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"Rather train yourself for godliness; for while bodily training is of some value, godliness is of value in every way, as it holds promise for the present life and also for the life to come." 1 Timothy 4: 7-8 (ESV)

Do you want to grow as a Christian? Do you want to become more like Jesus? Do you want to live in ways that bring joy while reflecting God's grace and glory? What if someone could guarantee that you would accomplish these goals in 2018? Would you listen to them and follow their instruction?

God offers this guarantee, or we usually call it a promise, in the Bible. While the thread of this promise is found in many places, it is clearly stated in 1 Timothy 4:7-8. The person who trains for growth in godliness will receive the promise of life, both now and in eternity. When we studied this book a few years ago, I explained that the fruit of this promise is not merely a future reward of life for eternity. Instead, it is the soul-satisfying, abundant life in Christ that begins now and continues forever.

If this promise is true, which we firmly believe it is, then spiritual growth is guaranteed to those who "train [themselves] for godliness." Then the pertinent question is, will we do what is necessary is to achieve the result we say we want?

I hope this is enough to convince you that training for godliness is important and beneficial. But as we all know, training that produces results is never easy. To this end, we want to help each other by studying Donald Whitney's book, *Spiritual Disciplines for the Christian Life*. This book identifies 10 disciplines or "personal and interpersonal activities given by God in the Bible as the sufficient means [we] use in the Spirit-filled, gospel-driven pursuit of godliness, that is closeness to Christ and conformity to Christ." Through this study, we'll learn the biblical basis for this training, share personal stories about our successes and failures, and provide practical

suggestions for incorporating them into daily life with the goal of growing in godliness.

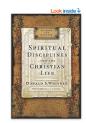
For the past few months, the church staff has been studying these disciplines in our weekly meeting. The reading and discussions have encouraged and convicted us. Even more, our study has reaffirmed that "the only road to Christian maturity and godliness passes through the practice of the Spiritual Disciplines." We want that for ourselves and for you. Please makes plans to join us on Wednesdays, beginning April 18, and let's train together.

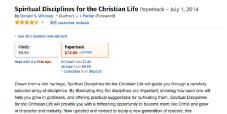
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Fellowship Meal | 5:30 - 6:30 PM Kids Activities | 6:30 PM Youth (SWAT) | 6:30 PM Learn4Life | 6:30 PM Worship Team Rehearsal | 7:30 PM

*Please note: There will be no evening activities April 1-14.

If you would like to purchase this book in advance, you can find it on Amazon.com.





Sign up in the Missions Lobby Today!

Single Ladies Oil Change



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Saturday, April 28
8:00 AM - 12:30 PM

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PRESCHOOL PLAYDATE 8:00 AM (MEET AT CHURCH)

We hope that you will join us for a fun play date at the Kentucky Science Center! You can purchase tickets online at kysciencecenter.org. If you have any questions, contact Deena Medley at (770) 656-8454.

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WMU MEETING 7:00 PM

The WMU will meet at Peggy O'Daniel's house located at 4268 Bloomfield Road. This event is open to all women in our church! We hope you will come and participate! APR

PRIMETIMERS POTLUCK NOON

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If you are 55+ you are invited to join us for a time of fellowship! Bring your favorite side dish and show off your cooking skills to all of your friends new and old! We hope that you will come and enjoy a time of fellowship and laughter!

PRAY FOR OUR PARTNERS

Prayer for our missions partners is valued and appreciated. In an effort to encourage you, we have listed a specific partner to pray for each day on the calendar below.

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UPCOMING EVENTS - APRIL

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Ky Baptist Convention	2 Redemption Church Missoula, MT	3 Coreluv Preschool Play Date	4 Jason & Amanda Aaron	5 Bethany Haven	6 Scarlet Hope	7 20 Schemes
8 Lakes Community Church, NC	9 Petra Churches Nicaragua	10 Chris & Lori Hart Primetimers WMU Meeting 7:00PM	Spring Break 11 Crossing Church	12 Barren Heights Retreat Center	13 North American Mission Board	14 M. Haydon
Gideon's International Admin Team Mtg 4:00 PM Youth Worship 5:30 PM	16 Sunrise Children's Service	17 Samaritan's Purse KBC Senior Celebration	Spring Break 18 IMB Regular Scheduled Evening Activities	19 Leon & Lynn Muir	20 New Life Center	21 Practical Shepherding
22 The Church of Delmas 32, Haiti VBS Tailgate Training Noon Youth Worship 5:30 PM	Ron Sutton, IMB Ecuador	24 Bluegrass Christian Academy	25 D & K Wilson Student Ministry Road Work Regular Scheduled Evening Activities	26 Hispanic Ministry	27 Bread For Life	28 Baptist Global Response
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ADMIN TEAM MEETING 4:00 PM

Just as a reminder, the first part of each Administrative Team meeting is open.
If you have questions or ideas you want to share



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KBC SENIOR CELEBRATION 8:30 - 3:00 PM

Register online at: http://bit.ly/kbc-seniorcelebration

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VBS TAILGATE TRAINING NOON

Calling all VBS volunteers! Plan now to join us on April 22 immediately following worship for our Tailgate Training Lunch. Call the church office to reserve your spot!



