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The books of the Old Testament are not arranged chronologically. Genesis, as the word means, is the beginning, and Malachi is the last word before the long silence that precedes the New Testament. But the bits in between are shuffled up a fair amount. The arrangement of the books in our English versions of the Bible owes more to the type of writing than to a strict timeline. We have the Law, then the history books, then the poetic writings, then the prophets. More confusingly, some books, like Psalms, Proverbs, and even Jeremiah, don't arrange the material chronologically. It can be tricky, but certainly not impossible.

Despite these issues, chronology is important for Bible study. Through all the smaller stories and varied writings, God is telling a single story. This narrative has a definite beginning, clear movements, an extraordinary climax, and an infinitely great ending! We could summarize this story in a number of ways, but one of my favorites is to think of it in terms of God's Kingdom. To borrow language from Vaughn Roberts, God is working out His plan to establish a Kingdom with His people, living in His place, and enjoying His rule and blessing. It's critical, then, when we come to any book of the Old Testament, to understand how it fits into the larger story that culminates in the person and work of Jesus Christ.

The book of 1 Samuel, for example, tells a critical part of this story that must be understood within the context of time and place it describes. Emerging from the spiritual abyss of the period of the judges, God's people are living in the Promised Land, but failing to enjoy God's best. In almost every regard, they had rejected God's rule and suffered the consequences for their disobedience. What began with such hope under Joshua's leadership has descended into mayhem by the time God opens Hannah's womb to give she and Elkanah a son, Samuel.

This book unfolds in three distinct sections: the story of Samuel (1:1-8:22), the story of Saul (9:1-15:35), and the story of David (16:1-31:13). The story of Samuel is a critical link from the dark days when "there was no king in Israel" so "everyone did what was right in his own eyes." Those statements close the Book of Judges and set the stage

for what happens next. Likewise, 1 Samuel 8 prepares us for another transition in the story by describing Israel's cry for a king. This request for a human monarch was foretold by God in Deuteronomy 17 and fulfilled despite Samuel's objection. The tragedy of Saul's life and reign gives way to hope as the nation is united under a man after God's heart, King David.

This story of the establishing of a human monarchy in Israel is tumultuous and the individual passages are often riveting. However, the truest meaning and deepest significance lies one layer beneath the surface. It's not hidden so that we can't find it; rather, it's a thread easily seen running through each story. The key to seeing it is realizing that God was the real King of Israel and His answer for establishing His rule and reign through a human monarch was not Saul or David. Instead, the plan was always to establish the Kingdom under His Son.

In the coming months, I'm excited to lead us to study through 1 Samuel on Sunday mornings as we see God bring monarchy out of mayhem and provide a shadow of His greater work through Jesus.



Learn4Life Returns on October 17!

Check your bulletin for more information.

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WMU MEETING 6:00 PM

The WMU will be meeting at the home of Peggy O'Daniel at 4268 Bloomfield Rd. All women are invited to attend. If you have any questions, please call the church office at (502) 348-4677.

Fall Break Schedule



September 30 // No Youth Worship
October 3 // No Wednesday Night Activities
October 7 // No Youth Worship
October 9 // Primitimers Lunch
October 10 // No Wednesday Night Activities
October 14 // Youth Worship Resumes
October 17 // Normal Schedule Resumes

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PRESCHOOL PLAYDATE 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Join us from 11:00 am -1:00 pm at Bardstown Community Park behind Hardee's in Bardstown. Please bring a picnic lunch.

WEDNESDAY EVENING ACTIVITIES

Fellowship Meal | 5:30 - 6:30 PM
Children's Choir | 6:00 PM
ESL Classes | 6:00 PM
Kids Activities | 6:30 PM
Youth (SWAT) | 6:30 PM
Connect4Life | 6:30 PM
Worship Team Rehearsal | 7:30 PM
All activities return on October 17.



