

PARKSIDE NEWS

Love God. Love People. Help Others Do The Same.

CURRENT TEACHING SERIES



In Matthew 9:35-39 Jesus tells his disciples that there is a harvest waiting to be brought in, but the workers are few. He asks them to pray that God would send workers out to bring in the harvest. At Parkside we want to be God's workers in the harvest. It doesn't matter who plants the seed or who waters it. God is the one doing the miraculous work of making things grow. All of us need to be using our time, talent and treasures generously so that God's harvest, His Church, grows in our community.

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QUICK CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER

- 5 | Labor Day | Office Closed
- 7 | First Wednesday Worship
- 10 | Living Intentionally Conference
- 10 | Strides for Hope 5K
- 11 | Rooted Groups Begin
- 16-17 | Women's Retreat
- 19 | Princesses Ballet Begins
- 23-24 | Help Build Hope
- 25 | Coat/Blanket Drive Begins

OCTOBER

- 6 | Grace Group Begins
- 14-16 | Student Ministry Campout
- 21-23 | Couples Campout

SUNDAY SERVICE TIMES

In-Person: 9:30a & 11a
Online: 9:30a (via the Parkside Facebook page)



PARKSIDE OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday
9a-4p

Need in the building outside of those hours? Call ahead to make arrangements: 513.231.9482

PARKSIDE SPOTLIGHT

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LETTER FROM MATT ROBINSON, LEAD MINISTER

Hey Parkside,

I honestly cannot believe September is here. Summer always flies by and it did this year, too. I am so eager and excited about what I think God has in store for Parkside this Fall.

This September, we will be reminding ourselves what it means as a church family to Live Generously. Throughout the month, we will be talking about how God wants us to use all our time, talents, and treasure to share His goodness and light with our community.

I am overwhelmed as I look back on the previous year of our church life. Your generosity has impacted our neighborhoods, our country, and our world. I can't wait to see how God will grow us to be even more generous followers of Jesus.

Please begin praying, "God where do you want me to serve? God how should I spend my time? God what is the best use of my money."

God loved us so much that he pulled out all the stops and sent his Son Jesus to redeem us. What are we willing to do to help God redeem those around us?

My prayer is that we would always be up for the opportunities and adventures God has set before us. Let's continue to plant and water seeds and trust that God will make them grow (1 Corinthians 3:7). There is a harvest all around us. We just need to get to work (Matthew 9:35-38).

In Christ,
Matt Robinson



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Women's Retreat

September 16-17 • Higher Grounds

Registration deadline is Sunday, September 4
Parkside's Women's Retreat is happening soon! Join us at the Higher Ground Conference & Retreat Center in West Harrison, IN. The retreat begins at 5:00 pm on Friday and will end around 3:15 pm on Saturday afternoon. Robin Josefczyk will be our guest speaker. The cost is \$85 and includes overnight lodging, all meals, and all activities. Register in the lobby on Sunday mornings, email parksidecareteam@gmail.com to request a registration form, or contact Kim McBeath or Teresa Youngstrom.

Parkside Princesses Ballet Beginning September 19

Registration for Princesses Ballet is now open (some ages are beginning a waitlist). Offered by City Gospel Mission, Princesses Ballet is a free, faith based program specifically created to provide ballet training to girls in our community. For ages 4 years old through 7th grade. Click [here](#) or more information or to register.

Strides for Hope 5K September 10 • 9a-12p

Join the Parkside Christian Church team to either walk, run, and/or financially support one of Parkside's Local Mission Partners, Life Forward Pregnancy Center. Click [here](#) to join the Parkside team, or support one of Parkside's team members! Hope to see you there! Questions can be directed to bridget_phillips@hotmail.com

Room Requests

If you need to reserve a room at Parkside for a lifegroup meeting, please go to the Resources tab on Church Community Builder (or click [here](#)). Fall events will soon be here and we need to ensure all events are on the calendar.

FIRST WEDNESDAY WORSHIP

September 7 • 10:30a

Join us Wednesday, September 7th, at 10:30 a.m. in the Worship Center. This midweek, once a month, worship opportunity is open to everyone. We blend familiar worship songs from the past and present. Tom Gaiser, presents an inspiring message from God's Word. Experience First Wednesday Worship in person or on the Parkside Facebook Page.

