

# Parkway Newsletter

## August 17, 2023



Parkway  
Presbyterian Church



**11th Sunday after Pentecost**  
**August 20, 2023 10:30 am in the Sanctuary**  
**Leading Worship - Kelly Couch**  
In Person or on Zoom. [Click here](#) for the bulletin.

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[Zoom Worship](#) Meeting ID: 897 3980 1841  
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(Ford J. Dieth will be leading us in Worship on August 27.)

Many thanks to the team of **Patsy Green, Cheryl Bradley, Sigrid Cochran and Sandy McGeehan** who cleaned out the pews and pew racks, added hymnals throughout the sanctuary, and tried to make the Sanctuary look and feel cleaner! There is still much work to do all over the building, but it's a start! Let these ladies know if you want to help out with this worthy endeavor!! Also, if you see trash, please pick it up. The children in the other church that worships in the Sanctuary sometime leave wrappers or even bottles behind. Let's all be sure we take our own bulletins or papers with us as we leave. After all, it is God's House and our precious church home.

This beautiful arrangement is from **Ginny Dabbs** in loving memory of her beloved Walt and was designed by **Corey at Perino's**.



## Join us for Sunday School! "The Chosen"

The past few weeks, we began watching and discussing Episode 1 of the TV series, **The Chosen**. It is the story, based on scripture and constantly critiqued by a learned Protestant clergyman, a most knowledgeable Priest, and a Rabbi who is a scholar on Jewish history and the Torah. The three of them must approve all scenes in all episodes shot, beginning with the initial scripts by Dallas Jenkins. We hope many of you will join us at 9:15 in the Conference Room, where you can get coffee or juice and maybe a refreshment. For now, we will begin promptly at 9:30 with the airing of the morning's episode.



## Prayer Requests

from Week of August 13, 2023

*"And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people." Ephesians 6:18*

### PRAYER REQUESTS

#### Ongoing Requests for Prayer with Additions and Updates weekly

- **Prayers for Ginny Dabbs** as she grieves the loss of Walt. Travel mercies for the extended Dabbs family as they return to their homes across the country.
- Prayers for **Nancy Holland and her family** as they grieve the passing of baby Amelia. Continued prayers for **Hillary**, Amelia's mom, as she continues to fight for her health.
- Thanksgiving that **Nancy Miquet** is out of isolation and has recovered from Covid. She is happy to be back in her own room at Metairie Health Center and hopes to join us at church very soon!! Prayers that John does not work too hard in this brutal heat!!
- **Prayers for the victims of fire in Mississippi and in Maui, Hawaii.**
- God be with those who have **lost everything materially** and help them to "start over." For those whose **family or friends have perished**, we ask God to give them Comfort and Peace.
- **Prayers for an end to this brutal heat, and special prayers for those who are homeless or live without A.C. and for those who must work outside.** May we all be very careful because this heat can be deadly.
- **Prayers for a strong America** to lead the world instead of fighting among ourselves. May the upcoming debates and primaries be respectful and informative and our Democratic Process return to civility and truthfulness.
- Prayers for **teachers and students as a new school year begins**, especially **Cathy Dupuy, Lauren Crochet, Andrea Koch, Dale Norris, and Excel with their precious little ones**, 6 weeks-4yrs. May their year be peaceful and successful. Prayers for **school safety** across our Nation.
- Continuing prayers for **Laurie Cummings** who has severe pain in her right shoulder, neck, down her arm, and into her hand. Her right hand is swelling and red, and she is unable to use it productively. Prayers needed for relief from her pain and symptoms. The procedure to deaden those nerves will be August 25. Pray for a successful outcome.
- Continued prayers of comfort for **Linette Pourciau** for the continuing severe pain in her knees. She is receiving very little relief since getting the stimulator. This is frustrating and the pain continues.
- Prayers for **Pat Slater** as she struggles with her health and is isolated at home because of the brutal heat. Her Parkway family cares so much for her, and God cares even more! **Prayers of resolution** for the things in her life that cause her to worry.
- **Prayers for children** who are kidnapped and sold, abused, abandoned, hungry, homeless, or feel unloved or all alone. May God wrap His arms around these children who don't deserve what is happening to them.

