

# Parkside Parchment

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- ★ **Reasons to Celebrate!**
- ★ **Connecting with Your Kids**
- ★ **Boys to Men**



**Happy Father's Day!**

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## PARSON TO PERSON

There are times in my life when I am not sensing the closeness of God's presence or seeing Him at work in my little world. This past week was not one of those times. In fact, I saw God's presence and power Big Time!

On Friday evening, the Elders and their wives met with 12 of our new members to share testimonies. I say this every year, but I do wish it were possible to have the whole church listen in on that evening! The stories of spiritual journeys and the hand and love of God are so evident and encouraging. How I praise God that many feel safe in sharing from their hearts some of the hardships in their lives and their gratefulness to God for His healing and the difference knowing Jesus makes! The Kleenex box got passed around a lot that evening.

Then, on Sunday evening, we held our Celebration Banquet marking the halfway

point of our Pray It Forward campaign. It truly was an evening of celebration. We celebrated with Music (Bell Choir and Praise Team), with testimonies (thank you Steve Aguilar, Jim and Marilyn Odom, Mike and Griselda Peters), with a review of Parkside "God Things" history, a look into our "next step" future, and a time of prayer around each table for AWANA Leadership, Children and Youth Camps, Mission Trips and our Pray It Forward Faith Journey. The evening culminated with praise for how God has wondrously provided in our finances so that we are at 105% giving to our Pray It Forward Faith Promise goal at the 18-month mark. (Most financial campaigns are happy to be at 70-80 %.) Additionally, God's people have maintained good giving to our General Fund and Missions over that period. We have tons of reasons to celebrate!

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## JOHN'S JARGON

Parkside Peps!

School's out for the summer! Kid's rejoice and parents groan knowing their kids will now be board stiff at home griping about bad daytime television.

So...kids have all this extra time, what do we do with them? With most parents, chores are usually the first thing that comes to their minds. With the kids, hanging out with their friends, playing video games, going to the skate park is on their minds.

These next few months could be a time of not knowing what to do with your kids, or it could be a time to try to reconnect. I think the key is to find common ground.

We all know what the reaction of most youth would be to, "Hey son, want to pull some weeds together? We could bond!" I'm not saying not to have them do chores, but why not find something you both could be interested in and go for it!

I know my family found some board games that we all liked. At first it was hard to get me to sit down and play, but by the end of the game everyone was laughing and having a good time!

So this summer I encourage you to connect with your kids who have way too much time on their hands!



# KIDS

## Boys to Men?

# NO-NOTICE

This came to me under the title of “Sons” but it seems to me to be very appropriate as a Father’s Day recognition (because aren’t most men just grown up little boys?). When it came to me, it was dedicated to those who have sons and those who are happy they don’t. It emphasizes some of the interesting things you can learn when you have boys. For instance----

1. A king-sized waterbed holds enough water to fill a 2000 square foot house 4 inches deep.
2. If you spray hair spray on dust bunnies and run over them with roller blades, they can ignite.
3. A 3 year-old boy’s voice is louder than 200 adults’ voices in a crowded restaurant.
4. If you hook a dog leash over a ceiling fan, the motor is not strong enough to rotate a 42-pound boy wearing Batman underwear and a Superman cape. (It is strong enough; however, if tied to a paint can, to spread paint on all four walls of a 20 x 20 foot room.)
5. You should not throw baseballs up when the ceiling fan is on. When using a ceiling fan as a bat, you have to throw the ball up a few times before you get a hit. A ceiling fan can hit a baseball a long way.
6. The glass in windows (even double-pane) does not stop a baseball hit by a ceiling fan.
7. When you hear the toilet flush and the words “uh oh”, its already too late.
8. Brake fluid mixed with Clorox makes smoke (and LOTS of it!).
9. A 6 year-old boy can start a fire with a flint rock even though a 36 year-old man says they can only do it in the movies.
10. Certain Lego’s will pass through the digestive tract of a 4 year-old boy.
11. Play dough and microwave should not be used in the same sentence.
12. Super glue is forever.
13. No matter how much Jell-O you put in a swimming pool you still can’t walk on water.
14. Pool filters do not like Jell-O.
15. VCRs do not eject peanut butter and jelly sandwiches (even if TV commercials show they do).
16. Garbage bags do not make good parachutes.
17. Marbles in gas tanks make lots of noise when driving.
18. You probably don’t want to know what that odor is.
19. Always look in the oven BEFORE you turn it

on (plastic toys do not like ovens).

