

The Family Table Talk

Reverend Donald R. Lawrence, Pastor

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*Then we your people
the sheep of your
pasture, will praise
you forever...*
Psalm 29:13

Special Dates

- Veterans Day. November 11.2006
- Thanksgiving Day. November 23.2006

Mission Statement

The mission of Parkway Baptist Church is to be an inclusive and united body of believers functioning under the leading of the Holy Spirit to exalt the Lord Jesus Christ through worship, discipleship and Godly living; extend His Kingdom by equipping the saved to win the lost; and actively share the love of God with people within and beyond the local church community through fellowship, evangelistic outreach, and missions involvement.

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Come Worship With Us

Sunday School @ 9:30 a.m.

Services @ 11 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY: Prayer Meeting @ 7:30 p.m.

FRIDAY: Youth Fellowship @ 8:00 p.m.

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**A
Message
from
the Pastor**

The history of Thanksgiving teaches us the value of openness and kindness as practiced by the Native American Indians in the help they offered the Pilgrims. It also teaches the value of God's providence and the partnerships He calls us into, even with those who we might have wished to distance ourselves from.

We therefore come together in this season to glorify God for His wisdom and grace as evidenced in His provisions for another year. Truly the Lord works in mysterious ways His wonders to perform. He cares for us whether we are anxious or are experiencing abundance.

True thanksgiving is fueled by a certain consciousness of God as author of all things, giver of assurance in all things and the one to whom we are answerable for all things.

● Consequently our theme for this month is,
● **“Thanksgiving: Giving Glory to The**
● **Lord...of Life, of Love, of Light and of**
● **Lords.** By study and reflection on this theme
● and its sub-themes, it is hoped we will be
● challenged to offer more acceptable thanks and
● praise to the Almighty Father.

● We must at this time give God thanks also for
● enabling us to close on the purchase of the
● Allen's property. This acquisition offers us
● the opportunity to rally to the cause, of erecting
● a facility that will enhance our ability to equip
● particularly our young people, to live lives which
● are an offering of praise to God.

● I therefore along with my family wish the
● Parkway family a happy and meaningful
● Thanksgiving, as together like the Native
● Indians and Pilgrims, we honor what might
● appear to be a peculiar partnership but
● nonetheless a partnership brought about by the
● wisdom and grace of God.

● God's Peace
● Donald R. Lawrence (Rev.)
● Pastor

A Thanksgiving Prayer

Gracious God, so much as been bestowed upon us.
We lack for little and yet yearn
for so much. Continue to teach us to appreciate
what has come to us as blessing and gift.
Keep on urging and challenging us to share what
we have.
Help us to give generously and freely of our bounty.
We offer thanks for all that has been granted to
us, and we express our thanks as we celebrate.
Let us remember that..Thanksgiving is a time of
gratitude to God, whose love is with us forever.
Thanksgiving is a time of changing seasons, when
grass turn brown and the sun is not so hot
Thanksgiving is a time to reflect on changes
remembering that we too,
have grown and changed from one season of life to
another.

Let us remember the true meaning
of Thanksgiving. In the beauty of the season,
let us acknowledge
the many blessings which are ours....
Think of our families and friends...
Share a meal with someone who is hungry...
Call someone who is alone...
Call someone who is ill...

Pray for our troops and their families
and do give thanks to God from our hearts.

Wishing you and those you love a blessed
Thanksgiving.
Happy Thanksgiving





The Pilgrims who sailed to this country aboard the *Mayflower* were originally members of the English Separatist Church. They had earlier fled their home in England and sailed to Holland to escape religious persecution. There, they enjoyed more religious tolerance, but they eventually became disenchanted with the Dutch way of life, thinking it ungodly. Seeking a better life, the Separatists negotiated with a London stock company to finance a pilgrimage to America.

The Pilgrims set ground at Plymouth Rock on December 11, 1620. Their first winter was devastating. At the beginning of the following fall, they had lost 46 of the original 102 who sailed on the *Mayflower*. But the harvest of 1621 was a bountiful one. And the remaining colonists decided to celebrate with a feast — including 91 Indians who had helped the Pilgrims survive their first year. It is believed that the Pilgrims would not have made it through the year without the help of the natives. The feast was more of a traditional English harvest festival than a true “thanksgiving” observance. It lasted three days.

