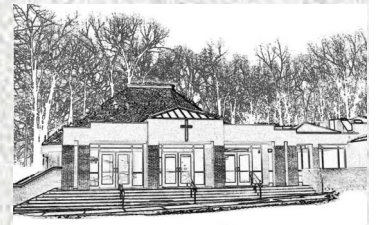


The Parkwood Connection

A monthly publication by Parkwood Baptist Church

Developing fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ,
fully involved in God's Kingdom work



JULY 2013



New Worship Opportunities This Summer



Third Service Added For The Summer

Yes, we are providing another opportunity for worship this summer. Our new service, which we are calling "Worship Unplugged," will take place in Fellowship Hall on Sunday mornings at 9 am, beginning June 30. "Worship Unplugged" will have all the elements of our other worship services, while providing an earlier option for visitors and hectic summer schedules.

The staff, church council, and deacons have been praying about how we can better serve the people God has been bringing our way recently. This summer worship experience can help in several ways:

- To provide another worship opportunity in a less formal setting for the many visitors that the Lord brings to us each summer
- To create extra room in our other worship services for visitors as some of you make the choice to come early
- To create more opportunities to serve in areas of worship as we involve more people in leading music, ushering, audio-visual, etc.
- To allow those with summer plans on a beautiful Sunday afternoon to begin their activities earlier

The design of the service allows us to continue to foster Parkwood's strength of unity by providing fellowship moments all morning. Our goal for our Parkwood family is to gather on a Sunday morning for encouraging fellowship and to provide as many opportunities as we can for visitors and members to experience God and His grace.

Whether you choose to attend this earlier service or not, please pray for its success in serving the Parkwood family and the growing number of visitors we welcome each week.

*Note: "Way of Life" Sunday School class
will now meet at 10 am, following the new service..*

New Sermon Series

Our Sunday morning worship this month will be looking at some of the people that Jesus was closest to...the disciples. Why did He pick them and what were some of the characteristics that made them the "friends of Jesus"? Make Sunday mornings at Parkwood a regular part of your summer schedule! You'll be glad you did!

Have You Seen One Yet?

**It can pop up anywhere
when you least expect it!**

What is it?

"A Flash Prayer Mob"!

There are groups of people around the church who are dedicated to prayer and getting the Parkwood family involved. This might happen during a worship service or the coffee fellowship. It may happen in your Sunday School class or at the youth meeting. These will just be brief moments when we are reminded to stop what we are doing and lift something up to the Lord.

One thing is for sure. When there is something that needs prayer we are going to be called to prayer!



**IT'S NOT TOO LATE!
REGISTER NOW FOR:
VBS 2013
Roller Coaster World:
Facing Fear, Trusting God
July 22-26
9 am-12 pm**

**Register online at www.parkwood.org
(Click on "Community Ministry.")
Or grab a registration form in the Welcome Center**

VBS SNACKS



Our wonderful volunteers work hard over five days, and we want to make sure we have a variety of snacks to keep them energized and on their toes. If you can help, please deliver snack donations to the kitchen beginning Sunday, July 21 and every day through Friday, July 26.

Items needed include: juice, cut-up fruit, granola/breakfast bars, yogurt, trail mix, Rice Krispie treats, nuts, muffins, bagels/cream cheese, cookies, cakes, soft drinks, etc.

Your donations will be greatly appreciated!



Children's Ministries

Paige Furnia	7/3
Lizzy Smith	7/3
Joey Rosales	7/9
Noralda Welly	7/9
Holden Smith	7/12
Andrew Jett	7/14
Claire Kim	7/14
Maddy Lou Spar	7/22
Isaac Spar	7/23
Anthony Rodriguez	7/27



Food Pantry Needs

- Canned Meat
- Jelly
- Condiments
- Diapers
- Baby Wipes
- Canned Beef Stew
- Tuna
- Canned Milk
- Rice
- Cereal
- Oatmeal
- Breakfast Bars
- Peanut Butter
- Instant Potatoes
- Spaghetti Sauces
- Pasta
- Soup
- Mac and Cheese
- Boxed Juice
- Juice/Drinks
- Canned Fruit
- Canned Vegetables
- Infant Formula
- Powdered Milk
- Condensed Milk

M Group

M Group will meet Wednesday, July 17, from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. We will be learning about the ABCs of becoming a Christian with the emphasis on "B" for "Believe." 3rd – 6th graders will learn through games, crafts and snacks.

