

## Moving Forward

### Three Opportunities on Sunday Mornings!

God is moving here at Parkwood! In the past few years we have seen our numbers increase and our programs multiply. Worship and discipleship continue to grow and we have been blessed to be a part of what God is doing here in Annandale and around the world through our missions.

The vision of Parkwood from its foundation over 48 years ago was to provide a place of worship where people can come to know Christ and find where they fit into His Kingdom work in this world. We have had the privilege of sending out missionaries, pastors, campus ministers, seminary professors and teachers across the globe. It is in our DNA to provide opportunities to worship, study and serve here at Parkwood.

In order to stay true to our vision and to be faithful stewards of the resources God has given to us, we want to provide opportunity for everyone on a Sunday morning to be engaged on all three levels of Christian responsibility: Worship, Study and Service.

After more than a year of prayer, planning and a trial run, we are looking to offer everyone 3 worship services, 3 Sunday Schools and 3 opportunities to serve each Sunday morning. The first would start at 9 AM and the last would end at 12:30 PM (not much different than our current schedule). The difference would be a better stewardship of time in services that would allow for an additional service in the center.



### Why this direction?

1. It enables us to continue to follow the vision for Parkwood more efficiently by offering all three aspects (mentioned above) on a Sunday morning
  - a. Multiplies Sunday school space
  - b. People are not forced to choose to serve or worship
2. It keeps our current schedule of activities within the 9 AM to 12:30 PM timeframe.
  - a. Other times outside this framework would create a separation and disunity
  - b. Other times outside this framework would create more stress on staff and leaders
3. Having all services in the sanctuary creates a sense of equality in the worship services
  - a. Frees Fellowship Hall for discipleship growth, hospitality and special meetings
  - b. Less stress on worship leaders
  - c. Gives room to grow in worship
4. Strengthens our youth program
  - a. Both the first and third services can feed into a center discipleship program
  - b. Better stewardship of our youth workers
5. Stewardship of the building
  - a. Increases our ability to handle growth by 50%
  - b. Allows us to minister to more people in our community on a Sunday morning

**Your Part:** As God leads us forward, prayerfully consider how you will be involved! Your participation is *crucial*.