Contact *Shepherding Minister Randy Shivers* or *Worship Minister Jake Farrell* with any questions.
Randy.Shivers@parksidechristian.com
Jake@parksidechristian.com

Eastern KY Flood Relief September 25 - October 16

Join Parkside in helping families and The Happy Church Ministries in Eastern KY, who were severely impacted by flooding. Here are some ways you can help

- * Donate nonperishable foods, toilet paper/paper towels, diapers/baby food/baby formula, blankets
 - * Adopt a family in need - Help provide family specific items
 - * Help deliver food & resources
 - * Volunteer for a Parkside work team that will help with the rebuilding efforts
 - * Financial aid - Write a check to Parkside Christian Church, put EKY Flood Relief in the comment line, put in the offering box or mail to Parkside Christian Church at 6986 Salem Rd. Cincinnati, OH 45230
For more information contact Randy Adams at randy.adams@parksidechristian.com
- *** Please, NO CLOTHING or FURNITURE at this time***

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New Parkside Partners

We'd like to welcome our most recent Parkside Partners!

- Mike and Patty Dore
- Mike and Amanda Dowd
- Barbara & Elizabeth Liming

Would you like to learn more about partnering with Parkside? Awesome! Email pcc@parksidechristianchurch.com for more information about partnership.

Parkside Libraries

Did you know that Parkside has a library of resources that are available to you? Find it in the hallway beyond the nursery calming room. There is also an excellent library of Christian literature for children downstairs in the Parkside Kids area. Find it in the room at the bottom of the stairs, first door on the left.

Both libraries work on an honor system. No need to sign the books out. Just take what you need and return it to the proper location when you are finished.

The Living Intentionally Conference September 10 • 9a-3p

Parkside is hosting its first Living Intentionally Conference! This is a discussion oriented gathering for any and everyone. The discussion will center around the who, what, when, where, why, and how's of living an intentionally Christ-centered life, ways we can grow in our personal relationship with God, and how we can help others do the same. Doors will open at 8a with light breakfast snacks and coffee/tea served at 8:30a. The discussion begins at 9a, covering four main topics, and will end by 3p. Lunch will be provided. Registration is free. To register or for more info contact Randy Adams at randy.adams@parksidechristian.com.

Help Build Hope

Sept. 23-24 • Nagel Middle School

This fall, Parkside will join our local community in building stud wall frames for two homes that will be used by Habitat for Humanity in the Cincinnati area. If you can hold a hammer or nail then we need you. Whether young or old, male, or female, skilled or unskilled, God can use you to make a difference in the lives of others. You can register at www.helpbuildhope.com/nagelcb or contact Randy Adams at randy.adams@parksidechristian.com

Parkside Meal Trains

Looking for a way to serve at Parkside? Sign up to be on the Meal Train contact list! Make meals for those who are having surgeries, coming home with a new baby, parents who are fostering, and more! When needs arise, you'll be contacted to see if you're able to provide a meal at that time. To sign up, visit parksidechristian.com/serve.

Have questions? Need a meal train or know someone who does? Email Erin Jew for more info at erinajew@gmail.com.

Online Newsletter

This monthly newsletter is available online! View current and past newsletters at parksidechristian.com/newsletter. Want to receive it in your email inbox every month? Awesome! You can subscribe to the mailing list by heading to parksidechristian.com/resources.

Fall Seniors Event at Woodland Lakes

September 20 • 10a

Head over to Woodland Lakes for a special Fall Seniors event. Cost is \$12. For more information, click [here](#) to view the flyer.

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Grief Share

Beginning September 12

Parkside's GriefShare group will begin its fall/winter session on Monday night, September 12. GriefShare will meet each Monday evening through mid-December in the Fireside Room from 6:30-8p. The GriefShare program is set up so a person can join at anytime. If you are grieving the loss a loved one, please consider participating in this helpful support group. If you have any questions, contact Mary Meredith, Peggy Elliott, or Randy Shivers.

Ladies Bible Study

Beginning September 8 & 12

We would like to invite you to join us for our upcoming Ladies Bible Study! We are offering 2 classes. Joyce Flora will lead one on Thursday mornings, starting September 8 from 10- 11:30a. Stacey Meyer will lead another on Monday evenings, starting September 12 from 7-8:30p.

There will be a brunch - kick off for the fist gathering only, please bring a dish to share!

We will be studying Kristi McLelland's "The Gospel on the Ground". Books will be available for purchase of \$25 at the first class. If you have any questions, please call Joyce Flora at 513-967-1794 or Stacey Meyer at 513-218-2012.

Coat & Blanket Drive

September 25 - October 16

Parkside will be collecting new and gently used winter coats and blankets for the impoverished and homeless in Eastern Kentucky and in our own community. Coats (with hangers) and blankets can be dropped off to the designated coat racks along the kitchen hallway on Sunday mornings or weekdays, Monday - Thursday from 9a-4p. Email randy.adams@parksidechristian.com with questions.

