

PARKMINSTER LIFE

Parkminster Church

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"The Ride of Your Life!"

"I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly." John 10:10

Do you know that rush that you get as you sit down in the front seat of a roller coaster? It is the buzz of expectation of what is to come. The bars come down, and the ride attendant comes around to make sure that you are secure. Then you are on your way, clicking up the hill, preparing for the drop.

The minute that follows is exciting, breathtaking, and scary. You cannot always explain it, but the experience is amazing and leaves you seeking more.

Jesus came that we would always be on the ride of our life. He draws us to Himself, secures us with His word and sends us. It may be scary, but when we follow Him, our lives are filled with joy, happiness and fullness. Why would anyone want to miss out on this ride?

That is why on September 19th, Parkminster will be inviting friends, family and neighbors to come on the "Ride of Your Life". The BIG Day will include a special, music filled service at 10:30 am, a BBQ lunch and an afternoon

filled with games and activities on the church lawn. This will also be the launch of our fall program.

Our goal is to invite people to the "Ride of Your Life". This includes inviting you into deeper fellowship with God. This also includes inviting newcomers into the fellowship at Parkminster. The BIG Day is geared towards those friends at work and neighbors that you have been meaning to ask to church. Start thinking even now who you could invite to check out the "Ride of Your Life".

The Ride does not start September 19th; but now, as we come before the Lord in prayer, make preparations, and advertise. Talk to Corinne Avery if you are interested in having a lawn sign, and Cindy Tawaf if you are interested in handing out postcards in neighborhoods. What a joy that Jesus invites us on the "Ride of Your Life!"

God's blessings,
Tim Craig



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Due Date for the
SEPTEMBER
Parkminster Life is
August 16th!
(earlier is welcome)

PROGRESSIVE DINNER!

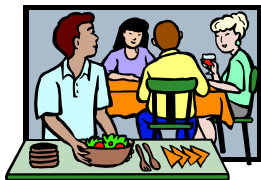
August 21st

Sign Up Due—August 15th!

This is an event that requires a lot of planning ahead of time, so please sign-up if you are interested by Sunday, August 15th.

This is an awesome time of traveling to different families homes within the church while enjoying delicious food. Each course of the meal is served in different locations. Each new location also includes new people to eat with.

Details at the welcome center.



SESSION CORNER

JUNE 2010

- The Elders had a day of prayer and fasting for our leadership of Parkminster.
- Approved with minor modifications, the signing of an agreement with Nothnagle to seek renters for portions of our church building.
- Ministry Fair received numerous positive comments. One of the most common was, "I did not realize how many groups and activities are available at Parkminster".
- The design of the new Outdoor sign was finalized and approved.
- Discussed plans for the "Big Day" to be held on Sunday Sept 19th.
- Discussed our Fall Focus. The Fall Focus is all the programs that will be offered in the fall. Connection groups, Christian Education...

DEACONS CORNER

Deacons' Corner

As members of Parkminster we have been taught to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and comfort the afflicted. We can find opportunities for service all around us – in our homes, neighborhoods, communities, and at church. The question is how willing are we to go out of our way to help someone in need? How burned out do we feel sometimes when it comes to helping others? Matthew 25: 31-36 Jesus tells us that our love for God and our faith in him is displayed in how we treat others. Our acts of kindness are part of our Christian witness.

As Deacons, our desire is to serve the Lord by serving you. Please contact your Deacon if you find that you could find comfort in having someone pray with you or for you. Maybe you could use a meal or two if you or a family member is recovering from an illness or surgery. Maybe you would just enjoy having someone to chat with now and then.

On the other side of the coin, maybe you have a desire to help the Deacons by helping provide meals to shut-ins or a ride to someone in need of a ride. Donations to our Food Cupboard and the clothing collection bin in the back of our parking lot are another way for us to bear Christian witness. Small, random, acts of kindness are often the ones that mean the most to someone. You never know, you just might lift your own spirits in the process!



Blessings from,

Your Deacons

Note: If you aren't sure who your Deacon is you can contact any Deacon and they will be happy to check the list for you.