20. The fire department in Austin, Texas has a 5-minute response time.
21. The spin cycle on the washing machine does not make earthworms dizzy.
22. It will, however, make cats dizzy.
23. Cats barf twice their body weight when dizzy.
24. 80% of women will pass this on to almost all of their friends (with or without boys).
25. 80% of men who read this will try mixing Clorox and brake fluid.

This must mean that most inventors are male because of their curiosity. I have not checked that out but what else could it mean (other than we ladies need to be aware of what we are getting into when we marry one of these adventuresome creatures). I must admit (after raising 2 boys) they really are a challenge, at times, and can do some really unforgettable and unforeseen things. But, if you and he can both survive it, they sure can make you a proud parent and give you memories the like of which no one else can.

The idea is to get those little “live-wires” well grounded and there are times that is not an easy job! Aren’t you glad God has promised to be there? Children should keep us on our knees as we raise and teach them. God admonishes us to train up a child in the way HE should go. That indicates to me, we need to know and deal with our boys so as to train them, as individuals, in the way that God directs. THAT is our real challenge and blessing! Boys to Men? YES! And may they bring God glory upon glory!

Happy Father’s Day, Fathers!

*Joyce*



*Alliance Women*

The June meeting of Parkside’s Alliance Women will meet on Monday, June 16<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m. in the home of Melba Tefft, 3325 E. Paradise in Visalia. Melba is planning a brunch and we will be busy with a bit of work we still have to do for our missionary outreach. Mostly, we will be enjoying a great fellowship and our all important prayer time. (We never run out of things and people to pray for.) It is a very real possibility that we will have a surprise guest speaker for this meeting, too. Won’t those of you ladies who have the time come and join us? Please let Melba Tefft (623-9170) know if you plan to attend so she can plan food for the group.

## Parson to Person

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Finally, on Wednesday, it was AWANA Awards Night...another evening that is a Glory to God highlight during the calendar year. It is cool to see our Worship Center packed with AWANA kids and their parents and grandparents. How special to see every child honored for their attendance and for their progress in learning verses from God's Word. How thrilling to know that "God's Word does not return void/empty" (Isaiah 55:11), and that our children are "hiding God's Word in their hearts that they might not sin against God" (Psalm 119:11). It is one thing to see the excitement in their faces for the recognition and rewards they received that night but far better to know the long-term reward and value of having God's truth in their hearts for the rest of their lives! What an incredible ministry God has blessed us with through AWANA! (Start praying now about how you might "stand in the gap" on the AWANA Leadership team for next Fall.)

Wow! What a week! If hearing heartfelt testimonies from new members, celebrating God's goodness to us as a church family, and seeing the lit up faces of our children doesn't ignite some spiritual fire in you...then in the words of a cowboy, "your wood is too wet"!

Thankful that God is "fanning into flame His gifts in His people" (II Timothy 1:6)...

Still stoked,

*Pastor Ron*

## Women's Ministry News Corner

### Upcoming Events:

Women's Retreat in October

Christmas Cookie Exchange  
in December

Also, we still have  
some room for the

**2008 Fall Women's Retreat  
at Hartland**

**Friday, October 3 -  
Sunday, October 5**

Contact Joan about registering.

Joan Daniels, 734-3764, or  
e-mail: [jd.studentrn@hotmail.com](mailto:jd.studentrn@hotmail.com).

## Board Briefs

### from the May 4th Administrative Board Meeting

As always we began our time together with praises and prayer requests, some devotional thoughts from Psalm 37:1-11, sharing regarding our discipleship and CPR ministries, and a time of prayer.

Dee Dee Johnson reported that the Mother's Day and Father's Day gifts have been ordered and that the Deaconesses spent a day cleaning and re-organizing the church kitchen. They are thankful for a new light that Mike Peters installed in the storage area above the kitchen.

Keith Glentzer has the June-August Disciplemaking Classes in place with several new choices including a Finance Class and a Bible Class on Haggai - Malachi.

Our Treasurer Bob Fatica reported that the new accounting system is almost complete and that his office has spent many hours converting the church finances from the old system into the new one. All of our accounts are looking good with a balance of over \$70,000 in our General Fund and our Building Fund keeping up with the expenses involved in completing our portables. We continue to praise God for His provision.

