



### What is a Discipleship Group?

- A group of about 3-5 Christians of the same gender who meet regularly

### What do Discipleship Groups do?

- Read, study, and memorize Scripture together.
- Pray intensively and intentionally for one another
- Build spiritual friendship and accountability
- Live on mission together and multiply

### How do I start or join a Discipleship Group?

- Find a few people of the same gender and commit to meeting regularly. The best way to start a Discipleship Group is by building relationships in your Sunday Small Group or area of ministry service

### Check out our video online at

<http://bit.ly/pbc-discipleship>



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**Senior Pastor**

Parkway Baptist Church exists to glorify God by making disciples. As the moon reflects the light of the sun, so believers are responsible to reflect God in the world. While this involves every aspect of our lives, it can perhaps be summarized best through the idea of “following Jesus.” This was the terminology Jesus used in calling His first disciples (see Matthew 4, Mark 1, and Luke 5). The starting point and basic framework for living a God-honoring life is trusting fully in Jesus and surrendering our lives in full submission to Him. Thus, following Jesus refers to a life that is joined to Him by faith and committed to living as He did.

As Jesus prepared to ascend back to heaven and send the Holy Spirit to indwell and empower His followers, He charged them (and all who would come after them) to “make disciples.” Stemming from the Great Commission, we can summarize our responsibility of reflecting God in the world by living as disciples who make disciples.

The Church exploded in the days and weeks after Jesus’ ascension and several important activities emerged among this group of Jesus-followers as instruments for helping individuals grow in their knowledge of God and in their obedience to Him. The description of the first believers in Acts 2 relates several of these key functions, which form a basis for our ministry structure at Parkway. To help one another develop as disciples, we foster multiplication in four key areas: Fellowship, Obedience, Service, and Missions. As we grow in these areas, we mature as disciples, invite others to join us in following Jesus, and therefore, glorify God. Through this development, we become multiplying disciples through whom God accomplishes this work in each of us as we proclaim His Word to one another with prayerful dependence on the Holy Spirit.

Our mission and vision operate on more of a theoretical level describing and defining the big-picture of what, how, and why of our ministry. These concepts are important but require a more practical explanation. Even if we understand them perfectly, we still need help applying these ideas to our lives. To this end, Marshall, our Pastoral Associate for Adult Discipleship, has been working to clarify the best pathways for this work. In short, how can we become disciple-making disciples? These pathways are not all new to us, but I’m grateful for his reframing and recasting them for us. We can identify four of them: Congregational Worship, Adult Small Groups, Discipleship Groups, and Personal Spiritual Disciplines.

Three of the four pathways are hopefully familiar to nearly all of us and all can play an important role in our growth. While congregational worship is the primary and necessary way the people of God gather regularly, it is not sufficient for maturity. In other words, our 10:30 Sunday gathering ought to be a non-negotiable priority for every one of us, but it should not be the sum total of our participation in the life of the church. Instead, we must meaningfully participate in other ways as well. Adult Small Groups and Discipleships Groups are not “requirements” for us as church members nor are they biblically-mandated as a means of discipleship. Rather, they are pathways that, in our context, provide a reasonable opportunity for God to accomplish His sanctifying work in us.

You will be reading and hearing more about these in the weeks ahead and I hope you’ll join us in them as we seek to glorify God by making disciples together.



# September 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1  NO YOUTH WORSHIP	2	3  WOMEN'S MISSIONARY UNION (WMU) 7:00 PM Mozena Raisoris House	4  WEDNESDAY EVENING ACTIVITIES // 5:30 PM/ See bulletin for details	5  ROOM IN THE INN // 6:30 PM	6	7
8  NELSON BAPTIST ASSOCIATION MEETING Events start at 3:15	9	10  PRIMETIMERS // NOON 50+ Bring a side dish and join us for lunch.	11  WEDNESDAY EVENING ACTIVITIES // 5:30 PM/ See bulletin for details	12  ROOM IN THE INN // 6:30 PM	13	14
15  YOUTH WORSHIP 5:30 PM // GYM	16	17	18  WEDNESDAY EVENING ACTIVITIES // 5:30 PM/ See bulletin for details	19  ROOM IN THE INN // 6:30 PM	20	21
22  YOUTH WORSHIP 5:30 PM // GYM	23	24	25  WEDNESDAY EVENING ACTIVITIES // 5:30 PM/ See bulletin for details	26  ROOM IN THE INN // 6:30 PM	27	28
29  YOUTH WORSHIP 5:30 PM // GYM	30		  WEDNESDAY EVENING ACTIVITIES // 5:30 PM/ See bulletin for details			

## 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

Madison Jebson  
Alexia Lange  
Shelby Drury  
Lisa Hill  
Kathy DeMar  
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

## Church Leadership

Elders, Deacons, Admin Team, etc

## Condolences

Kelly Longacre and family in the loss of his mother, Marian Longacre.

