



Parkside Church

Mission Possible 2012



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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Mission Possible 2012
- High School Outreach
- Middle School Lock-In
- Mexico Outreach 2012

We Parkside folks don't have to spend big bucks to get into the local movie theatre for excitement in February. We have the best thing going in town, right here at Parkside Church on the weekend of February 25 and 26. You will find out about "Mission Possible" instead of impossible. We have 3 wonderful speakers coming to share the excitement of what your mission dollar is accomplishing around the world, from Africa to Bakersfield.

With a different speaker and different subject for each worship service, you can make it your Mission Conference Weekend by coming on Saturday evening at 5:00 pm; Sunday morning at 8:30 am where Glen & Rita Chapman, IM missionaries to the Congo will be speaking

and enjoying a cup of coffee while you browse the displays before staying for the 10:45 am service. Missionaries will also visit our various Sunday School Classes at 9:35 am!



Wonderful displays and mission information "booths" will up in the lobby for all three services. Come meet our missionaries from afar and from Bakersfield; see their displays of mission work; find out how you can volunteer and help. Catch up with the World

Mission that God is making Possible with your help.

Mark your calendars now -- You don't want to miss this special weekend at Parkside Church.

**(For explanation of the Mission Possible Logo, turn to page 8!)*

PARKSIDE STAFF & STUFF...

The Communiqué is a monthly newsletter of Parkside Church. Chris Bennett, Senior Pastor; **Josh Heimiller**, Associate Pastor; **Carol Wilcox**, Children's Pastor; **John Payne**, Pastor of Worship Arts/Youth Advisor; **Natasha Porter**, Director of Child Life Learning Center; **Fratima Romero**, Office Administrator; **Carol Alumbaugh**, Administrative Assistant; **Julie Barron**, Facility Coordinator; **Robert Contreras**, Facility Superintendent.

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Parkside Church Mission: Our mission is to help people to *connect* with God, *grow* with others and to *reach* the world.

True Health is Found in Community...

At Parkside Church, we place a high value on growing together in Christ. We believe it is an essential part of the mission of our church. As we are about to kick off our spring term of Grow Groups, I was reminded of a story told by novelist and farmer Wendell Berry in his book, *The Art of the Commonplace*.

Berry made an interesting observation about the perils of individualism. As he was walking with his friend Wes Jackson, they observed a field of Maximilian Sunflowers, a nearly ten-foot tall plant native to the Midwest. Wes Jackson pointed to one particular plant that was growing alone, separated from the other sunflowers in the field.

Wendell Berry observed this sunflower had grown very tall and appeared to be thriving, but it clearly was not healthy. The blossoms were thick and heavy; so heavy that the branches were starting to strain and break under the weight. Berry noted that in one sense the plant had "succeeded" as a solo plant. After all, it was unusually tall. But, unfortunately, it had completely failed its intended purpose as a Maximilian Sunflower: these plants only thrive and give life as they face the sun and grow together in a field - not in isolation.

Berry concluded, "We could say that achieving success solely as an individual was the plant's failure. It had failed because it had lived outside an important part of its definition, which consists of individuality and its community. A part of its healthy potential lay in its community, not just itself." Wendell Berry went on to say that many people today are often lonely and isolated because we've lost a simple, biblical truth: true health—spiritually, emotionally, and physically—is found in community.



I hope you will prayerfully consider joining of one of Parkside's Grow Groups. We will be offering several groups that meet both on Sunday mornings and throughout the week in homes. I invite you to stop by the Grow Group table in the church lobby and pick up a brochure that has a list of all the groups that will be meeting. This is a great way to grow strong in Christ and to meet new friends!

All Blessings,

Chris Bennett, *Pastor*

CANCER

Ethel Ward: Diagnosed with acute leukemia; gone to UCLA for 4-6 weeks of treatment.

Sara Adams: Back in the hospital with a viral infection.

Ray Gragg: (Marcia Russell's brother-in-law) Pray for him and his family as he is in end stage cancer.

Andrea Oliver: (submitted by Donna Cervantes) Treated for lymphoma but the prognosis is good. She is hopeful about her recovery. Thanks for your prayers.

Dolly Krafve: Stopping radiation treatments because of heart problems.

Gary Perry: (Carole Huth's brother) Diagnosed with kidney cancer.

Jeff: (submitted by Erin Carter) Has cancer & wife, Sara, is pregnant with 1st child.

MILITARY

Pray for soldiers overseas and their families.

Jared Gooding: (Bob & Terri Gooding's son) Begins 6 month deployment.

Larry Fife: (submitted by the Parker family) Army stationed in Afghanistan. Pray for protection & wisdom.

Dustin Peterson: (Elsie Sutherland's nephew) Recently sent to Afghanistan.

Ben McCabe: (Judy Loos' son) Deployed to Afghanistan for a year.

