

From the Pastor's Pen...

February 13, 2019

"This joy of mine is now complete. He must increase, but I must decrease" (John 3:29-30). These are the words of John the Baptist. Some of his disciples began to bring him news that many people were going to Jesus to be baptized. Previously the people had been coming to John to be baptized. John's disciples were concerned what this might mean for John's ministry. Would this spell the end of John's ministry? What would John's disciples do?

But John wasn't the least bit concerned that people were flocking to Jesus. He understood that his ministry was simply to set the stage for Jesus. His work was to prepare people for the ministry of Jesus. Now that Jesus had begun His public ministry, John's ministry had run its course. He had completed the work God had for him. He wasn't upset or disappointed. He rejoiced in the person and ministry of Jesus. He was delighted that Messiah had taken center stage. His joy was found in the fame of Jesus, not in his own fame. Success for John was for Jesus to increase and him to decrease.

As Christians, the same is true for us. Success for us is to do His will rather than our own. Success for us is to make Jesus known, rather than ourselves. Success is when we decrease and Christ increases. Success is making much of Christ, not ourselves.

For the Gospel and the Glory of God!

Bro. Paul

🎵 Cory's Column...

The message of the cross is foolish to those who are headed for destruction! But we who are being saved know it is the very power of God.

1 Corinthians 1:18 NLT

It's called the Good News for a reason. God the Father in His grace, mercy and love sent Jesus the Son to stand in our place, taking our sin and its consequence on himself so that we might be redeemed and restored to the Father Himself. Oh, what love!

I am oftentimes baffled at "church folks" who check-out when a sermon or lesson is gospel-focused. I've heard the lines about the gospel being for lost people and sinners, and okay, it most certainly is. The Gospel is a sinner's only hope for salvation.

But, for those of us who have already experienced God's incredible forgiveness through Christ, we should never tire of hearing again about His unending, unfailing love and how He displayed that through Jesus's death and resurrection. Instead of passing it off as old news that we've heard before, I pray that each time we hear the Good News, it would be like a new log added to the fire of our hearts, making it blaze stronger and renewed and warming-up to life this body and soul.

Lord, help me, help us to never tire of hearing the Good News of Your great love for us. Thank You for Your love. Thank You that through Jesus, we are redeemed and restored to You. Each time we hear this Gospel, may our heart, soul, mind, and strength be renewed and rekindled.

Always Singing His Praises!

Bro. Cory

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Katey's Korner...

Family Bible Challenge 52 Verses Every Christian Should Know

February 3-9	Numbers 6:24
February 10-16	Philippians 2:3
February 17-23	Psalms 46:10
February 24-Mar. 2	Acts 16:31

Children's Missions Day

Saturday, February 23, 10:00-1:00

Ages: PreK-6th grade

Bring a box of individually wrapped snacks
(Lil Debbie, trail mix, nabs, etc.)

Lunch will be provided

Parents are welcome

Sign up in the glass hallway

OCC February Donations:

Travel Toothbrush Holders

Travel Bar Soap Holders

(A donation container is in the glass hallway.)

Investing In His Kingdom

Give so our children and youth can go to camp.

Love in Christ,
Katey

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Caleb's Connections...

Acts 2:4

“And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.”

One of the defining features of the early church was their absolute dependence on the Holy Spirit. Through prayer and listening to the Spirit call, these early church members were able to turn the world upside down for Christ (Acts 17:6). I pray that the ministry at Parkway Baptist church is truly Spirit led. I hope that all of us rely fully on the Spirit to provide us with strength and guidance in each day!

Prayer Requests

- Pray that God will teach you to further rely on the Holy Spirit for strength and guidance
- Pray that our students will use their schools as the mission field that God has given them

From what's on my heart,

Caleb

Summer Camps

Sunday is the deadline for letting Caleb or Katey know if your child/youth is going to camp this summer. Please have your decision sheet along with your deposit (at least part of it) Sunday. If you have any issues (sickness, out of town, etc.) and can't get it to us Sunday, PLEASE call or text us and let us know that your child is going so that we can have them in our final count.

The Record Speaks

February 10, 2019

Sunday School Attendance	103
Guests	5
January Sunday School Avg. Attendance	94
January Income	\$23,818.05
January Expense	\$23,079.06

The Lord's Additions

September 1, 2018 – August 31, 2019

By Letter	5
By Baptism	2
By Statement	
Total	7

Welcome New Members

LaRue Peters by transfer of letter
4456 Meadow Lake Dr. Tupelo, MS 38801
and Jan. 13th

Fred and Suzy Jackson by transfer of letter
906 Spruce St. Tupelo, MS 38801

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With the rising cost of postage, if you are receiving the weekly newsletter by email, by app or both, consider cancelling your subscription by mail.

February Food Pantry Needs

Individual Fruit Juice, Pop-top soups (no Chicken Noodle),
Granola Bars, Fruit Bars, Peanut Butter, Jelly, Microwave Meals,
Dish Soap, Laundry Detergent

3rd Sunday Ushers

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

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