



# parkway BAPTIST



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## Who's Your One?

Imagine if every member of your church could answer that question with the name of a person—a person for whom they're praying and with whom they're sharing the gospel. How would it change your church? How would it change the world?

God's people don't merely need another method for evangelism. What they need is a white-hot passion to see people who are far from God experience the new life He offers through Jesus Christ.

It doesn't matter how many buildings we construct, churches we plant or sermons we preach if we're not intent on doing everything so that lost men, women, and children will experience the transforming work of God. Without that one thing, we fail.

Much has been made over the last several years about the "rise of the nones." Research measuring the religious landscape in the U.S. has shown an increasing number of people who mark "none" to the question of religious affiliation. Not only is this group growing relative to the overall population, but among younger segments of the population their size is alarming. According to Pew Research, 35% of all adults age 18-29 claim no religion, which is almost twice as many as those who identify as Evangelical Protestant (17%). This data is complex requiring great care to interpret, but even a cursory glance shows that our spiritual context is much different than it was even 20 years ago. A Gallup poll reported the percentage of the population claiming to be Protestant decreased from 58% in 1998 to 35% in 2018.

So what can we do? Well, some of the brightest minds in the Church today have been reviewing the data, interpreting its significance, and offering wisdom for the past few years. I have some thoughts for sure, but I won't delve into it here. Instead, I raise the issue to introduce two related topics of great importance for Parkway Baptist Church: the need for evangelism and the necessity of friendship.

First, we are responsible, by direct command from God, to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ and invite people to receive salvation in Him by faith. "Go therefore and make disciples..." Our obligation as followers of Christ to share the good news comes as no surprise to us. We know this command. Despite our knowledge and the dozens of evangelical churches in our area, there are tens of thousands of unbelievers in Nelson County alone. Even more, the data indicates the need for gospel witness is growing as the Church shrinks relative to the population. In fact, perhaps more than any time in recent history, we need to share the gospel regularly.

Second, because the spiritual environment is much different than it was a few decades ago, I believe friendship is an even more important instrument for gospel conversations. The rise of the "nones" highlights the fact that fewer people hold to a Christian worldview that can serve as a reference point to begin sharing the gospel. Rather than appealing to basic Judeo-Christian morality or a generic belief in God as a foundation for gospel witness, we must engage unbelievers differently. Even those in our context who have a past connection with some brand of Christianity are often not eager to talk about spiritual matters. To these who are resistant to overt spiritual conversation, we must begin by building natural bridges to introduce the truth about Christ.

While God provides spontaneous opportunities to share Christ with strangers from time to time, the bulk of our evangelism should happen as we build long-term relationships with unbelievers in our spheres of life. As we must develop deep friendships with unbelieving co-workers, neighbors, and classmates, we follow the Spirit's direction to seize moments to share about the grace of God in Christ that is transforming us and can do the same in them. God will use these ordinary connections to give us opportunities to share the gospel and bring salvation to people very near to us. Even to those who don't claim a religious affiliation, meaningful friendship provides an avenue for sharing Christ's love in deed and word.

Realizing the great need, our obligation to share, and the cultural setting, I want to invite you to ask God to identify ONE unbelieving person in your life for whom you will pray regularly, build a deeper friendship, and look for opportunities to share Christ. I'm challenging every member to identify your ONE person by Sunday, September 1st. Begin praying today and prepare to hear more in the days ahead.

who's your **ONE?**



# August 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
4 MEMBERSHIP CLASS 9:00 AM PROMOTION SUNDAY STUDENT MINISTRY END OF SUMMER PARTY 7:00 PM	5	6 WOMEN'S MISSIONARY UNION (WMU) 7:00 PM Mozena Raisorls House	7 LEADERSHIP NIGHT 6:00 PM See bulletin for details	8	9 Student Ministry Worship Staff Training	10
11 ORDINATION SERVICE & MEMBER MEETING 6:00 PM	12	13 PRIMETIMERS // NOON 50+ Bring a side dish and join us for lunch.	14 FELLOWSHIP MEAL 5:30 PM CAMP REPORT NIGHT 6:30 PM	15 Michigan Mission Trip	16	17
18	19	20	21 WEDNESDAY EVENING ACTIVITIES // 5:30 PM/ See bulletin for details	22	23	24
25	26	27	28 WEDNESDAY EVENING ACTIVITIES // 5:30 PM/ See bulletin for details	29	30	31

## Prayer Listing

And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people....Ephesians 6:18

Like Paul encourages the Ephesian church, we are to be faithful in our prayers for our church family. If you would like to be included in our Prayer Guide, click here to submit your prayer request electronically or email [gretchen@parkwaybaptist.com](mailto:gretchen@parkwaybaptist.com).