Child Protection Training

July 7 is our next Child Protection Training in the Conference Room at 12:15 pm. If you will be volunteering in any aspect during VBS, you MUST complete this 30 minute training. If you aren't able to make this training, please contact Jennifer Heiserman to discuss other options. It is highly recommended that Youth workers take this training as well.

Sunday School

Teachers and Security Desk Volunteers

If you have a love for teaching, playing with or helping children-we have the perfect place for you! We are looking for individuals who would be able to teach or assist in Children's Sunday School classes or work at the security desk one Sunday a month. We offer teacher training and will walk you through what is expected when teaching/assisting in a class. You are welcome to sit in on a class before committing. Contact Jennifer Heiserman (JenniferH@parkwood.org) if you're interested.

Rising 7th graders

The youth are hosting an ice cream social on Wednesday, July 31, for the rising 7th graders. Come and meet Reed Bradley, Youth Director, and his wife, Christina; plus you'll get to meet the group members and see what takes place during Wednesday evening meetings.

We are having a special luncheon for rising 7th graders and their parents on Sunday, August 4, at 12:30 pm in the Rec Room. Sunday School teachers will be there and will have a special gift to present to the students. Please let Jennifer Heiserman or the church office know by July 31 if you plan to attend.

Kids Only Social (KOS)

KOS is the place to be on Sundays at 10:30! We have loads of fun playing games, watching videos, eating, and socializing! We would love to have more volunteers during this time. It's a great opportunity to mentor our children in an informal environment. We are always accepting snack donations (fresh fruit, crackers, goldfish, pudding/jello cups, any child-friendly snacks). If you leave them in the kitchen please label them KOS. Thank you!



Beach Week Summer Camp

More than 50 children enjoyed a wonderful "Beach Week" Summer Camp! Each day the students rotated through stations including Bible Time, Art, and Music. We are blessed to be able to work with the children and plant seeds of faith as we teach them about God's unending love for us!

School Year 2013-2014

We still have space in our program for children in all age groups. If you know anyone looking for a

strong Christian preschool, please tell them about Parkwood.

We are busily preparing for next school year. Classroom floors will get a fresh coat of wax, and the area rugs will be steam cleaned.

Summer Office Hours

Our summer office hours, beginning July 8th, will be Tuesday - Thursday from 8:30-12:00 or by appointment. We will be checking voicemail and email and will respond as soon as possible.

From The Deacons

Two verses worth remembering:

Blessed is the Nation whose God is the Lord.

-Psalm 33:12

*If we ever forget that we're one nation under God,
then we will be a nation gone under.*

-Ronald Reagan

Please continue to pray for our Nation, our leaders, and our fellow man. Have a Happy and Safe 4th of July!

Doris Richburg, Deacon Chair

Welcome To Our Newest Members

Christina Bradley

Reed Bradley

Coco Xu

Stewardship Report

Budget Needs thru May 2013	\$	435,102
Budget Received	\$	365,488
Budget Expended	\$	313,074
Difference	\$	52,414
2013 Building funds received thru May 2013	\$	15,176



A fellow disciple on the Way...

Stewardship: Investing and Actively Using our Resources for the Kingdom

"His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master'" (Matt 25:21, NRSV)

God has specially blessed us with the oversight of the earth and its vast resources. The prospect of being partners with God in caring for His creation should awaken in us a deep sense of gratitude!