Pastor Ron reported that the New Members Class went very well with some 20 people looking to become members. We have 12 people who have volunteered to be a part of our Emergency Medical Team for AED CPR purposes. The Board unanimously decided to give a special gift certificate to Del and Colleen Harrington for their years of leadership in our AWANA ministry. We continue to be amazed over the new people God keeps adding to our church family and the healing He is bringing in several families.

With the above budget finances God has been providing, Board members have been seeking God as to His will for our future needs. We have several incredible Children's ministry volunteer leaders (i.e. Jerry, Colleen, Joyce, etc.) that we can't expect to continue their high-energy leadership forever. We are thinking that our next Pastoral Staff addition could well be a Discipleship Pastor with an emphasis in Children's ministry. We will continue to pray and ask our church family to pray regarding God's clear direction, person, timing and plan.

With the possibility of having our Palm Sunday service and Pancake Breakfast off campus next year (one large service and an indoor venue for breakfast) we are talking with Central Valley Christian Schools about possibility renting their chapel and gym for that morning.

The Prayer Visits are going well, the Celebration Banquet is coming together and God continues to stretch and lead us as we seek to Pray It Forward!

Our next Administrative Board meeting will be Sunday, June 8th at 5:00 p.m.

## An Update from Wendi

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**Dear Family and Friends,**

### IS IT REALLY JUNE?

I can hardly believe it! I am finishing up the last week of school – my final week here at Dalat! I cannot believe how fast the end has come and now that it's here, I'm wishing I could have slowed things down a bit. I'm really going to miss my ministry at Dalat and watching God move among this student body!

As you read this, I'm probably giving my students their finals and attending graduation activities such as Senior Tea, Baccalaureate and Graduation. I'm finishing up my grade reports and boxing up my classroom to pass on to the Pre-school 4 teacher. It all feels surreal. I've known it was coming, but no matter how much you prepare to say goodbye, it is never easy!

### WHAT DOES THE FUTURE HOLD?

I still don't know *exactly* what the future holds. Yes, I know, that is crazy! However, I do know WHO holds my future. My time at Dalat is quickly coming to an end and the next season is about to begin. I know that God has great things in store and I am eager to see His plan unfold!

One possibility for the summer (and maybe the autumn as well), which God has been working out for some time, is an opportunity to become a part of a ministry team here in Penang. My previous pastors Craig and Jodi McKenzie, who recently stepped down as pastors at Penang International Church, are moving into a new ministry here in Malaysia and have asked me to live with their family (for the time being) and be a part of their ministry team in Penang. As I've prayed, I know that

this is God's leading for the summer/autumn and that God has me here in Penang for a while longer. During this summer/fall, my HOPE is to minister to expatriates adults from Japan and Korea through tutoring and teaching ESL.

I have sold most of my belongings, except for those that I will need to stay. Since I do not know exactly when I will be leaving Malaysia and I have not bought a plane ticket or taken care of the paper work to bring Sammie (my dog) back to the States, I still feel like there are a lot of loose ends that need to be tied up over the summer months.

Please pray for my future as God continues to show the way, one step at a time. Pray that I would have an open heart to follow His lead where ever that takes me and the courage to follow. Please pray for this next season as I stay in Penang and minister through tutoring/teaching ESL to adults. Please pray for my departure finances and details, when the time comes. Thank you for your prayers. They truly mean the world to me and I feel their impact on my life!

### THE QUESTION MARKS?

There are still quite a few question marks, but I know that God has a plan and a purpose for me. I know that He is leading me even now and is opening doors I don't even see yet. This has been an amazingly wonderful and terribly difficult season of learning to trust in the Lord and rely on Him in faith. I am learning to live in His love, rest in the moment, and trust in His words and promises!

I appreciate your prayers and support! I have been honored and blessed to have you with me on this journey and I am grateful that you

continue to journey with me! May the month of June bring you rest and relaxation as you rest in the Lord knowing He will provide all that you need.

Blessings,

**Wendi Maze**

## A Note to Parksiders from the Newcomers

Hope all is going well with you at Parkside. I run into folks from time to time and it sounds like a lot is happening. It is good to hear. Parkside was/is a great church and I miss all the folks there.

Not sure if you have heard through the grapevine but Sara-Louise and I are moving from the Valley. God has closed the doors (at least temporarily) on us returning to Africa so we decided to spend the time we do have in the U.S. closer to family.

I got a job at the Veterinary School at Auburn University in Alabama. I'll be a clinical instructor and work on a PhD.

It will still be about a seven hour drive from our folks but I guess that's better than a seven hour flight!

