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Jesus came into Galilee announcing God's **good news**, saying, "Now is the time! Here comes God's kingdom! Change your hearts and lives, and trust this **good news!**"

Mark 1:14-15

The Newsletter of Parkwood United Methodist Church



August, 2012

IN THE BEGINNING...

Genesis 1:1-4: "When God began to create the heavens and the earth – the earth was without shape or form, it was dark over the deep sea, and God's wind swept over the waters – God said, "Let there be light." And so light appeared. God saw how good the light was. God separated the light from the darkness."

Here we are. We are gathered together at the beginning of a new ministry here at Parkwood UMC. As I write this, we are celebrating one month together. Now it is my assumption that none of you are experts on how our time together will look. I say this because I am no expert on how ministry happens at Parkwood, either. I'm still cracking the mystery of putting together bulletins, finding lists of names to put on the August Ministry Team list, and figuring out which key in my pocket unlocks what. On your end I'm sure you are wrestling with a few things like me. The questions you ask might look like: When's the best time to stop by for a visit? What's the pastor's cell, again? Does he know that _____ is on _____ to put an announcement in the bulletin? And so on. With issues like that it's hard to find time to grapple the more important questions: What is God's great vision for Parkwood and how do WE fit into it together? Instead, there's just a little bit of chaos to wade through before we can get to them.

Speaking of chaos, let's talk about that Genesis passage up top. In the beginning, all that existed were the deep waters and darkness. Water comes to symbolize much in scriptures. It can be associated with rebirth and new beginnings when attached to baptism and water represented life as it is necessary for our survival. But water also came to symbolize chaos, and the word 'deep' from Genesis could be associated with fear. So when the authors of Genesis start the story of creation, they are describing a time of darkness, chaos and fear, waters raging uncontrollably across the would be new creation. But God doesn't come to this scene, erase everything and start over, does he? No! God reaches into the chaos to bring out a good creation and some very good creatures called humanity. From darkness, the word associated in scripture with the lost and evil, God pulls out light, a description of God and God's goodness.

Why share that little exegesis with you? Because I want you to have hope during the chaotic days of this new beginning. As the new pastor forgets names, dates, or deadlines, and as the congregation wrestles with what ministry will look like with a new face in the pulpit, remember that God is in the midst of this chaos bringing hope out of mistakes and shining a light over our future, hidden in the darkness. Mistakes will be made, worries will surface, and the possibility of change may cause pain, but our God can bring perfection out of the imperfect and new life out of the tomb. Pray with me these next few months as I listen to your joys and concerns and learn what life has come to look like at this wonderful Parkwood church. Don't hesitate to send an email, text, or phone call my way to let me know of something that needs to be on the calendar that isn't. Share with me those things that give you life in this church and those things that drain you. We are in a time of new beginnings and, according to the God we follow, these are the best of times to struggle through, because new life is just upon the horizon. Pastor Nathan



To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven:

A time to be born and a time to die; Ecclesiastes 3: 1-2



SPIRITUAL OPPORTUNITIES

The Seekers Class

The Seekers class continues its in-depth study of the Gospel of John. Please join us Sunday mornings at 9:30am

the Jacob Class

the Jacob class is exploring the works of Luke biblically. Won't you join us as we study the book of Luke; his Gospel in the New Testament and, in the future, the book of Acts.

All you need is your Bible. the Jacob class meets at 9:30 in room 1



Friday Nite Movie Presents:

"Casablanca"



Starring Humphrey Bogart, Ingrid Bergman and Paul Henreid,
And featuring Claude Rains, Conrad Veidt, Sydney Greenstreet, Peter Lorre and Dooley Wilson.

Friday August 10th, 2012

Previews of Coming Attractions*

September 7 th	Soul Surfer	2011
October 5th	Abbott and Costello Meet Frankenstein	1948
November 2nd	She Wore a Yellow Ribbon	1949
December 7th	Miracle on 34 th Street	1947

*subject to change

Fourth of July Photos on page 7

Knit, Purl, Pray



If you are an experienced knitter/crochet, beginner or a novice; you are welcome. We all have our own level of expertise and love to share.

Parkwood United Methodist Church
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
2nd. and 4th. Saturday



A Work Of Art

I have a beautiful corner wall rack
That James made for me.
It's one of a kind of exquisite design.
I remember the day I went to his shop and
He sketched out a plan with tools in his hand.
Now that James is gone; his talent lives on.
The corner rack still hangs on my wall
A work of art to be enjoyed by all.

Submitted by a member of the PUMC who wishes to remain anonymous.



The Men of the Church will meet on Saturday, August 18th at 8 am at the Golden Corral on Hwy 55.





United Methodist Women

UMW did not meet in July. Our next meeting will be our "Dinner Out" meeting, Thursday, August 23, 2012, at 6:15 p.m. at Ruby Tuesday Restaurant on Highway 54 near Kroger's.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU



Birthdays

- Roger Jarrell 8-10
- Janice Jarrell 8-12
- Judy Roseberry 8-16
- Clyde Thompson 8-16
- Jim Roseberry 8-20
- Peggy Minor 8-30

Anniversaries

- Norris & Marie Porter 8-18

Send birthdays and anniversaries to crabbyron@yahoo.com



Beginnings by Dr. J. Vernon McGee

The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God; as it is written in the prophets. Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, which shall prepare thy way before thee. The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight, (Mark 1:1-3)

This is not the beginning of either John or Jesus. It is the beginning of the gospel when the Lord Jesus came to this earth and dies upon a cross and rose again. That, my friend, is the gospel.

There are three beginnings recorded in the Scriptures. Let us put them down in chronological order.

