

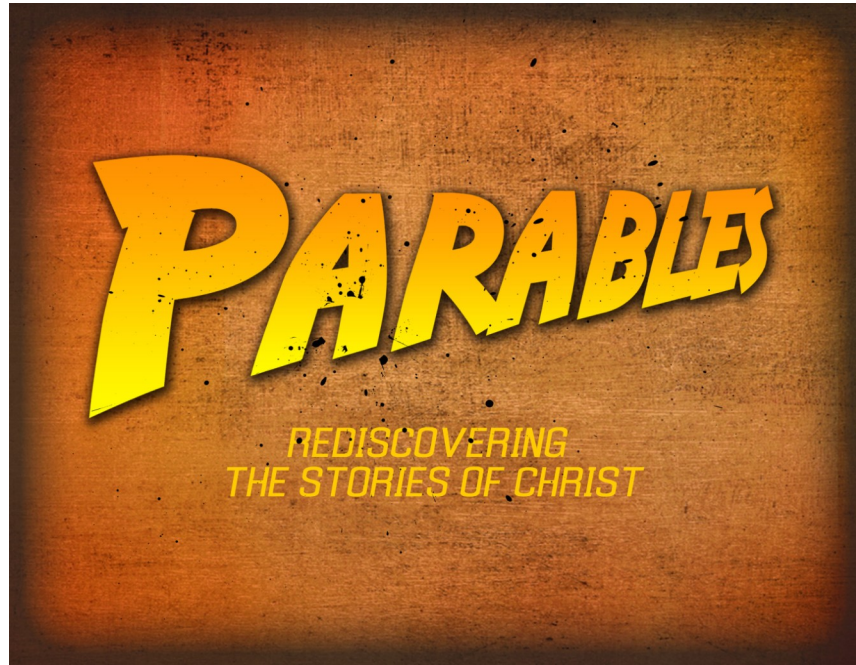
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“We seek to do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility we regard others as better than ourselves” Phil 2:3.

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We are planning on a “red letter” summer! Instead of reading the prophets, priests, disciples, and followers of Jesus, we are going to listen to Jesus in **his own words**, telling the stories he loved to tell. People sometimes ask, Why speak in unusual, little stories to get a point across? What points was he trying to get across?

Jesus’ message is as relevant today as it ever has been (perhaps even more so), but his parables sometimes defy the conventional wisdom of his day and ours.

I like that the letters in the graphic above aren’t pristinely clean. Sometimes we have to dig into it to really understand what he was saying. Come and join with us as we worship our Risen Lord and listen to his message for us.



## Christian Education (Continued from page 1)

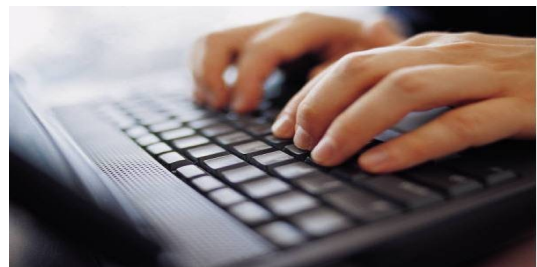


## THEOLOGY 101

Tom and Lesley Paine will begin teaching “Faith Seeking Understanding,” borrowing the title from the text by Dan Migliore and a concept by St. Anselm. We are going to use Migliore’s text as a guide for the class. If interested, you can find it from Amazon.com or BN.com, but you don’t have to buy the text to enjoy the class. If the class is a success, and there is interest in it, we will offer some more advanced theology classes in the fall. Come, let us seek together.

## ONLINE DEVOTIONS

We are finding that more and more people enjoy online devotionals. We wanted to recommend four for you:



[www.day1.org](http://www.day1.org): **Day1** is the voice of the mainline Protestant churches, presenting outstanding preachers from the mainline Protestant denominations, including the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and others. This website features an extensive library of lectionary-based sermons in text and audio, video resources, and helpful blog posts, along with other helpful information for lay persons and pastors.

<http://www.guideposts.org/daily-devotionals> Guideposts is your source for real-life inspiration. They offer true stories of hope, faith, personal growth and positive thinking, plus inspiring quotes, daily devotionals and prayers for every need. A little inspiration...it can change your day, even your life.

<http://odb.org/> *Our Daily Bread* radio is a daily audio program that features insights from the pages of *Our Daily Bread*. Each daily thought is designed to draw the listener into a closer relationship with Jesus Christ and to evoke responses of worship, love, trust and obedience.