Micah Gann: (Patti Knost's son) Deployed to Korea for a year.

VARIOUS

John Payne: Pray for Junior High workers.

Doris: (Andrea Owens' Friend) Recovering from open heart surgery. Pray for her salvation.

Gladys Myers: (Paul Myers' mother) Now in Rehabilitation Center for IV therapy and strength training.

Connie: (Robin Jaske's friend) In a new home but despondent and apprehensive about her future.

Fileman Bello: Looking for a job in the oilfields.

The Castle Sisters: Pray for brother's salvation.

Norman Lewis: to be able to get into his classes.

Betty Kittredge: Suffering with bronchitis.

Ariel Parker: For school to go better and family get over sickness.

Irene: (Marcia Russell's mother) Transition to assisted living after hip replacement surgery. Healing

and return to independent living.

Nancie Deleuw: (Sydney Harter's mom) Serious surgery on January 18.

Steven Watkins: Needs employment.

Patrick Smith: Recovering from knee surgery and problems with prostate surgery.

Luis Mooney: (submitted by Eddie Besenthal) He is awake and able to squeeze hands. Thank you for praying for him.

Terry Hopper: (Carol Owen's brother-in-law) Hospitalized with pneumonia.

Paul: (Robin Jaske's brother) Kidneys are failing.

Esther: (Erin Carter's sister) Lost her job suddenly.

Cindy Duff: (submitted by Erin Carter)

Hospitalized with blood clot in lung.

Contact Information for cards and letters to Ethel Ward:

UCLA Ronald Reagan Medical Center
757 Westwood Plaza
Los Angeles, CA 90024
(Room #6153, Mary Ward)

Please note it is addressed to MARY Ward, NOT Ethel. If you have care packages bring them to the church to Carol Wilcox. Please do not mail them direct. What works: Crossword puzzle books, short devotional/ inspiration books. No CD;s, please. Electronic equip/personal items in room is discouraged by the hospital.



Once a week, our church staff & church prayer group pray over each one of these requests and rejoices in answered prayers!

Dear Church Family,

I am so very grateful to have such a wonderful church. You will never know how much your cards, prayers and beautiful quilt mean to me. They truly show the love of the Lord! I am beginning my treatments and hope to be back in Bakersfield soon. Thank you and God bless,

~Elaine Bierlein

Dear Church Family,

Thanks to everyone for the calls, flowers, cards and most of all prayers during my recovery from surgery.

~Lloyd Poon

Dear Parkside,

Thank you for all the prayers you gave on behalf of Greg's brother. We take comfort in knowing he is with Jesus in heaven.

~Andrea & Greg Owens

PRAISE

Elaine Bierlein: She is doing well and her peace continues. She is grateful to be a Christian.

Helen Cress: Praises for the healing following her wrist surgery and continue to pray for complete healing and wisdom.

Donavon Gabriel: Thank you for all the prayers, calls, and flowers most of all prayers on the passing of my dad.

Fran Rash: Thank you for the flowers and prayers during the knee replacement.

Mike Mara: Praise God, he is better on blood thinners.

Pat Duffel: Praise, as of last test she is cancer free for 18 months.

Caring & Sharing...

The Parkside Care Team Meeting

The Care Team will meet on Sunday, February 12 @ 6:00 pm at Barbara Bilyeu's home.



Sunday Greeter Reminder

February 5

First Service:

Greg & Andrea Owens
Clay & Helen Cress
Paul & Bea Myers

Second Service:

Cecil & Sandy
Johnson
Sondra McKnelly

February 12

First Service:

Ted & Janet Oliver
Dan & Mary Nystrom
Larry & Susan Landis

Second Service:

John & Denise
England
Erin Carter
Clint & Cindy
Blackhawk

February 19

First Service:

Clay & Helen Cress
Jay & Mary Sweat
Pat Ward

Second Service:

Michael Kittredge
Norman Lewis

February 26

First Service:

Janet Thomason
Evelyn Knight

Second Service:

Hank & Sharon Hoss
Ron & Sue Edwards
Sydney Harter

GROWING WITH OTHERS IN GROUPS: NEW GROUPS BEGIN FEBRUARY 15

The "Year of Grow" is well underway at Parkside Church. A great way to make this your personal "Year of Grow" is to join a Grow Group.

A Grow Group is a group of people who meet weekly to study the Bible and apply it to life. Grow Groups are also a great place to meet new people and develop friendships. These groups will challenge you to Connect with God, Grow with Others, and Reach the World for Christ.

We have groups that meet on Saturday afternoon, Sunday morning, Sunday night, Wednesday night, Thursday morning, and Thursday night. Find a group that works for you and get involved!

You can find more information and see our group options by visiting our website at www.ConnectGrowReach.org/groups.aspx or by stopping by our Grow Group table in the lobby.

