

July 25, 2018

From the pastors' Heart & Soul

COMING UP

July 23-28

Unidiversity Youth Camp
 University of TN

August 4

Intergenerational Game Night
 6:00-8:00p

August 11

Men's Shelter Lunch
 9:30a Community Center

August 19

Knights Baseball Game
 5:00p

Friends at Home

Jean Messick
 5800 Olde Providence Road
 #5710C
 Charlotte, N. C. 28226
 704-366-0783

In the Hospital

Scott Bengel
 CMC ICU
 Cards and letters mailed to:
 4625 Piedmont Row Dr. Unit 515
 Charlotte, NC 28210

**There will be NO NEWSLETTER
 the week of August 1st.**

SAVE THE DATE!

October 12-14

A Retreat for Couples

Many more details to come, but here is the theme of the Retreat: "Four Foundations of a Lasting Relationship".

Set the weekend aside now!

Financial Update

As of our June 30 financial statements, we are running about \$11,000 in the red. Our budget is \$12,000 under spent, but we are \$23,000 behind in pledges year-to-date. Summer is an understandably slow season, but it is also an extremely active time, especially with programs for children and youth. If you are behind in your personal giving, please take this opportunity to catch up.

On June 17, 2018, a Called Church Conference was held to vote on Park Road's affiliation with the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship. After many weeks of discussions, a motion was brought forth at the Conference that reads as follows: "Park Road Baptist Church will sever all ties with the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, no later than September 1, 2018, with the stipulation that our Ministry Council has the responsibility and authority to complete this process by that date."

Members of the congregation made comments in support of the motion. No one made comments opposing the motion, and the motion carried with no spoken opposition. Below is the letter that was sent to the CBF this week.

Cooperative Baptist Fellowship
 Attn: Executive Director, Suzii Paynter
 160 Clairemont Avenue, Suite 500
 Decatur, GA 30030

July 24, 2018

Dear Ms. Paynter:

This letter is to serve as notice that Park Road Baptist Church will no longer be affiliated with the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship. After many years as an affiliated church, we have decided that we can no longer maintain our affiliation after the CBF recently published its new hiring policy and, more importantly, its Implementation Procedure. We recognize that many affiliated churches have also decided to leave the CBF for very different reasons, but we can no longer, in good conscience, remain with the CBF while it continues to discriminate against persons who identify as LGBT. While some aspects of the language of the CBF's hiring policy appear to be moving in the right direction (i.e. welcoming of all persons), the Implementation Procedure makes explicit its intent to discriminate from hiring for leadership positions anyone who identifies as LGBT.

After reviewing these policies and much discussion our congregation voted unanimously at a church conference on June 17 to sever our affiliation with the CBF.

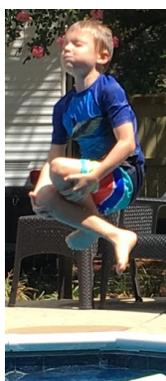
Our action should not come as a surprise. In 2003, a subcommittee of Park Road Baptist Deacons reviewed all of our church's affiliations. After a thorough review that year, the subcommittee recommended that we maintain our affiliation with the CBF but cited the significant differences we had regarding CBF's hiring and funding policies and noted that we may sever our affiliation at some future date if these policies did not change. Unfortunately, the recent updated policies of the CBF, as a result of its "Illumination Project," did not change, and our congregation felt compelled to act.

This action is regrettable. We at Park Road Baptist Church welcome as full participants all who wish to join in our convictions and fellowship, which we believe in all faith and earnestness is in keeping with the mind of Christ. We firmly believe that the arc of history is bending towards this vision, though it appears that many of our Baptist kindred do not wish to hasten its arrival. Nevertheless, we continue to bear the Baptist name, recognizing and relying on our historic principles of individual freedom and corporate autonomy for which many of our forbears died. We will continue to be Baptist in the best sense of the word and will continue to offer the welcome and embrace of a God of unconditional love, which we understand through the person of Jesus Christ.

Sincerely,

The Members of Park Road Baptist Church

Children's Pool Day—What Fun!





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Here is our preaching schedule for the rest of the summer:

July 29 – Dan McClintock

How to Make a Difference! What Does It Mean to Be a Servant of God and to Others?

August 5 – Amy Jacks Dean

Is Jesus the Only Way?

August 12 – Russ Dean

Whatever You Ask in Prayer, You Will Receive. Really?
(Matthew 21.22)

August 19 – Amy Jacks Dean

Noah's Ark and Other Floods in Our Lives

Worship: 10:00a, Sanctuary

Talkback: 11:00a, Adults (Community Center)

Youth (Youth Building)

Children's Sunday School (Children's Building)

Fun Food Friday—Whitewater Center

And as always—a fun time was had by all! The food was delicious. The company, of course, was the best. And the surrounding adventures made for an entertaining afternoon.

Don't worry, no one hit the rapids!



Men's Shelter Lunch: Saturday, August 11



Once again, we will prepare 150 bag lunches, including 300 sandwiches for our friends at the shelter. Your response to the call for help in

April and June was tremendous with about 30 people volunteering each time, enabling us to complete the work quickly. We need you again on Saturday, August 11 at 9:30a in the Community Center! Thank you!

Music Filled Our Campus

We enjoyed a lot of wonderful music as the Community School of the Arts Strings Orchestra Camp and Suzuki Violin Camp serenaded us with their music last week. This week we will host the Concert Band and Jazz Band Camps.



Intergenerational Game Night: Saturday, August 4, 6-8p.

We've invited our Burmese friends to join us for an evening of fun and games. If you've been looking for an opportunity to get better acquainted with our Burmese partner congregation, come and join us. There will be light refreshments (popcorn, drinks, and cookies) and plenty of fun for all ages!