<http://www.d365.org/todaysdevotion/> is designed for students and young adults. If you would like to receive a daily reminder to visit d365.org each day, you can subscribe with your email at the link above, or you can go directly to the site as you choose.

## MEN'S CLUB



Our next Men's Club breakfast meeting will be on Wednesday, May 9<sup>th</sup> at our usual location, Shoney's Restaurant on Clearview just south of the I-10 at 7:00 a.m. We are always ready to welcome first time attendees to our gathering to share Christian fellowship, good stories and a hearty breakfast.

At our April 11<sup>th</sup> breakfast meeting we had six in attendance. It was a beautiful clear sky and the red ball of the sun was just rising over the tree tops. I set up a couple of "He is Risen" illustrated Easter bulletins on the tables. John mentioned that he heard Lee was a woodworker as he has a similar interest. Pastor Tom reviewed Easter week numbers. We had 396 attendees since Palm Sunday, with an estimate of 50 at the Sunrise service in Lafreniere Park. Lesley took a picture which showed a "fiery figure" over the park lake. A few were working on income tax. We discussed what is taxable and what is not. We also discussed gasoline and gasahol.

Pastor Tom gave the prayer. He thanked God for the beautiful morning, his incredible creation, the successful Easter services and his bounty to us. Tom commented on the time and talent meetings, where the capabilities of each person are listed in preparation for requesting participation in activities.

We discussed testing, odds, the military, and hometowns. And we discussed credit card companies and fraud.



## WOMEN'S CIRCLE

All women and friends of Parkway are invited to Miriam Circle on Tuesday, May 10<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. in Room 9. Our Bible study is *Confessing the Beatitudes*. Come share in discussion and goodies with us.

## Family and Friends

Our group for kids in Kindergarten through fifth grade is getting together at Hannah's house on May 12 at 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. We will have fund activities and crafts for those who wish to participate. Bring a swim. See Lesley Paine if you are coming.

## YOUTH: LASER TAG



Shelley and Chris Burton invite all rising 6<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> graders to meet them at Adventure Quest Laser Tag at Elmwood (behind the Fox and the Hound). Meet them at 6 p.m. on Friday, May 11<sup>th</sup>. We will play a few rounds and hang out. We should be done by 9 p.m. Pricing: <http://www.lasertagnola.com/anytime.php> Call the office for more information.

## GRADUATES

Are you or a loved one graduating? Please let the church office know where you are graduating from and your immediate plans. We will recognize our graduates on May 27<sup>th</sup> during worship. Congratulations!



## PARKWAY PRESBYTERIAN PRESCHOOL SUMMER CAMP

**DATES: June 4, 2012—July 13, 2012**

Ages 2 years through Kindergarten. Registration forms are available in both the preschool and church offices.

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

### Jesus Loves Me and You!

Kids ages 4 (as of May 1) through rising fifth grader, come join us as we learn favorite Bible songs and the stories behind them. Music, crafts, videos, storytelling and more. VBS runs Monday, July 16 through Friday, July 20 from 9 a.m. to noon, and Sunday, July 22 at 10:30 to noon. Registrations before June 11<sup>th</sup> are appreciated, but all will be welcomed. Rising 3-5<sup>th</sup> graders will assist each class and have special responsibilities. Please call the church office or email Lesley at [LesleyP26@gmail.com](mailto:LesleyP26@gmail.com) for info or to register. Following worship on July 22<sup>nd</sup>, there will be a kid friendly party in the fellowship hall. All are invited. Parents will be invited to help with the food.

## MISSION DINNERS

We will have dinner with our mission groups on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. on May 9 and 16 in the fellowship hall. Both groups from Rochester, NY. Please join us.



### STEPHEN MINISTRY

If you need someone to listen with confidentiality, someone who won't judge or give advice and someone who cares,...you need a Stephen Minister.

Call Parkway's church office 733-1644 and we will get you set up.

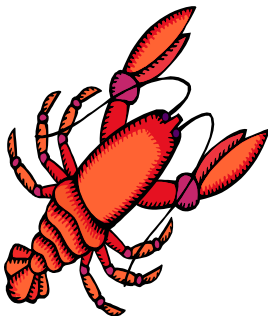
### ABUNDANT HOSPITALITY HOSTS STILL NEEDED!

Do you enjoy gathering before or after church in the hospitality room to share good snacks and conversation? If so, there are two ways you can help.