Jim Hilbert and family in the loss of his sister, Judy Shewmaker.

Anne-Marie Dossett in the loss of her father, Eldon Large.

## Monthly Mission Partner Spotlight

**Local** // Room In the Inn

**Regional** // Practical Shepherding

**National** // Redemption Church

**Global** // Baptist Global Response

# Wednesday Evenings

On August 21, our Wednesday evening activities resumed. It's not too late for you to join! 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.

## Learn4Life

A new teaching series began last month in Learn4Life. It is titled, *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. 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 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. You are encouraged to attend!

## GriefShare

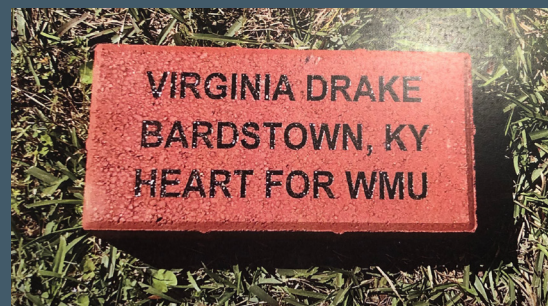
We also started up a new adult class for anyone struggling with loss. It may be hard for you to feel optimistic about the future right now. If you've lost a spouse, child, family member, or friend, you've probably found there are not many people who understand the deep hurt you feel.

This can be a confusing time when you feel isolated and have many questions about things you've never faced before. You are invited to join us each week on Wednesday Evenings at 5:30-7:30 PM in Room F-131. (We will eat together in our room).

# Walk of Faith

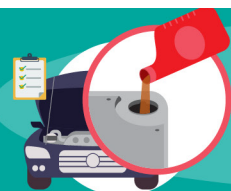
The Women's Missionary Union began a Walk of Faith Garden many years ago. The Walk of Faith itself is a garden pathway to honor and memorialize individuals that love and support missions. Bricks are laid at the National WMU Building in Birmingham, Alabama.

Our very own, Mrs. Virginia Drake was recently presented with a brick on the Walk of Faith. Over the past 60+ years Virginia has provided leadership to Kentucky WMU on local and regional levels. In addition, she has served the Lord by educating believers about missions her entire adult life. We are thankful for Mrs. Virginia's dedication to our Lord at Parkway Baptist Church as well as local and global missions.



## Eliza Broadus Offering

Eliza Broadus offering for Kentucky Missions. Even though Kentucky is considered in the Bible belt of the United States, the statistics show an extremely high level of spiritual need and the need for church plants. This reality is a wakeup call to take action. Several have accepted that call to plant churches. It is also a call for personal commitment. This year's theme is "Equipping To Go!" As Kentucky Baptists, we are called to share the gospel boldly. No matter where we are, God is calling us to be on mission through praying, giving, and going.



## Single Ladies Oil Change

Saturday, October 19  
8:00 AM - 12:30 PM

This is a **free service** for  
**single women** in our  
community.

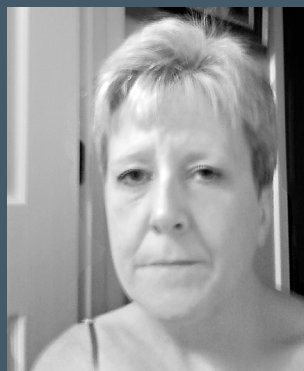


# Welcome New Members // August 2019

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.



**Patrick and Destiny Cruz**  
Letter



**Lisa Rojas**  
Statement



**Ella Sharp**  
Profession of Faith



**Kate Sharp**  
Profession of Faith

# family

**“The Church as Family”**  
**2019 NBA Annual Meeting**  
September 8th @ Parkway Baptist Church

**NBA Associational  
Meeting //**  
**3:15 PM - 8:00 PM**

Join us for a time of celebration and worship as we gather with area churches to fellowship with one another and thank God for all He has done through our Association over the last year. If you would like to volunteer, please email [gretchen@parkwaybaptist.com](mailto:gretchen@parkwaybaptist.com).

## FOR THE RECORD

### SUNDAY SCHOOL WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

07/28	344	07/28	425
08/04	371	08/04	407
08/11	380	08/11	422
08/18	352	08/18	387

07/28	
General Fund	\$ 18,508.39
Other	\$ ---
Total	\$ 18,508.39

08/04	
General Fund	\$ 17,820.10
Other	\$ 3,469.00
Total	\$ 21,289.10

08/11	
General Fund	\$ 15,440.00
Other	\$ 2,275.00
Total	\$ 17,715.00

08/18	
General Fund	\$ 15,149.00
Other	\$ 447.00
Total	\$ 15,596.00

YTD Budget	\$ 657,586.63
YTD General Offering	\$ 619,790.77
YTD Expenses	\$ 627,084.52
Weekly Required	\$ 19,926.87