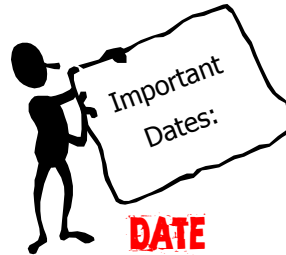


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# INNERCHANGE *update*

## PASTOR JD IS HEADING TO INDIANA

You may have been in church on the Sunday that I announced it or read it on facebook or heard it through the grapevine. Maybe this is your first time learning that I am leaving. The Elders have decided that this is effective Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>. The Lord has worked in some quick and amazing ways, and I have every confidence that He is going to continue to offer His grace to my family and Parkview as it searches for the next Pastor of Student Ministries. With this newsletter, you will find a copy of my resignation letter that will give you an idea of my thoughts about this transition. Many are wondering about this. So I am happy to share that the church I will be pastoring is Harvest Fellowship in Crawfordsville, IN. I also know that their website is hard to find. It's [www.harvestfellowshiponline.com](http://www.harvestfellowshiponline.com) !



DATE	EVENT
Sept. 7th	First MS Xchange
Sept. 8th	First HS Xchange
Sept. 18th	Oyate Concern pot
Sept. 24th	First trip for Oyate
Sept. 24th-Oct. 29th (Saturdays)	Father/Son Study
Oct. 14th	6th-9th slumber
Nov. 4th-6th	Fall Retreat

## CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!

We are in need of volunteers! If you are available to help in any of the areas listed below, please contact Alisha Abernathie in the church office at 343-1485 or by email at [assistant@parkviewefc.org](mailto:assistant@parkviewefc.org).

- Wednesday night back up leaders
- Thursday night back up leader
- Oyate Concern chaperones (males specifically)
- Fall retreat cabin leaders
- Dare 2 Share Drivers

## DON T FORGET!

**The Xchange begins again this week!**

Middle School – Wed, Sept 7 – 6:30 to 8:00

High School – Thurs, Sept 8 – 6:00 to 8:00



**SEEKING TO HELP STUDENTS LIVE IN WITH AND THRU CHRIST**

## A NOTE FROM PASTOR JD

God has lifted my call to Rapid City as the Youth Pastor at Parkview Ev. Free and has placed it on Harvest Fellowship in Crawfordsville, IN to pastor the church there. Let me communicate a few things.

**1. The Bowmans love Parkview Church.** For me and my family, Parkview Church has been a place of love and fruitful ministry. We have grown here spiritually. We have loved this body of Christ. We have loved this community. We have made, what I believe, will be lifelong friends. We have greatly enjoyed serving the Lord alongside of the body of Christ here. We have not made this decision lightly, nor have we gone without shedding some tears over the reality that God is leading us into a new and unfamiliar place to do a different kind of ministry with new people.

**2. Parkview Church have loved us in substantial ways.** From supporting my ministry vision to putting up with my idiosyncrasies, from loving and teaching our children to sneaking tires onto my truck, we have felt Parkview's love and care throughout our time here. Honestly, the jaws drop on my pastor friends when I tell them that I have never experienced a single mean-spirited word or allegation from a member of this congregation in all of the five years that I have served here. For the Bowman family, Parkview has been a place where Christ is honored in the way that you treat your servants.

**3. God is as work in this.** This transition to pastoring a church is a change that some in my life, including Pastor Dave, saw coming before I did. I am grateful to them for having a kingdom-investment mindset with me. I look forward to preaching from God's Word and interceding on the Harvest's behalf. I look forward to leading the congregation into God's plan for the church. Every step I take will have been shaped by my time here at Parkview, and, for a long while, every step I take will ache a little from missing this congregation.

**4. This is a good and healthy transition.** This is a healthy, Christ-honoring process under which I am leaving Parkview. My relationship with the staff and leadership of Parkview is loving, healthy, and genuine.

**5. The Student Ministry will continue to be biblically sound.** Some might be concerned that Parkview's Student Ministry is going to change greatly. I want to reassure them that this change does not take God by surprise, and He has been preparing the InnerChange Student Ministry for it. I

believe that you are going to see His special work just as I have seen His special leading in the last few months.

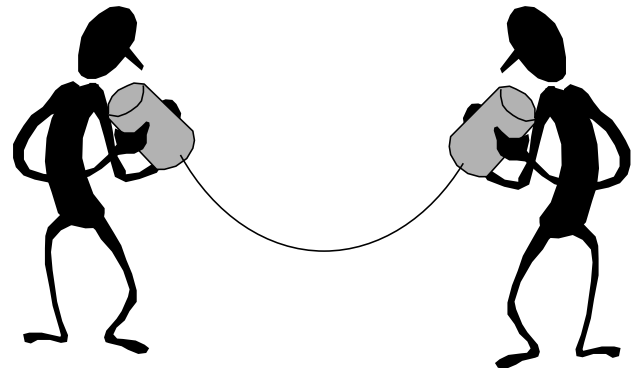
I want to reassure parents that it has been the values of Parkview that have allowed me to be the Youth Pastor that I have been. It has been the commitment to the expositive teaching of God's Word, and the view that parents are the primary disciplers of their children. It has been the interest in seeing teenagers challenged to be young men and women of God rather than spinning their wheels waiting to grow up. It has been the welcoming of young people to discover and use their gifts in the church rather than segregating them from the congregation. It has been the acceptance of the fact that the pastor's primary call is to equip the saints for ministry rather than sitting on the sidelines watching the pastor do the ministry. Thank you for allowing us to have a fruitful time here in ministry and to grow as a healthy family.

