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LIFE NEWS

The Church Being The Church

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Although we often identify the church with a particular building or location, the word “church” in the New Testament is the Greek word, “Ecclesia,” meaning: “Those called out,” a gathering of those summoned. In other words, those people called out of darkness into the glorious light of Christ’s Kingdom, i.e. born from above, Holy Spirit indwelt, new creation, growing in Christ believers! We are the Church, the Body of Christ... people who act as His hands and feet as we intentionally connect others with the transforming love of Jesus.

In Scripture we see letters written to different churches, gatherings of believers in different parts of the known world.

This newsletter article is written to the Church at Parkside . . . Thank you for being the Church! Over these last few weeks, the Church at Parkside has hosted two

Celebration of Life services for brothers and sisters who have had loved-ones graduate into glory.

The Father of Noah Vang, our NextGen Pastor, passed early in August. The NextGen Church is relatively new with some 30-40 believers involved. What a joy it was to see older sister Parkside come alongside to assist NextGen with the reception for Pastor Noah’s Father and his family and friends. Our Deacons and Deaconesses along with many other gracious hands of Jesus, set-up tables and chairs, decorated, helped prepare and serve food, hosted, and loved on many Hmong Church and NextGen brothers and sisters who attended.

Then, two weeks later, Parkside’s own Chuck Stricklin, went home to glory, unexpectedly in his sleep at the age of 52.

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Once again the Church at Parkside, (many, many people), sprang into action to share the transforming love of Jesus. This time they set up in our back lawn area, which was more involved requiring more extensive work... but this was not an issue for the “called out” believers at Parkside!

The Stricklin family, along with some 150 additional family and friends, were able to celebrate Chuck’s life and enjoy the fellowship of God’s presence and people. Chuck’s life brought great honor to Jesus.

On August 31, we heard that Maureen Anderson had received her first “in-person” embrace with Jesus! We are both grieving and rejoicing with David and Natasha and will soon have the opportunity to once again celebrate another model of someone who walked with Jesus. I rejoice in the way that Parkside people live out, “The Church being the Church!” All glory to God!

Buckle up and may our tribe increase! ☺