We are hoping by the time I finish my PhD that we will know more about SL's health stuff and can then maybe return overseas.

So, I work through the end of the month here and then head back across the country and start over there July 1st.

Just wanted to say thanks for all the support you have given me/us both here and in Africa, even after leaving Parkside.

God Bless,

**BJ Newcomer**

*Psalm 100*

1 Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.

2 Worship the LORD with gladness;  
come before Him with joyful songs.

3 Know that the LORD is God.

It is He who made us, and we are His;  
we are His people, the sheep of His pasture.

4 Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise;  
give thanks to Him and praise His name.

5 For the LORD is good and His love endures forever;  
His faithfulness continues through all generations.

• "Change for Life" Campaign that  
• benefits the Care Pregnancy  
• ministry.

• We praise God that the Khoury  
• family (missionaries) were pro-  
• tected by God in the recent  
• upheaval in Lebanon.

• We are Praising God that...  
• ...Bill Green came through his  
• knee surgery well.  
• ...Dave Robles is recovering well  
• from shoulder surgery.

• ...John Vadnais' knee is healing  
• after his knee surgery.  
• ...Jacob Ibarra is doing well and is  
• back in school.  
• ...Scott Johnson is healing well  
• from his back injury.

Praise God for all of the guests  
that came to Parkside in May  
which included: John & Daryn  
Daus, Karen Fink, Grace Pugh,  
Zach Green, Sue Vadnais, Ken  
Christie, Dr. Roger & Darlene  
Haley, Temple Haley, Jennifer  
Haley, Tiffany Ward, Rachel Holt,  
Chris & Tina Harrington, Fay Harp,  
Georgena & Kathy Kaiser, Kristi  
Rodriguez, Jorge & Claudia  
Ramos, David & Amy May and  
children, Shelly Brinkerhoff and  
Beth Martin del Campo.

**For these things and  
more, we give God all  
the glory and praise!**

*Points of Praise!*  


We praise God for a fantastic Cele-  
bration Banquet (over 200 attend-  
ing including the Children's pro-  
gram) with excellent food, great  
music from the Bell Choir and our  
Praise Team, amazing testimonies  
and glory to God updates on all  
God is doing as we Pray It For-  
ward.

We praise God for the Prayer  
Visits! These were divine appoint-  
ments and this time helped  
Parkside people make valuable  
connections with God and with  
one another.

We are thankful to God for the  
generous giving to all Parkside  
funds in May with General Fund  
giving at Budget, Missions giving  
at twice the goal amount and  
Building Fund giving of over  
\$35,000 for the month.

We praise God that all the final  
touches were put on the portables  
and we are enjoying the new  
classrooms!

We praise God for our new mem-  
bers who gave their testimonies  
along with the Elders and wives.  
The new members are: John  
AseLINE, Tom & Laura Carr, Tom

& Rhonda Cope, Eric & Robin  
Fultz, Brian & Rachel LeBlanc,  
George & Chris Pultz and Rich &  
Deb Tapley. All Praise to God!!

Praise God for the AWANA Olym-  
pics night full of fun and fellow-  
ship, and that the AWANA Awards  
Night was a super evening of cele-  
brating our children and leaders.  
We had a packed house of parents  
and grandparents!

We thank God for an excellent  
work morning with the Mienh  
Church helping.

Praise God that we had wonderful  
attendance in our Disciplemaking  
classes.

Praise God for an excellent Small  
Group leaders meeting during  
May. There is a lot of solid shep-  
herding going on!

Praise God for the messages  
brought to us from Chaplain David  
May from the Tulare County Jail  
Ministry and from Pastor  
John.

