

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

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

In Everything Give Thanks

For all that God in mercy sends...
For health and children, home and friends;
For comfort in time of need,
For every kindly word or deed,
For happy thoughts and holy talk,
For guidance in our daily walk....
In everything give thanks.



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From the Pastor's Pen.....



Psalm 100:4. "Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name." (KJV)

We have so much to be thankful for especially at this time of the year. In this particular Psalm, David is speaking of entering the temple or in our case the church building with an attitude of thankfulness. We need to come together as a family of faith to express our gratitude for all that He has done and is doing in our lives.

Dear people of Parker Road, have we grown slack in our attitude and expression of thankfulness? Do we take God's blessings for granted? Do we worry about so many needless things when He has supplied so much for us? If so, it is time to "Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name."

I would like to call to your attention several very important events in the month of November.

Samaritan Purse: Pray for and bring your boxes for our annual Samaritan Purse Shoebox "Christmas Child" ministry. Don't forget that they are asking for \$7.00 to be placed in the box.

Veteran's Day Services: On Sunday November 8th, we will be having a very special service to honor our veterans, both living and dead who have served our nation through the military. On Sunday evening there will be a special 'chalk talk' presentation by Yvonne Arbeau in a special tribute to all veterans.

3. Missionary service: Wednesday, November 11th. Jim & Jenny Musen, retired missionary to Kenya will be sharing with us that day.

Thanksgiving Supper: I am looking forward to my first Thanksgiving supper with the wonderful folks of Parker Road.

Personal Word of Gratitude: At this thanksgiving time of the year, my wife and I would like to express how grateful we are for the honor and privilege of serving this great church. God bless you! We love you and thank God for you. See you on Sunday as together we open our hearts and mind to the two-edged sword of God's Word.

Because of Calvary,
Bro. Hale & Mrs. Ritchie
Ps. 16:11 II Cor. 5:17

Please Note-Special Called Business Meeting!

There will be a special called business meeting on Sunday, November 8th. The Personnel Team would like for you to meet the candidate for Associate Pastor/Youth/Music. Bro. Justin Piazza will oversee the youth ministry and coordinate the music/worship ministry of PRBC as well as assist Bro. Hale when needed.

Bro. Justin will meet with the youth and youth parents during the Sunday School hour that morning at 9:45 a.m. Bro. Justin will be sharing his testimony during the morning service. Immediately following the morning service there will be a question/answer period. After that the church will vote on the recommendation of the Personnel Committee to call Bro. Justin full-time as the Associate Pastor/Youth/Worship Leader of Parker Road Baptist Church.

Please be in much prayer for God's Will to be done in the matter.

Personnel Team: Buster Johnson-chairperson;
Gwen Coons & Kathy Czarnecki
Dr. J. Sheldon Hale, Ex-officio

So That the World May Know

\$34,000.00 Project Goal

"TO GOD BE THE GLORY...!"

We have received a total of **\$7,157.14.**

Praise the Lord for all that has been given. As you know the \$34,000.00 project goal money will be used to complete Project # 2 (Playground) which is 99 % done. We have started on Project # 3 (the Choir room) and should be finished very soon. This money will also be available for the future staff needs of our church.



WMU News.... We invite ladies of Parker Road to join us on Wednesday, November 11th for our monthly meeting. We will have a former Kenya missionary as our guest speaker. Also please plan to joins us on Saturday, November 14th, 9:00 am to 4:00pm for a craft and bake sale. Silent auction will be held for a beautiful Gator afghan. Monies from our crafts and baked goods will benefit the Lottie Moon Christmas offering. **PLAN TO JOIN US!**

Dora Escobar, WMU Director

Sr. Adult Ministry.... If you were unable to attend

last month's Sr. Adult meeting at Otter Creek you missed a great time of fellowship and music. Mark your calendar and plan to go with us on Thursday, November 17th to Hardeetown Baptist Church at 11:00am. We had a wonderful time at St. Augustine for our St. Johns River cruise. Watch for upcoming events and activities and plan to join us. If you need additional information please contact me at 495-3752.

