

# CHASE PARK MESSENGER

## *A Higher Rock*

Psalm 61 begins with this beautiful plea:

*Hear my cry O God;*

*Attend to my prayer.*

*From the end of the earth I will cry to You,*

*When my heart is overwhelmed;*

*Lead me to the rock that is higher than I.*

This is a prayer for help, deliverance, courage, and growth. The higher rock that the psalmist prays for is a place where we rise above our struggles, are strengthened, and are brought closer to God. It is also a place that challenges us to stretch and grow beyond our comfort zones to greater levels of faith, service, and devotion. It is very easy for us to become comfortable with who we are; with our level of faithfulness, knowledge, and involvement. Where we are is familiar, it is comfortable, it is easy. Sometimes we need to ask God to lead us to a rock that is higher than the one we presently occupy; one that is challenging, one that will cause us to be stretched and to grow. People of great faith are people who allow God to lead them to a higher rock. To stay with the known, familiar, and comfortable requires no faith. Higher rocks are where faith is. Higher rocks are where growth occurs. Higher rocks are where God desires to take us.

As individual Christians and as a church, we should desire higher rocks. We should desire to grow, to move forward, to serve God more acceptably each and every day. Often, we become very uncomfortable with the idea of growing and changing. We are afraid of the challenges of growth and of the danger of growing in the wrong direction. These are legitimate concerns and ones that we must be aware of, but we must also be aware of the dangers of sitting still, of not growing, of becoming complacent and lukewarm (Rev. 3:14-22). We must desire to grow and work toward that end. We must continually strive for greater faith, more knowledge, and better service. May God lead us to the rock that is higher than we are, and may we have hearts that are open to the challenges of growth.

*Rusty*

## *Welcome, Guests*

We are honored that you have chosen to visit with us today! Our time of worship together on the Lord's Day is one of the highlights of each week and we are thrilled to be able to share this special time with you.

As we worship, our desire is to do so according to the New Testament pattern and in a way that is pleasing and acceptable to God. It is also our prayer that our time together is uplifting to those who are here including you, our guests. If you have any questions about anything that you see or hear today, please feel free to ask. We would love to speak with you about those things and help you in any way that we can.



### Ministers

Rusty Hills ..... Pulpit

Pat Cowden ..... Evangelism

### Elders

Curtis Hill                  Dennis Lawson

Sam Kachelman              Greg Parker

Barry Todd

### Missionaries

Jaime Mendoza .... Chalco, Mexico

Liborio Encarnacion. Ecatepec, Mexico

Slava Savkovsky ..... Ukraine

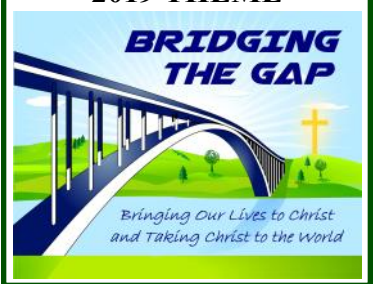
Barton Kizer.....North Carolina

Dewayne Tapscott..... Southwest

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### 2019 THEME



# Youth News

## Children’s Ministry (Little Lights-6th Grade)

Sep. 22 .....CM Devo

## Youth Group (7th-12th Grade)

Every Monday morning ..... **M4**  
@ 7:00 a.m., dining room

Every Wednesday.....**Hang Time**  
@ 5:30 p.m.

Sep. 15                   **Youth Devotional**

Sep. 20-22 ..... **CPYG Fall Retreat**  
@ *Camp Joy*

Sep. 27-29           **R.U.S.H. Weekend**  
@ *FHU*

## Lads to Leaders

If you are interested in being involved in **Bible Bowl**, please see Mindy Sims or Michelle Clements.

If you are interested in participating in **Mass Media**, please see Wes McDonald.

If you are interested in **Year-round Puppets**, please see Andrea Blankenship.

*Stay tuned for more details on these events or see Joel Heady, Wes McDonald, or Cody Gothart, Stephen Trammell for more information.*

## Outreach—Pat Cowden

I want to continue with part of the lesson I teach in Personal Evangelism classes that I wrote last week in this space in the bulletin. This time I want to include the single greatest weight that keeps us from sharing our faith (Hebrews 12:1).

### Fear

Self-doubt has suffocated the motivation of so many. “Can I do it? I don’t know enough! They will slam the door in my face! I won’t know how to answer their questions.”

