



The Grapevine

September 15, 2020



Worship with Parkway Online—Sunday, September 20 at 10:30AM!

Worship service for this coming Sunday will be recorded and a YouTube link will be provided on our Parkway Christian Church page. **Thank you to all who have shared the links and continue to do so! And thank you to the volunteers who continue to devote their time to bring virtual worship to Parkway.**

Happening this Sunday!



The annual Church Picnic is here! Get ready for some fun, food, and fellowship this coming Sunday, September 20th at 5:00PM. This year, the picnic will be “bring your own” to the church grounds. We will gather outdoors, socially distanced, and wearing masks. Remember to bring a lawn chair and small table or picnic blanket. We are looking forward to enjoying each other’s company from a distance and we hope to see everyone there!

Phoenix Center Upcoming Gala:

The Phoenix Center will host their annual Gala in October and will partner with Parkway to help with the event through use of our parking lot. For more details, please contact Sharon Holmes.

Sunday, September 20—Bob Grant, Elder

The World Turned Upside Down

One of my favorite songs in Hamilton is “Yorktown”, better known as “The World Turned Upside Down”. The underdog colonies effectively won their independence by defeating the mighty British Empire at the Battle of Yorktown. If Vegas existed in the 1700’s, the house would have lost a lot of money on such long odds.

In Matthew 20:1-16, Jesus uses the parable of the workers in the vineyard to explain to his disciples that to understand the Kingdom of God, you have to view it as “a world turned upside down”. God’s laws are not the world’s laws. No in the world would believe that those who work for an hour should be paid the same as those who work all day. However, God’s God and we’re not! It’s called grace and we’ll just have to deal with it!

I once tried to explain to my classroom attendant years ago that whoever is first will be last, and whoever is last will be first. She looked at me like I was from Mars and told me that that statement made no sense. I told her I was quoting Jesus and that he said a lot of crazy things, like love your enemies to name another. She did not understand that Jesus came to change the world upside down.

The definition of “a world turned upside down”, according to Wikipedia, is to change someone’s life completely, often in a shocking way. Jesus changed a lot of people’s lives so they could “see” a new world (i.e. Kingdom of God) beyond this one we’re in.

So, if your new to this Jesus thing or checking him out, what does this mean for you and those of use who are followers of this Messiah? Check out John 14:27. Jesus says, “Peace I leave with you; **my** peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the **world** gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid. These are comforting words to hear in these times that we find ourselves in. God is waiting for you to see the world turned upside down!

No God, No Peace Know God, Know Peace ... AMEN!

Birthdays this week:

Stan Duknoski, September 15; Sharon Scott, September 18; Linda Hood, September 22.

Anniversaries this week:

Charles & Karen Joyce, September 19.

Our Prayers for Joys & Concerns

WE CHOOSE TO SERVE: Making Parkway Family Connection calls; Sunday School; helped mow church yard; listening; being present with my mom after a loss.

PRAYER CONCERNS: *CCIW Prayer Calendar*—Chapin CC, Hometown CC Chicago, Jackson Blvd. CC Chicago † *Gayle Burg*—Elizabeth Jones—lives in Reno Nevada where the smoke is bad—the rancher she got her hay for her horses lost his home and all his hay to the fires; Garnette & Alice—sympathies for passing of cousin Donolene; son, Don, lives in north west Wyoming was unable to see the Rockies; friend Pat's dog, Gracie of 12 years died this week; Jan Day on the loss of her friend and neighbor, Susan † *Debbie Schoppenhorst*—Those who are sick, struggling with financial crisis, or struggling with emotional concerns † *Kelly Huser*—Jim M. Continued strength and healing; Shelley M. continued strength; Jay L. health concern; Pat and Jay's son health concern † *Megan Forness*—Continued prayers for my family please as I and my siblings are helping my mom, Vee Maday, navigate life after her husband's passing † *Chris Boyce*—I need prayers for my son and family—they have to move and it is difficult to find a house for rent that they can afford † *Janet Medley*—Concerns for those dealing with the fires † *Jan Grant*—Silent concern; job for Katie †

JOYS: *Debbie Schoppenhorst*—Bountiful "harvest" of tomatoes and green beans; time with my sisters and family; good presentation for our security personnel at school; a joyful wedding for a family friend † *Gayle Burg*—Courtney Murfin- got a raise and is getting a cat in October (counting the days); Betty Hutchens—appreciates our Parkway Family Connection calls; enjoyed Sunday's message and Pat's music † *Kelly Huser*—Thankful for Rick S. and all the work he has done around the church; my dad's birthday this week! Beautiful weather † *Megan Forness*—Spending time with siblings I haven't seen in a long time † *Janet Medley*—Another good visit with family this weekend; grateful my BIL sold his house, a huge blessing for him and Tina †

Continued Prayers: All those who are struggling with the effects of the global pandemic; Medical staff and volunteers; Barb A.; Karen Alsup; Samantha Giannone; Deb Dennison; Gary Wood; Ann Knutson; Harvey H.; Lisa Tomisino; Steve A., Karen A., Dana A.; Kathy Alexander; Jim Marsaglia; Gertrude Koehler; Joe—homeless man; Lora Cline; Virginia Armour; Diane Elliff; Gavin Pope; Margaret Woodall; Vee Maday; Garnette Winch; Sarah Smith; Scott Kaufman; Sandy Klyber; Our Service Members and their families.



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“Inviting Disciples.....Sending Apostles”

“Come Learn.....Go Serve”

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