1. **"In the beginning was the Word"** (John 1:1) this goes back to a dateless beginning, a beginning before all time. Here the human mind can only grope. It is logical rather than chronological because in my thinking, I must put my peg somewhere in the past in order to take off. If I see an airplane in the air I assume there is an airport somewhere. I may not know where it is, but I know the plane took off from someplace. So when

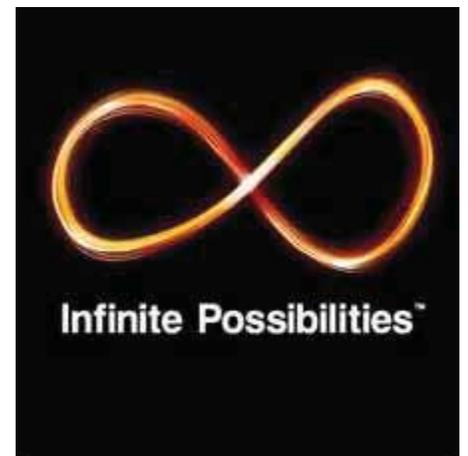
I look around at the universe, I know that it took off from somewhere and that somewhere there is a God. But I don't anything about that beginning. God comes out of eternity to meet us. I just have to put down the peg at the point where He does meet us, back as far as I can think, and realize He was there before that.

2. **"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth"** (Genesis 1:1) this where we move out of eternity into time. However, although many people have been attempting to date this universe, no man so far knows. Man's guesses have ranged from six thousand years to three billion years. We know so little, but when we come into His presence and begin to know even as we are known, then we will realize how we saw through a glass darkly. I'm sure we will marvel at our stupidity and our ignorance. Our God is a great God. He has plenty of time.
3. **"The beginning of the gospel..."** (Mark 1:1) is the same as "That which was from the beginning..." (1 John 1:1) This is dated. It goes back to Jesus Christ at the precise moment He took upon Himself human flesh. Jesus Christ is the gospel!

-From Edited Messages on Mark by J. Vernon McGee



Here At PUMC there are



We welcome our new Pastor and his Family.



Laura, Pastor Nathan, & Cameron

It was a Great 4th of July. The kids were out in force with bicycles, tricycles, and other wheeled devices. We gave our new Pastor Nathan a baptism in the dunking booth and everyone was treated to an old fashioned community 4th. I cannot thank enough all those who helped in this effort. I won't try to list them here as I am sure I would leave someone out. When we began this adventure, it was not clear that we had the funds to pull it off. Now, due to the generosity of many folks, it looks like there is a surplus of 12 baskets, I mean over \$250 to support our efforts at the Urban Ministries food pantry.

Please enjoy some pictures of the day's events.

Photos by Linnie Skidmore & Laura Denny





Photos from the 4th.



Photos by Linnie Skidmore



Photos from the 4th.



Photos by Laura Denny



And A Good Time Was Had By All !!!!!



LORD'S DAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SABBATH
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TASK	AUGUST 5	AUGUST 12	AUGUST 19	AUGUST 26
9:15 Greeters	Larry & Susan Oglesby	Margaret Eiland & David Thompson	Natalie Robson & Betsy Newlin	Ron & Betty Byrd
10:45 Greeters	Ron & Susan Clark	Ron & Betty Byrd	Charlotte & David Thompson	Betsy Newlin & Priscilla Thompson
Infant Nursery	Ron Clark	Marietta Abbott	Betty Byrd	Dena Roberts
Ushers	Ron & Susan Clark	Cameron Clark & Nathan Moore	Dianne Mitchell & Marietta Abbot	Ron & Betty Byrd
Altar Guild	Jan Schwarze	Priscilla Thompson	Pat Nestler	Charlotte Thompson
Communion Set-Up	Beverly Whitmore & Betty Lou Whitaker			
Altar Flowers	Arlene McCloskey			
Member Care Cards	Jan Schwarze	Susan Oglesby	Judy Roseberry	Pat Nestler
Counters	Marietta Abbott & Frank Stephans	Mike Dube & Janice Jarrell	Bob Newlin & Margaret Eiland	Herb Schwarze & Isaiah Lincoln
FT & Lection Reader	Pat Nestler & Bob Newlin	Peggy Moore & Beth Bradshaw	Betty Byrd & Ron Byrd	Herb & Jan Schwarze
Fellowship Refreshments	Pam Skidmore	Betsy Newlin	Sara Gunter	Betty Byrd
Office Help	Jan Schwarze	Peggy Moore	Janice Jarrell	Margaret Eiland
Lead Armor Bearer	Tiffany Jackson	Caroline Mitchell	Kelsey Vann	Hope Roberts

MINISTRY TEAM FOR AUGUST 2012

*If you can't serve on your day, please arrange for a substitute. Thanks!

Rest In Me
(A Shepherd's Lullaby)
written by: Ellie Bannister, Brown Bannister & Steve
Hindalong

Rest my child, your safe right hear
Close your eyes, I see those tears
And I know, how your heart grows tired
Of life and it's trials
Please lie down, still your mind
Quiet all your thoughts, and you will find
Even though, you're an imperfect child You're still mine, and I love you
(Chorus)

Lord, I'm just scared and I feel unprepared
And sometimes I just feel like I'm wandering around
And the night feels so cold
And my sin grows so old
And I do, what I don't want to do
Help me hide where I long to abide
In the shadow of your love

Hush my child, fall into my arms
I'll give you rest, right where you are
Yes I know, you feel lost and alone
>Let me hold you, how I love you

Chorus

Rest my child
(Lord my heart is so tired)
And trust in me
(I'm a stumbling child)
I'll give you life, and everlasting peace
(Lord I'm so weak)
Don't you know
(And I fall at your feet)
From long before time
(Cover me with your wings)
You have been mine
(You are my Prince of Peace)
And I love you.