1. Volunteer to act as host for one month of Sundays. It's easy. You just get to church a little early to put the food out, and then you stay a little late to clean up.
2. Provide food for folks to enjoy. Just drop the food off in the kitchen when you arrive on Sunday morning, and the host will take care of putting the food out.

If you'd like to host, sign the hosting calendar in the hospitality room or talk to Betsy Molaison or Sue Bruce. And don't worry, hosting is easy. Betsy or Sue will be glad to assist you on your first time and walk you through the routine.

### **"Bite the Tail Off Homelessness" 3rd Annual Crawfish Boil**



Friday, May 18  
5:30 p.m. — 8:00 p.m.  
Lakeview Presbyterian Church  
5914 Canal Blvd.,  
New Orleans, LA 70124,  
504-482-7892.  
Advance Tickets \$8  
Day of Event \$10 Adults & \$5 Children

See Jack or Martha Bauman

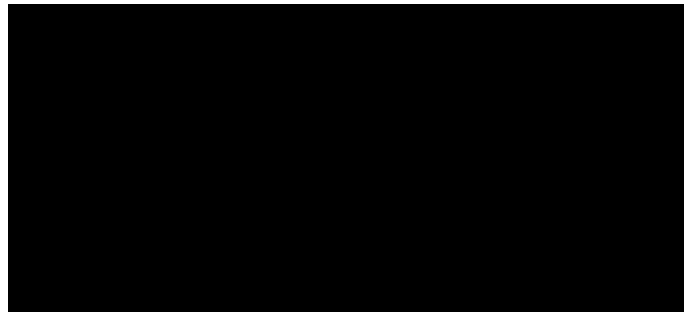
# Happy Birthday



May 1	Martha Edward Stephen Valasek
May 2	Frances Bordelon Julie Dieth
May 3	Robin Calvert Hannah Paine
May 4	Cheryl Bradley
May 7	Axel Seitz Pat Slater
May 8	William Sehrt Joshy Norris
May 9	Sharon Bell
May 10	Betsy Molaison
May 12	Eric Bussey
May 18	Ethan Sehrt
May 22	Ken Guillot Frank Henry Reid Macaluso
May 23	Karsen Carrigee
May 26	John Ruby
May 27	Diane Sehrt

## APRIL/MAY BIRTHDAY CAKE

Were you born in April or May? The **Anna Group** would like to celebrate it with you! We will have a birthday cake for you in the fellowship hall after the traditional worship service on May 13th. All are invited to share in this special event. We plan this same event on the second Sunday every other month, so be sure to attend that day, especially if it is your birth month. You may contact Ruth Ingram if you have any questions.



Congratulations to Bobbie Roos on the birth of her newest grandson, James Seibold, Jr., born April 6, 2012 and weighed in at 8½ lbs and 20" long. The proud parents are Robin (Roos) & Jim Seibold.



## YOUNG-AT-HEART LUNCHEON

Our next monthly luncheon will be held on Tuesday, May 15th at 11:30 a.m. in the fellowship hall. During lunch, Deputy Robin Calvert of the Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Office will make a presentation on safety and crime prevention. Robin is the son of Parkway member Claudia Calvert and grandson of Ann and Charles; he grew up coming to Parkway Church and now serves the citizens of Jefferson Parish. We will have another lighter entertainment to be announced to follow Robin. We begin the buffet at 11:30 a.m. with set-up at 10:30 a.m. Bring your favorite vegetable, salad, entrée, or dessert. Contact Tom Smith for more info.

