

February 22, 2017

From the pastors' Heart & Soul

COMING UP

Wednesday, February 22
 5:30p Family Fellowship Supper
 and Activities

Friday, February 24
 11:00a Fun Food Friday: Senior Adults
 Lunch at The King's Kitchen
 5-7:00p Drop-in at Crystal and Brian
 Smyth's for New Members
 and their Deacons

Saturday, February 25
 PRBC Hosts Room in the Inn

Sunday, February 26
 9:30 Deacon Prayer
 Deacon of the Week: John Moseley
 9:45a Sunday School/
 Connection Groups
 11:00a Worship
 5:00p Christ-centered Yoga Class

Wednesday, March 1
 5:30p Family Fellowship Supper
 and Ash Wednesday service

Friday, March 3
 7:00p Young Adults' Meeting
 in Youth Building

Sunday, March 5
 9:30 Deacon Prayer
 Deacon of the Week: Ann Miles
 9:45a Sunday School/
 Connection Groups
 11:00a Worship
 5:00p Christ-centered Yoga Class

Save the Date: March 19
 Youth Italian Night
 Fundraiser and Auction

**Remembering
 Our Friends at Home**
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This past weekend was big for the Deans. Jackson's decade-old dream of playing Division I baseball was realized Saturday – on a big stage. The University of Alabama just spent \$41million in stadium renovations, and Jackson's first 22 collegiate pitches were hurled from the mound at "The Joe" in Tuscaloosa. The next day, crossing Bear Bryant Boulevard for a rare Sunday game (hope you were in church!), Amy's phone buzzed, and she screamed, "He got a contract! He got a contract!" The drivers along Bryant Blvd had no idea why a crazy woman was dancing in the road, but we have been waiting for months for this text. "Spirit of Atlanta" is one of 22 drum and bugle corps that crisscross the country competing in a very full, very competitive summer schedule. (Think of it as marching band ON STEROIDS.) With that contract, "B" will be wearing blue this summer – and we'll be a bit blue, too since our empty nest is going to begin three months early!

Then... the accolades and celebrations started pouring in. Since Facebook is the way we share stuff these days, Amy posted these events, and her phone still won't be quiet! I'm not bragging about our boys. Yes, we're proud of their accomplishments, but your kids are just as noteworthy. I'm bragging about you! And thanking you for your incredible support and love and the happiness we know you feel when we are happy. It's really an amazing thing to have so many of you sharing our good lives in such good ways. It's just one more reason I want to walk across Bear Bryant Boulevard (or Trade and Tryon), do a little jig of my own, and shout:

We've got a church! We've got a church!

Park Road is not perfect, but it's deeply good in the right places, for the right reasons. (You are most of those reasons!) We are truly grateful for you and for so many good leaders who keep this ship afloat. As we begin a new year, I want to celebrate some of them. Our Ministry Council is composed of five Ministry Area Coordinators, the Chairs of three Leadership Committees, and our Diaconate leadership. We meet monthly to handle any pressing business and to keep the church following the Mission and Vision you set during our last long-range vision process. This year's council is

Brian Smyth, Diaconate Chair

Ann Miles, Diaconate Vice-Chair

John Paris, Resources Ministry Area Coordinator

Hugh and Sara Ashcraft, PR Community Ministry Area Coordinators

Ann Marie and Barry Burke, Spiritual Development Ministry Area Coordinators

Sarah Grace Woolley, Communications Ministry Area Coordinator

Crystal Smyth, Missions Ministry Area Coordinator

Will Neeriemer, Personnel Committee Representative

Bob Clare, Administration Committee Representative

Tara Brittain, Child Development Center Committee Representative

It's going to be a good year for Presbyterian College baseball, for the Spirit of Atlanta, for Park Road Baptist Church – and for your pastors. We look forward to playing and praying and shouting with you!

Gratefully,



**Park Road Church
 is deeply good in
 the right places.**



**From the streets of Havana to
 Carlos Rojas . . .**

**The 2017 PRBC Cuba Team (L)
 Dan McClintock, Allie Blum,
 Linda Hefner, Patrick Brady and
 Peggy Pelton met the church's
 new pastor Mileydis Garcia Arias
 (R). She arrived in Carlos Rojas
 in July 2016.**





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Hopeful Stitches



A few ladies from the Needler's group put down their knitting and crochet needles and cranked up their sewing machines to make little pillowcase dresses for an orphanage in Haiti. They completed 15 dresses in just a few hours.

The Needlers started in 2004, and they have provided knitted prayer shawls for church members in crisis.

They welcome anyone to join this fun group. Call Sylvia Garrett for details at 704-366-8166. They can teach you to knit!

(Re)Defining Community
February 26: An Effective Community
2 Peter 1:3-15, 16-21:
You will do well to be attentive...

Men's Study for Lent

All men at Park Road are invited to join Russ in studying a new devotional guide by Walter Brueggemann, called "A Way Other Than Our Own." The book provides a one or two page devotional reading for each day of Lent (Mar. 1 – April 16). He has arranged a meeting place for lunch on every Wednesday of this season. We'll enjoy fellowship together, and Russ will have a brief word to share during each of these lunch sessions. The private dining room is reserved at the Charlotte Café for March 1 – and Russ has FREE BOOKS for the first 10 men to sign up. Email: russ@parkroadbaptist.org.

Sedgefield Fifth Graders' Trip

The 5th graders at Sedgefield will be traveling to Washington, D.C. again this year on April 4-6, and our own Harper Fox will accompany them as a chaperone! In addition to seeing the sights in our nation's capital, they will also visit the National Museum of African American History. The cost of the trip is \$350 per student. Of the required total budget of \$17,500, the school has raised about \$10,000 to date. If you would like to donate to enable a child to enjoy this wonderful experience, please make checks payable to Park Road Baptist and designate "Sedgefield D.C. Trip" on the memo line. Thank you for your support!

Bid, Eat, Celebrate!



Youth Italian Night Fundraiser and Auction March 19

Join us for another night of fun, fellowship, great food and entertainment on March 19 to support the Park Road Youth Group's summer mission trip to West Virginia. Doors will open at 4:30p, and dinner will be served at 5. You can sign up and pay on Sundays and Wednesdays beginning February 26. Adults/Youth \$10, Senior Adults/Children \$5, Children under 2 are free. Thank you for your support!

-Joey Haynes, Park Road Baptist Church Youth Coordinator

LGBTQ and Allies (intentionally supportive friends and family):

Please join us for lunch at 12:30p March 19 in the Cantina 1511 party room at Park Road Shopping Center (Everyone covers his own tab!). There will be no agenda for this first gathering, other than getting to know each other, breaking bread together and enjoying an open and supportive atmosphere.

Curt and Janie Frueh