Praise God for all  
those who took  
baby bottles for the

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| <p><b>1</b><br/>8:00 am &amp; 10:45 am<br/>Sunday Celebration<br/>9:30 am Disciple-<br/>making Classes</p> <p>5:30 pm College/<br/>Career<br/>6:00 pm Semi-Annual<br/>Business Meeting</p> <p>Virginia Davis<br/>Suzie Kistler</p> | <p><b>2</b><br/>7:00 pm Crossroads</p> <p>Lola Christie<br/>Rick Gregory</p>   | <p><b>3</b><br/>9:30 am Women's<br/>Morning Bible Study</p>                          | <p><b>4</b><br/>6:30 pm Men's Study</p>  | <p><b>5</b><br/>5:45 pm Praise Team<br/>7:00 pm Ignite</p> <p>Penny Clark</p>        | <p><b>6</b><br/>6:00 am Men's<br/>Morning Study</p> <p>Katie Anderson<br/>Darryl Rowan</p> | <p><b>7</b><br/>10:30 am &amp; 3:00 pm<br/>Parkside on KRDU Radio</p> <p>Lisa Glasgow<br/>James Markley</p> |
| <p><b>8</b><br/>8:00 am &amp; 10:45 am<br/>Sunday Celebration<br/>9:30 am Disciple-<br/>making Classes</p> <p>5:00 pm Administrative<br/>Board Meeting<br/>6:00 pm PHOP</p> <p>Kristen Pujol</p>                                   | <p><b>9</b><br/>7:00 pm Crossroads</p>   | <p><b>10</b><br/>9:30 am Women's<br/>Morning Bible Study</p>                         | <p><b>11</b><br/>6:30 pm Men's Study</p> <p>Nathan Miller</p>                                | <p><b>12</b><br/>5:45 pm Praise Team<br/>7:00 pm Ignite</p> <p>Josh Negron</p>       | <p><b>13</b><br/>6:00 am Men's<br/>Morning Study</p> <p>Calli Eggleston</p>                | <p><b>14</b><br/>10:30 am &amp; 3:00 pm<br/>Parkside on KRDU Radio</p>                                      |
| <p><b>15 Father's Day!</b><br/>8:00 am &amp; 10:45 am<br/>Sunday Celebration<br/>9:30 am Disciple-<br/>making Classes</p> <p>5:30 pm College/<br/>Career<br/>6:00 pm PHOP</p> <p>Ron Bechtel<br/>Brandon Harp</p>                  | <p><b>16</b><br/>9:30 am Alliance<br/>Women<br/>7:00 pm Crossroads</p> <p>Samantha Bechtel<br/>Walt Nimitz<br/>Pete Trowbridge</p> | <p><b>17</b><br/>9:30 am Women's<br/>Morning Bible Study</p> <p>Monty Montgomery</p> | <p><b>18</b><br/>6:30 pm Men's Study</p> <p>Dave Robles</p>                                  | <p><b>19</b><br/>5:45 pm Praise Team<br/>7:00 pm Ignite</p> <p>Jackie Villalobos</p> | <p><b>20</b><br/>6:00 am Men's<br/>Morning Study</p>                                       | <p><b>21</b><br/>10:30 am &amp; 3:00 pm<br/>Parkside on KRDU Radio</p>                                      |
| <p><b>22</b><br/>8:00 am &amp; 10:45 am<br/>Sunday Celebration<br/>9:30 am Disciple-<br/>making Classes</p> <p>5:30 pm College/<br/>Career<br/>6:00 pm PHOP</p> <p>Alex Morcom</p>   | <p><b>23</b><br/>6:30 pm Elders<br/>Meeting<br/>7:00 pm Crossroads</p> <p>Zachary Fatica</p>                                       | <p><b>24</b><br/>9:30 am Women's<br/>Morning Bible Study</p> <p>Robert Kennard</p>   | <p><b>25</b><br/>6:30 pm Men's Study</p> <p>Jim Prewitt<br/>Kelsie Thomas<br/>Pam Turner</p> | <p><b>26</b><br/>5:45 pm Praise Team<br/>7:00 pm Ignite</p> <p>Cameron Fatica</p>    | <p><b>27</b><br/>6:00 am Men's<br/>Morning Study</p>                                       | <p><b>28</b><br/>10:30 am &amp; 3:00 pm<br/>Parkside on KRDU Radio</p>                                      |
|  | <p><b>Children's Ministry Summer Camp at Sugar Pine<br/>June 22-28</b></p>   |  |  |  |  |   |
| <p><b>29</b><br/>8:00 am &amp; 10:45 am<br/>Sunday Celebration<br/>9:30 am Disciple-<br/>making Classes</p> <p>5:30 pm College/<br/>Career<br/>6:00 pm PHOP</p> <p>Nancy Kirk</p>  | <p><b>30</b><br/>7:00 pm Crossroads</p>  |  |  |  |  |   |



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*"Come, follow Me,  
and I will make you fishers of men."  
Jesus  
Matthew 4:19*

## Important Date to Note -

**July 3 - Fourth of July Celebration**



## ***IGNITE STUDENT MINISTRIES***

### ***CROSSROADS***

Monday Nights at 7 p.m. for Junior High

### ***IGNITE***

Thursday Nights at 7 p.m. for High School

For Info Call: 559-734-3775