## SCRUMPTIOUS LEMON BARS



### RECIPE INGREDIENTS

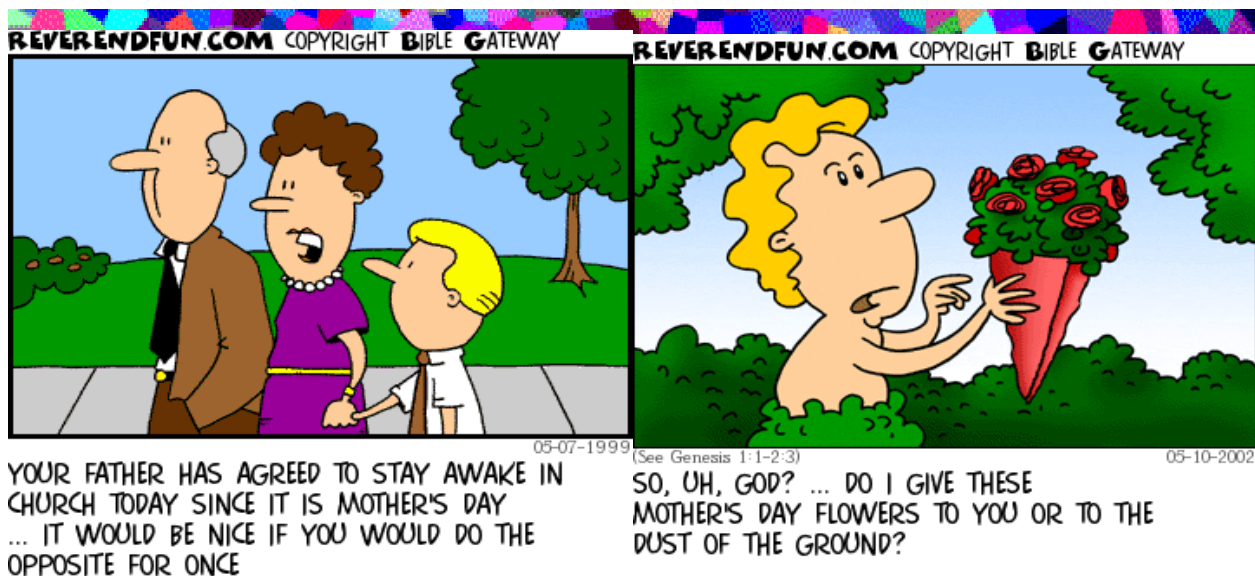
- 1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 2/3 cup confectioners' sugar
- 3/4 cup butter or margarine, softened
- 3 eggs
- 1 1/2 cups white sugar
- 3 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 1/4 cup lemon juice
- 1/3 cup confectioners' sugar for decoration

### DIRECTIONS

1. Preheat the oven to 375 degrees F (190 degrees C). Grease a 9x13 inch baking pan.
2. Combine flour, 2/3 cup confectioners' sugar and butter. Pat dough into prepared pan.
3. Bake for 20 minutes in the preheated oven, until slightly golden. While the crust is baking, whisk together eggs, white sugar, flour, and lemon juice until frothy. Pour this lemon mixture over the hot crust.
4. Return to the preheated oven for an additional 20 to 25 minutes, or until light golden brown. Cool on a wire rack. Dust the top with confectioners' sugar. Cut into squares.

### Nutritional Information

Amount Per Serving Calories: 107 | Total Fat: 4.3g | Cholesterol: 28mg



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"For you formed my inward parts;  
you knitted me together in my  
mother's womb. I praise you, for I  
am fearfully and wonderfully  
made. Wonderful are your works;  
my soul knows it very well. My  
frame was not hidden from you,  
when I was being made in  
secret, intricately woven in the  
depths of the earth. Your eyes  
saw my unformed substance; in  
your book were written, every  
one of them, the days that were  
formed for me, when as yet there  
was none of them. How precious  
to me are your thoughts, O God!  
How vast is the sum of them! If I  
would count them, they are more  
than the sand. I awake, and I am  
still with you."

*Psalm 139:13-18*

**June *Billet* Deadline:**

**May 18th**

# 2012



		<b>1 TUESDAY</b>	<b>2 WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>3 THURSDAY</b>	<b>4 FRIDAY</b>	<b>5 SATURDAY</b>
		7:00 p.m. Ministry Meetings 8:30 p.m. Coordinating Council	10:30 a.m. Prayer Group 6:00 p.m. Dinner & Bridges @ Piccadilly 7:00 p.m. Choir 8:00 p.m. AA		8:00 p.m. AA/Al-Anon	10:30 a.m. Women's AA Noon N A Group
<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
8:30 a.m. Son Rise Service 9:10 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship 10:40 a.m. Children's Church Noon Children's Chimes Noon Anna Group April & May Birthdays Noon N A Group	7:00 p.m. Bell Choir	Mission Group—Caladonia, Rochester, NY 9:30 a.m. Stephen Ministry Leaders 7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts	7:00 a.m. Men's Club 10:30 a.m. Prayer Group 6:00 p.m. Mission Dinner & Bridges @ Parkway 7:00 p.m. Choir 8:00 p.m. AA	1:00 p.m. Miriam Circle 1:00 p.m. Second Harvest 7:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry	6:00 p.m. Youth @ Laser Tag 8:00 p.m. AA/Al-Anon	8:00 a.m. Work Party 10:30 a.m. Women's AA Noon N A Group
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<b>27 Pentecost &amp; Communion Sunday</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>		
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