Moreover, God has blessed us with time, abilities, opportunities, and possessions, which He expects us to graciously employ in His kingdom here on earth. We acknowledge God's ownership of all the resources around us by faithfully serving Him and our fellow human beings. Stewardship provides us with an opportunity for nurture in love and to demonstrate our victory over selfishness and covetousness.

It is also a mark of our faithful stewardship when we support the proclamation of the Gospel and the church with our time, talents, tithes, offerings, and resources. At its core, stewardship is a privilege extended to us by God to be co-laborers with Him in the salvation of fallen humanity and to become Christ-like in character.

Pastor Daniel

Ramping Up With Parkwood Revolution

Hello Parkwood Family!

I am so excited to be with you all and about what we have going on this summer! My prayer is that this summer the youth catch a vision of who Jesus is, and name Him as the one they will live their life for. This will start with our weekly Wednesday night meetings where we play games and study the book of Mark, focusing on the person of Jesus. We meet every Wednesday night during the summer from 6:30-8 pm in the Youth Room. If you haven't attended yet please come out to fellowship with us!

Here are some of our bigger projects for the summer:

Missions Trip

This July we are blessed to be sending some of our youth to take part in a missions trip to Fredericksburg, VA through the IMPACT Virginia program. We will be helping with various construction projects in the Fredericksburg area as a way to care for those in need and to be a witness for our great King Jesus.

VBS

During Vacation Bible School this month the youth will be serving with the rest of our congregation in the worship rally, in recreation, and even alongside teachers in the classroom. For those youth who are volunteering at VBS keep an eye out for announcements about our "\$5 days" where we will share in some fellowship in the afternoon after working in the mornings!

Welcome Rising 7th Graders

We will also be welcoming the rising 7th graders into the youth at the end of the month with a special Wednesday night event on July 31st from 6:30-8 pm! Come for ice cream and fun!

God is at work and I believe we are being blessed to be a blessing! Keep us in your prayers as we continue to ramp up toward next fall!

In Christ,

Reed

Birthdays This Month

7/1	Armando Mendoza
7/3	Eric Mallette
7/4	Diane Goodin
7/6	Michael Hanline
7/6	Marilyn Kmiec
7/6	Anna Rust
7/6	Bryce Stokes
7/8	Beckie Clough
7/8	Tylor Young
7/9	Nicole Acevedo
7/9	Ed McCormick
7/9	Betty Royer
7/9	Jose Vela
7/10	Lois Bradley
7/11	Ed Kirkley
7/12	Nelson Hall
7/12	Siggy Ingeman
7/12	Ashley Ward
7/15	Marianne Helms
7/15	Jimmy Sandidge
7/17	Zack Alexander
7/19	Keith Harris
7/20	Mary Kelly
7/21	Michelle Carpenter
7/21	Vickie Plunkett
7/21	Jessica Remington
7/22	Larry Lippolis
7/22	Bob Upton
7/22	Donatila Vela
7/22	Coco Xu
7/23	Ana Cho
7/23	JC Hyde
7/24	Al Royer
7/26	Courtney Ward
7/27	Christian Brower
7/27	Mitch Maley
7/28	Paul Hopler
7/28	Justin Hull
7/28	Jane Russell
7/29	Kelli Isaac7/30
7/30	Dave Herrington
7/31	Noah Cho
7/31	Mary Lindsay
7/31	Bruce Peterson
7/31	Rebecca Phillips

PARKWOOD.....On Mission



Shop for School Supplies this summer

Each year, the PrimeTimers and many others donate backpacks and school supplies to FACETS, so that children and teens can have what they need to get their academic year off to a strong start.

Just take a list of what is needed from the container in the Welcome Center or from the Missions bulletin board. Then put supplies in the container in the Welcome Center. If you choose to donate cash or gift cards instead of shopping, please give them to Bonnie Hopler.

If you have questions, contact Bonnie at pbhopler@cox.net.



Save your empty shoe boxes for upcoming missions projects.