- Prayers for our **Pastor Nominating Committee**, that they will make decisions according to God's Will. Prayers that we will be patient and "Wait on the Lord." **Thank you Courtney, Karen, Reid, Dale, and Patsy**. We know how hard you are working. You are appreciated.
- Prayers for the **Session** as they work for Parkway's Finances, Property, Christian Education, Personnel & Operations, Missions, and Congregational Care & Outreach.
- Prayers for **all our Parkway Family**, wherever they are, and may each of us feel a special relationship to our Lord and pray fervently for one another. Special prayers for **those in "Reach Out"** and for **those who are mourning** the loss of a spouse or loved one.
- **From New Orleans and across the globe**, there is hatred, prejudice, indifference, violence, pride, and disrespect. **Prayers for Peace, within our hearts and between our fellow citizens of this planet**, both locally and throughout the world. May Christians spread the love of Jesus so that His Love overcomes all faces of evil.
- **Our Father, may people who have turned away from You and Your Word return to You.**

### Prayer Requests for the Week of August 13

- **Chelsea, Julia Switzer's granddaughter**, suffered 2nd degree burns on her chest while pouring water into the sink. She is responding well to the medical care she is receiving. **Krista** (Chelsea's mom) is helping Chelsea out with her son. Prayers also for **Julia** as she is still out of town and can't be there for Chelsea.
- **Sandy McGeehan**: Prayers for **Joyce Dean's** procedure Monday morning to remove a Sebaceous cyst from her back. Prayers for speedy healing. **(UPDATE: Joyce's procedure went well. Thanksgiving!)** Special prayers for our granddaughters **Riley Hayes Ellefson** who begins LSU Nursing School on Monday and **Reese Ellefson** who begins her senior year at Mandeville High School. May God bless them and keep them safe. Prayers for our son **Chip's** upcoming birthday on August 26. May God keep him close, safe, and happy during this birthday year! Travel mercies for **Chick and me** from Aug 26-September 3, and for all travelers, especially those moving students into their college dorms!!
- **Martha Bauman: Thanksgiving** for a great doctor's visit today. I am doing well but need to pace myself and not overdo! Prayers that my **dental visit** will also have a good outcome. Prayers for **Ellen Hawkins** who broke her arm and is having surgery on Monday, the 14<sup>th</sup>. Thanksgiving that **Elliott and Liz Bauman**, whom we have been praying for a long time, are taking a fun trip to the Mississippi Gulf Coast overnight. Prayers for my **friend M.E.** who is very very stressed. May God help console her and help her to be calmer, and may He help me to be stronger and able to help her and others.
- **Linette Pourciau**: Prayers for **Gerilynn**. Her baby was not connected properly to the umbilical cord and did not survive so it was delivered at 5 ½ months. Baby was only 11 ounces. We know this little one is now with Jesus. Prayers for the **parents, their 6 year old son, and the whole family** who mourn this loss. Prayers for **twin Cameron** who still will not eat except from his bottle. Prayers for my **son in law Michael** that he is able to remain healthy and strong as he takes on so much responsibility for Brooke and the 3 kids. Prayers that **Brooke** will be healthy and strong enough to help out more. Prayers for the horrible **pain in my knees**. The stimulator has not really helped. I know I may have to learn to live with this pain!



## Prayer 'n Share - Mondays at 10 am

Please join us. The telephone number is (720)740-9740. Then dial the access code when prompted: 528-8266.

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## August Birthdays!

