

# Ministry & Volunteer Info Sunday Today

Talk with ministry staff and leaders in the foyer between services to find out more about Parkview's ministries or learn how you can take next steps toward volunteering in these ministry areas:

- Family
- Men's/Women's
- Community Groups
- College/Young Adults
- Leadership Track
- Local/Global Outreach

## MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES



Parkview is hosting fun, low-key events throughout the summer in various locations throughout the Iowa City area. These events are designed to help you get to know others in the Parkview family and offer a place to invite your neighbors, co-workers, and friends.

Upcoming events:

- **North Liberty**  
*Come play at the pool!*  
Saturday, July 22, 6-7:30PM  
North Liberty Pool
- **Kalona**  
*Enjoy a picnic in the park!*  
Sunday, July 23, 6-8PM  
Kalona City Park



Join us in learning about Paul and the Underground Church in Rome! Children entering PreK-6th grade can enjoy crafts, games, music, and skits. This event is free and we encourage everyone to invite neighbors and friends.

- **East Iowa City July 17-20**  
Fairmeadows Park

Pre-register on the Events page at [parkviewchurch.org](http://parkviewchurch.org).

## GLOBAL WORKERS

Hear about God's work around the world from Parkview's Global Workers! All are welcome to attend whether just for one Sunday or for the whole series. This series is hosted by Parkview's Transitions class at 9:30AM in Room 107.

- **July 16** - John & Becky Middle East
- **July 23** - China Exchange Guests China  
*\* Volunteers are still needed for host homes, friends, and drivers.*
- **July 30** - Nate & Jessica Africa
- **Aug 6** - Local Workers
- **Aug 13** - Katrina Africa
- **Aug 20** - Local Workers

For more information, contact Paul at [parkviewgw@gmail.com](mailto:parkviewgw@gmail.com).



### July 18-30

Teachers and students from Parkview's exchange partner university in China are coming to Iowa City. You can bless the nations without leaving home! We need:

- **Host Homes:** A place to sleep and eat breakfast from 9PM to 9AM for 2 or 3 Chinese guests (girls or guys). Guests will be participating in planned activities during most daytime hours.
- **Friends and Drivers:** Come travel with or hang out with our guests during any daily activities in the morning, evening, or both.

If you are interested in volunteering, contact Paul at [parkviewgw@gmail.com](mailto:parkviewgw@gmail.com).

Series: I John

## EVIDENCES OF AUTHENTIC CHRISTIANITY

I John 2:15-27  
Pastor Jeff Gilmore  
July 16, 2017

I John answers the question: "How can we live authentic Christian lives in the face of our culture which is so radically different from everything the Gospel stands for?"

### I. LOVE TEST: Do I love Jesus more than I love the world?

*Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life—is not from the Father but is from the world.*  
I John 2:15-16

#### A. What this text is NOT saying...

*But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the LORD on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare.*  
Jeremiah 29:7

#### B. What this text IS saying...

*I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.*  
Romans 12:1-2

### Three Principles in Romans 12:1-2:

#### 1) DEDICATION

*I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.*  
Romans 12:1

#### 2) INSULATION

*Do not be conformed to this world...*  
Romans 12:2a

#### 3) TRANSFORMATION

*Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind...*  
Romans 12:2a, b

### C. What then do you love?

*But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death.*  
James 1:14-15

### APPLICATION: What rivals God in your affections?

## II. MORAL TEST: Do I obey God and follow His will?

*But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever.*  
I John 2:17

(Romans 12:2; Galatians 2:20; Romans 6:6-7)

### Why can't we love both the world and God?

*"No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money."*  
Matthew 6:24

- ❖ If the world rivals God for your heart and for your affections, selfishness will always rule out.

## III. DOCTRINAL TEST: What do I believe about Jesus and am I abiding in that truth? (I John 2:18-27)

### A. Do I believe that Jesus is God?

*Who is the liar but he who denies that Jesus is the Christ?*  
I John 2:22a

*They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would have continued with us. But they went out, that it might be plain that they all are not of us.*  
I John 2:19

### B. Can I know that I have eternal life?

### C. What is the implication of John's message?

*Examine yourselves, to see whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Or do you not realize this about yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you?—unless indeed you fail to meet the test!*  
2 Corinthians 13:5

*And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life.*  
I John 5:11-13