

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

April 26, 2026

### Welcome!

Screen: Sing Halleluja  
32: I Will Call Upon the Lord

### Opening Prayer

5: Step By Step  
318: I Love the Lord

### Communion

51002: As the Deer

### Sermon

325: It is Finished

### Announcements

796: A Mansion Robe & Crown

### Closing Prayer

### ASSIGNMENTS:

Preaching: Mike Bentley  
Song Leader: Victor Howard I  
Opening Prayer: Daniel Phelps  
Communion: Welton Stoker  
Closing Prayer: Lance Clinton

**Contact Roddgrick Washington  
before Sunday if you are unable to  
serve.**

**Men, please meet in the Room  
110 for prayer.**

**See our Sermon Notes in  
the Parkview APP!**

Living by Christ's Higher Standard

# LIVING WITH A HIGHER STANDARD OF JOY



Bro. Mike Bentley

In our nation, the "pursuit of happiness" is counted as one of the fundamental rights of citizens. However, not all people pursue happiness in the same way. Various pursuits of happiness involve pleasure, labor, relationships, wealth, education, and other temporal quests. Solomon tried all of these and said that "all is vanity and striving after wind" (Eccl. 1:14). The higher standard of living set by Jesus for His followers aims us at a better, a truer joy that is not of this world. What is it to live by the higher standard of true and lasting joy?

**The joy of a Christian is because of \_\_\_\_\_.** Christians rejoice over blessed events that happen in the world, but our lasting joy is for the blessings we have through faith in Christ Jesus. For this reason, Philippians 4:4 emphatically says, "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice!" We find Jesus by hearing His blessed gospel and obeying it just like the Ethiopian, who "went on his way rejoicing" after he had been baptized into Christ (Acts 8:38-39; Gal. 3:27).

**Joy in Christ defies this \_\_\_\_\_.** The joy we have in Christ is not affected by worldly circumstances.

**Joy in Christ comes from \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.** Faith is "the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen" (Heb. 11:1). Hope is the confident expectation of yet unseen things. Notice Romans 8:24-25. Consider the process in Romans 5:1-5. Exultation in hope comes at the end of a process, which has the steps of tribulations, perseverance, proven character, and finally hope.

**Joy in Christ \_\_\_\_\_ with faith.** James 1:2-4 also describes a process. We rejoice at the beginning of a spiritual process because we know the outcome, that is, a perfected faith with the patience to overcome challenges.

**Joy in Christ cannot be \_\_\_\_\_.** We can choose to abandon the Lord (Gal. 1:6) or wreck our own faith (1 Tim. 1:19), but no one can take away our faith, which means no one can take away our joy. Only through faith in Jesus can we have lasting joy in this world and for eternity.

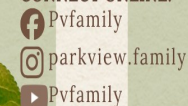


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# Welcome to Parkview church of Christ

Sunday Worship Times: 9AM | 10AM | 5PM  
Thank you for worshipping with us!

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## WELCOME TO PARKVIEW!

We are SO glad you are with us today!

**Are you our guest?** We would enjoy meeting you! **Please take a moment to fill out an attendance card found next to the hymnals in front of you.** You can pass the card to the aisles or drop it in one of the collection boxes on the lobby tables, next to the communion elements.

**What to expect:** We seek to follow the New Testament example for our assembly. So you may notice that we sing without accompaniment; different men lead us in prayers and a sermon; we take the Lord's Supper, or communion, each Sunday; and members give financially.

If you have questions about what we do or why we do it, please – let us know.

### CONTACT US!

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## PRAYER LIST

Peggy Vaughn, procedure Thurs.  
 David LaClair (Peggy & Susie's nephew), God's guidance  
 Rose Pleasant, God's mercy and strength  
 Melvin Jacobs, (Charles Jacobs' cousin), requesting prayers  
 Brent Christner (Rita's nephew), heart transplant was successful! Praise God!  
 Regina Foster, recovering knee replacement  
 Carol Durbin, Mullican Care Center, Savoy, requesting visitors  
 Diane Phelps, pain management  
 Helen Smith, at Cedar Hollow Rehabilitation  
 Judy Low, at home, mobility Issues

