

# Parkman Congregational Church



18265 MADISON ROAD  
MIDDLEFIELD, OH 44062  
440-548-4829  
9:00AM SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:00AM  
FELLOWSHIP TIME  
10:30AM WORSHIP SERVICE  
REV. WILL COLEY, PASTOR  
PASTOR JAMES PAVLIC - CHURCH

Hello Parkman

***"None is righteous, no, not one; no one understands; no one seeks God. All have turned aside; together they have become worthless; no one does good, not even one."***  
Romans 3:10-12

Paul lets the gathering of believers in Rome know in chapter 1:15, ***"So I am eager to preach the gospel to you also who are in Rome."*** This is key for us to remember as we are walking through this letter. ***Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy Scriptures..."*** is eager to join with these brothers and sisters to teach them more and more about the gospel. This begs the question though, what is the gospel?

Think about it for a moment; what is the gospel? We know that the answer to this question; the gospel is the good news of Jesus' death and resurrection.

What we don't often think about though is why the good news of Jesus' death and resurrection is so good. This is why Paul opens up discussing the reality that all of man knows that God exists and yet mankind denies the truth of God because man is in rebellion and hates God. The ramification of this hate has led the Lord to give mankind up to dishonorable passions and to a debased mind. As we saw in the second half of Romans chapter 1, the evidence of this is all around the world in those who suppress and refuse to acknowledge the Lord. In Romans chapter 2, we saw how there are religious people out there who claim to be of the Lord but because they also show evidence of ones who have been given over to dishonorable passions and a debased mind, they also are under the Lord's wrath and will face eternal judgement.

For someone to truly grasp the gospel then, they have to realize that at their core they are lost and under the wrath of God for their rebellion which is evidenced in the fact that they have been given over to dishonorable passions and a debased mind. This is why Jesus makes it clear to Nicodemus in John chapter 3 that "you must be born again." Being born again, of the Spirit, is the only evidence of one who has fully grasped the reality of the gospel. We get a glance of the gospel in Ezekiel 36 where the Lord promises to draw in those who He has chosen – not because of anything in and of themselves – and for those He has chosen He is clear that He will put His Spirit in them causing them to desire to keep the commands and statutes of the Lord. This will cause the one who truly is His to realize their sin before and all Holy God and repent when they walk back into sin.

This is why as His children in Rome, Paul was excited to join them and teach them the gospel. As we grow in our knowledge of the Lord and what He came to do in a world that is in total rebellion to Him, understanding this reality is vital to understanding why the Lord commanded us to GO and make disciples. There is not a good person out there, as we see in our memory verses from Romans chapter 3. We all deserve the condemnation of the Lord for our rebellion. And yet, here is Jesus, the second person of the Trinity, who stepped down from His rightful place with the Father, as our true redeemer so that we could be seen as righteous before our heavenly Father.

Consider what Paul pens towards the end of chapter 3:

***For there is no distinction: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God – meaning we are all condemned on our own merit – and are justified by His grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation – the act of gaining or regaining favor or goodwill – by His blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in His divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. it was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.***

As we start transitioning in Romans 3 into the good news itself – as I've said, we have to ground ourselves into why the good news is good and we see why in Romans chapters 1 and 2 with no one being good – we will begin to see how amazing the work of our Lord and Savior is in redeeming those who are His from lives where the evidence of dishonorable passions and debased minds is so apparent. This is why instead of judging those of the world for their obviously sinful behaviors, we are called to go, knowing that God is faithful and he is just and the justifier of all who have faith in Jesus Christ.

We will see though, as we progress through the gospel in Romans this; ***How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!"*** (Romans 10:14-15)

When we realize that we – those of us who are His children – are called to go proclaiming the good news because some will hear it and start asking questions and actually believing; it is then that we get to join in and watch God do what only He can do – grant belief. And that is such a blessing to watch as God continues to draw in His children and His kingdom goes forth.

Hopefully Romans chapter 3 will encourage you to start walking in the reality of being a child of God who has been justified by faith alone, allowing you to rest in the good news and not worry about the ways of the world. God is the one who is and always has done the work.