Rooted

Beginning Week of September 11

Rooted is a 10-week small group experience that helps you develop healthy spiritual habits and grow new friendships. For more info or to sign up, visit parksidechristian.com/ministries/group-life

Grace Group

Beginning October 6

Are you or someone you know struggling with mental health issues? If so, please join us for our first support group/study that will help with the tools needed to help you live the life God intended for you. For more info or to sign up, visit parksidechristian.com/ministries/group-life

Sunday Morning Group

Beginning September 4

Join us on Sunday mornings in Heritage Rooms A & B for a new Bible Study based on the book "One At A Time" by Kyle Idleman. For more information contact Randy Adams at randy.adams@parksidechristian.com

Condolences

Please lift up in prayer the following who have recently lost loved ones. Our deepest sympathies go out to:

- To the Muck Family on the passing of Clara Davis on 8/7/22
- To Gayle Thompson and Kelly Crantford on the passing of Steven Chapman on 6/30/22
- To Jeff Stagnaro on the passing of Nancy Stagnaro on 8/14/22
- To Kandi Janke on the passing of Norma Mattingly on 8/19/22
- Bob Bradley on the passing of Helen Bradley on 8/20/22

Parkside Podcast

Check out the Parkside Christian Church podcast on [Spotify](#), [Apple](#), [Google](#), and [Podbean](#)! Listen to Sunday Sermon Audio plus special bonus content!

PARKSIDE SPOTLIGHT

"ARE YOU..." BY RANDY ADAMS

Reread Ephesians 5:15-17 and think about what God is saying to you personally. Ask the Holy Spirit to guide your thoughts and give you understanding.

"So be careful how you live. Don't live like fools, but like those who are wise. Make the most of every opportunity in these evil days. Don't act thoughtlessly, but understand what the Lord wants you to do." (Ephesians 5:15-17).

"Be careful, don't live like fools, be wise, make the most of every opportunity, don't act thoughtlessly, understand what the Lord wants you to do." There's a lot packed into this short passage isn't there? If you could boil it down to just one word, what would it be? How about: purposeful, deliberate, or intentional? In light of Ephesians 5:15-17, I have to ask myself some hard questions and maybe you need to as well. Am I being intentional in how I'm living my life for Christ? Am I being deliberate in every area? Do I see myself as God sees me, as someone He has graciously died for, forgiven, and saved? Do I see myself as His child, a child with a new and better, and more important purpose than I previously had before putting my faith in Jesus? Do I realize that as God's child I have a role in His kingdom, I now have an important job to do? I'm now His coworker! Do I fully understand that my new life brings with it new responsibilities, and part of those new responsibilities is that I am now God's representative here on earth, that I am to be pointing others to salvation through Jesus Christ, that God intends for His light and life to be seen through my thoughts, words, attitudes, and actions? Am I following in Christ's footsteps, being His ambassador, His minister of reconciliation, His servant, pleading with the people of this world to turn back to God before it's too late? Am I living my life purposely, deliberately, with intentionality in every area? Am I making the most of every opportunity? So, I have to ask myself, "How's my time management, what are my priorities? Am I investing my time, talent, and treasures into God's kingdom by coming alongside others, walking with them through the good and the bad and loving them, even those I don't have a good relationship with? Am I intentionally, purposefully, deliberately trying to help others come to know God and His grace and mercy? Am I then helping them to grow in their faith so that they may help others in the same way I was helped and in the same way that I helped them?"

You see once I surrendered my life to God, submitted my will to His, and I confessed and rejected my wicked, evil, sinful thoughts, words, attitudes, and actions, and turned to God and sought His forgiveness, accepting the fact that only through Jesus Christ and His sacrificial death on the cross for my sins am I forgiven and saved from the penalty of eternal damnation. Damnation, is separation from God, and all that is good and pleasing; it is separation from God in a place called hell. Only when I accepted these facts and sincerely put my faith in Jesus did I receive the new life that God has promised to all who believe in His son Jesus Christ. When that happened, I was spiritually reborn. The old me has gone away and now the new me has come, and with that new life comes new purposes and responsibilities.

So, again, I must ask myself, "Am I living my life for Christ" or is Jesus only someone I try to fit into my already hectic life? Am I a true follower of Christ Jesus or just a fan? Do I see myself and my life as part of His mission to seek and save the lost or do I only acknowledge Him, obey Him, serve, and sacrifice for Him when it's convenient? Am I committed to living in a manner that reflects what I say I believe and in whom I say I believe? How's my time management? Do my priorities and the use of my time, talent, and treasure reflect an intentional, purposeful, deliberate life, a life lived on mission for Christ who purchased my freedom at great cost to Himself, the cost of His own blood?

