



# parkway

## BAPTIST



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It's been popular in evangelical churches during the past several years to do initiatives under the heading, "I Love My Church." A quick web search will show dozens of sermon series, t-shirt designs, and even promotional materials to help churches roll-out this type of campaign. In fact, one website offers 5 sermon outlines, 5 mini movies, small group study guides, social media images, and more for only \$49.99. While I'd argue the marketing-campaign approach can create other problems (but that's a topic of another article), the underlying theme is a biblical one. We should love our local church. I'm certainly not opposed to t-shirts and banners and the motives are often pure, but I want to remind you this month that the lasting fruit of more ordinary, less obvious demonstrations of love over the long-term are the goal.

As we've studying 1 John these past few months, the command to love other believers has been a primary theme. Recall, love for God and others is one of the three avenues of assurance for Christians and was a dominant idea in the sermons from 2:7-11, 3:11-18, 4:7-12, and 4:17-21. As your pastor, I'm confident this study has provided a timely and important word for our church family. Each one of us should relate to the local church through covenant love in ways that are similar to marriage. This commitment extends to each individual member and for the Body as a whole. This command is tough in any context but is made more difficult by our culture's confusion related to love and relationships.

Borrowing from Jonathan Leeman, I've defined love as affirmation of and affection for another person that generates a commitment to his highest good. This definition, of course, depends on a proper understanding of each term and a belief that a person's highest good is knowing God through Jesus and ongoing conformity to Jesus' image. In contrast to this concept of love, our culture overwhelmingly encourages us to define it in terms of personal, temporal pleasure that is most often grounded in our expectations of the other person. However, flowing from our new birth, our faith in Jesus, and our love for God, we must obey God in loving one another according to his definition and expectation. Once again, I pray the exposition of 1 John has been helpful in explaining the biblical case for this obligation. I want to reinforce the truth and provide a few practical ways for us to seek the highest good of our church family.

**1. Pray for your church family.** This includes lifting up specific needs and concerns from your small groups and close friends, but it should extend well beyond that. Consider making it a priority to pray for our Sunday gathering on Saturday evenings, to pray for our leadership regularly, and to pray for each person in our directory by name throughout the year.

**2. Demonstrate love in sacrificial, practical ways.** While many of us serve one another through our church's ministry programming, our love extends well beyond. The list of possibilities for loving each other is endless. You could send an encouraging card, provide a warm meal, make a phone call, invest in meaningful conversation, listen intently, express concern for their spiritual well-being, or invite someone to lunch. These individual acts are important, but don't neglect the primary way to obey this command is to show up every week on-time and with a joyful heart for congregational worship.

**3. Bear with one another.** Your fellow members are human beings who will, if given enough opportunities, disappoint you. God is forming each of us into Christ's image, but none of us is completed yet. By the power of the Spirit, be hard to offend, quick to forgive, and always ready to reconcile. Refuse to criticize, assume the best in others, go out of your way to defer, and make peace whenever possible.

**4. Support the ongoing ministry of the church with your time, energy, and resources.** Again, use your gifts when they're needed, give financially, listen discerningly, and allow your presence to encourage others.

Parkway Baptist Church is a gift to us. She is one of God's instruments for shaping each of us into the image of Christ. At times she may feel like coarse sandpaper and at other times like a soft finishing cloth, but don't despise the gift that she is. In obedience to God, let us love her well.

# February 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2 BLOOD DRIVE Sign up at the Information Desks	3	4	5 WEDNESDAY EVENING ACTIVITIES // 5:30 PM	6	7	8
9 MINISTRY SAFE / MAKE AND TAKE VALENTINES See Bulletin for details. YOUTH WORSHIP 5:30 PM // GYM	10	11 PRIMETIMERS // NOON 50+ Bring a side dish and join us for lunch.	12 WEDNESDAY EVENING ACTIVITIES // 5:30 PM	13	14 DISCIPLE NOW // REDEFINED // Student Ministry Weekend See bulletin for more details.	15
16 DNOW // YOUTH WORSHIP 5:30 PM // GYM	17 PARKWAY PLAYDATE SEVERNS VALLEY CHURCH See bulletin for details.	18	19 WEDNESDAY EVENING ACTIVITIES // 5:30 PM	20	21	22 NEW LIFE CENTER Chocolate Extravangza
23 CORELUV INFORMATIONAL MEETING F-132 // AFTER WORSHIP YOUTH WORSHIP 5:30 PM // GYM	24	25	26 SOUTH ASIA MISSION TRIP WEDNESDAY EVENING ACTIVITIES // 5:30 PM	27	28	29

