

**Parker Road Baptist Church**  
**3200 SW 122nd Street**  
**Gainesville, FL 32607**



# Parker Road Post

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## A Word from our Pastor:

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

It's hard to believe that Christmas is here. What a wonderful opportunity it is for God's people to gather together in celebration of the coming of the Christ child. There are some exciting things scheduled for you to invite your friends and family to come and hear once again the great story of the Incarnation of the Son of God.

### **Christmas with the Pastor/**

**Rocking Chair Sermon:** This will be my first Rocking Chair service with all of the children of our church. I would like to invite all of our kids to come on the platform with me as we sing and I read stories to them. We are inviting all members of PRBC to help us start a new tradition. Every child is asked to bring a special Christmas ornament with their name on it. Also, we would like for each family to bring one special family ornament to place on the 'Family Christmas Tree of PRBC'. Every year we will invite new church families to bring an ornament as we 'build' a special "MEMORY TREE". We do not worship a tree, but we worship the Christ who came that we might have life eternal and life abundant.

**Christmas Musical:** This year the Adult Celebration Choir and the Children of our church will be sharing their musical with us on Sunday, December 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Christmas Eve Service:** On Thursday, Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> we will be having our 2<sup>nd</sup> Christmas Eve service at 5:00 pm. What a wonderful opportunity to bring

your family for a very brief service before going home for your annual Christmas traditions.

The Bible says: "For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder and His name will be called...Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, and Prince of Peace. The name of Jesus Christ is truly the name above every name. Jesus Christ came that you and I may be forgiven and experience eternal life. Do you know Jesus as your personal Savior? Does He know you as one of His children? My wife and I would like to express to our wonderful church family a Merry Christ-centered Christmas and a Happy New Year. God bless you as together we open our hearts and mind to the two-edged Sword of God's Word.

Because of Calvary,  
 Bro. Sheldon & Mrs. Ritchie  
 Ps. 16:11



## December 2009

**December 6 @ 6:00pm**

"Rocking Chair" Sermon

**Thursday, December 24 @ 5:00pm**

Candlelight Service

**December 20 @ 11:00am**

Cantatas by our

Choir & Children's Ministry

**Sunday, December 20 @**

**7:15 pm**

2010 Budget Adoption

**Sunday, December 27**

No Monthly Business Session

**December 23**

No AWANA

No Youth WOW

**December 30**

No AWANA

# Joy to the World!

### Worship Times

Sunday School.....9:45am  
 Sunday Morning.....11:00am  
 Sunday Evening..... 6:00pm  
 Wednesday Evening..... 7:00pm

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## Nursery News

Thank you volunteers for your continued support. Without YOU, we would not have a Nursery! What a blessing to be in a position to teach young ones about our Lord and His Saving Grace! We are continuing our studies from the book "100 Ways God Loves Me" and the Old Testament. At Christmas, we will take a few weeks to study the birth of Christ. I pray that everyone has a great Thanksgiving and a wonderful Christmas.



Remember.....keep the 'CHRIST' in Christmas. Thank you again for all of your help and may God bless each of you.

Linda Williams,  
Nursery Director

## Children's Department

Our Fall Festival was wonderful! Thank you to all volunteers who made it a success! Now we look forward to Christmas! Please join us on Sunday, December 20th as our children present Jesus' birth through scripture, song, and sign language. We are practicing on Sunday nights for this special program and it is never too late to join the fun! Again, thank you volunteers. I truly cannot do this ministry on my own and you are a blessing!

Thank you to all who participated and supported our Christmas Shoebox Ministry. We prepared 17 shoeboxes this year!