### Prayer Requests

Lisa Hill  
Kathy DeMar  
Lee Brothers  
Elaine Armstrong  
Anita Cain  
Sarah Rodgers  
Norma Taylor  
Pamela Sublett  
John Hensley  
Carter Drury  
Barbie Keen

### Missionaries Serving

Jason and Amanda Aaron (Michigan)  
Chris and Lori Hart (Wisconsin)  
Monica (Asia)

### Military List

Ryan Campoamor  
Logan Crady  
Scott Hunt  
Joseph Meece  
Clayton Richardson  
Dakota Snook  
Jack Whitfield

### Condolences

Tony and Rod Tichenor in the loss of father, Joseph "Muggs" Tichenor.

### Church Leadership

Elders, Deacons, Admin Team, Ministry Staff, Sunday School Teachers, Children/Nursery Workers

### Monthly Mission Partner Spotlight

**Local** // Bluegrass Christian Academy  
**Regional** // Kentucky Baptist Convention  
**National** // North American Mission Board  
**Global** // 20 Schemes



# Wednesday Evenings

On August 21, our Wednesday evening activities resume. Activities begin at 5:30 PM with a meal in the Family Life Center (\$4/adult and \$3/child with \$20 family max) followed by Bible studies for all ages starting at 6:30 PM. Adults will gather in the worship center for Learn4Life.

A new teaching series is coming to Learn4Life on August 21, *Searching for God's Will: A Fresh Look at How God Leads Us*. Life is filled with decisions. As Christians, we want to know God's will for our lives. But how? How do we come to know the will of God? Can we be confident that we are making the right decisions? In this new series, we will explore what the Bible teaches about receiving divine guidance from God and what it means for the big and small decisions of life. Bring a friend, neighbor or a co-worker to come and dive into these truths and life experiences.



# Michigan Mission Trip

A trip is being planned to go to Monroe, Michigan August 14-18 to visit Jason & Amanda Aaron and Outpost Community Church. The trip is very flexible and aimed at providing encouragement and support to the Aaron family as their church transitions into a new facility. If you would like to participate in this trip or would like more information, call the church office at 502-348-4677 and we will get you set up.



## Coming to Learn4Life August 21

## Searching for God's Will

A Fresh Look At How God Leads Us



# Welcome New Members // July 2019

We want to welcome our new members and pray for them as they learn more and more about what it means to be a follower of Christ. Please put this in a place where you will see and pray for our new members.



Ben Bolin  
Letter



Kelli Downs  
Profession of Faith



Jonathan Jimison  
Profession of Faith



John and  
Pamela Williams  
Letter & Profession of  
Faith

## GLOBAL MISSIONS MONTH AUGUST 1 - AUGUST 31

ALL MONIES COLLECTED WILL GO TO PARTNERS OF PARKWAY BAPTIST CHURCH.  
FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT [WWW.PARKWAYBAPTIST.COM/MISSIONS](http://WWW.PARKWAYBAPTIST.COM/MISSIONS)

### FOR THE RECORD

SUNDAY SCHOOL	WORSHIP ATTENDANCE
06/30 297	06/30 374
07/07 353	07/07 379
07/14 352	07/14 427
07/21 362	07/21 402

06/30	General Fund	\$ 37,392.54
	Other	\$ 25.00
	Total	\$ 37,417.54
07/07	General Fund	\$ 20,462.96
	Other	\$ 2,545.00
	Total	\$ 23,007.96

07/14	General Fund	\$ 16,884.03
	Other	\$ 96.00
	Total	\$ 16,980.03
07/21	General Fund	\$ 21,587.66
	Other	\$ 25.00
	Total	\$ 21,612.66

YTD Budget \$ 577,879.16  
YTD General Offering \$552,873.28  
YTD Expenses \$547,068.34  
Weekly Required \$ 19,926.87