busy Families*
Systematic Theology Study: *The Four Characteristics of Scripture* (#2) *Clarity* - Read Chapter Six and answer questions.

Wednesday 10/21 @ 6:30pm
Christian Counseling & Education
Foundation Topical Study: *Family Devotions*
Systematic Theology Study: *The Four Characteristics of Scripture* (#3) *Necessity* - Read Chapter Seven and answer questions.

Wednesday 10/28 @ 6:30pm
Christian Counseling & Education
Foundation Topical Study: *Uncovering Shame & Guilt* (Part 1): *The Experience of Shame*
Systematic Theology Study: *The Four Characteristics of Scripture* (#4) *Sufficiency* - Read Chapter Eight and answer questions.

Wednesday 11/4 @ 6:30pm
Christian Counseling & Education
Foundation Topical Study: *Uncovering Shame & Guilt* (Part 2): *Jesus and the Guilty and Ashamed*
Systematic Theology Study: *The Existence of God* - Read Chapter Nine and answer questions.

Wednesday 11/11 @ 6:30pm
Christian Counseling & Education
Foundation Topical Study: *Uncovering Shame & Guilt* (Part 3): *A Pastor's Story of Need*
Systematic Theology Study: *The Knowability of God* - Read Chapter Ten and answer questions.

Wednesday 11/18 @ 6:30pm
Christian Counseling & Education
Foundation Topical Study: *Uncovering Shame & Guilt* (Part 4): *After Christ Everything about Shame Changes*
Systematic Theology Study: *The Character of God, Incommunicable* Attributes - Read Chapter 11 and answer questions.

OCTOBER DONATION BODY WASH

Drop Off at Donation Station by October 29

FREE COMMUNITY meal



PARKLAND BAPTIST CHURCH
FOUNDATION CLASS OCT 18 11AM
CHURCH LIBRARY

Sunday October 11 9:30AM

The Lord's Supper

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS MEETING OCT 18 5PM

OCT 18 6PM

Visitation F.I.V.E. NIGHT