100%

of your gifts to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering* supports North American missionaries.

> Parkway's Goal \$15,000

NATIONAL GOAL: \$70 Million





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STUDENT MINISTRY ROADWORK DAY 5:30 PM

During our SWAT time we will go out on Parkway Drive to pick-up trash. Wear old clothes and bring gloves if possible!

APRIL PRAYER GUIDE

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

Like Paul encourages the Ephesian church, we are to be faithful in our prayers for our church family. If you would like to be included in May's Prayer Guide, please email gretchen@parkwaybaptist.com.

MISSIONS SPOTLIGHT: THE AARON FAMILY

Our missions spotlight this month belongs to Jason and Amanda Aaron. Their family came and served at Parkway Baptist Church for many years, before following the call to move north. God lead them just south of Detroit to serve in Monroe, MI. Read below for a personal update from Jason:



Isaiah 46: 9-11 has been such a blanket of comfort for us. This has been a season of tilling the soil. And what has been so exciting for us is that God is starting to add to our initial community group. Little by little we are seeing new people come. This group has been quite diverse which has brought us such joy. We have a girl in her early 20's who has one child and is expecting another. Amanda has been discipling her for several weeks and just recently the young woman asked the question, "Why did Jesus have to die on the cross?" Moments like this make the struggle worth it.

It is getting to the point that our group is praying for multiplication to occur. Our living room is becoming too small for everyone, so we are currently praying through starting a new community group within the next 90 days. In those gatherings, we typically share a meal, study a passage of Scripture, and pray through different requests as the people have need. Just recently we have implemented some singing as well which has been exciting.

There is a small church building that we can see from our front porch in which we are pursuing. The church was built in 1943 and will remind many of you of an old church your parents or grandparents attended. We absolutely love the church and the location of it. It has such a familial feeling to it. We can't express the gratitude we feel for the leadership and the people of Parkway Baptist. One day several weeks ago I had an awful few days. My soul was downcast and I felt a strong sense of depression. The day in which the depression reached its peak, we received a package from the DNow girls that had the sweetest notes and some goodies. I wept as I opened that package and was so grateful for the body of Christ at Parkway. And this is just one of the many things you all have done for us in this season. And for that we are forever indebted.

Here are a few of their prayer requests:

That God would help us to identify and raise up leaders.
That God would provide the resources for this church building.
That God would allow Amanda and my heart to be knitted as one.
That God would protect our children and family.

EXPRESSIONS OF GRATITUDE

I would like to send my thanks to the men who helped me move, Travis Easterling, Bob Kissell, Pat Kays, Jon Snow and his sons. Also, thanks to Ron Wilson with his help in helping to get my daughter home from the hospital. The help of these deacons is much appreciated. Sincerely, Anne Frye

Dear Parkway family, thank you so much for caring spirit! I so appreciate the cards, food and your prayers. It means so much to me. Blessings, Jill Dennison

PRAYER REQUESTS

Lance Boston
Glenda Phillips
Jordan Richardson
Chris Hall
Mike Davis
Randy Heywood
Stanley Shambaugh
Katie Simpson
Terry Ockerman
Stephen & Barbie Keen
Amber Strickland
Bobby Woodall
John Brothers

MISSIONARIES SERVING AND/OR IN TRAINING

Jason and Amanda Aaron (Michigan) Chris and Lori Hart (Wisconsin) M. Haydon (Asia) Leon and Lynn Muir (New Zealand)

MILITARY LIST

Ryan Campoamor Daniel Carey Logan Crady Scott Hunt Devan Newton Clayton Richardsor Dakota Snook Jack Whitfield

CHURCH LEADERSHIP

Elders, Deacons Admin Team, Ministry Staff Sunday School Teachers Children/Nursery Workers

CONDOLENCES

Donna Browning and family in the loss of her stepfather, Kirby

Glenda Phillips and family in

FOR THE	RECORD	02/25		03/11	
	MECOND	General Fund \$	17,230.92	General Fund	\$ 17,545.70
SUNDAY	WORSHIP	Other \$	4,007.00	Other	\$ 11,053.41
SCHOOL	ATTENDANCE	Total \$	5 21,237.92	Total	\$ 28,599.11
02/25 408	02/25 432	03/04		03/18	
03/04 423	03/04 483	General Fund \$	24,441.73	General Fund	\$ 21,549.16
03/11 391	03/11 443	Other \$	4,863.00	Other	\$ 17,335.52
03/18 427	03/18 469	Total \$	29,304.73	Total	\$ 38,884.68

YTD Budget \$ 211,467.33 YTD General Offering \$218,381.09 YTD Expenses \$220.672.32

Weekly Required \$ 20,412.90



Check us out at www.parkwaybaptist.com! User friendly with access right at your fingertips. Go today and listen to sermons, see upcoming mission trips and other ministries we are accomplishing through God here at Parkway.

NEW MEMBERS - MARCH 2018



James & Vicki Duvall Letter



Todd, Gretchen & TJ Karr Statement



Mikki Boyd Profession



Kammi Nalley Letter

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 4-8 // 9:00 A - Noon 4 yrs old - 8th grade

Online registration coming soon!