AUGUST

BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Tim Avery
- 2 Caleb Longabaugh
- 3 Ruth Blekkenk
- 4 Moody Johnson
- 7 Pat Brooks
Jon Preston
Matt Preston
- 10 Juliana Greene
- 13 Martha Head
- 14 Shirley Miller
- 21 Jim Causey
- 24 Kristin (Milley) Sprankle
- 25 Abby Brown
Michael Odmark
- 27 Tim Craig
- 28 Dawn Auerhahn



ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 Paul & Karen Irvine
- 9 Michael & Jennifer Wolford
- 22 Dave & Betty Kenyon
- 26 Kirk & Cheryl Preston
- 29 Jim & Laurie Odmark



Preschool Happenings!

This is Parkminster Preschool's 41st year this September! Children who came those early years are now parents, and their children are now attending Parkminster Preschool. Praise God for his faithfulness for all these years!

We could use your help & support with the following things:

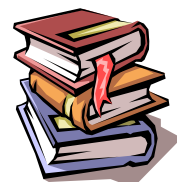
- Let people know that we still have openings!
- Pray that we will have a full school in Sept.
- Help out with our Playground Clean Up Day, Saturday September 411 from 9—noon. Bring a rake and pruners.
- Join our Preschool Committee! New members are always welcome.

Blessings,
Debbie McClurg
Committee Chairperson



Library News

from Margie Gartner



There's still time to catch up on your summer reading. So check out one of the "New Arrivals" in the Parkminster Library.



**Summer Worship is
at 9:30 am**

**Children will remain in Worship
for the Summer.**



**Nursery Care for infants
and toddlers is available
at 9:20 am during the
summer.**

**Go to room 113 on the
lower level.**



**Preschool Care
for 3 & 4 year
olds!**

**Go to room 113/114 on
the lower level.**

Parkminster Church Leadership 2010

Church Staff

Pastor	Pastor Fritz Longabaugh
Youth Director	Alex Banks
Administrative Secretary	Debbie McClurg
Financial Secretary	Lew Monk
Treasurer	Patty Willit
Pianist	
Custodian	Iona Kuehn
Praise Band Director	Nancy Longabaugh

Elders (Moderator: Pastor Fritz Longabaugh)

2010	2011	2012
Elsa Craig	Jeff Willit	Dan Wright
Steve Ecklund		

Deacons (Co-Moderators: Pat Romanowski/Laurie Odmark)

Sharon Montgomery	Pat Romanowski	Sandra Minchen
Anne Gundry		Margie Gartner
Laurie Odmark		Judy Monk
John Macksamie		

Trustees (Chairperson: Kallah Ecklund)

Paul Zengerle	Scott McClurg	Jon LaFontaine
	Kallah Ecklund	Lew Monk

**Due Date for the
September
Parkminster Life
Is Monday,
August 16th!!!!**

PRAYER CHAIN CONTACT:



Call **Debbie Brown at 594-4839**, or if she is not available, call Debbie McClurg at 247-2424 (8:30 am –12:30 pm) 247-7087 (after 3:00 pm)

PARKMSTER LIFE PRAYER VIGIL PAGE:

Contact Debbie M. in the church office to put a request in the Prayer Vigil in the Parkminster Life or Prayer Vigil Update in the bulletin.

Testimony by Morgan Brown

Given on Camp Sunday, 7/18/10

I wanted to start off with the verse Matthew 22:37-39 although it is a little cliché at camp because it is what camp is all about. It shows the “I’m Third” motto Summer’s best two weeks thrives off of. If you aren’t familiar with it, it is God first, other’s second, I’m third. That motto has been a big part in my life in and outside of camp. I’ve always put others before myself even before I began to understand the bible and accept Jesus into my life. I naturally like to make other people happy and want to help them out, that wasn’t the hard part—the hard part was understanding that I needed to put God first.

I’ve been going to sb2w for as long as I can remember, and it was the first place I really started to hear about God and how important it was to develop a relationship with him and put him first in my life. I have two very distinct memories of being a camper at summer’s best.

