

COMMUNICATING THE VISION

W. MACK AMIS, JR., D.MIN.



Praise the Lord! We were able to reach and surpass the “Touching Our World” goal of \$65,000. This offering is so important as we seek to spread the gospel around the world. Our missionaries depend on us to continue to provide support for their work.

December was a good month of fellowship as we “gathered” as the Parker Family to worship our Lord as one big family. I hope that everyone met new people and realized how large our family is when we gather in one service. Thank you, church family, for making December a highlight of our year.

Well, as most of you know, the new year got started with a challenge when the boiler in the Martin Building gave way. That event means that all the heat for the Martin Building, from the basement to the 3rd floor, went away. Immediately, we had to make adjustments to provide new space in the CLC for the Learning Center, and to make new assignments for all the Sunday School classes meeting in the Martin Building. **Thank you, Parker Family, for being flexible and patient during these unexpected events.**

There is good news which I believe is an answer to our prayers! We have located and purchased a new boiler that is being shipped from Nashville. We have a mechanical company working this day to remove the old boiler and to do the prep work for the new boiler. We are hoping and believing that we will be back in the Martin Building with excellent heat by the middle of next week. **Please continue to pray for the boiler replacement to go smoothly.**

We will still be using the temporary classrooms for Sunday School this next Sunday. The Learning Center will still be occupying much of the CLC next week, and we are still postponing our Wednesday meal and activities until January 22. **Thank God for the wonderful facilities we have and praise Him for helping us in our time of need.**

2025 promises to be a great year. I am hoping it will be one of our best years ever. Join with me in making a fresh commitment to being a disciple of Jesus and being a disciple maker in the kingdom of God.

Bro. Mack

Congratulations to the following men who were elected to serve three-year terms on the active Deacon Council:

Todd Ford Chip Howell
David Stephens Lance Turner
Greg White

Touching Our World

This Year's Special Gift to Missions

~ Goal: \$65,000 Total Amount Given: \$65,423 ~

International Missions (Lottie Moon Offering): \$ 49,067
North American Missions (Annie Armstrong Offering): \$ 13,085
State Missions (Myers-Mallory Offering): \$ 3,271

Thank you for your support of these mission efforts.

We Welcome to Our Fellowship. . .

Cathy Brannon - DC
Joining by Transfer of Letter

Christian Sympathy. . .

Family of Elizabeth (Beth) Dear
Family of Charlie Horton.....

Minister on Call

January 13 - 19	January 20 - 26
Bro. Derrick.....(615) 556-7921	Bro. Mack.....(256) 454-3049
January 27 - February 2	February 3 - 9
Kevin Anderson.....(256) 283-5580	Don Gober.....(256) 283-6156

DEARMANVILLE CAMPUS BRO. JOEY

Happy New Year! Well, it has been a DECADE now here at ParkerDC. Most days it seems like only yesterday that we were moving to Anniston and helping plant/revitalize the DeArmanville Campus. I am forever grateful for the gospel partnerships that we have formed over the past ten years. Thank you, Parker Memorial Baptist Church for seeing a need and stepping into to help! Thank you to all our many partners over the years for helping make this an incredibly unique and special fellowship! I will always remember Carlton Barnes description that this is a “God-sized project.” That is the perfect description of the past ten years! If you are available, join us this Sunday, **January 12, 2025**, as we celebrate our first **Homecoming / 10 Year Celebration**. Worship Celebration begins at 10:30 AM with lunch in the DC Gym to follow. Thank God for the great gift of the Body of Christ! Here is to many more years of faithful gospel ministry!

- UPCOMING EVENTS & NEWS -

Financial Peace University... Wednesdays / 6:00 PM / New group starting now!
Strength to Stand Winter Conference... January 18-20, 2025 / Pigeon Forge, TN
Please pray for our student ministry, led by Nick Gregory, as they attend Scott Dawson’s S2S Student Conference. We are grateful for our students and student leaders!

Open Gym Night... Sunday, January 26, 2025 / 5:30 - 7:30 PM
OGN is a fun time of games, fellowship, and laughter. Bring a favorite dish and a 2-liter to share. This is also a great night to invite new faces.

