

# **Important Dates**

## **February 9**

Campaign information distributed

## February 10

40 Days of Prayer Begins

## February 24

Leadership Vision Gatherings (taking place in homes this week)

# March 20

**Prayer Event** 

### March 22

Faith Sunday (the opportunity to provide gift estimates)

# April 5

First Fruits Sunday

# April 12

Easter Sunday (totals announced)



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**Parkway Baptist Church** 



Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us. ~ Ephesians 3:20



### Dear Church Family,

2019 marked the end of God's/our five-year vision plan for Parkway Baptist Church, but it's just the beginning of a new decade of the 2020's. We have been blessed in so many ways beyond what we could have imagined with – new believers, new families, and transformed lives. We have seen an increase in worship, small group and discipleship participation, more opportunities with our ministry teams and mission involvement (locally and internationally), and a sweeter spirit-filled fellowship. All this is in keeping with the Parkway Vision, "Love God, Love Auburn, Love the Nations" and the Parkway Mission, "to lead people into a growing relationship with Jesus Christ." Ultimately, our Lord receives all the glory. Thank you for your faithfulness!

In 2020, our task will be to keep the vision alive and moving forward. Your servant leaders will be very intentional this year to spend much time in prayer and encourage all members to do the same as we make plans for the next decade of loving one another, reaching the lost for Christ, and discipling believers. I anticipate the Lord to do a great work, perhaps even greater than what we have seen in the past. However, the growth and the harvest is in His hands. For it is, "God who gives the increase". Our responsibility is to "respond in faith". By faithfully following God's will, we allow God to do His greatest work and to be used mightily by Him.

The one goal we set that went beyond our five-year vision plan was to be *debt free* by 2023. We have come a long way towards reaching this goal, but we are not finished yet. This brochure will help you to see the benefits of taking care of this responsibility by participating in a campaign to pay off our debt once and for all. All I ask is for you to pray for our next steps and for your part in keeping the Parkway vision moving ahead.

Peace and Blessings,

Jeff Redmond

# **Frequently Asked Questions**

### When does the campaign start?

The Faith Campaign has already begun! Our leadership team has already been meeting, praying, and working since March of 2019, to ensure this campaign is as successful as possible. In addition, our team and ministry staff have already given their gift estimates to kick things off. We will do everything possible to communicate the vision and purpose of this campaign. We invite you to our small group gatherings where you will be able to ask questions. Everyone in the church will have an opportunity to participate in this campaign on Faith Sunday, which is March 22, 2020.

### How long will the campaign last?

The campaign will last three years beginning April 5, 2020, our First Fruits Sunday, and ending on the same day in 2023. We will be giving frequent updates throughout the three years.

### When will the debt be paid off?

That all depends on us! We expect to have the debt fully paid off at the end of the campaign, but it could happen sooner depending on our giving.

### Will this campaign take away from our regular tithes and offerings?

Throughout this campaign, we will emphasize that gifts for this effort should be over and above your current tithes and offerings to our general budget. It is critical that we maintain our current ministries and even grow them during this time. Statistics show that churches in campaigns often grow their budgets even during the three years.

### What if we exceed our goal?

What a great thing to consider! If we are able to pay off the current debt, any money given beyond that will be set aside for future growth opportunities for the church. We are so grateful to God that He continues to grow our church and we want to be prepared for the next part of His vision for Parkway Baptist Church.

### Who is The Baptist Foundation of Alabama and why do we need them?

The Baptist Foundation of Alabama is a state Baptist entity that assists churches in estate planning, investing, and capital campaigns. Our partners there have experience in these types of campaigns, and we felt having that expertise would ensure we run this campaign in a spiritually uplifting manner. In addition, statistics show that churches do better financially in campaigns when utilizing outside counsel.

### I have additional questions. Who can I call?

You can call anyone on our campaign team. The members on this team are: Dale Henderson / 334.319.0944, Marcalyn Price / 334.444.0079, Mike Machen / 334.740.1069,

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