Kim Sotolongo 2  
Andrea Koch 4  
Melissa Cooke 5  
Martha Bauman 6  
Cathy Dupuy 6  
Joycelyn Gorman 6  
Kay Zemmer 6  
Kathy Wilson 6

Marlene Cooke 8  
Tina Grieff 8  
George Bell 9  
Jay Stricker 22  
Sigrid Cochran 23  
AJ Seitz 25  
David Porter 25  
Margaret Stricker 28  
Thekla Hoag 29

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## Laurie's Devotional from Jesus Calling

by Sarah Young

God wants us to view each day as an Adventure. Each day, be attentive to God. Your day is precious if you are walking with Him. God asks us to Follow Him, spend our lives with Him, embrace the surprises He has for us. God lets us know that “**THE**

**BEST PLACE TO BE IS BY MY SIDE.**” His love for us is forever and He has made His light to shine on each of us. Spend everyday walking beside our Lord.

*Psalm 118: 1-7, 27-29* <sup>1</sup> Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever. <sup>2</sup> Let Israel say: “His love endures forever.” <sup>3</sup> Let the house of Aaron say: “His love endures forever.” <sup>4</sup> Let those who fear the Lord say: “His love endures forever.” When hard pressed, I cried to the Lord; he brought me into a spacious place. <sup>6</sup> The Lord is with me; I will not be afraid. What can mere mortals do to me? <sup>7</sup> The Lord is with me; he is my helper. I look in triumph on my enemies. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. From the house of the Lord we bless you. <sup>27</sup> The Lord is God, and he has made his light shine on us. With boughs in hand, join in the festal procession up to the horns of the altar. <sup>28</sup> You are my God, and I will praise you; you are my God, and I will exalt you. Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.

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## Tithes and Offerings

*Your generosity is a vital component of our ministry. Please consider prayerfully how God's blessings have enriched your life so that you may enrich the lives of others. One-time gifts, recurring gifts and annual pledges make mission and ministry possible.*



*"So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God."  
1 Corinthians 10:31*

In addition to the offerings collected during the Worship Service, you can also give in the following ways:

1. Online at <https://onrealm.org/ParkwayPresbyte/-/give/now>;
2. By setting up an automatic draft with your bank;
3. By mailing a check to 6200 Camphor St., Metairie, LA 70003



## Reach Out

*"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." John 13:34-35*

**David and Judy Hafford:** The Haffords are living in Nashville, TN, for now. Their children, Denise and Bruce, live in Nashville and are glad to be in the same town as their parents! If you would like to write Dave and/or Judy, contact the church office for their new address.

**Nan Cowan-Levy** is almost homebound because of her painful, debilitating arthritis, bursitis, and other issues. Please keep her in your prayers, give her a call, or drop her a line to let her know that her Parkway family loves and cares for her.

**Nancy Miquet** is at Metairie Health Care Center where she is getting much needed physical and occupational therapy. Please pray that God will give her strength and healing so that she can return one day to her active life! She would love to hear from her Parkway family. We need to encourage and support her hard work.

**Thekla Hoag** is now residing in "The Blake" on Jefferson Highway. She would love a call from you or a visit. Andrea and family have filled her new home with so many of her favorite things from her Northshore house. Thekla is pleased to be in a beautiful place with kind and loving staff and residents, and to be very near Andrea's school and home!

**Charles Calvert** needs our prayers. His precious wife, Ann, passed away October 28<sup>th</sup>, and we know how devastating that is for him and their daughter and the whole family. Sending a card to him will let Charles know that his Parkway family is praying for him and that we care for him. We ask God to be with Charles and the whole family and give them His Comfort and Peace during this difficult time.

**Beryl LaBruyere** moved to Ashville, NC. Contact the church office for her address.

**Myrna Grieff** is at Colonial Oaks. Myrna looks forward to having visitors again. She is very homesick and would enjoy visits or phone calls.

**Bill Weissborn** resides in the Southeast LA Veterans Home. He would love to hear from his Parkway family.

**Darrell Fink**, one of our charter members, hopes to be back at Parkway as health permits. You can let him know with a card or a note that we are thinking of him and praying for him.

**Sue Millar** is presently at Chateau Rehab, recovering from gall bladder surgery and mourning the loss of her son Bill.