Connect Lunch... Sunday, February 2nd / 11:45 AM / This free lunch is for new members and inquiring guests. RSVPS must be made by January 30th.

Super Bowl Party & Chili Cookoff... Sunday, February 9th / 5:00 PM / Gym
Let us get together for football, fellowship, and some food! Bring your favorite chili or finger foods and come watch the game with us here.

DeArmanville Deacon Election... We want to congratulate Kacey Vickery, Jason Romine, and Nathan Holmes for being elected to serve as active deacons. They will join seven other men to help care for the Body. Please pray for these men and their families!



WOMEN'S MINISTRY CAROLYN CLIFTON

Happy New Year! I pray this year will be the best! I realize we got off to a rocky start with that boiler calling it quits on New Year’s Eve but none of that surprised God. So, we started this year accepting what is, working as a team to make things work, using our patience, expanding our endurance, and keeping on keeping on for Jesus! I would say if we can keep that position going all this year we WILL have a great year regardless of what happens! And we will all be thankful for the new boiler!

On **January 8th & 15th** we will meet for pizza, a devotion, prayer time and fellowship. Several ladies were wanting us to go ahead and start back because they missed meeting and studying God’s word together. Since we are purchasing food, please call and sign up to let us know how many ladies will be coming. Would love for you to join us!

On **January 22** our **Ladies Bible Study** group will begin studying “**Hebrews, The Nearness of King Jesus**” by Lisa Harper. If you want a study book let me know. They are \$15.00. You don’t have to have one to attend. We will meet in the Arts and Crafts room until we can return to room 201 in the Martin Building. **Hope to see you there!**

YOUTH HAPPENINGS KEVIN ANDERSON



Mark your calendars, students and parents! DNOW weekend is rolling in on February 14th and 15th for just \$45 per person - grab your spots at www.uniteddnw.com! Our youth summer camp is set for June 29 to July 3! We’re heading to the YM 360 Generate Camp at Johnson University in Knoxville, TN. This will be a jam-packed adventure filled with quality time in God’s Word growing in our relationship with the Lord and with each other! The cost is \$345 per camper. However, your student can slice that cost in half by selling Boston butts! We’re teaming up with Christian Corner Meats for this delicious fundraiser. More details will be available soon!

MUSIC NOTES DON GOBER

Wednesday Music Rehearsals (Sanctuary)
Sanctuary Choir 6:00 pm & Orchestra 7:10 pm

The Sounds of Joy Choir meets Thursdays
at 9:30am beginning on January 16

Handbell Rehearsal each Monday at 6:30pm
(Rm #241) beginning January 20

JOIN US
in Leading
Worship
in 2025!

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY & CLC KIM SONNBERGER

The Senior Adult Winter Bible Study will be taught by Pastor Donnie Sills. The dates for that study are January 20 and 27 from 10am - 1 pm. Cost: \$6 per Monday. For reservations, call the main office no later than noon the Friday before the Monday scheduled. Location of this event will be announced at a later date.

During the months of January, February, and first two weeks of March please help the church feed the Homeless of Anniston. If you would like to give, please place your money in an envelope and indicate on the envelope “Homeless.” In March we will also be helping The Baptist Service Center prepare Gospel packets to be given out to race fans at Talladega.

The Pacesetter Posts have been mailed. If you did not receive your copy, then please let the office know and one will be provided for you.

A new Wednesday Bible Study will begin on February 12th. Senior Adults are invited to our Sweetheart Tea on Saturday, February 15, and our next Pacesetter luncheon is on February 18. Please see the Pacesetter Post for more details.

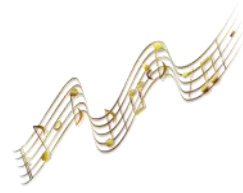
CHILDREN'S MINISTRY & LEARNING CENTER CANDICE FEAZELL

Happy New Year from all of us in Children’s Ministry here at Parker Memorial Baptist Church. We are excited to begin a new and full year of learning, loving and growing in our relationships with Jesus. Our Children’s Church curriculum for this year is a year long Bible Journey taking us from Genesis to Revelation. Our Sunday School classes are digging into their lessons and students are growing weekly. We will begin a new Wednesday night model of Discipleship training with a new and exciting program. Our students will participate in live worship, have a large group Bible lesson and small group leaders to work with our students. This is all very exciting for a wonderful new year of growth for our children.

