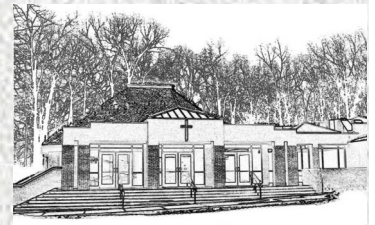


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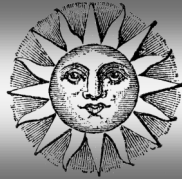
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**JUNE 2013**

## **Parkwood Summer Planning Calendar**



### **June**

- June 3-7 WEE Center Summer Camp
- June 4 ESOL Workshop for teachers/helpers
- June 5 New Wed. Night Adult Bible Study begins
- June 6 ESOL Testing/Registration
- June 8 Women's Prayer Breakfast
- June 9 Graduate Recognition Services  
Combined Adult Sunday School classes  
Child Protection Training
- June 10 Parkwood Book Group
- June 11 ESOL classes begin
- June 17 PrimeTimers
- June 19 Children's M Group meets
- June 24 Christian Yoga Summer session begins
- June 28 Women's Fellowship Night
- June 29 Men's Prayer Breakfast

### **July**

- July 7-13 Youth Mission Trip
- July 8 Parkwood Book Group
- July 13 Women's Prayer Breakfast
- July 17 Last Wednesday Adult Bible Study for  
Children's M Group meets
- July 21 Church Council
- July 22-26 Vacation Bible School (no yoga)
- July 28 Quarterly Business Celebration
- July 30 ESOL last day of classes for summer session

### **August**

- Aug. 3 Men's Prayer Breakfast
- Aug. 4 Luncheon for rising 7th Graders
- Aug. 10 Women's Prayer Breakfast
- Aug. 18 Church Council
- Aug. 21 Children's M Group meets
- Aug. 25 Outdoor Worship Service/Church Picnic
- Aug. 30 Women's Fellowship Night
- Aug. 31 Men's Prayer Breakfast

\* Please note: Not all events are listed. Please check your

## **Discipleship Opportunities In June**

### **Sunday, June 9**

#### **Combined Sunday School**

We are happy to announce that our next Combined Sunday School will be held on June 9 in Fellowship Hall. All 9:30 classes will meet together at that hour, and all 11:00 classes will meet together at 11.

Dr. Bryan Jones, Pastor Discipleship at First Baptist Church of Alexandria will be speaking on the topic, "Seizing Divine Moments of Life" (1 Samuel 14:1-14).

### **New Wednesday Night Adult Bible Study Begins June 5**

Join us for our new Wednesday night Adult Bible Study, "Prayers of the Bible," in which we will gain new perspective on prayer according to God's Word. This seven week series ends Wednesday, July 17.



**VBS 2013**  
**Roller Coaster World:**  
**Facing Fear, Trusting God**  
**July 22-26**  
**9 am-12 pm**

This will be an extraordinary VBS you will not want to miss out on! We will be learning how to face our fears and dare to believe!

**Register online at [www.parkwood.org](http://www.parkwood.org) Click on  
"Community Ministry"**

We are still looking for assistant teachers and help with worker snacks. Sign up on the sheet in the main hallway or email Jennifer Heiserman, Director of Children's Ministries, at [JenniferH@parkwood.org](mailto:JenniferH@parkwood.org).



Skylar Murray	6/1
Jaxon Murphy	6/1
Cristian Alfaro	6/5
Kyle Hamacher	6/5
Mekdes Carney	6/6
Penelope Kelly	6/6
Elissa Golden	6/7
Cecelia McCormick	6/11
Jacob Watson	6/17
Adrienne Freeman	6/18
Eliana Gutierrez	6/23
Joshua Becker	6/26
Eunice Kim	6/27
Emily Yost	6/28

### Food Pantry Needs

Canned Meat  
Jelly  
Condiments  
Diapers  
Baby Wipes  
Canned Beef Stew  
Tuna  
Canned Milk  
Rice  
Cereal  
Oatmeal  
Breakfast Bars  
Peanut Butter  
Instant Potatoes  
Spaghetti Sauces  
Pasta  
Soup  
Mac and Cheese  
Boxed Juice  
Juice/Drinks  
Canned Fruit  
Canned Vegetables  
Infant Formula  
Powdered Milk  
Condensed Milk

# Children's Minis-

## M Group

M Group will have three classes this summer; the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of June, July and August we will meet in the Rec Room from 6-8 pm. This will be a time of studying the Word with games, crafts and snacks! So 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> graders mark your calendars, you wouldn't want to miss out on the fun! June 19, July 17, and August 21.