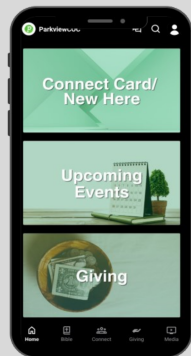
**ADDITIONAL CONCERNS:** Janie Baker; Jeff Baker; Ron Cassady; Barry Cox; Jimmy & Julia Cody, Pauline Howard I; Laura House; Tommy Langford; Andy LeDane; Faye LeDane; LaVerle & Bob Mathis; Vicki Oliver; Shirley Pearson; Norma Quaye; Sandy Rigmaiden; Naomi Shannon; Terri Short; Welton & Betty Stoker; Marcus Stroup; Lilita Sullivan, Alison Tesney; Rita Veale; Thomas Vaughn; Debbie Washington; Shirley Woodson

**BATTLING CANCER:** Mary Haley; Ron Owens, Julie Collins; Phebe Eubanks, David Taylor, Natalie Roberts

**SHUT-INS:** Mary Martin (Woodlands, rm 212); Judy

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# PARKVIEW FAMILY NEWS

## HOW CAN I HELP?

### Clothing Room Request:

Children's clothes and men's jeans

### Pantry Items Needed:

Packaged muffin mixes, boxed scalloped potatoes, pop tarts, canned vegetables, canned soups, spaghetti, spaghetti sauce, & cereals

### Fosters Children's Home Collection:

We are collecting non-perishable food items for FCH. Drop-off in the lobby.

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***Please keep the Washington/Baker/Shields family in your prayers. Our sister Debbie Washington passed away April 20th.***

**VBS Planning Committee:** If you are a part of this group vote for the 2026 VBS Theme via the App group. If you would like to be added please inform Camille.

**BAPTISTRY TOWELS: Angela Lohr**  
**NURSERY: Chresha**  
**AV LiveStream AM: Camille, Katia**  
**AV LiveStream PM: Jessica**

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

**Senior Graduate Table:** This Sunday begins your opportunity to show our graduates appreciation and support of a job well done! Grad boxes will be in foyer for each grad until **Senior Sunday May 17th**. **Kylie Boatright, Staryln Fulsom, and Kamyra Palmer.** Congratulations ladies!

**Gospel Lectureship:** Central church of Christ's lectureship is entitled, "Transformers Transforming Society. It will be **April 19- 22**. See bulletin board for more info.

**CPR Training:** will be held at Parkview on **April 25th** from 8:30am- 11:00 am. Cost: \$45/ person. Please sign up and pay via our app.

**Ivanhoe coC Spring Gospel Meeting:** We invite you to be a part of this series of lessons. May 10-13, 2026. Guest Speaker: Heath Stapleton. Sunday's lesson: "My Expectation". See the north bulletin board for more info.



## FOR THE RECORD 4/19/26

Sunday morning Bible class: 75  
 Sunday morning assembly: 101  
 Sunday evening: 41+  
 Offering: **5,507.00**  
 Weekly budget: 4,151.00  
 Missions goal: \$12,500  
 Missions contribution: **\$8,855**

### Contact Us:

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GIVE ONLINE

2026 THEME:  
**LIVING BY CHRIST'S**  
 HIGHER STANDARD

## YOUTH & FAMILY

### Spring 2026



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## Youth Class Topics:

**Sunday: The Big Picture**

**Wednesday: Basic Truths of God**

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

May 17th: Senior Sunday  
 May 24: Summer Kickoff- Sanger  
 May 26-28: Texoma Work Camp  
 May 31-June 6: Music Camp

The Youth Calendar is now in the App. Check it out. Make payments towards future events or add events to your personal calendars!

## BIBLE CLASSES

Spring 2026:

### Sunday Morning Adult Classes:

Rm 102-103 - The Life of Jesus - Welton Stoker  
 Rm 115/116 - 1 & 2 Thessalonians - Victor Howard I  
 NE Corner Rm - 1 & 2 Peter- Marcus Stroup

### Wednesday Night Adult Classes:

Rm 102-103—Romans—David Ellis  
 NE Corner Room— Angels-Ladies Class