Praise God for all the amazing people that give of their time each week to make these learning opportunities available for our children. We will have a **Children’s Ministry Appreciation Dinner on February 1st**. If you have helped in Vacation Bible School, Music Day Camp, Kids Camp, Children’s Church, Sunday School or on Wednesday nights, this dinner is for you! Child care will be available and a great time of fellowship and fun is waiting for you!

February is a busy time for the Children’s Ministry! We will have a Sweetheart Tea for all of the children and our Senior Adults. This will be **February 8th from 10:00-12:00 in the Coffee Corner of the CLC**. This is a precious time to celebrate God’s Love for both generations. We will have refreshments, crafts for all ages and the children will perform as entertainment for our Seniors. We hope you will plan to attend!

Our Loving Kids Learning Center and Parker Preparatory Academy are also gearing up to a fantastic new year. We have temporarily taken up space in the CLC gym due to the boiler that supplies heat to the Martin building being replaced. What a testimony to the amazing staff and great volunteers from this precious church! We have worked together in sweet harmony to continue the weekday ministry to these children and their hardworking families. **The parents, children and staff of LKLC say a great big “thank you” to each of you.** What a blessing it is to see how dedicated this church body is in supporting and loving these families! **We have 175 children that have continued to have a safe and loving environment each day** to learn about Jesus, their ABC’s, 123’s and so much more in a warm building. God has been so good to this ministry, and we are so thankful to be a part of it!



During our December 2024 business meeting, we approved establishing a fund to receive donations to purchase a **Digital Carillon System for the Main Campus.**

Digital carillon systems allow churches and other institutions to enjoy the rich, authentic sounds of traditional cast bell instruments. Digital bell systems electronically reproduce those glorious tones with remarkable realism, affordability, and ease of use.

To make a donation, please indicate "Carillon" on the "Other" line on your offering envelope. If giving online, please check the "Carillon" fund listed.

<p>Due to loss of the boiler in the Martin Building and adjustments needing to be made, Wednesday Night suppers, Pastor's Bible Study, and Men's Bible Study will resume Wednesday, January 22.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday Family Night Supper</p> <p style="text-align: center;">\$5/Person Maximum Per Family: \$20</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Serving begins at 5 pm.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Menu January 22</p> <p style="font-size: small;">Potato Soup Southwestern Soup Pimento Cheese Sandwich Cornbread, Crackers, Chocolate Cake Tea/Coffee/Water</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Children's Menu</p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">Same as Adults Juice Box</p>
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Did you know you can receive our newsletter by email?



We email the newsletter the same day the newsletters are taken to the post office for mailing so you can receive the email newsletter immediately. Some newsletters are being delivered a week or so after being mailed because the newsletters are under a different mailing code (publications) and may be delayed in being processed/delivered. However, you can receive your email newsletter promptly by requesting an email newsletter. Contact Janice in the church office to be added to the email newsletter group.

January Staff Anniversaries

Becky Henry - January 3
8 Years – CLC Desk Worker

Wendy Rogers – January 14
9 Years – Music/Education Ministry Assistant

Teddy Caldwell - January 29
5 Years – Custodian

SUNDAY SCHOOL AVERAGE ATTENDANCE

	<u>Main Campus</u>	<u>DeArmanville</u>	<u>Total</u>
December.....	240.....	96.....	336

2024 Contribution Statements have been mailed. If you do not receive your statement or if you have any questions about your statement, please contact the church office. Thank you for your financial support of Parker Memorial and its ministries.

And God's People Gave . . .