Until the Whole World Hears,  
Missy Roland

## Sunday School Ministry

High attendance day has come & gone. We didn't reach our goal but the numbers are not important. What is important is the effort put into it & we thank you for all you have done to help us reach our goal. Visitors are important to us & we must show them that we appreciate the fact they took time to come to our church. Each Sunday introduce yourself to each visitor & thank them for worshipping with us. We thank the Lord for sending us a wonderful pianist. I believe we will see great things this year if we allow the Lord to work through us. We need to follow His words & go into the highways & byways & invite people to come in. I read about a lady in a grocery store that when she was ready to check out she found the longest line so she could tell people in front of her & behind her about her church & invited them to attend. There's an acronym for inviting people & that is F.R.A.N.S. ....invite Friends, Relatives, Associates, Neighbors & Strangers! We are probably in church because someone invited us. INVITE THEM! We

have much to be thankful for. There is a sweet spirit in our worship & the Lord is working. New families have joined & we are getting visitors each week. Your SS Department hopes to begin new programs to help our church continue to add to our numbers. Our next Teachers meeting will be **January 16, 2010 @ 9:00am** and breakfast will be prepared for you. Remember to invite and greet!!

To God Be the Glory,  
Ben Walker, Director

### REMINDER:

Our Newsletter and Calendar is available monthly on our website, [www.parkerroad.org](http://www.parkerroad.org). If you do not wish to receive this publication by mail, please contact the church office. Also, please keep us up to date with any address and/or telephone changes.

**Almighty God became a man  
By lowly, humble birth;  
And Mary treasured in her heart  
This Gift of boundless worth.**

God came to live with us so that  
we could live with  
Him.



## AWANA Ministry

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY JESUS!**  
No AWANA Clubs on Wednesday, December 23rd and Wednesday, December 30th. We look forward to each of you joining us again on **Wednesday, January 6, 2010**. THANK YOU AWANA ministry volunteers. **Dan Alderman,**  
AWANA Commander  
**MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!**  
**REMEMBER.....JESUS IS THE REASON FOR THE SEASON!**

## Sr. Adult Ministry

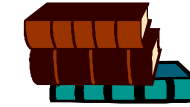
What fun we had at our November boat cruise down the St. Johns River. Our next gathering will be **December 17th** at 11:00am for a sing along at Hardeetown Baptist Church. Parker Road Sr. adults and guests are invited to join us that day. Watch for more fun and exciting events in 2010!  
**Donna McKee,**  
Sr. Adult Coordinator

## Media News

We have recently received great fiction donations... Francine River, Dee Henderson, as well as the last couple of books from Terri Blackstone Newpointe 911 series. We also have many Christmas movies and CD's to get you in the Christmas spirit so come by & check something out today! Public libraries are putting the label on the bottom of the spine of the book. This allows the author's name to be seen so we've started doing that also. If anyone is interested in helping promote the library (such as displays, etc.), or would like to input donations into the computer, there is definitely a place for you at the Parker Road

library! Check us out for your reading needs over the Christmas holidays. Thank you for your support.

Alison Evans



## WMU Ministry

Jenny Musen, Kenya missionary, joined us at our November meeting. She shared what it was like to be a missionary. She taught us how to make a doll that the Kenya ladies made and sold for income through the World Craft program. Our first "Craft and Bake Sale" was held & proceeds will go to Lottie Moon Christmas offering. Crafts are still available to purchase. Please see any WMU member for assistance. Please join us at our next meeting on Wednesday, December 9th at 10:00am.

Dora Escobar, WMU Director

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 6:15pm AWANA 6:30pm Youth 7:00pm Service	3	4 6:30pm Bible Study	5
6 PM-Pastor "Rocking" Chair sermon	7	8	9 10:00am WMU 6:15pm AWANA 6:30pm Youth 7:00pm Service	10	11	12
13	14	15	16 6:15pm AWANA 6:30pm Youth 7:00pm Service	17 11:00am Sr. Adult Sing A Long	18 6:30pm Bible Study	19
20 AM-Cantata & Children's Program PM: 2010 Budget Adoption	21	22	23 No AWANA No WOW No Service	24 5:00pm Candlelight Service	25 Merry Christmas!	26
27 No Monthly Business Mtg	28	29	30 No AWANA No WOW 7:00pm Service	31		

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### Happy Birthday to.....

Nick Kidwell	December 4	Warren Thomas	December 15	Viola Casey	December 24
Daniel Thomas	December 8	Lori Faries	December 16	Glenn Johnson	December 27
Glenn Storr	December 10	Donna McKee	December 17	Sandra Storr	December 31
Talia Brown	December 12	Nicole Outler	December 23		

### December Wedding Anniversary:

Carl & Vickie Boettcher December 20th