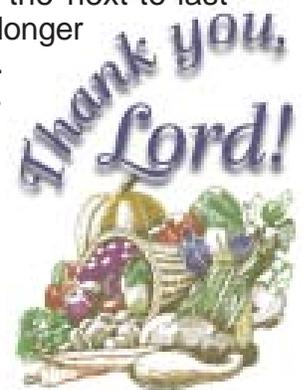
Governor William Bradford sent four men after wild ducks and geese. It is not certain that wild turkey was part of their feast. However, it is certain that they had venison. The term “turkey” was used by the Pilgrims to mean any sort of wild fowl.

This “thanksgiving” feast was not repeated the following year. But in 1623, during a severe drought, the pilgrims gathered in a prayer service, praying for rain. When a long, steady rain followed the very next day, Governor Bradford proclaimed another day of Thanksgiving, again inviting their Indian

friends. It wasn't until June of 1676 that another Day of Thanksgiving was proclaimed.

October of 1777 marked the first time that all 13 colonies joined in a thanksgiving celebration. George Washington proclaimed a National Day of Thanksgiving in 1789, although some were opposed to it. There was discord among the colonies, many feeling the hardships of a few Pilgrims did not warrant a national holiday. And later, President Thomas Jefferson scoffed at the idea of having a day of thanksgiving.

It was Sarah Josepha Hale, a magazine editor, whose efforts eventually led to what we recognize as Thanksgiving. Hale wrote many editorials championing her cause in her *Boston Ladies' Magazine*. Finally, after a 40-year campaign of writing editorials and letters to governors and presidents, Hale's obsession became a reality when, in 1863, President Lincoln proclaimed the *last* Thursday in November as a national day of Thanksgiving. Thanksgiving was proclaimed by every president after Lincoln. The date was changed a couple of times, most recently by Franklin Roosevelt, who set it up one week to the next-to-last Thursday in order to create a longer Christmas shopping season. Public uproar against this decision caused the president to move Thanksgiving back to its original date two years later. And in 1941, Thanksgiving was finally sanctioned by Congress as a legal holiday, as the *fourth* Thursday in November.



Adapted from Holidays Nov.2006

A Warm Welcome To Our Guests



Rev. & Mrs. Donald Lawrence

The hymn writer longed for a thousand tongues to sing his Great Redeemer's praise. The Psalmist wanted to pay his vows in the great congregation. Consequently, we here at Parkway, appreciate the dimension your presence adds to our worship and our efforts to bear credible witness to God's love, through the various programs of the church.

In the name of Christ our Lord and this local expression of His bride, the Church, we greet you and honor your willingness to participate in the life of the Parkway Baptist Church. Many have openly testified of the love they have encountered here. It is our hope that this has been your experience. If it has not yet been so for you, certainly this is our aim and the calling we have to fulfill.

We therefore pledge the openness of our hands and hearts to you, as we continue in our quest to be obedient to Christ's calling. Further we pledge a listening ear to you, so as to be aware of your concerns and consider your suggestions. May you truly feel welcomed and unite with us here at Parkway on this Christian pilgrim journey.

God's Peace!

WHAT A BLESSING !

A rose is a rose, still blooming one hundred years. Continue to shine for Jesus.



Sister Zelpha Mckain's grandmother celebrated her 100th birthday in Jamaica-Sturge Town St. Ann

HOME BIBLE STUDY



As we approach the start of a new church year, let me say thanks to the members who were willing to open their homes so that we could meet to study God's word and enjoy sweet fellowship.

We again anticipate hearing what God will say to us this year. I am appealing to members who are interested in hosting a Home Bible Study to either contact Karen Embden or myself. We are hoping to start our studies promptly at 7:30 p.m.