## Child Protection Training

In addition to a criminal background check, all children and youth workers **MUST** take this 30-minute training. It has useful information that all of us can benefit from, plus you'll find out what Parkwood's policies are for working with children. Training will be on Sunday, June 9 and July 7 at 12:15 pm in the Conference Room. If these dates aren't good for you please contact Jennifer Heiserman. Everyone volunteering for VBS must go through this training.

## Sunday School

**Security** - Have you noticed a change when checking your child into Sunday School class? We now have permanent nametags that clip on your child. Nametags list the parent and any allergies the child may have. **Thank you** to Boy Scout Troop

1533 for taking on this project. Bobby Lockwood researched, designed and built this cabinet, as well as created all the nametags, for his Eagle project.

**Flyte** – Have you heard, we have a new curriculum just for preteens (4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grade)? This Bible curriculum encourages preteens to come up with answers to some of the most difficult situations they are likely to face. The study is a discussion-catalyst for preteens to interact with scripture as they experience God's vision on preteen dilemmas. Preteens are encouraged to journal their thoughts and feelings on each subject. The May study focused on heaven. Upcoming topics will include: families; God's plan; respect and emotions.

**Kids Only Social (KOS)** - We are having a blast in KOS! The kids are having a great time socializing, playing games, watching Christian cartoons and eating, of course. It is awesome to see the bond happening between child and teacher. We would love to have more volunteers. It's a great opportunity to mentor our children in an informal environment. We always appreciate snack donations (fresh fruit, crackers, goldfish, pudding/Jello cups, any child friendly snacks).



## Our School Year Has Come To An End

The students had a fantastic school year learning about God's love and the world He created around them. This year we delivered God's message to approximately 100 preschoolers and their families. On the last day of school, we distributed 33 brand new children's Bibles to the students who will be attending Kindergarten next year. Thank you to everyone who supported the WEE Center ministry through your prayers, time and financial contributions.

**Summer Camp hours are 10-2**

**Monday - Friday, June 3-7**

**\$150**

If you know of a potty-trained 3-5 year old who would like to attend our Camp, please pick up a flyer from the church office or the WEE Center bulletin board across from the Prayer Parlor. This year's theme is **The Beach**.

## Space Available for next year

There is still space available for students to join the preschool. Please share the great news with family, friends and neighbors. We serve children 16 months - 5 years old, Tuesdays – Fridays

## June Fellowship

Women's Prayer Breakfast-  
8th

Parkwood Book Group-  
10th

PrimeTimers-17th



Christian Yoga  
Summer Ses-  
sion

June 24-September 5

### From The Deacons

I know you've heard this before, but your Deacons have a very active prayer ministry. This is so important in the life of the church; and I feel that it cannot be emphasized too much. We serve you by praying for you, our Pastors, our Staff, and our Nation. If you have a prayer request, please contact any of the Deacons. We will also be happy to pray *with* you if you wish. We know that God hears all prayers and answers them faithfully.

God also loves hearing our praises! Let us know your praises so we can rejoice with you! Thank Him for the wonderful blessings He gives to us each and every day!

*Doris Richburg, Deacon Chair*

### Stewardship Report

Budget Needs thru Apr 2013	\$ 348,081
Budget Received	\$ 284,628
Budget Expended	\$ 249,157
Difference	\$ 35,741
2013 Building funds received thru Apr 2013	\$ 12,876



### A fellow disciple on the Way...

#### Worship: Connecting with Our Lord Jesus

*"Jesus said to her, 'Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth'" (John 4:21, 23-24 NRSV)*

Worship is our expression of reverence, adoration, and devotion to God for His surpassing divine love and grace to us through our Lord Jesus. In worship we consecrate ourselves before a just and holy God; we offer thanks to Him for His gift of deliverance, security and sustenance. True worshipers extol God's universal greatness, goodness and glory!

True worship also allows us to empty ourselves, connect with Christ, and prepare for service. Worship is experiential. We cannot find our true identity as God's children until we encounter Him in worship. Little of substance will be accomplished in the name of a God we have never experienced.

Moreover, real worship involves giving God the best that He has given us. True worship will transform and empower us to impact the world for Christ.

*"Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy name. Bless the LORD, O my soul, and do not forget all his benefits—who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the Pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, who satisfies you with good as long as you live so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's" (Ps 103:1-5).*

**Dr. Daniel Dapaah**

### Thank You

Dear Parkwood Family,

Thank you so much for the love and support that we received during the past months with my daddy's illness and hospitalization.

