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"And we bring you good of the promise made unto the fathers..." (Acts 13:32)

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Why is Parkview here?

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If you were asked, "Who are you, and what is your purpose for living, could you answer quickly and concisely? "I am a man, created in the image of God, for the purpose of glorifying God in all that I do." Or, if you were paired at birth with XX, instead of XY chromosomes, you could respond without hesitation, "I am a woman, created in the image of God for the purpose of glorifying God in all that I do." The Bible tells me so, is your answer to the follow up question as to How do you know? (*Genesis 1:26-27, I Corinthians 10:31*)..

Could you respond with the same confident specificity, if asked, "Why does the Parkview church of Christ exist?"

Again, we go to the Bible for our answer. Our local church exists for the purpose of gathering together for public WORSHIP. The inspired Psalmist declared, "Praise ye Jehovah. Sing unto Jehovah a new song, and His praise in the assembly of His saints" (*Psalms 149:1*). The Holy Spirit directed the apostle Paul to declare, "...be filled with the Spirit, speaking one to another in psalms, and hymns, and spiritual songs, singing and

making melody with your heart to the Lord" (Ephesians 5:19).

Every Sunday, the first day of the week, we gather together to remember the Lord's death. We do so by partaking of the Lord's supper, comprised of unleavened bread and the fruit of the vine (*I Corinthians 11:23-25*). Assembling together to partake, "ye proclaim the Lord's death till He come" (*I Corinthians 11:26*).

Our worship unto God involves not only singing, and partaking of the Lord's supper on Sundays, but includes "praying" together (*I Timothy 2:8, Acts 12:5,12*), and hearing the Word of God proclaimed (*Acts 20:7*). On Sundays, we also cheerfully give a portion of our money back to God which He has prospered us to have (*I Corinthians 16:1-2; 2 Corinthians 9:7*).

One may read the Bible, sing, and pray privately in meaningful worship. They may even enjoy such activities in nature's outdoors. But the Parkview church exists in its location so that on Saturday's its members look forward to gathering with others to praise Jehovah "in the assembly of the saints."

Parkview also exists to NURTURE. Our local church is a functioning spiritual body

supplied and guided by its head, Jesus Christ. Paul describes it this way, "we...speaking truth in love, may grow up in all things unto Him, who is the head, even Christ...unto the building up of itself in love" (*Ephesians 4:15-16*).

Parkview also exists to EVANGELIZE. Our head, Jesus Christ, left Heaven to come to earth to "seek and to save the lost" (*Luke 19:10*). We continue with this same passion by proclaiming the good news of salvation in Christ to others. Locally and world-wide, our church is focused on "making disciples of all nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit..." (*Matthew 28:19*). Our focus does not end at baptizing, but continues Jesus' commission of "...teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I commanded you..." (*Matthew 28:20*).

If someone asks you why Parkview exists, you, without hesitation, could say, "It is three-fold. We exist to gather together regularly to worship God. Second, we focus on nurturing, promoting spiritual growth of all members, and we also exist to encourage people, like you, to hear the Gospel and enjoy salvation in Christ.