Donna McKee, Sr. Adult Coordinator

*5th Sunday Singing
@ Evening Service
November 29th
Mark Your calendar
and plan to attend!*

Sunday School Department.... Have you ever won-

dered where Sunday School originated? It began as schools for the poor created in England around the year 1780. Schools provided rudimentary instruction to working people on their free day. By the 1790's there were several schools in the United States. Philadelphia schools were organized for the benefit of any age & any sex that could not afford to educate themselves. They were run by First Day Society which paid teachers to instruct pupils in reading & copying from the Bible, as well as controlling activities of children. Employment of children in industries brought together youth of similar ages who worked together on week-days & spent their Sundays playing in alleys & wharves, to the great disturbance of families in that vicinity. Sunday School provided an alternate to Sunday rowdiness. They taught proper behavior, enforced cleanliness, provided Sunday clothing and reprimanded children for lying, swearing, talking in an indecent manner. Over the next three decades, Sunday Schools were part of an informal network of free schools operated by various religious & philanthropic groups to provide rudimentary education to the children of the poor. Depending on their frequency of meeting, schools placed more or less emphasis on religious & moral instruction. Schools run by New York Free School Society combined daily academic instruction with Sunday attendance. In October 1811, Presbyterian missionary Robert Mat opening an evening Sunday School in Philadelphia which taught religious doctrine solely & without remuneration. Other schools became common and during 1810-1820 newly converted Protestants turned Sunday teaching as a means of expressing their newfound convictions. By 1820, there were several hundred Sunday Schools in the United States and all emphasized religious instruction over reading and writing. Organizers began lobbying for extension of a system of free daily schools in order to have the freedom to teach religion on Sundays. The Bible provided the text for teaching the truths of the Gospel, which Protestants believed was essential for moral living and good citizenship. Bible knowledge they felt would teach pupils the duty required of them as social, rational & accountable beings. Students memorized portions of the Old and New Testaments for weekly prizes. Ground the memorization practice on the principle that so much Divine Truth lodged in the mind cannot fail of good effort. Assumptions behind memorization were soon challenged & teachers quickly realized that pupils were often more motivated by a desire for prizes than by a thirst for Bible knowledge. Sunday School organizers began discouraging random memorization of Bible verses. The original of Sunday School was taken from a number of publications for 1780 to 1977. Sunday School today has improved over the years. If YOU ARE NO ATTENDING, you are missing out!

To God Be the Glory, Ben Walker, SS Director

NOVEMBER 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Daylight Savings Time Ends	2	3 9:00am HBA Administrative Comm Mtg. 6:30pm "G" Visitation	4 6:15pm AWANA 6:30pm Youth 7:00pm Worship & Prayer Service	5	6 6:30pm Ladies Bible Study	7 Last PTP Basketball game
8 AM-Special Called Business Mtg. 7:15pm Brief SS Teacher's Mtg	9	10 6:30pm "R" Visitation	11 10:00am WMU Mtg 6:15pm AWANA 6:30pm Youth 7:00pm Worship & Prayer Service	12	13 7-10pm Youth Gym Night	14 9am-4:00pm WMU Craft Sale Proceeds to Lottie Moon Offering
15 9:00am Prayer Mtg. Adult II I SS Room 7:15 pm CLT Mtg.	16	17 6:30pm "A" Visitation	18 6:15pm AWANA 6:30pm Youth 7:00pm Worship & Prayer Service	19	20 Sr. Adult Trip to St. Augustine	21
22 7:15 pm Business Mtg.	23	24 6:00pm Thanksgiving Dinner 7:00pm Worship Service	25 NO AWANA NO WEDNESDAY SERVICES	26 HAPPY THANKSGIVING! 	27 Church Office Closed	28
29 6:00pm Service & 5th Sunday Singing	30					

Birthday Greetings to.....

Kato Kimpel	November 2	Shirley Powers	November 23
Travis Kimpel	November 3	Kathy Czarnecki	November 24
Zoraida Kimpel	November 11	Cindy Haynes	November 25
Tayler Mark	November 19		

Have a blessed day!

Thank you from Dr. Melvin Poe

Dear Bro. Sheldon & Parker Road Church Family:

Greetings in the Precious Name of Jesus. What a blessing, joy & honor for me to be with you at Fall Revival. I was blessed to meet many people & develop some new friendships. Thank you for all you did for me during my stay there. The comfortable room, the use of the church van, the fine meals, your kind comments following each service & your more than gracious love offering. All were more than I deserve.

I truly believe that God has some great plans for the work there. I see much potential & a church that is preparing to do that work. I pray that our paths will cross again soon. But until then.. "WATCH FOR THE LORD AND HIS GLORIOUS RETURN!!!"

**Pastor, Melvin B. Poe
Calvary Baptist Church, Union City, Tennessee**