I am blessed to have had a wonderful daddy that taught me so much about life and love. We are comforted to know that he is in heaven.

Thank you so much for the sincere expressions of sympathy through the beautiful flowers, your cards, phone calls, and especially your prayers. They will sustain us in the days to come.

**Marilyn Kmiec**

Dear Parkwood Friends,

Thank you for the lovely flowers. I am grateful for the kind words and generous prayers that have comforted me. God bless you.

**Linda Camacho**

Dear Members of Parkwood Baptist,

Thank you for the many acts of kindness and sympathy shown to us during my mom's recent illness and passing.

The beautiful flower basket bouquet was a visual lift to our emotions! Thanks again for your help in our stress!





- 6/1 Pat Vandersluis
- 6/2 David Clough
- 6/3 Erma Kirkman
- 6/3 Erma Cahoon
- 6/4 Alec Jefferson
- 6/6 Febe Duran
- 6/7 Tom Lytle
- 6/8 Russ Duke
- 6/10 Mary Lipsey
- 6/10 Lori Kirkland
- 6/10 Dylan Kirkland
- 6/11 Al Kreiser
- 6/12 Hector Velasquez
- 6/12 Christina Chandran
- 6/14 Carla Aaront
- 6/15 Ben Kaminski
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- 6/16 Cheri Dickey
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- 6/17 Tara Ashworth
- 6/17 Stefanie Hamacher
- 6/18 Mari Shade
- 6/19 Melissa Purvis
- 6/18 Kelcie Chandler
- 6/18 Katie Lou Phillis
- 6/19 Cory Stewart
- 6/19 Hunter Bladen
- 6/20 Sam Ferguson
- 6/21 Sherry Suda
- 6/22 Tyler Duke
- 6/23 Sandy Stephens
- 6/25 Mike Jacobson
- 6/26 Jan Jacobson
- 6/27 Lin Walsh
- 6/28 Sue Horstkamp
- 6/28 Ryan Hamacher
- 6/29 Tom Runaldue

## PARKWOOD.....On Mission

### THANK YOU WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER WORKERS

We appreciate the people who made our fellowship dinners on Wednesday nights possible. Special kudos to the cooks, as well as the helpers, servers and dishwashers who made it all happen. The delicious food, varied menus, and warm fellowship combined to provide a special mid-week time together, as well as making it possible for many people to attend the various classes and other activities on Wednesday evenings.

We'll resume Wednesday night dinners after Labor Day, in September, when you'll meet Mr. Johnnie Lawton. Johnnie will be cooking for us each week, and we look forward to welcoming him to Parkwood. He is a chef, has a catering company and sometimes teaches at a local culinary school.

See you in September.



### Missions Committee Paperback Book Collection for Local Jails and Juvenile Detention Facilities

Collection takes place during June.

Books should have a religious emphasis and/or a good moral message. The gift of positive reading material is an encouragement to inmates as they cope with their jail sentence and serves as a great way to get the Good News of the Gospel to those who need to hear it.



### Start Saving Your Empty Shoe boxes

Bernice Maynard will be collecting them to use for upcoming missions projects for children in need such as Operation Christmas Child.



(photos courtesy of Bob and Sally Upton)



## Ministry Fair 2013

June  
Book Bite

**“Living Beyond Your Feelings”**

by Joyce Meyer

Reviewed by JoAnn Davis

“Feelings”--simply say the word and watch most people run. Some folks simply don't want to talk about their feelings, while ... well, with others, that's all they seem to talk about and more!

In **Living Beyond Your Feelings**, author Joyce Meyer's focus is not so much on talking about feelings as it is on “controlling” them. She shows great humility in the sharing of her personal experiences along with the hope found within Biblical scriptures to connect to her readers.

This connection provides opportunities for readers to reflect on their own experiences and acknowledge emotions that could be better controlled. Each of us probably knows someone who easily flies off the handle, weeps at a moment's notice, feels responsible for anything that happens, or seems petrified of their own shadow. Meyer examines emotions and their outcomes including Anger, Guilt, Fear, Handling Loss, Stress and Health, and of course one of the hardest, the Need to Forgive.

Each chapter ends with a Decision and Confession affirmation to remind us we are not alone. Below are some of these examples of such encouragement. Can you identify with one or more?

- *Whatever my personality type, I will remember that I am now a new person in Christ.*
- *With God's help I can get along and adapt well to all kinds of people.*
- *I will not live as an angry person. I will deal with anger in a Godly way.*
- *I will not waste my life feeling guilty.*
- *I will be courageous and not let the emotion of fear rule me.*
- *I will quickly and freely forgive those who hurt me.*

She also provides “Pro-Actions” such as embracing tough questions when dealing with our emotions such as “Is what you want to do scriptural?” or “Is it in harmony with the entire Bible?”

