



Super Senior Scoop

Parkside Bible Church

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A CHANGING WORLD

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by Pastor Gary Spykerman

Did we ever think we would see restaurants closed, parking lots of stores vacant, and pews empty with no one in the auditorium for a Sunday morning worship? In just weeks our community of Holland, the state of Michigan, our country, the whole world has been changed almost overnight! It is a changing world!



I don't know about you, but change isn't something I typically embrace. I like to know where my toothbrush is every morning. If you change the location it freaks me out. I'm finding the older I get the less I look forward to change. Habits are good and changing things around is just too uncomfortable. Keep things in their place and let my routine carry me through the day.

So how do we embrace these world changes with many more possibly on the way? We turn to the Scriptures and find some comforting verses to think on.

1. Isaiah 26:4 – Trust in the Lord forever, for the Lord, the LORD HIMSELF, is the Rock eternal.

2. Hebrews 13:8 – Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

3. Colossians 3:1-4 – Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where

Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory.

Putting these verses together we have the challenge to KEEP TRUSTING AND THINKING ON THE LORD JESUS CHRIST who is the Unchanging One. Keep Him always before us and let Him be the Rock/Unchanging Person our souls need in a changing world. The world may change but we have the One who doesn't. He is Our Rock and our stability. He is the One we trust in and stand on! He is the One we look forward to seeing in the New World to come where everything will change, even our bodies.

Maranatha!

Future Meetings

Like all the other activities at Parkside Bible Church, our Super Senior gatherings are uncertain - everything has been suspended until further notice. Please continue to keep in contact and informed by using Parkside's website: parksidebibleholland.org. There is a great range of detailed information about the Parkside Community. You can find the Sunday live stream of the morning service along with the daily devotionals that Pastors Gary and Joe are doing. On the home page scroll down and click on the "Watch Sermons Online" button in the middle of the page. This should take you to recent Sunday services and devotionals. Click on "Video" button to go to all of these that have been archived.

Parkside Bible Church History*



Finances appeared to be a major feature at regular board meetings during the 1950's at Berean Church. In November, 1955, a report prepared by the Isaac Kouw Realty

Company assessed the value of the church's property and building. The building (excluding the parsonage) was valued at \$11,750. The property at the corner of 19th and Maple Streets was valued at \$2,100 for a total of \$13,850. In addition, the replacement cost was estimated at \$29,794.26.



Pastor Roscoe Kent

Doctrinal Statement
and
Constitution
of the
BEREAN BIBLE CHURCH

159 West 19th Street
Holland, Michigan

*Berea Church's Doctrinal
Statement and
Constitution was
developed during the
1950s.*

All this against a background of the finances reported during board meetings. Using 1957 as a typical year, total income for the year was \$10,530.20 (monthly average of \$877.20), expenses were \$11,162.72 (monthly average of \$980.23) with the average monthly cash on hand of \$309.12. During July of that year the cash on hand was just \$75.88. It seems they operated on a shoestring!

Pastor Roscoe Kent became the fourth pastor

That some good can be derived from every event is a better proposition than that everything happens for the best, which it assuredly does not.

James K. Fribleman



Berea Church sponsored a softball team in the late 1950s - Pastor Gary's dad is in the front row far right.

of Berean Church in 1954. That same year a new broadcast program called the "Grace of God" was started on a local Holland radio station. Even though it appears there was little money available, the church was remodeled and enlarged in 1957. Salaries were also recorded during regular board meetings. During 1957 the pastor was paid \$40 a week and a new janitor's pay was increased from \$5 to \$8 a week. Pastor Kent requested a six-week vacation to travel to England in April and early May of 1957. He was granted the leave and his \$40 week salary was approved for the entire period.

*The forth in a series reviewing the history of Parkside Bible Church as it approaches its Centennial Celebration in 2020.

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