One was when Nicole Ferguson gave the cross talk at the girl’s overnight. I was younger, before ever having a boyfriend, but I remember her talking about how she had a boyfriend that she put before God. She told us that she built up all of her faith in him the way she should have been doing in Jesus and it ruined the relationship. It made her realize that her relationship with God was the most important relationship she would ever have. That stuck with me through all of these years and inspired me to build my relationship with God before I try to build relationships with other people.

The other was when I was in the oldest squad and Lianna was my counselor. I remember thinking the world of her, she was the happiest person I had ever met and she loved each and every girl in our squad equally. Her bible lessons intrigued me and I would go home at night and study my own bible. Her ability to love others so well was something I have always admired, even years later. It has always been an inspiration to me to be able to do the same.

I made lasting friendships at summer’s best two weeks but most importantly it sparked my relationship with God. After a few summers spent at summer’s best I asked my mom if we could attend Parkminster regularly. She happily agreed as she always supports me in everything I do, and it was the best decision either of us have made. I began to learn about the Lord and his powerful love for us. We attended most of the time, but every year Summer’s best two weeks was when my faith would grow the strongest. This past year I have completely given my life over to God. He has done such beautiful things in my life and I have Summer’s Best to thank for that. It was where the seed was planted, and although it took awhile to grow, I am so thankful for the counselors that took the time to love me and show me the Lord’s love as well. It’s my time to give back, that’s why I am a counselor at camp now. I want to be able to plant the seeds in the campers’ hearts. It is such a blessing to work here.

The verse 1 Corinthians 13:13 has helped me a lot. It says, “And now these three remain; faith, hope, and love. But the greatest of these is love.”

This verse has been a great inspiration to me in preparing my heart to be a counselor at Summer’s Best. It reminds me that if I have faith in God he will give me the words to say and the strength to say them in order to spread his love to my campers, it gives me hope for the children in my squad and at camp that they will come to know Christ, and most importantly it reminds me to LOVE everyone. I think it really emphasizes the fact that love is the greatest gift we can give, and my goal is to love each and every one of the campers the way Jesus does, so that they may also be impacted by my actions as I was by Lianna’s.

<u>2010 Parkminster Financial Summary</u>				YTD	YTD
	Apr	May	Jun	Totals	Budget +/-
Beginning Savings/Checking Balance	16,713.20	21,547.69	22,718.18		
+ Actual Income	14,635.31	16,405.36	14,287.16	91,258.69	-5,175.31
- Actual Expenses	12,704.32	16,221.66	14,375.01	95,968.77	-1,806.20
+ Designated Accounts Net Income	2,903.50	986.79	-52.13		
Ending Savings/Checking Balance	21,547.69	22,718.18	22,578.20		
- Designated Accounts Obligation	31,805.86	32,792.65	32,740.52		
Net Financial Assets	-10,258.17	-10,074.47	-10,162.32		

Important Points (please read):

1. Year-to-date (YTD) actual expenses are \$1806.20 under budget (very good).
2. YTD actual income was \$91,258.69 which is \$5175.31 under budget. This is a growing concern since income is falling short of what was budgeted by about \$1000 each month.
3. YTD pledged income (part of actual income) was \$71,344 which is \$3370.00 under budget. Keeping pledge contributions up-to-date would significantly improve our income shortfall.

Definitions:

1. "YTD Budget +/-" is the year-to-date amount we are over budget (+) or under budget (-) for that item.
2. "Designated Accounts" are not actual bank accounts, but are funds from savings/checking that are earmarked for specific purposes such as building maintenance, Deacons, Haiti missions, etc. The income for designated accounts is independent of the income used for regular monthly expenses and comes primarily from rents, designated giving, special offerings, and fundraisers.
3. "Designated Accounts Net Income" is the monthly income minus expenses for all designated accounts. "Designated Accounts Obligation" is the sum of all funds earmarked for designated accounts.
4. "Net Financial Assets" is the funds that would be left in our savings/checking if we had to pay all designated account amounts. Currently we are \$10,162.32 short of being able to pay these amounts.