Parkwood Collection for the Lamb Center

The Lamb Center is a daytime drop-in center for the homeless in central Fairfax County. When we help the people who go there, we also give encouragement and hope.

The first two Sundays in August we will hand out collection bags and a list of things that are needed. Please return your donations to the box in the Welcome Center by August 25th. See any member of the Missions Committee if you have questions.

Items needed include:

- Drinks (coffee, cold drink mix, etc.)
- Paper products (plates, napkins, cups, etc.)
- Laundry detergent and bleach
- Men's/Women's thermal underwear
- Socks
- Trash bags
- Food items (cups of soup, Pop Tarts, instant oatmeal, bottled water, etc.)

A complete list will be distributed with collection bags in August.

Your prayers are always needed.

July At A Glance



July 4	PBC Office closed
July 7	Child Protection Training 12:15
July 7-13	Youth Mission Trip
July 8	Parkwood Book Group 10:30 am
July 13	Women's Prayer Breakfast 9:00 am
July 17	Summer Bible Study ends
July 17	Children's M Group 6:00-8:00 am
July 22-26	Vacation Bible School (Christian Yoga will not meet)
July 25	VBS Family Night 6:00 pm
July 28	Quarterly Business Celebration 6:30 pm
July 30	ESOL Summer Session ends



***Church Behind
The Wire:
A Story of Faith in the
Killing Fields***

by Barnabus Mam with Kittie Murray
Reviewed by Mary Jane Dozier



Barnabus Mam

Buddhist Monk for a father, recruited by the Communist Party, yet Barnabus Mam became a Christian. Sovann was his birth name, yet he answers to Barnabas. An Overseas Mission Field (UK) worker was inspired by this “son of encouragement” who set hymns to Cambodian music. Now he is Barnabus.

His Communist mentor sent Barnabus to spy on the World Vision crusade, yet he heard the story of the Prodigal Son. Dr. Stanley Mooneyhan ended with “to become a Christian is not to accept a Western religion, it is to come home.” Barnabas “cried for the acceptance he now knew – for his prodigal ways – his mistaken loyalties, and in his heart he ran home to the arms of his Father.”

Of the Killing Fields during which he spent four years in prison camps, lost his family, his village, and the Khmer people lost half their population (1.7 million out of 4 million people), he says: “There is no way to tell you about the Killing Fields without revealing the raw horror of this world at its worst. And there is also no way to be honest about those years without including the blessings and joys of that other world.” He continues with a series of “Yet” phrases, which he says is the geographical fixed point of the follower of Christ.

Yes, I suffered - *Yet I should praise in my heart.*

Yes, I was afraid - *Yet I learned to trust my Lord.*

Yes, so much was taken away - *Yet so much was given.*

Barnabus escaped to Thailand, spending eight years living in a series of refugee camps where God raised up the Cambodian Church through him and those he mentored as they continued to encourage one another in their faith.

In 1975 there were 27 evangelical churches in Phnom Penh alone, with approximately 10,000 believers, yet by 1979 there were only 200 Christians left alive. Returning to Cambodia, Barnabas helped plant over 400 churches.

Don't miss reading this remarkable, faith-filled, sometimes miraculous story of FAITH in the Killing Fields. This and other stories of faithful journeys are available downstairs in Parkwood's Patterson Memorial Library.

Illuminations

***I Won't Last A Day Without You
I Need Thee Every Hour***

**When there's no getting over that rainbow
When my smallest of dreams won't come through
I can take all the madness the world has to give
But I won't last a day without you**

Although she did not pen the lyrics to this beautiful song, Karen Carpenter sang it with the conviction of one who had experienced the lyrics in real life. For me, it is the kind of song that I probably need to circle back to from time to time when contemplating my relationship with God because it forces me to ask myself some hard questions. Do I ever act as though I *can* live without God? Why do I sometimes fail to give Him praise for His grace and mercy? Do I forget to sit down and reason with Him and seek His wisdom concerning the issues of my life? The truth is, I really can take all the madness the world has to give, but I won't last a day, or even an hour without God.

