



Parkview

ALLIANCE CHURCH

December 18, 2020

Dear Parkview Family,

In the past Parkview has been involved in various discernment processes. As a result, we have seen God's call into new ministry opportunities. Our Board and Staff have been in a process of discerning what God's will is for our Church. We have had conversations around our calling and engaged in a "communal discernment process" with Clint Mix, one of our District Church Coaches. We have read two books, (The Empowerment Pivot by Doug Balzer and The Post Quarantine Church by Thom Rainer). The result of this has been a sense that Parkview needs to lean into our Mission and Vision statements, which are:

Our Mission:

Loving God and loving others in our church, in our community and in our world.

Our Vision:

Imperfect people sharing hope and love in our community.

We also feel we are being called to explore and focus on the concept of community (both community within our own church family and our involvement in our surrounding neighborhood community).

Martin Luther King Jr. made famous these words; "I have a dream". Daniel was given a challenge to not only discern what the dream was but also to interpret the dream (Daniel 2:1-18). The first thing Daniel did was buy for time and then pray. He did not pray alone . . . he had friends. Thus, our first step as we lean into mission is to pray. We currently have a prayer time each Sunday morning at 9:00 a.m. on Zoom. We will also be starting an additional prayer time starting January 6 at 7:00 p.m., and we will continue meeting on the first Wednesday of each month.

In addition to prayer, our next steps are to share our journey with Parkview as a whole. Firstly, we want to meet with as many who want to be involved and discern the following question:

As Parkview Leans into Mission, What should Parkview Look Like?

We need your help in this process. Daniel did not operate in isolation when he was trying to determine what Nebuchadnezzar's dream was. We want you to share in this process with us through your prayer and participation. Please contact Alan Jones, our Board Chair. We will send you the zoom link, and our first meeting will be Wednesday, January 13, at 7:00 p.m.