God Bless

Pastor Will

## **MONTHLY MEALS FOR MISSIONS**

All proceeds go to the mission work of Parkman Congregational Church

### **September 17— Roast Beef Dinner**

October 15 — Chicken Paprikash

November 19 — Swiss Steak Dinner

**\$12.00 - Drive Thru - Carry out**

**Serving 5:00 - 7:00 pm at**

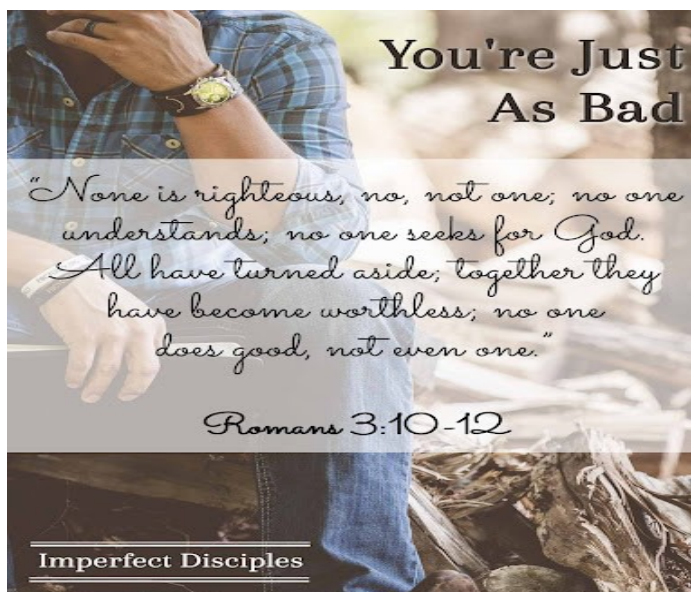
**PARKMAN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**

**18265 Madison Road (Parkman Township)**

**Middlefield, Oh 44062**



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## SERMON SERIES

Romans: Helping the Gentiles understand God better.

9/5 - Romans 3:1-8	God's Righteousness
9/12 - Romans 3:9-20	No One Does Good, Not One!
9/19 - Romans 3:21-31	All have sinned and fall short...
9/26 - John 6:22-40	Romans 3 application - the Work of God is that you believe

**DID  
YOU?  
KNOW**

If it seemed an exaggeration for Paul to say that no one seeks God, it will certainly appear outrageous for him to claim that “no one does good” (Romans 3:12).

Now, how can Paul say this? After all, many non-Christians do many good things, using their talents and wealth in ways which are kind and generous and which make the world a better place. And the Lord Jesus himself commanded us to do “good works” (Matthew 5:16).

But we need to remember what kind of “goodness” Paul is talking about here. His focus is on our relationship to God, and whether our good deeds can fix that broken relationship; whether they can establish a righteousness of our own. The teaching is that, ultimately, our good deeds cannot do anything to get us saved. In fact, they can leave us further from, not closer to, righteousness.

The Bible sees a truly good deed as being good in form *and* in motive. For example, if you help an old lady cross the street, that is good in form; it conforms to God’s will for our behavior. But *why* are you helping her? If it is because it is dark on the other side and you will be able to rob her; or (less extreme, and more likely) it is because you are hoping she will give you some money in gratitude; or because you have seen a friend further down the street who you know will notice and be impressed – then your good work arises from a selfish heart and selfish motives. But a good deed in God’s sight is one done for his glory, not our own (1 Corinthians 10:31).

Timothy Keller “Romans For You.”

## FINANCE

### Our Tithes and Gifts

Thank you for your tithes and gifts to all of the ministries of Parkman Congregational Church. Don't forget to take advantage of our secure online giving.

2021 Budget    \$140,430.00    Needed Monthly    \$11,702.50

1/1/2021 – 9/1/2021	Budgeted (to date)	Actual (incoming)	Difference
2021 Budget	\$93,333.33	\$74,882.40	-\$18,450.93



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NOT God's vision for our church  
BUT our church for God's Vision*



The Leadership meeting was held on 8/2/2021 in the Sanctuary with the following present: Alison Oliver, Connie Cz, Laurie Hauser, Frank Bosak, Jim Toth, Rebecca Hostetler and Mary Mitchell. Frank Bosak opened in prayer.

**Treasurer** – as of 7/30/2021 checking balance is \$26.67 and savings balance is \$722.10.

**Missions** –Total donated to the Mission Fun for July of 2021 was \$567.00. We were able to provide school supplies to 50 kids K-8 at Cardinal with help from the families and we also provide school supplies to all the families in our church totaling around 60 kids. The new executive secretary at Cardinal is Joann Lightman. Once she gets settled in Denise Toth will scheduled a meeting to coordinate the next steps. The Health Department has been helpful and encouraging and open to help.

**Trustees** – A second work day is scheduled for October 2<sup>nd</sup> at 9:00am. The counter top needs to be installed in the sound room.

**Christian Ed** – “But 1<sup>st</sup> Coffee” will resume this winter. We need more volunteers. We would like 3 people each Sunday to assist. We have different age groups now; Babies, toddlers and older children and could use more help. For a trial period we are looking for a Male teacher 1 time a month to lead our pre-teen boys & girls. Touch a truck is 9/11/21 from 10am-1pm. We will not be doing a Trunk or Treat event this year, instead it will be a Fall Fest on October 16<sup>th</sup> with more of a fall theme vs trick or treat. Also, they are in need of individually pre-packaged snacks for the kids; crackers, chips, cookies and small water bottles.