Remember the importance of Bible Study II Timothy 2: 15 states "Study to show thyself approved unto god, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

Submitted by
Clover Lovelock

If we fill all our hours with regrets over failures of yesterday, and with worries over the problems of tomorrow, we will have no TODAY in which to be THANKFUL for. Have you thanked Him for your blessings today? MAY EACH DAY BE THANKSGIVING DAY!

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Submitted by Doris Richardson



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**"Christmas With A Difference"
Annual Fund Raising Banquet**

Saturday, December 9, 2006

5:00 p.m. Church Grounds

Adults \$30

Children 12 & Under \$15
prizes and surprises

We are soliciting ads for the souvenir Journal.
See any member of the WMU to submit your ad.



Wee Care Christmas Program will be held on Friday December 8th at 7:30 pm. This is a time when all the children at the center will participate in the program. Please come and bring a friend, you will have a wonderful time.

Geneta Campbell
Director

October 25, 2006

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*Beaming the Light of God's
Word to Caribbean People*

Dear Rev. Lawrence:

Greetings in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

By now, you are aware that Rev. Arthur Edgar has retired as director of Caribbean Christian Publications (CCP) after 26 years of service to this ministry. As the new director of CCP, I write to express gratitude for the continued support of the three churches – Cosmopolitan, Metropolitan and Parkway Baptist churches – in the Miami area. The Board of Trustees and staff of CCP gratefully acknowledge your willingness to assist the ministry by way of financial support, given generously through your Annual Thanksgiving Service over these many years.

We look forward to your continued support to the literature ministry of Caribbean Baptist Fellowship, CCP, as you keep us in your prayers and your ministry budget. We thank God for the interest you have shown for the spread of the gospel throughout the Caribbean through CCP.

May God bless you always,

In His service

Gillian Francis
Director

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Healthwise Report

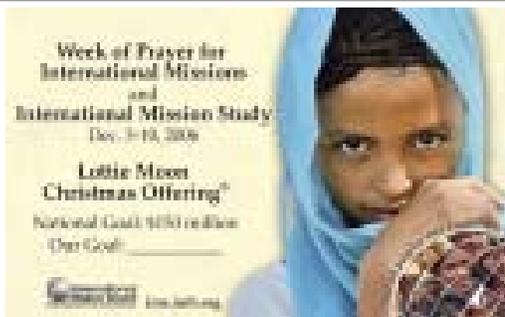
Adult Preventive Medicine

As with all guidelines the following recommended dates need to be discussed with your healthcare provider.

	Gender	Ages 18-36	Ages 40-49	Ages 50-64	Ages 65+
Cancer Pelvic & Pap Test	Women	Begin within 3 years of onset of sexual activity or no later than age 21. Pap test yearly (or every 3 years after having three yearly normal Pap tests). Stop at age 65 unless high risk.(previous positive pap test or previous cervical CA).			
Mammogram	Women	Every 1 - 2 years		Yearly	Yearly until age 70
Colonoscopy	Women/Men	Fecal occult blood annually for age 50. Begin screening with sigmoidoscopy or colonoscopy at age 50. A series of 3 fecal occult blood tests required to meet HEDIS screening requirements.			
Cardiovascular disease High blood pressure	Men/Women	Note new high blood pressure values- normal <120/80; pre-hypertension 120/80-89; hypertension >140/90.			
Lipids	Women/Men	Non-fasting total cholesterol and HDL-c beginning at age 35 for men and age 45 for women. Repeat every 5 years. Have a fasting lipid profile done if total cholesterol >200 or if other risk factors (diabetes, obesity, etc.).			
Infectious diseases Chlamydia screening	Women	All sexually active females younger than age 25 and all pregnant females under age 25.			
Hepatitis B	Women	All pregnant women at first prenatal visit			
Routine preventive care Immunizations	Women/Men	Tetanus-Diphtheria (Td) -every 10 years	Tetanus-Diphtheria (Td) -every 10 years	Influenza yearly	pneumococcal-one dose routinely
PSA (Prostate Specific Antigen)	Men	45yrs & older accompanied by digital rectal exam. In black men even low elevations warrant further investigation. PSA normal <4ng/ml			
Bone mineral content	Women	Screening all women >age 65 at-risk women >age 60. DXA of femoral neck is considered the best method			

Center of Disease Control (CDC) is now recommending HIV testing as part of routine medical care for all patients aged 13-64.

