

November 1, 2017

*From a pastor's Heart & Soul*

## COMING UP



Dinner: 5:30p; Children, Youth, and Adult Programs 6:30p;  
 Choir Rehearsal 7:30p  
**Call for reservations by TUESDAY.**

### Thursday, November 2

7:00a Men's Study,  
 Charlotte Café, Arboretum

### Saturday, November 4

CLOCKS BACK ONE HOUR

### Sunday, November 5

11:00a All Saints' Day  
 Reading of Names in Columbarium  
 following worship

### Tuesday, November 7

10:00a Coffee & Kibitz Bible Study

### Sunday, November 12

Mikah Meyer, countertenor

### Remembering in Prayer

Mary McGowan, CMC Main

### Remembering Our Friends at Home

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You can reach our new Administrative Assistant, Joyce Williams:  
[joyce@parkroadbaptist.org](mailto:joyce@parkroadbaptist.org).

Welcome to our newest members,  
 Manny and Karen Meideros.



Another fun fall festival...  
 more treats than tricks!

I was the Associate Pastor of a large church in Birmingham before coming to Park Road. I learned a lot from my pastor there — some things that I wanted to try to emulate and some things that I wanted to try to do differently when I became a pastor. I used to hear Jim, the pastor, jokingly say when people asked him how long he was going to work, that he measured his time before retirement in “number of Deacons’ meetings” he had left to attend, or in terms of “how many more church budgets I’ll have to endure.” I understand the humor, but our Deacons’ meetings have never been a source of frustration or conflict, and though the budgeting process does require a good bit of work, I don’t face this time of the year with a begrudging dread.

**Having said that, I want to ask you to help us make this year’s process painless.**

The breakdown of the 2018 Annual Ministry Plan is printed below. This comes to you from our AMP Task Force, headed by Greg Heaton, and with the affirmation of our Deacons and a recommendation from our Ministry Council. It’s a **Ministry Plan, not a “budget,”** because the numbers represent ministry (in our church community) and missions (beyond our walls), that really do change lives. **This process is not about money. It is about stewardship** — learning to be stewards of our resources as we listen to what we believe God is calling us to do on our campus and beyond.

The proposed AMP represents a 2.3% increase over 2017 and includes a recommended increase for all church staff. (Thank you.) According to the terms of the Helms Mission Endowment, in order to access those funds our Missions budget must increase each year, until reaching 10%. The Missions Budget is recommended at 8.69%, compared to 8.6% this year.

#### Proposed Annual Ministry Plan, 2018

1. Spiritual Development Ministry Area: \$20,250  
 (includes worship and all areas of education)
  2. PRBC Community Ministry Area: \$4,200
  3. Communication Ministry Area: \$3,700
  4. Resources Ministry Area: \$558,850  
 (includes administration and maintenance – \$171,200  
 and personnel – \$387,650)
  5. Missions Ministry Area: \$51,000
- TOTAL: \$638,000 (2.28% increase)**

**You can make this process painless for us all by being aware of this schedule and making your pledge BY NOVEMBER 19.**

November 12 – Sunday morning discussion of AMP, 9:45a, Community Center Foyer

November 15 – Wednesday night presentation/discussion of AMP, 6:30p

**November 19 – Commitment Sunday – please bring pledge cards to worship**

We would like to FINISH the pledge campaign BEFORE Advent begins.

Pledge packets will be mailed this week. Please prayerfully consider what you should give. If you will make your commitment BY NOVEMBER 19, I will have lived through “one more church budget” – without counting the days to my retirement!

Thank you for being found faithful.

*Tracy*

**Another Fun Food Friday** — Captain Steve’s Fish Camp, Fort Mill. 11:00a-2:00p. Call the office to sign up.





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All Aboard... Last week's Fun Food Friday was a delightful excursion on the Smoky Mountain Railroad.



**Thank You, Thank You, Thank You!** — You responded so well to several recent opportunities. Our September Mission Offering raised \$3,040 for Hurricane Harvey victims, and we are sending \$980 to Cuba to assist several Baptist Fraternity churches that were affected by hurricanes there. Our October Mission Offering raised \$1,578 for hunger relief efforts, here and around the world. Thank you for your generosity!

**Looking for New Team Members** — Two of our Teams need some new faces, new workers, and new creativity.

**CCC – Caring Church Companions Team** is a group of people who rarely need to meet, but their work is so important. This team stays in touch with people who perhaps can no longer actually come to church. As people age, the one constant in their life – The Church – is often what is most missed when they can't be as active as they once were in the life of the church. This team makes phone calls and sends cards and makes visits to those who are in need of a little more TLC from their church family. You do not have to have known these folks before. Any contact from their church is always a welcomed contact. Would you consider being a part of this extended Pastoral Care effort?

**Children's Ministry Team** – As Amy begins to take this ministry as a part of her work, she could use some help with ideas, implementation, and chaperones. After polling parents of children, we are looking at ways to better serve our families. What do we add? What do we maintain? How can we enhance what is being offered for our children and their families that will help everyone feel more connected to one another and to God? Would you be willing to serve with Amy to think creatively and assist in being a part of the Children's Ministry at Park Road?

If you are interested, please contact Amy:  
([amy@parkroadbaptist.org](mailto:amy@parkroadbaptist.org))!

**Legacy Week 2017** — As we shivered last Sunday to dedicate The Legacy Garden, I was warmed by my memories of all of those dear folks who had remembered our church in their wills. There was only one I did not know, but I concluded that his gift was reflective of his love for Park Road too. Years ago I heard, from our Stewardship Team, the idea about people including their church in their wills. When drafting my own will about seven years ago, I made sure to remember a gift to my church because of my love and gratitude for this place. As I started thinking about that one man whom I didn't know, it occurred to me that maybe one day, a 53 year Alex or Ben or Kate will remember me and will know I gave an estate gift because of my love for Park Road, and at the same time, like the man I didn't know, someone who didn't know me just might also conclude, "I'm sure her gift was reflective of her love for Park Road."

— Wendy Watson

A Special 102nd Birthday Gift for our Special Ober Pauley—The youth raked and bagged her fallen leaves.



**Cuba Mission Trip in March 2018** —

Would you like to be a part of our team traveling to Carlos Rojas next spring? Please consider joining us as we go to encourage and support our friends in Cuba. The Cuban application process can be time-consuming so we need to assemble our team by December 1. At the request of the Cuban pastor, we plan to go on a March weekend. If you have questions, please contact Dan. On Sunday, November 12 there will be an information session following worship.