**Ushers/Greeters** – looking for volunteers to help with greeting. Greeter’s will open the doors and welcome everyone.

**Social/Women’s Fellowship** –August 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm will be dinner night out. The whole church is invited and it will be at Fat Daddys in Burton on the circle. August 22<sup>nd</sup> we will have outdoor worship and a potluck. Women’s Fellowship will meet September 13<sup>th</sup> 7pm in the social hall.

**Prayer Ministry** – continuing to pray.

**Stephen Ministry** – Continuing education and meeting once a month.

**Elders** – NOT God’s plan for my life, BUT my life for God’s Plan. NOT God’s vision for our church, BUT our church for God’s vision. Will be following the CDC guidelines with Covid19 Delta variant becoming more prominent. The elders are not leading the mission with Cardinal but they are assisting and helping move in the right direction.

**Pastor Report** – James has been preaching in Genesis and teaching the “J Curve” in Sunday school. Will and family will be back and Will is going to preach on August 22<sup>nd</sup>. We are doing weekly communion and we offer open communion.

**Old Business** -n/a

**New Business-**

8/2/21-Deacons meeting 7pm

8/9/21- Dinner night out at Fat Daddys in Burton

8/22/21-Outdoor worship & potluck

The next meeting will be September 7<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.

Jim Toth closed in prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Alison Oliver, Clerk



## LONG TERM ILLNESS PRAYER LIST

### Parkman Congregational Church Long Term Prayer Requests:

**Please keep these loved ones in your prayers:**

*Dan Patterson, Roger Komandt, Jr., Vickie Salyer, Matt Hering, Phyllis Thomas, Irene Peairs, Kay Hanus, Stephanie Ogrinc, Mason Murray, Georgia Hatten, Dan Hatten, Diane Pettey, Debbie H., Ruth Kirk, Dawn E., Chris Reese, Mark Hedde, Rena, David A., Velma Vort, Lorenz Mayer, Juanita Barringer, Grace Pryor, Louise Glassburner, Pat Mitchell, Nathan Brown, August Spizeli, Roseman Lester, Mara Pleva, Linn, Suzanne, Bernice Wells, Judy, Richard and Bev Gates, Judy.*



**Velma Vort - Room #206**

**Briar Hill Health Care** - 15950 Pierce Street - P.O. Box 277 - Middlefield 44062  
**440-632-5241**

**Kay Hanus**

**The Garden at Liberty Park** - 9975 Green Tree Pkwy - Streetsboro 44241  
**330-342-9100**



### **SEPTEMBER**

2nd - Tom & Jan Gotham ♥

11th - Wyatt Hostetler

17th - Cody & Crystal Kick ♥

22nd - Tom Gotham

## Calendar of Events ~ SEPTEMBER, 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		Scripture of the Month <i>"None is righteous, no, not one; no one understands; no one seeks God. All have turned aside; together they have become worthless; no one does good, not even one." Romans 3:10-12</i>	1	2 Great Geauga County Fair, 8/2 - 8/6	3	4 AA, 8:30 pm
5 Communion 9:00 - Sunday School 10:00 - Fellowship Time 10:30 - Worship Service	6 Labor Day	7 Leadership Meeting 7:00 pm	8	9	10	11 Patriot Day AA, 8:30 pm
12 Communion 9:00 - Sunday School 10:00 - Fellowship Time 10:30 - Worship Service	13 Women's Fellowship, 7:00pm -Social Hall Elder's, 7:00 pm	14	15	16	17 Mission Meal, 5-7pm Roast Beef	18 Touch a Truck, 10:00 - 1:00 pm AA, 8:30 pm
19 Communion 9:00 - Sunday School 10:00 - Fellowship Time 10:30 - Worship Service	20	21	22 <i>Autumn Begins</i>	23	24	25 AA, 8:30 pm
26 Communion 9:00 - Sunday School 10:00 - Fellowship Time 10:30 - Worship Service Social Hall Reserved, 2:00	27 Elder's, 7:00 pm	28	29	30		

## Calendar of Events ~ OCTOBER, 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 CHURCH WORK DAY 9:00 A.M.
<b>3</b> Communion 9:00 - Sunday School 10:00 - Fellowship Time 10:30 - Worship Service	<b>4</b> Leadership Meeting, 7pm	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> AA, 8:30 pm
<b>10</b> Communion 9:00 - Sunday School 10:00 - Fellowship Time 10:30 - Worship Service	<b>11</b> <i>Columbus Day</i> Elder's, 7:00 pm Women's Fellowship, 7pm	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Missions Meal, 5-7pm Chicken Paprikash	<b>16</b> FALL FEST AA, 8:30 pm
<b>17</b> Communion 9:00 am - Sunday School 10:00 am - Fellowship Time	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> AA, 8:30 pm
<b>24</b> Communion 9:00 - Sunday School 10:00 - Fellowship Time 10:30 - Worship Service	<b>25</b> Elder's Meeting, 7:00 pm	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> AA, 8:30 pm
<b>31</b> 9:00 - Sunday School						