Please be praying for the Bowman family and for Parkview that the coming weeks would be ones that allow for a healthy transition for the us as well as for the church and the Student Ministry. Please pray for the students and adults that will take on the ministry for which God has been preparing them. Again, God has been so much a part of this process, we are confident that He will continue to provide His grace and guidance for the coming days.



## STAYING INFORMED

If you have never received email updates and would like to, please provide us with your email address by sending it to [assistant@parkviewefc.org](mailto:assistant@parkviewefc.org) !  
Facebook Group, "InnerChangers" – If you are on facebook, ask to join so you can receive the event



## THE VALIANT LEADERS OF THE XCHANGES

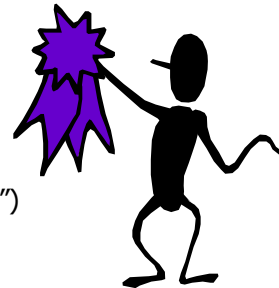
I want you to know that the leaders of the Xchange (both Middle School and High School Xchange) are prepared to continue the purpose that they have had in ministering to students throughout these years. Purpose of the Xchange is...

To help students to

**Build their Friendships around their Faith  
And  
Bring their Faith into their Friendships**

**You can count on these leaders to continue to strive by these Biblical Values:**

1. Maintaining an Atmosphere of Godliness (before cultural relevance or to just "get a laugh")
2. Using God's Word, Prayer, & Christian Fellowship to Impact Students (not entertainment)
3. Envisioning High Schoolers as Young Adults (not grown children just waiting to grow up)
4. Pursuing A Work of the Holy Spirit (not an emotional work of the flesh)
5. Being Adults who are Discipling Students (not simply chaperoning)



Please be praying for these leaders as they seek to minister with the love of Christ to your teenagers! We are in need of back-up leaders for the Xchange. This is a request for Parkview Parents who have or can be approved to work with minors. See the section Volunteers Needed for more info!

## FALL RETREAT INFO

The Fall Retreat is going to happen and it is going to be great as usual! More info is going to be coming in the near future as it is established. I can tell you that the plan right now is to stick close to the previous schedule from years past. This means it will begin at 7 PM on Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> and end at 1:30 on Nov. 6<sup>th</sup>. One change from past years is that we are asking students to be brought or drive to the Retreat rather than having everyone meet at the church and being brought back to the church.

**Dates:** Nov. 4-6

**Speaker:** Pastor Luke Baker – Previous Youth Pastor at South Canyon Baptist and now the pastor of Memorial Baptist Church in Parkston, SD

**Location:** Camp Judson

**Cabin Leaders Needed!** – This is a request for Parkview Parents who have or can be approved to work with minors. See the section Volunteers Needed for more info!



## GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR FATHERS AND SONS

Dad's If you are looking for help in launching into the new frontier of raising a young man with a strong vision and in a way that bonds you with your son, CHECK THIS OUT! Ed Egbert will be facilitating **Becoming a Man: A Father and Son Journey Together**. Here's the study description: "These six tested and proven sessions adapted from The Quest for Authentic Manhood by Robert Lewis will give each young man a clear, compelling vision of what it means to be a man. By participating with his son in this experience each dad is not only empowering his son with a vision for manhood but will also be strategically positioning himself to be his son's number one cheerleader as he moves up the mountain of manhood."

The idea is for **dads and sons to attend the sessions together** and discuss small group questions one-on-one, but you can attend without your son if you need to do so. I cannot encourage our fathers enough to be involved with these six sessions. It will truly define the teenage years that you have with your sons!

**Session Times:** Saturdays, 8 AM at the church

**Beginning Date:** Sept. 24<sup>th</sup> – Oct. 29<sup>th</sup>

**Info Meeting:** Sept. 11<sup>th</sup> after church in the Café' Court

**Cost:** \$7 per person

**Contact Ed soon if you are interested:**  
Ed.Egbert@blackhillscorp.com or 787-4578

## 6TH THRU 9TH GRADE SLUMBER PARTY

Watch for more information coming in the following weeks!

**Directors** – Anna Scott & Jackie Isakson

**Location** – Parsons' house

**Tentative Date** – Oct. 14<sup>th</sup>



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We work in ministry partnership with a ministry called Oyate Concern which is a strong youth ministry to the teenagers of Oglala. In order to build relationships with the students of their ministry, once a month we seek to send a group of high school students and two adults (at least one male) to Oyate Concern to participate in their youth group which is held on Saturday nights. This has resulted in many of their teenagers feeling comfortable enough to join us for some of our events including Fall Retreat and our Lock-In. We also have joined together to attend Dare 2 Share as well. This year, the folks at Oyate are hoping that our students can have a discipling impact on the students there!

**Partnership Director** – Kagney Mosteller

**Times** —3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each Month (depart church at 3 PM & return at 11 PM)

**First Trip** —Sept. 24



**Rob Dyer will be sharing after the service on Sept 18!** All are welcome to come and learn about the ministry of Oyate Concern! (please bring a main dish and a side or dessert!) Male Chaperones are needed!