YOUTH UPDATE...

I.C.E. (INTERACTIVE CINEMA EXPERIENCE) HIGH SCHOOL OUTREACH

February 12 @ 6pm

Fun short movie clips with and interactive experience in between.

All high school students are encouraged to invite their friends to this outreach event. It will prove to be "Epic!" Families are welcome too!

In the Main Room at Parkside Church



MIDDLE SCHOOL OVERNIGHTER

"Mission Improbable"

February 17-18 6pm to 9am

Cost: \$5

Crazy games and energizing activities... Bring your sleeping bag and your tooth brush!



Contact Info for Carol Wilcox

By phone call the church office—661- 871-0840
 By email—carolwilcox@connectgrowreach.org

Summer Camp for Children - **Lightseekers**
 For children entering 3rd – 5th grade in the fall
 Aug 13 – 17, 2012
 Ponderosa Pines, San Bernardino Mountains
 Cost/camper \$280.00

There are two fund raiser activities planned to help offset the cost of children attending, for those who choose to participate in the fundraiser:

- A jog-a-thon Saturday, May 5, at the park across from the church facility
 - A Soup/Sandwich/Dessert Auction Sunday, March 18 in the church fellowship hall
- Limited scholarships are also available to help children attend summer camp.



SAVE THESE DATES

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: June 25 – 29, 9 AM – 12:30 PM K – 5th and child care for younger children of helpers. FREE

CHILDREN'S SUMMER CAMP: Aug 13 – 17; Boys & Girls entering 3rd – 5th Grade



Camp Fund Raiser Soup/Sandwich Dessert Auction, Sun March 18, Noon



Camp Fund Raiser Jog A Thon Sat May 5, 9:30 – 10:30 AM

GROWING TOGETHER

Check out the art work on the Christian Ed street side windows. It's Parkside kids reminder to us that 2012 is the year of GROW together to reach the world!! If you see their name on the art work, thank them for the reminder and applaud them on their design!!

Welcome, New Baby!

Julie Diana Funk was born on January 2, 2012. She was 7 lbs 11 oz and 19 1/2 inches long. Proud parents are Jeremy & Cammi Funk with happy brothers, Caleb and Joel. Tom & Dee Williams and Bob & Karen Funk are the proud grandparents. Ben & Pat Duffel are the very proud great-grandparents.



Baby Shower for Meredith Sanders

Join us for a baby boy shower in honor of Meredith Sanders on Sunday, February 5 @ 2:30 PM at Parkside Church. RSVP to Jessica Anspach by January 28, 530-263-5587. Meredith is registered at Target and Babies-R-Us.



We extend our sympathy to Peggy Clemens & Family in the passing of her husband, Tom Clemens. May the Lord strengthen and comfort you during this time of sorrow and grief.

February Birthdays

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|----|------------------------|----|----------------------|----|------------------------|
| 2 | Tod Weringer | 12 | Paul Myers | 21 | Frankie Hurtado |
| 3 | Marilyn Smith | | Elijah West Romero | 22 | Larry Landis |
| 4 | Mark Benthin | 13 | Kevin Ellis | | Caleb Thompson |
| 5 | Danielle Hollingsworth | | Rick Arnold | 23 | Matthew Palmer |
| 6 | Alexander Meyer | 14 | Jayden Richard Saffo | | Solomon Nathaniel Poon |
| 7 | Claudia Robison | 16 | Vernon Johnson | | Karter Lucas Madding |
| | Dennis McIntire, Jr. | | Lyn Fasulo | | Adam Capehart |
| | Jacob Weringer | 17 | Judy Waggoner | 24 | Ella Weringer |
| 8 | Lena Pavletich | | Leah Evans | 25 | John Mezzles |
| | Katie Cox Harker | | Ralph Krafve | | Rebekah Powell |
| | Jack Elbert | | Colleen Loos | | Lucas Miller |
| 9 | Arlene Brobst | 19 | Sondra McKnelly | 26 | Danny Barron |
| | Josh Heimiller | | Jennifer Payne | 27 | George Waggoner |
| | Matthew Espinosa | | Nichole Bragg | | Randy Smith |
| 10 | Marie McKnight | 20 | Jonathan Edwards | 28 | Benjamin Brakemen |
| 11 | Ryan Eyres | | Vivian Speir | | Lily Rous |
| | Brandon Kiernan | | Rilyn Cervantes | | Sadie Hernandez |
| | Victor Salcedo | 21 | Barbara Castle | | |

Mexico Outreach 2012!

