

From the Pastor's Pen...

October 17, 2018

Over the next few weeks, I'll be sharing with you several prayers I am praying for myself, as your pastor. I want you to know what I am asking God to do in me to help me be a faithful servant and shepherd of His people.

"My God and Father, please help me to love You for the sake of Your people at Parkway Baptist Church. They need a pastor who loves You with all of His heart. Help me to be that pastor. If I am going to lead them to love Christ above all else, then I must love Christ above all else. Grant it to be so. Amen."

I am here to serve you. So, please don't hesitate to call. My number is (601)572-1243. You can reach Angela at (601)540-2031. I look forward to getting to know each of you.

Bro. Paul

🎵 Cory's Column...

Worship in Matthew's Gospel

⁵⁴The Roman officer and the other soldiers at the crucifixion were terrified by the earthquake and all that had happened. They said, "This man truly was the Son of God!"
Matthew 27:54 NLT

Just imagine what these Roman soldiers witnessed up-close and first-hand. They saw Jesus, beaten and bloodied, hanging on the cross by the nails with the crown of thorns pressed into his head. They heard the taunts and pleas of the thieves on either side of Jesus, and they heard Jesus' response to them. They heard all of the ridicule from the crowds and watched their brothers-in-arms gamble over Jesus' robes. They heard him crying out to his heavenly Father. They watched the bystanders give Jesus a sponge with sour wine. They heard him shout and watched as he released his spirit and died. They witnessed the darkness during the day and the violent earthquake. And upon weighing all of these things they just experienced, they came to such a great conclusion – Jesus was the Son of God, he really was the Messiah, and his testimony about himself was truth all along.

When you take the time to consider all that Jesus said and did, when you carefully consider the testimony of Scripture, to what conclusion do you come? Is your verdict the same as these Roman soldiers? Is Jesus truly the Messiah, the Son of God? I find my imagination taking me to that scene, standing on that hilltop next to these soldiers, seeing the consequence of my sin, experiencing the joy as God's mercy and forgiveness wash over me, and crying out "This man truly is the Son of God!"

Singing His Praises!
Bro. Cory

Katey's Korner...

Family Bible Challenge

52 Verses Every Christian Should Know

October 1-6	Colossians 3:2
October 7-13	Deuteronomy 6:5
October 14-20	1 Corinthians 10:31
October 21-27	Matthew 5:16
October 28-31	Philippians 2:14

Kids' Sermon

Sunday, October 28 @ 6:00p.m.
Youth Praise Band will lead worship
S.N.A.C. after Kid's Sermon

Community Trunk or Treat

Wednesday, October 31, 5:30p.m. to 7:30p.m.
Joyner Parking Lot
We need trunks! (I have a lot of ideas if you can just provide the trunk and workers).
We need candy! Lots of it!
We need bikes to give away! Be a sponsor for \$50!

Operation Christmas Child

Atlanta Processing Plant Trips
Nov. 20-21 and Dec. 7-8
If you are at least a little bit interested in going on either trip, please meet with us at 5:30 this Sunday in the fellowship hall.

Love in Christ,
Katey

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Caleb's Connections...

Exodus 7:14-17

"Then the LORD said to Moses, 'Pharaoh's heart is hardened; he refuses to let the people go. Go to Pharaoh in the morning, as he is going out to the water. Stand on the bank of the Nile to meet him, and take in your hand the staff that turned into a serpent. And you shall say to him, 'The LORD, the God of the Hebrews, sent me to you, saying, 'Let my people go, that they may serve me in the wilderness.' But so far, you have not obeyed. Thys says the LORD, 'By this you shall know that I am the LORD: behold, with the staff that is in my hand I will strike the water that is in the Nile, and it shall turn into blood.'"

For the Egyptians, the Nile was everything. It was their source of power, life, agriculture, and even worship. On the back of the Nile, the Egyptians were able to rise into the dominant power in Africa. However, the Egyptians forgot that God was the source of the Nile. By turning the Nile into blood, God quickly reminded the Egyptians who was in control. It wasn't them, and it wasn't the Nile. The God of the Hebrews was in control. Don't become so focused on everything that's going on that you forget who is in control. Take time this week to thank God for everything that He has blessed you with, and all that He has done.

Prayer Requests

- Pray for a heart of thanksgiving for all that God has done and for all that He will do.
- Pray that the students can use their schools as a mission field and boldly proclaim Christ.

The Record Speaks

October 14, 2018

Sunday School Attendance	102
Guests	2
September Sunday School Avg. Attendance	96
September Income	\$37,609.65
September Expense	\$30,190.79

The Lord's Additions

September 1, 2018 – August 31, 2019

By Letter	2
By Baptism	2
By Statement	
Total	4

OCC Atlanta Trips Meeting
this Sunday, October 21st at 5:30p.m. in the fellowship hall.

Food Pantry Needs for the Month of October
Emphasis is Cold & Flu Season:
Lysol Spray, Clorox/Lysol wipes,
Hand sanitizer, Kleenex,
Soup, Crackers,
Small individual NON-refrigerated Orange Juice

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3rd Sunday Ushers

David Moore
Norman Bowen
Billy Lowry, Sr.
David Cox
Bobby Wages
Greg Smith

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