Adapted from VISTA Health plans Fall Issue 2006 Submitted by C.Harding



Week of Prayer for International Missions Dec. 3-10, 2006

Theme: That all peoples may
know Him

Focus on people groups and
missionaries in West Africa

Scripture:

*"All the ends of the earth will remember
and turn to the Lord, and all the families
of the nations will worship before You"*

(Ps. 22:27, NASB)

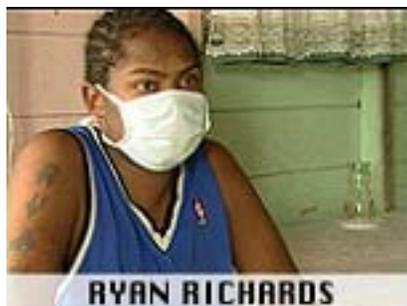
**Dec. 3-10 our
church will join other
Southern Baptist
churches praying
for International
Mission Board
missionaries working
to bring the Gospel
to West Africa.**

There are more than 350 people groups in West Africa without any access to the Gospel. Southern Baptist missionaries are working to change that, but they can't do it without your prayer and your giving to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. What will you sacrifice so that West Africa's lost may know the name of Jesus Christ? Give generously to Lottie Moon this holiday season.

RICHMOND, VA. (BP)-The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering has helped support missionaries since 1888 in taking the Gospel around the world. The 2006 goal is \$150 million, with 100 percent of Southern Baptists' gifts undergirding more than 5,100 missionaries working in almost every nation. West Africa-home to 287 million people and 355 people groups with virtually no access to the Gospel-is the International Mission Board's focus for the 2006 Lottie Moon offering.

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UPDATE ON RYAN - A PRAISE



Individuals at Parkway Baptist Church will remember Sis. Vida Stewart collecting money to help Ryan (Carleen Clothier's nephew from Belize) get dialysis treatment.

Ryan who graduated from Edward P. Yorke High School in Belize in 2003 was looking forward to pursuing a higher education at S.J.C. sixth form, but one year later his kidneys failed and he needed immediate dialysis treatment. "As Richards got worse, the illness took a toll on his family. Therese Clothier had to sell most of her assets to get the medical attention her son desperately needed to stay alive. The family desperately reached out to anyone who would help them. Kidney specialist, Dr. Miguel Rosado and FRIENDS OF PEDIATRICS President, Dr. Egbert Grinage, heard those cries. It was not long before other concerned individuals and organizations came to the rescue." Sis. Vida also took it upon herself to contact individuals in our church who willingly donated to this cause. This money was sent to Belize and it helped Ryan get the dialysis he so desperately needed.

Excerpts from a newspaper in Belize, dated October 11, 2006

Kidney transplant patient doing well:

After undergoing a kidney transplant almost two months ago in Guatemala, twenty-two year old Ryan Richards is back home feeling a little uncomfortable but very lucky to be alive. However it will be another month until it will be safe for him to remove the mask he must wear to avoid infections. Richards suffered total renal failure and underwent surgery to remove the left organ.

Ryan's sister, Myshanta, had offered to donate one of her kidneys but tests showed that it was not one hundred percent compatible. However Ryan's mother was a perfect match. Therese Clothier said, *"I cannot explain in words how I am feeling right now, but I am overwhelmed. I am very happy that I am his mother and I was able to give him a kidney."*

"FRIENDS OF PEDIATRICS has promised to donate a one year supply of the medication he needs. It is hoped that public support will assist Ryan in getting continued supplies. If you would like to contribute, contact either Dr. Egbert Grinage at telephone number 610-2889 or Therese Clothier at 607-9215.

Submitted by M. Vernon

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COX RADIO APPOINTS DERRICK BAKER TO PROGRAM DIRECTOR OF WEDR 99 JAMZ SERVING MIAMI, FLORIDA

ATLANTA – November 1, 2006 – Cox Radio (NYSE: CXR) announced today the appointment of Derrick Baker to Program Director of 99 JAMZ WEDR-FM serving the Miami and Ft. Lauderdale markets.