MAIN CAMPUS:		DeARMANVILLE CAMPUS:	
Total Approved Budget FY 2025.....	\$ 1,354,949.00	Total Approved Budget FY 2025.....	\$ 330,492.00
Weekly Budget Requirements.....	\$ 26,056.71	Weekly Budget Requirements.....	\$ 6,355.62
Given December.....	\$ 230,145.77	Given December.....	\$ 28,764.43
Budget Requirements Y-T-D.....	\$ 112,912.38	Budget Requirements Y-T-D.....	\$ 27,541.00
Budget Receipts Y-T-D.....	\$ 230,145.77	Budget Receipts Y-T-D.....	\$ 28,764.43
Together We Will + One to Date.....	\$ 145,193.50		
Touching Our World to Date.....	\$ 65,423.14		

Weekly Schedule

MAIN CAMPUS

- Sundays**
8:30 am - Casual Worship - CLC Gym
- Children's Church - Chapel
9:00 am - Library Open until 10:00 am
9:50 am - Sunday School
11:00 am - Classic Worship - Sanctuary
- Children's Church - Chapel
- Library Open until 12:00 pm
- Monday thru Friday**
7:00 am - Intercessory Prayer Ministry - CLC
- Mondays**
10:00 am - Pickleball - Gym
6:30 pm - Handbells - Rm 214 Martin Building
- Tuesdays**
9:00 am - Staff Meeting - Main Campus
10:00 am - Pickleball - Gym
2:00 pm - Flexibility Class - CLC
- Wednesdays**
10:00 am - Learning Center Service - Chapel
4:45 pm - Library Open until 5:00 pm
5:00 pm - Family Night Supper - Fellowship Hall

- Wednesdays (Cont'd)**
5:45 pm - Children's Activities
6:00 pm - Pastor's Bible Study/Prayer Time - FH
- Men's Discipleship - Martin Bldg Rm 315
- Ladies' Discipleship - Martin Bldg Rm 201
- Youth Discipleship - 3rd Fl, CLC
- 7:00 pm - Praise Team Rehearsal
7:10 pm - Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
- Thursdays**
8:00 am - Woodcarvers - CLC
9:30 am - Sounds of Joy - Chapel
10:00 am - Pickleball - Gym
2:00 pm - Flexibility Class - CLC

DEARMANVILLE CAMPUS

- Sundays**
9:00 am - Sunday School Small Groups
10:30 am - Worship Celebration
- Wednesdays**
5:00 pm - Family Night Supper
6:00 pm - Adult Bible Study
- Children/Youth Activities

Calendar

January 12 - February 8

- Sunday, January 12**
DeArmanville Campus 10th Anniversary Celebration
4:00 PM - MC Deacon Ordination Council Conference Room
6:00 PM - MC Deacon Ordination Service Sanctuary
- Monday, January 13**
10:00 AM - WOM Meeting - Arts & Craft Rm
- Tuesday, January 14**
5:00 PM - MC Buildings & Grounds Cmte Conference Room
- Wednesday, January 15**
5:15 PM - MC Stewardship Committee Conference Room
- Saturday, January 18**
DC Youth to Pigeon Forge Conference
- Sunday, January 19**
4:00 PM - MC Deacons Meeting - CC
- Monday, January 20**
10:00 AM Pacesetters Winter Bible Study
- Wednesday, January 22**
5:00 PM - MC Regular Wednesday Evening Activities Resume
- Sunday, January 26**
5:30 PM - DC Open Gym Night
- Monday, January 27**
10:00 AM - Pacesetters Winter Bible Study
- Saturday, February 1**
5:00 PM - MC Children's Ministry Appreciation Dinner - FH
- Saturday, February 8**
10:00 AM - Parker Kids/Sr. Adults Sweetheart Tea - Coffee Corner

PARKER MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH		
<u>Main Church Office</u>	<u>Prayer Room</u>	<u>CLC</u>
256-236-5628	256-236-1515	256-419-2120
<u>Parker Counseling Center</u>	<u>DeArmanville Campus</u>	
256-770-7337	256-831-9200	
<u>Loving Kids Learning Center</u>		
256-419-2845		

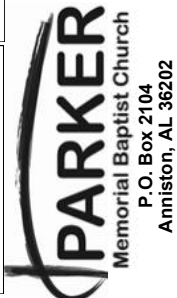
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