As much as I love to listen to songs with romantic lyrics such as these, it actually scared the *bazookas* out of me when an ex-lover told me that he could not live a day without me. “*That should not be, and you are scaring me,*” I replied. It actually felt like a boulder had rested on my shoulder; an unfair weight that I refused to carry because it is an accolade that only God deserves.

One day, my friend's daughter said, “Ms. Denise, I would die if my parents took my cell phone away.” However, only a few weeks later, her little brother squealed on her when she disobeyed her parents' orders to not stay up late on school nights to talk on the phone. Consequently, they confiscated her beloved cell phone for two weeks. That was four years ago, and she's still here.

It is interesting to discover all of the things that we can live without and that we, in fact, *have* lived without. My daughter has asked me how I survived in the “olden days” without such things as a microwave, a cell phone, and the Internet. She simply cannot imagine it. But there are a lot of things, people and situations, that I can live without. I just cannot live without God. I once read an article about one family who made the decision to live on 25% of their income. They were shocked to find out that they were fine without all of the things that they had thought they could not live without. Would you ever do an experiment similar to that?

In closing, how would you complete this sentence: I won't last a day without _____. It is really easy to convince ourselves that we cannot last a day without something, but no matter how sincere we are when making statements like that; the truth is, by the grace of God, we do last.

Gratefully..... Denise Lewis Christopher

To comment on this or past articles in the Illuminations column, you may email Denise at dlewchris@yahoo.com.



Parkwood Baptist Church

8726 Braddock Road
Annandale, VA 22003
703-978-8160
www.parkwood.org

Pastor Mike Bradley
Senior Pastor

PastorMike@parkwood.org

Dr. Daniel Dapaah
Director of Discipleship
DanielD@parkwood.org

Hector Velasquez
Director of Language Ministries
HectorV@parkwood.org

Reed Bradley
Youth Director
ReedB@parkwood.org

Joe Swanson
Worship Leader
JoeS@parkwood.org

Jennifer Heiserman
Director of Children's Ministry
JenniferH@parkwood.org

Sam Ferguson
Facilities Manager

SamF@parkwood.org

LuAnn Bynum
Accounting Assistant
Accounting@parkwood.org

Patty Ratliff
Administrative Assistant
ChurchOffice@parkwood.org

Beth Winstead
Communications Manager
ChurchAdmin@parkwood.org

Beth Bruins
Administrative Assistant
BethB@parkwood.org

Ann Lipton
WEE Center Director
WeeDirector@parkwood.org

Non-Profit
Organization
U.S. POSTAGE PAID
Springfield, VA
Permit No. 65

Return Service Requested



PAGE 6

"Summer: A Great time to reflect"

"Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting." - King David (Psalm 139:23, 24)

In the summer months we often find time to reflect. The days are longer, school is out, and people find time to get away. When we relax we are able to think things through with more clarity. It is a chance to evaluate some of the things that we are doing and commit to start things we ought to be doing. In the verse listed above David recognized that healthy introspection needed God's input. He knew that some of the things that he worried about were not things that God worried about. He knew that an evaluation of his life that did not include God would be incomplete and flawed. You see, for "reflection" to be helpful it must begin with prayer.

Prayer can be enhanced by meditating on the Word of God. The Bible is our measuring stick of living that we can hold up to the many things that we are involved with in our lives. Both prayer and Bible study can provide a balanced evaluation of where we are and guidance for where we are going.

This is also true as we reflect on where we have been and where we are going as a church family. Everything that we do we set before the Lord for evaluation and His leading. Our goal and our purpose is to bring glory to His name in all we do. In every program, every worship service, and every activity our goal is to lift up His name and give testimony to His wonderful grace and mercy.

There is a lot going on here in our church family, and there are a lot of opportunities to serve. Take time this summer to pray and listen to the Lord and discover where God wants you to be and what God wants you to do in the coming months.

Blessings,

Pastor Mike