When I ask myself these questions, I feel sad, and even get a little angry because I have to admit that I fall very short. Challenging myself like this is not easy. I don't like the conviction that comes with the answers. However, I must spur myself on and be willing to reconsider just how intentional I am living my life. The questioning of my life and its motivations isn't easy. It causes discomfort within me, but it's that discomfort which can sharpen me and make me even more useful to God and His purposes. This is also part of the role of the church, to lead and at times to push me out of my comfort zones.

Parkside takes seriously this responsibility to push, spur on, educate, train, and send out its people. That's why it offers so many ways for me and others to learn about our true identity in Christ. I have to remind myself though that the church is not designed by God to do the spiritual work for me, but to help me learn how I can do it for myself, with God's help.

So, let me challenge you to step out of your comfort zone and to reorient your life and reprioritize your time and adjust your schedule to not just fit God into your life when it's convenient, but to make God your life, your everything, your greatest love, and number one priority. We need to be intentional, purposeful, and deliberate and adjusting your life and schedule around Him. Let me encourage you to live your life on mission for Christ and His kingdom.

Here are some ways you can learn how to do this:

- Attend one of the many Sunday morning groups that meet at Parkside each week to study the Bible and learn about God, His love, and will for our lives.
- Join one of Parkside's Life Groups where people support each other.
- Signup for one of the Rooted Groups starting the week of September 12th. This is a 10-week discussion on how we can grow deeper in our faith and develop spiritual roots that will sustain us through all of life's ups and downs.
- Attend the "The Living Intentionally: Making the Most of Every Opportunity", conference on Saturday, September 10th from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. here at Parkside. You'll join others in discussing how we can come alongside others and live intentionally for Christ.

If you would like to learn more or to discuss where you're with God and how Parkside can encourage and assist you in growing spiritually then contact me, Randy Adams, at randy.adams@parksidechristian.com.



PARKSIDE KIDS NEWS



Curriculum Change

During September and October, Parkside Kids will become Agents of Acts and learn about the big mission God has left them to infiltrate the world with Goodness, Godliness, and the Gospel! Each week, kids will become a spy and learn from Agents of Acts like Peter and Paul and solve clues and puzzles along the way!

Reopening 2nd hour through 6th grade!

Starting September 4th, we will have programming back open for all students up to 6th grade during 2nd hour. To maintain this programming, we are still in need of a couple more volunteers willing to alternate months and help during 2nd hour. Contact Lindsey@parksidechristian.com if you are interested in helping out!

Memory Verse

"However, I consider my life worth nothing to me: my only aim is to finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me -- the task of testifying to the good news of God's grace." - Acts 20:24

Parkside Playdates September 1 & 15 • 9:30 - 11:30a

Parkside Playdates are starting back up! Bring the kiddos to Parkside for a playdate on the first & third Thursday day of every month! Questions? Email lindsey@parksidechristian.com



We are always looking for more help in Parkside Kids on Sunday mornings. There are lots of needs in multiple areas during both services. Reach out to Lindsey or fill out an application [here](#).



STUDENT MINISTRY NEWS

REL Begins Soon!

Our first Rel of the school year will be September 11th! We will have a kick-off party complete with s'mores, a giant slip-n-slide, and much more! Rel is for 7th-12th graders. We meet at Parkside Sunday nights from 6-7:30p. We are so excited for this school year and all the fun we have planned for Rel!

Student Ministry Campout October 14-16

Parkside and Inner Trek are partnering to host a weekend camping trip. On October 14-16, the group will camp at Caesar Creek State Park, enjoy hikes, group activities, times of solitude and lots of fun. All meals, camping gear and transportation will be provided. Click [here](#) to look at the webpage for more information and to register.

Help Build Hope

Help Build Hope at Nagel Middle School will be on September 24. This year we will be framing 2 houses. They will both be going to Habitat for Humanity. Sign up [here](#).

LOCAL & GLOBAL OUTREACH

LOCAL MISSIONS



Life Forward Pregnancy Centers

Life Forward helps women and their families make life-affirming decisions through God's love. They provide consultations, pregnancy testing, ultrasounds, referrals to community services, and education and support at three locations around Cincinnati. Parkside has been a long-time supporter and partner with this important ministry to mothers and their families.

For more information, visit their website at www.lifeforwardcincy.org

INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS

LAMB International

Click [here](#) to view LAMB International Updates.

Mekong Multiply

Click [here](#) to view Mekong Multiply Updates.

Eastern Dominican Christian Mission

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