Mexico Outreach is a mission trip that we take each year during Easter break. On Sunday, February 19 we will meet in the Fellowship Hall to discuss your opportunity to be a part of this life changing outreach. At this training you will receive all the necessary permission slips and information you will need to be a part of Mexico Outreach 2012. This trip is open to all middle school and high school students, adults, and families who are willing to commit to what this trip requires. Come find out more at our first training **Sunday, February 19 at 12:15 PM in the Fellowship Hall.**

We leave for Mexico on March 30 and return on April 6. Questions? Contact John Payne @ 871-0840 or jpayne_abc@yahoo.com.

Explanation Behind Mission Possible Logo Created by Dan Poon...

The rainbow is there for a few reasons (just couldn't get it out of my head).

- a. God's promise to humanity
- b. the colors represent international diversity
- c. it is an easy way to demonstrate motion
- d. it is kind of like an abstract arm (cradling the earth)



The design really hits home with God's dominion over the earth (Cross), but the rainbow symbolizes the efforts to spread the Truth are not complete.

WHAT ARE DO GOODER POINTS??

Do gooder points (pardon the English adaptation) are those lime green cards your children 1st – 5th are bringing home weekly. How do they get points?

Bring Bible with them to Parkside Kids stuff: 10 points

Read verses during week at home: 2 points X number of verses read

Read and write verses: 3 points X number of verses

Bring a friend: 10 points

Memorize new verses: 15 points

WHY Do Gooder Points? We're learning to Connect with God during the week so they can share Jesus in their world by what they think, say do. Points will be redeemed in May for prizes; to offset their camp cost; get gifts to give to others; or a combo of any of the above.

FYI, since Jan 8, Parkside Kids have cumulatively earned 4,218 points!!



BIG WEDNESDAY...



Big Wednesday New Menus for February.

Adults—\$6.50; Children 10 yrs & under—\$2.50; Toddlers 3 yrs & under—Free.

Reservations due by Tuesday Noon.


<u>Feb. 1</u>	<u>Feb. 8</u>	<u>Feb. 15</u>	<u>Feb. 22</u>	<u>Feb. 29</u>
Baked Potato Bar w/ all the trimmings Green Salad Dessert	Spaghetti & Meatballs Vegetables Green Salad Garlic Cheese Bread	Beef Tacos Taco Salad Pot Beans Spanish Rice Chips & Salsa Flour Tortillas Flan Dessert	Chicken Cordon Blue Rice—Veggies Salad—Bread Dessert	Cheese Enchiladas Spanish Rice Refried Beans Flour Tortillas Chips & Salsa Flan Dessert

Sunday Schedule

8:30 am-Classic Worship
 9:35 am-Sunday School
 10:45 am-Contemporary Worship
 6:30 pm-Prayer at Johnson's, 2813 Rice St.

February 2012

Deacon of the Month
Jim Taylor
872-7650

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Big Wednesday Baked Potato Bar 6:15 pm-1st Service WT rehearsal 7:00 pm-2nd Service WT rehearsal	2 9:30am—Prayer Quilters meet in Fellowship Hall 6:00pm—Virtuous Women	3 Office Closed	4 3:00pm “Coffee on the Hill” 5:00 —Saturday Service
5 Sunday Schedule 2:00pm—Baby Shower for Meredith Sanders in Fellowship Hall	6	7 9:30am—Friends Bible Study	8 Big Wednesday Spaghetti & Meatballs 6:15 pm-1st Service WT rehearsal 7:00 pm-2nd Service WT rehearsal	9 6:00pm—Virtuous Women	10 Office Closed	11 3:00pm “Coffee on the Hill” 5:00 —Saturday Service
12 Sunday Schedule 6pm—Care Team meets 6pm—HS Outreach “ICE” in the church	13	14 Valentine’s Day 9:30am—Friends Bible Study	15 Big Wednesday Beef Tacos/Taco Salad 6:15 pm-1st Service WT rehearsal 7:00 pm-2nd Service WT rehearsal	16 9:00am—SPA Grow Group Room #1-2 6:00pm—Virtuous Women	17 Office Closed Jr. High Lock -in	18 3:00pm “Coffee on the Hill” 5:00 — Saturday Service
19 Sunday Schedule 12:15pm—Mexico Outreach 2012 Info Meeting	20 President’s Day office closed 1:00pm—Helen Circle at Neta Maggard’s home	21 9:30am—Friends Bible Study 6:30pm-Boards meet	22 Big Wednesday Chicken Cordon Blue 6:15 pm-1st Service WT rehearsal 7:00 pm-2nd Service WT rehearsal	23 9:00am—SPA Grow Group Room #1-2 6:00pm—Virtuous Women	24 Office Closed	25 3:00pm “Coffee on the Hill” 5:00 —Mission Possible Conference Begins
26 Sunday Schedule Mission Possible 2012	27	28 9:30am—Friends Bible Study 6:00pm-Teen Parents 6:30pm- Executive	29 Big Wednesday Cheese Enchiladas 6:15 pm-1st Service WT rehearsal 7:00 pm-2nd Service WT rehearsal			