UPCOMING EVENTS - OCTOBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Chris & Lori Hart	2 Crossing Church WMU Meeting 6:00 PM	3 Bluegrass Christian Academy No Evening Activities	4 D & K Wilson Preschool Playdate	5 Hispanic Ministry	6 Barren Heights Retreat Center
7 North American Mission Board No Evening Activities	8 Samaritan's Purse	9 Gideon's International Primitimers Potluck Noon	10 Sunrise Children's Service No Evening Activities	11 Monica H.	12 IMB	13 Leon & Lynn Muir
14 New Life Center Youth Worship 6:00 PM	15 Practical Shepherding	16 The Church of Delmas 32, Haiti	17 Ron Sutton, IMB Ecuador Wednesday Evening 5:30 PM	18 Bluegrass Christian Academy	19 D & K Wilson Drive-In Movie Night	20 Hispanic Ministry Student Ministry Lawson Hayride 4:30 - 9:00 PM
21 Bread For Life Youth Worship 6:00 PM	22 Baptist Global Response	23 Ky Baptist Convention	24 Redemption Church Missoula, MT Wednesday Evening 5:30 PM	25 Coreluv	26 Jason & Amanda Aaron	27 Bethany Haven
28 Scarlet Hope Youth Worship 6:00 PM	29 20 Schemes	30 Lakes Community Church, NC	31 Petra Churches Nicaragua Wednesday Evening 5:30 PM			

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PRIMETIMER LUNCHEON

If you are 55+ you are invited! Join us as we spend time in fellowship all while eating a delicious meal together. Bring your favorite side dish and show off your cooking skills to all of your friends new and old! After lunch we will be packing care packages to send to college students.

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DRIVE-IN MOVIE NIGHT Doors open at 7 Movie Starts at 7:30

Bring a decorated car, lawnchair or blanket to our Drive-In Movie Night. Concessions provided will include hot dogs, popcorn, and drinks; feel free to bring your own snacks. Supplies will be available the night of the drive-in for those who are not able to decorate a car in advance.



OCTOBER 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 November's Prayer Guide, please email gretchen@parkwaybaptist.com.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Alexia Lange
Sara Crume
Stanley Shambaugh
Glenna Hunt
Marie Duckett
Samantha Rucker
Brian Wood

MISSIONS SPOTLIGHT



We need your help!

Volunteers are needed to help change oil, drive cars, minister to ladies, provide child-care and serve/prepare food. If you would like to be a part of this ministry, sign up at one of the Information Desks (located in the front and back foyer). If you have any questions, please email Jessica Hunt at brickchick40004@yahoo.com.

MISSIONARIES SERVING AND/OR IN TRAINING

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

MILITARY LIST

Ryan Campoamor
Daniel Carey
Logan Crady
Scott Hunt
Clayton Richardson
Dakota Snook
Jack Whitfield

CONDOLENCES

Perry and Kendra Long in the loss of Perry's father, Vernice.

CONGRATULATIONS

Dustin and Alexa Higdon in the birth of their son, Rowan.

Davy and Virginia Goff in the birth of their son, Grant.



Single Ladies Oil Change

Saturday, November 3
8:00 AM - 12:30 PM



This is a **free service** for **single women** in our community.

Parkway Baptist Church // 2580 Springfield Road // Bardstown, KY 40004

FOR THE RECORD

SUNDAY SCHOOL	WORSHIP ATTENDANCE	08/26	09/09	09/23
08/26 407	08/26 431	General Fund \$ 14,193.18	General Fund \$ 16,177.94	General Fund \$ 15,184.00
09/02 379	09/02 414	Other \$ 1,772.00	Other \$ 2,918.34	Other \$ 2,683.00
09/09 404	09/09 446	Total \$ 15,965.18	Total \$ 19,096.28	Total \$ 17,867.00
09/16 404	09/16 398	09/02	09/16	YTD Budget \$ 730,523.49
09/23 361	09/23 454	General Fund \$ 16,871.98	General Fund \$ 21,961.49	YTD General Offering \$ 726,923.32
		Other \$ 2,830.00	Other \$ 1,296.66	YTD Expenses \$ 706,857.13
		Total \$ 19,701.98	Total \$ 23,258.15	Weekly Required \$ 20,412.90

We saved you a seat!

Join us!

Wednesday Evenings

Fellowship Meal // 5:30 PM

Children's Choir // 6:00 PM

ESL Classes // 6:00 PM

Kids, Youth, Adult Activities // 6:30 PM

Worship Team Rehearsal // 7:30 PM



SAT, OCT 20 4:30 - 9:00 PM

7th - 12th Graders are all invited to meet at Parkway to go ride on a hayride, enjoy worship around the campfire, eat hotdogs, and smores! Don't miss it!

NEW MEMBERS - SEPTEMBER 2018



Bella Hall
Profession



Cooper Hall
Profession



Avery Perkins
Profession



Mikalah Stiles
Profession