A native Floridian, Derrick Baker began his career in radio in 10th grade when he began volunteering and interning at WEDR 99 JAMZ. During his undergraduate studies at Morehouse College in Atlanta, Georgia, Mr. Baker was an on-air personality for WRBD-AM and worked in promotions. He was also secured a spot as an on-air personality on weekends and overnights on WEDR 99 JAMZ. Most recently, he served as Assistant Program Director for WEDR 99 JAMZ.

"Derrick's radio experience in the Miami market and commitment to WEDR made him the perfect candidate for the program director position," said Jerry Rushin, WEDR/WHQT General Manager. "I have had the pleasure to work with Derrick for over 15 years at WEDR and I believe this new position is the perfect opportunity for Derrick to take his career to the next level."

"I have had the privilege to work at South Florida's premier radio station since I first realized my interest in radio," said Derrick Baker. "I am excited by the opportunity to advance my career and grow within the Cox Radio family."

Cox Radio is one of the largest radio companies in the United States based on revenues. Cox Radio owns, operates, provides sales or marketing services for 80 stations (67 FM and 13 AM) clustered in 18 markets, including major markets such as Atlanta, Houston, Miami, Orlando, San Antonio and Tampa. Cox Radio shares are traded on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol: CXR.

PRESS RELEASE: COX RADIO



Veterans Day has its roots in what was called Armistice Day, the day when a peace agreement was signed with Germany ending World War I. Armistice Day was established with a proclamation by President Woodrow Wilson which reads in part: "Armistice Day will be filled with solemn pride in heroism of those who died in the country's service and with gratitude for the victory, both because of the thing from which it has freed us and because of the opportunity it has given America to show her sympathy with peace and justice in the councils of the nations." On June 1, 1954, Armistice Day was renamed Veterans Day to honor all U.S. veterans.

On Veterans Day this year, let us remember and honor those men and women who gave of themselves, and let us continue to pray for our men and women currently serving in the military.

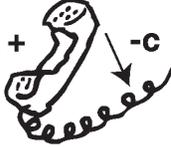


To help Floridians identify how they can strengthen their homes against hurricanes and to reduce hurricane damage exposure in our state, the Florida Comprehensive Hurricane Damage Mitigation Program is offering free home inspections by qualified hurricane mitigation inspectors to eligible homeowners. You must apply and obtain approval in order to receive the free inspection. Requesting or obtaining an inspection does not guarantee or automatically qualify you for a grant. Individual homes will be eligible for matching grants of up to \$5,000 each to make specific home improvements as recommended in the inspection report. Go to mysafeFloridahome.com and click on My Safe Florida Home for additional information and to apply. Offer end Nov. 31, 2006



Thanksgiving is a time to be thankful for all the good things in our lives. God is pleased when we are thankful because He knows that we remember the wonderful things He does for us every day.

Directions: Use the picture clues below to figure out the verse about being thankful. The minus (-) sign means take out the letter(s). The plus sign (+) means to add the letter(s).

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4-u			-n
	- land		g+ - h"
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Psalm 107:1

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

- A mother told another woman that she had named her child Verily. "That's an unusual name," the woman replied. "Is that an old family name?" "No," answered the new mom. "It's a name I found in the Bible. Jesus said, 'Verily I say unto you'"
- A 7 year old boy was at the center of a courtroom drama yesterday

when he challenged a court ruling over who should have custody of him. The boy has a history of being beaten by his parents and the judge initially awarded custody to his aunt, in keeping with child custody law and regulations requiring that family unity be maintained to the degree possible. The boy surprised the court when he proclaimed that his aunt beat him more than his parents and he adamantly refused to live with her. When the judge

suggested that he live with his grandparents, the boy cried out that they also beat him. After considering the remainder of the immediate family and learning that domestic violence was apparently a way of life among them, the judge took the unprecedented step of allowing the boy to reference and confer with child welfare officials, the judge granted temporary custody to the Miami Dolphins, who the boy firmly believes are not capable of beating anyone.