This is not simply a “self-help” book as Meyer continuously reminds readers that God has already supplied us with what we need to have in order to control our emotions, and as Christians we are responsible to keep our emotions in-check and repent for sinful actions. In other words, controlling emotions can only be accomplished through “**God-help**,” asking our Lord Jesus for his forgiveness, resources, wisdom and guidance to help us control our feelings. We cannot do anything without Him. Always place your trust and hope in Christ!

Check out the wide selection of Christian resources in the Patterson Memorial Library.

*Illuminations*

*Apologize*

**Forgive each other; as the Lord has forgiven you.**

**Colossians 3:13**

I don't believe that it is ever too late for an individual to offer a sincere apology; nor do I believe that it is ever too late to accept another's sincere apology. However, the boy band, *One Republic*, might disagree. While riding with me a few years ago, my daughter heard three bars of the chorus of their song, *Apologize*, and immediately knew that it was going to be one of her all-time favorites. Then she screamed, “Kevin! Do you hear that beat?!!”

Like my children, I love the song's hip beat and lyrics, but as it played, I was compelled to entertain it from a Biblical perspective. This is a song about a rejected lover's mindset. This woman has the poor fellow hanging on the rope of her ambiguous love. Then she cuts him down for good. OUCH.

***I'm holdin' on your rope,  
Got me ten feet off the ground.  
And I'm hearin' what you say,  
But I just can't make a sound.  
You tell me that you need me,  
Then you go and cut me down...  
But wait...  
You tell me that you're sorry,  
Didn't think I'd turn around...***

***And say.....***

At some point, the woman begins to feel remorseful, but her ex-lover isn't buying it. ***It's too late to apologize. It's too late***, he tells her. But let me cut the songwriter some slack. Perhaps, he just failed to clarify his statement and was merely implying that her apology would not win her another chance with him.

*Apologize* was a huge hit at that time, and since my daughter kept switching the radio stations, we probably heard it 15 times as we ran errands that day. So, I took the liberty to explain to my children that in our Christian faith, it's never too late for an individual to apologize. Now, apologizing might not win us back a lost opportunity, but whenever applicable, we still need to do it. Of course, my son said, “There goes Mom, Kenya: picking at our songs again. AHAHA!” At that, I just burst into laughter. My children know how I am about music and song lyrics.

But seriously, don't we benefit from having a forgiving God on our side? Imagine what would happen if God ever decided that it was too late for us to apologize to Him for our sins. It's something to think about, isn't it?

With that in mind, is there anyone that you need to apologize to, even if many years have passed since you committed the offense? Despite what the song says, it is not too late to apologize. On the flip side, what would you do if you received a phone call, an email, or a handwritten apology from someone who wronged *you*? Would you tell the person that it's too late to apologize? That might be a lot to think about, so hold on to that thought for as long as you need to.

*Best Regards ~ Denise Lewis Christopher*

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*"Can I show you something?"*

*"Pray continuously." - Apostle Paul (1 Thessalonians 5:17)*

When we think about prayer we often think of talking with God. It is the way we communicate to God our needs and requests. It is also a way that we confess our mistakes and ask for forgiveness. Many of us would acknowledge that it is also an opportunity for God to speak to us. He gives us guidance and direction, and He is our "very present help in times of trouble" (Psalm 46:1). But how do we do that "continuously"?

Even though prayer is all of those things, I believe that it is even more. It is more than conversation. God is more than our spiritual Wikipedia. Prayer is a "connection." It is a relationship. It is more than just sharing information. It is an experiencing of the presence of God in our lives constantly. It is making ourselves available to God for instruction, guidance and...revelation! God wants us to see the world as He sees it. God wants us to live our lives according to the Kingdom principles that He established from the beginning. In order for that to happen we need to be paying attention!

You see, God has something to show you. Things that you do not know. Things that will change your perspective. Things that will change the way you do anything and everything! That can only happen if we live in a spirit of prayer. Can we pray continuously? Not if our definition of prayer is simply talking with God. Prayer must become more. It must become a continuous awareness of His presence and a watchful eye to what He is showing us.

We will be having a special seven-week series on the prayers of the Bible Wednesday nights, beginning June 5th. I hope that you will be able to join us as we explore how we can expand our view of prayer according to God's Word.

Blessings,

*Pastor Mike*