## 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

Jeremiah Frye  
Joyce Harkins  
Carter Drury  
Willie Hall

## Missionaries Serving

Alyssa (Eastern Europe)  
Chris and Lori Hart (Wisconsin)  
Jason and Amanda Aaron (Michigan)  
Monica (Asia)  
The W Family (Eastern Europe)

## Military List

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

## Condolences

Carolyn Schepker, Nancy Milburn and family in the loss of husband and son-in-law, Jason Schepker.  
Erskine and Elaine Keeling in the loss of father, Billy Ray Keeling.  
Jim and Kathy O'Dillion and family in the loss of mother, Carol Bell.  
Rusty and Mandy Cox in the loss of niece, Kayla Marie Cox.  
James and Lori Spalding and family in the loss of nephew, Brandon Spalding.  
Joe and Lydia Piles in the loss of her father, Donald Epperson.

Thank you all for the visits, cards, food, thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. We are beyond blessed to be part of such a loving church family.  
Family of Billy Ray

# Disciple Now // February 14-16

## What is Disciple Now aka DNOW?

DNOW is a weekend full of fun, scavenger hunts, mission projects and Bible studies for our 6th - 12th grade students! The students come with all that they need (sleeping bag, pillow, clothes and some snacks) ready to spend time in Bible study within their group! The students will be put into groups of similar age (and same gender!). Students will spend the weekend in groups with a host home family. A college student will lead each home group in a disciple-making, bible studying and fun-filled weekend! If you would like more information - call the church office or email [allen@parkwaybaptist.com](mailto:allen@parkwaybaptist.com).

## To Register for DNOW:

1. Turn in your \$25 registration fee to Allen or bring it to the church office.
2. Turn in your fully completed 2020 Medical Release Form located in the Family Life Center Informational Racks, with a copy of your medical insurance card.

*Invite Your Friends! Disciple Now is an awesome opportunity to invite your friends to a place where they will hear the gospel and experience a meaningful weekend. Who will you invite?*

## Focus on Missions

Lailat al Miraj is an Islamic holiday that celebrates the Night Journey taken by Prophet Muhammad around 621 A.D. According to the story, Muhammad traveled not only from Mecca to Jerusalem on the back of a Buraq, but he then rode the Buraq to Heaven. While in heaven he interacted with Jesus, Moses, Abraham, and John the Baptist. He also spoke with Allah who instructed him that Muslims should pray 5 times a day.

Some Muslims today honor and celebrate this event by offering prayers during this night while others celebrate the night by lighting up cities with candles and electric lights. After the spiritual, physical and mental worship, they are served with foods and treats.

This year Lailat al Miraj will be celebrated on March 22. Continue to pray for Muslims around the world, specifically that they will hear the Gospel and be saved. Also, be in prayer for our group that is going to South Asia at the end of February as they minister to the Muslim people alongside our missionary already there.



# DISCIPLE NOW 2020

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## MISSION PARTNER OPPORTUNITY: NEW LIFE CENTER, BARDSTOWN KY

The New Life Center, our local ministry partner will be hosting their biggest fundraiser of the year on February 22. The New Life Center is a local, non-profit organization that exists to equip and empower parents and caregivers, from pregnancy through early childhood, in building healthy relationships and strong families.

Enjoy an evening indulging in fine chocolate, a silent auction and celebrating the New Life Center's service and commitment to the Bardstown/Nelson County Community.

# chocolate extravaganza

Saturday, February 22, 2019 at  
Guthrie Opportunity Center  
7:00 - 9:00 PM

\$200 reserves a table of 8 or \$25 a ticket.

Tickets available at The New Life Center.  
202 E Stephen Foster Ave,  
Bardstown, KY 40004



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Vacation Bible School

# CONCRETE & CRANES

Philippians 1:6

**June 8-12**

**9 AM - Noon**

**K4 - 8th Grade**

### FOR THE RECORD

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL

01/05 355  
01/12 365  
01/19 324  
01/26 348

#### WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

01/05 333  
01/12 395  
01/19 432  
01/26 373

01/05

General Fund \$ 15,218.62  
Other \$ 296.00  
Total \$ 15,514.82

01/12

General Fund \$ 13,758.32  
Other \$ 638.47  
Total \$ 14,396.79

01/19

General Fund \$ 12,286.82  
Other \$ 463.00  
Total \$ 12,749.82

01/26

General Fund \$ 18,399.02  
Other \$ 2,215.00  
Total \$ 20,614.02

YTD Budget \$ 80,878.63  
YTD General Offering \$ 61,482.49  
YTD Expenses \$ 92,904.14

Weekly Required \$ 20,219.66