**Evelyn Scarborough** a beloved part of our Parkway family, is having great difficulty with her eyes. She would love to hear from her Parkway family, but she is no longer able to read. Therefore, she asks that her dear friends call her to chat instead of sending cards. Calling between 10:00am--5:00pm is the best time for her to talk! She sends her love to all of us.

**Betty Bankston** She is now back at her residential home in Metairie. She is having physical therapy and working hard to heal and she can now receive visitors. What we can do is pray for this precious saint, that she feel God's arms around her and experience his comfort and peace.

**Joan Taylor** is living at home by herself, but her two sons really watch after her. Mark comes by each morning before work to help her get her day started and breakfast eaten; Kenny comes in the late afternoon to fix anything broken, make sure all is well, and watch her eat dinner. She says she is so blessed to have them and their wives. Sometimes it is hard for her to hear on the phone, but she would love to receive a card from her Parkway friends. Joan asks God each day for a clear mind, able feet, and strength. She hopes to get strong enough to return to church soon!

**Jim Seibold** (Bobbie Roos' son-in-law) and his family need continued prayers. Jim has been battling an undiagnosed illness for two years. He has been to numerous physicians and undergone batteries of tests, but no one has been able to correctly diagnose his condition. He has been given numerous drugs to combat the symptoms but nothing has helped. This has impacted his ability to work full time, resulting in financial worries. **Jim** is regressing rather than progressing. His wife **Robin**, is his main care-giver and is doing her best to support her husband and care for their two boys, **James and Robbie**. Please keep this dear family in your prayers. **Update:** Good news: **Jim** was able to sell his Sam's list of clients where he no longer maintains a vision exam practice. He maintains a practice at Walmart for half a day, 3 days a week.

**Patti and Leslie Evans.** **Patti**, our former longtime member, is battling health problems and needs our prayers. They would love to hear from their Parkway family and get the newsletter. Cards with a note would be a special treat. Contact the church office for their address.

*Think of any of our Parkway family you haven't seen since the Pandemic began in March 2020. If you are able, reach out by phone or a card. Let the office know if you get any news to share or just to let us know you were in touch. Each member of our Parkway family needs to be reminded they are loved by us and by God!*

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The session has pledged for Parkway to become a **Matthew 25 Church**.



The **Matthew 25** invitation focuses on **Matthew 25: 31-46**, the parable of the sheep and goats in which Jesus makes clear, that what we do matters to God and how we treat others is important to God.

The Presbyterian Church USA (PCUSA) is asking that by proclaiming to be a Matthew 25 church, congregations embrace one or more of the following three focuses:

- **Building congregational vitality**
- **Dismantling structural racism**
- **Eradicating systemic poverty**

### Parkway Calendar

<b>Saturday</b>	Women Sharing Hope AA Group	10:15 AM
	Christian Congregation in the US Worship	6:00 PM
	Helping Hands AA Group	6:00 PM
	Stick with the Winners AA Group	8:00 PM
<b>Sunday</b>	Parkway Sunday School	9:15 AM
	Parkway Sunday Worship	10:30 AM
	Parkway Sunday Hospitality	11:30 AM
	Narcotics Anonymous	12:00 PM
	Girls Scouts (every other Sunday)	2:00 PM
	Soldiers for God Ministry Worship	8:00 PM
	Iglesia des Prescencia Worship	6:00 PM
	<b>Monday</b>	Prayer 'n Share (339-207-8781)
	Helping Hands AA Group	6:00 PM
<b>Tuesday</b>	Helping Hands AA Group	6:00 PM
	Soldiers for God Ministry Bible Study	8:00 PM
<b>Wednesday</b>	Helping Hands AA Group	6:00 PM
	Airline Park AA Group	8:00 PM
	Soldiers for God Ministry Bible Study	8:00 PM
<b>Thursday</b>	Helping Hands AA Group	6:00 PM
<b>Friday</b>	Helping Hands AA Group	6:00 PM
	Alanon	7:00 PM
	Airline Park AA Group	8:00 PM



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