



Super Senior Scoop

Parkside Bible Church

May 2020

Future Meetings

As you likely know, the governor has extended the shut down in Michigan until mid-May. Although some actives are now allowed and certain workers have been permitted to return, church gatherings are not among these. So, like all the other activities at Parkside Bible Church, our Super Senior gatherings are uncertain - everything has been suspended until further notice. This, of course, means it is not possible to make any definite plans.

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 Click on "Video" button to go to all of these that have been archived.

Anniversary Pillow

During the live stream service on April 19th Pastor Joe announced that the drawing for the 100th Anniversary Pillow was done. The pillow was made by Deb DeJonge and Bev Brookhouse with the Psalm: 100:5 embroidered on it:

"For the LORD is good; His unfailing love continues forever, and his faithfulness continues to each generation"

Over 460 recipes had been submitted for consideration for inclusion in the Parkside Bible Church's **Anniversary Cookbook**. The winner was Marge Jimmerson. The cookbook is planned to be available in the fall.

This was one of the many activities being planned to celebrate Parkside's Anniversary that began with a Chili Cook Off on January 4th. Although there is some uncertainty at this time, the next planned event is a Car Show followed by a Pig Roast in August. Then, on October 17th, is a Taste of Parkside with the final event being a Christmas Program on December 6th. In addition, a number of historical items will be displayed in the library highlighting the wonderful history of Parkside Bible Church. Watch for these and other opportunities to learn of God's faithfulness.

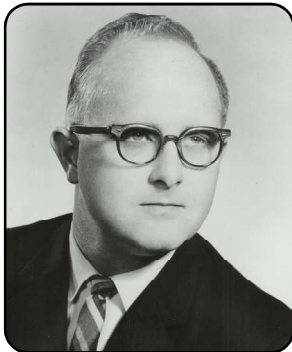
While these events, or others added, are scheduled there may be adjustments due to restrictions on activities mandated by the government.

PBC History - 1960s*

Berean Bible Church hosted a broadcast of their Sunday morning service on WJBL - both AM and FM - at a cost of \$50 a week. People from all over western



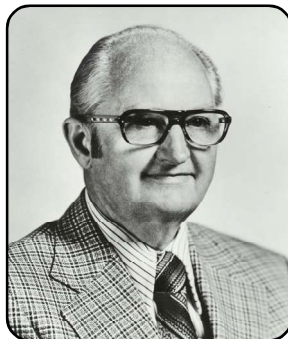
Michigan listened and many sent letters and notes to Pastor Kramer with praise and comments. Several wrote many times - there were 17 letters from one couple. While most were complimentary, one listener often registered strong disagreement with some of Pastor Kramer's theology that resulted in a series of detailed exchanges. One broadcast was designated "letter" week with listeners being asked to write in - the letter from the greatest distance was awarded a Bible as the special prize.



*Pastor Clarence
Kramer*

Major theological issues were the church's position on

water baptism and pre-tribulation. There are reports that some members who disagreed actually left the church. Membership was a serious matter during the 1960s. Apparently detailed records were maintained and failure to be at Sunday service could result in some form of disciplinary action.



Pastor Daniel Bultema

Annual budgets were calculated by assigning each family a set weekly amount (typically about \$6 to \$7)

plus about a dollar for the building fund. With a membership of 35 to 40 families resulted in a typical budget between \$12,000 and \$13,000.

The value of the Berean Church in the beginning of the decade was \$45,000

with a mortgage of \$4,600. However, at a congregational meeting in late 1963 the final \$400 was donated to retire their debt.



Pastor David Maysick

Classroom space was so limited that the parsonage was remodeled to be used for Sunday School classes and another house on 21st Street was purchased for the pastor's home. Even so, discussion was initiated to start looking for property to relocate. Berean Bible Church welcomed three new pastors in the 1960s, starting with Clarence Kramer at the beginning of the decade. In 1965 Daniel Bultema, son of Founder Harry Bultema, became the sixth pastor. He was followed just three years later when David Maysick was called and served for eight years.

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



*Stay safe and stay healthy
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Please contact a committee member with your ideas/suggestions for future activities.