Fear paralyzes us to the point that we become “spiritu-plegic” meaning we are too scared to do anything outside of our comfort zone to share the gospel with others. We are paralyzed into inaction and feel like there is nothing we can do about it.

The only way you can overcome this kind of fear is when we challenge them head on. The first step is deciding if it is important enough to you to try to challenge your fear. Is it true that Jesus wants me to share my faith? Yes! Is it true that God is glorified when I do? Yes! Is it true that Jesus will not speak on my behalf to the Father if I will not speak on His behalf (Matthew 10:32-33)? Yes!

These things being true, is my relationship with the Father and His Son important enough to me to risk relationships with others in order to have a chance, a shot, at sharing the gospel with them? I hope the answer to that is yes, because, if it is not, it is time to evaluate our understanding of what it means to be a “Christian”! Being a Christian is to be Christ-like. Did Jesus come (intended purpose) to seek and to save the lost (Luke 19:9-10)? Yes! To be Christ-like is to have His purpose and to emulate His actions. To be like Christ, we must seek the lost in order to save them. It is as simple as that.

Remember, I love you and want to go to heaven with you.

Pat



## News Of Interest

**Pantry Item:** Canned vegetables

**Sick**

**Home:** Bill Zlatovich (G), Elbert Peters (F), Bennie Jacks (I)

Gary Webster (H) is back at Tut Fann.

**Monday Night for the Master**

Monday, September 23, 6:30—8:00 p.m.

**Tuesday Morning Ladies' Bible Class**

Tuesday, September 24, 10:00 a.m. elder's conference room.

**Ladies' Night Out:** Tuesday, September 24, 6:30 p.m.

**Men's Diggin' Deep Monthly Bible Study:** Thursday, September 26, 7:00 p.m., West Huntsville Church of Christ.

## Today and Upcoming at Chase Park

**Regency Retirement Service**

Today, 1:30 p.m.

Speaker: Barry Todd

Song Leader: Joel Heady

**Family Care Groups Meeting**

Groups I and J are scheduled to meet today for potluck lunch.

Groups B, C, and E are scheduled to meet Sunday, September 22 for potluck lunch.

**Hospital Visitation**

Team (3) Suddarth pick up your assignments after p.m. service.

**UAF Special Contribution**

Sunday, September 22, will be our second planned Special Contribution for 2019. It will be for the Chase Servants United Appeals Fund, which supports all of our benevolence work. Our target is \$25,000. There will be two collections that Sunday, one for our regular weekly contribution, and a separate one for benevolence (checks should be made out to "Chase Servants United Appeal Fund".) For those who use the envelope system, please use your envelopes (different one for each ) for both contributions.

**Balance Class**

Tuesday, Thursday, September 17, 19; 1:30 p.m.

**Super Seniors**

Wednesday, September 18, 10:00 a.m.

**Regency Retirement Village Singing**

Thursday, September 19, 6:00 p.m.

**OHM Meeting Team 10-Parker**

Saturday, September 21, 6:00 p.m., at the home of Pat and Maria Cowden. Members age 60-69, names J-Z.

## Worship Participants

SUNDAY AM SEPTEMBER 22	
READING .....	Ben Blankenship
F PRAYER .....	Steve Watson
LS PRAYER.....	Ray Brown
C PRAYER.....	Mike Crawford

SUNDAY PM SEPTEMBER 22	
READING .....	Justin Gransky
F PRAYER .....	Tom Pond
C PRAYER.....	Jon Rosenblum

## Special Services



*Question & Answer Session  
P.M. service,  
Sunday, September 22*



*5th Sunday Singing  
P.M. Service,  
Sunday, September 29*

# CHRIST-CENTERED COUNTER-CULTURAL LIVING

September 27<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>

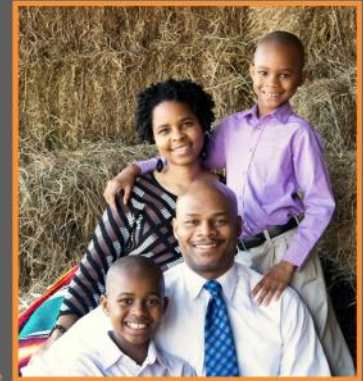
**MEETING TIMES:**

Friday 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.  
 Saturday 10:00 - 12:00  
 (Lunch to Follow)  
 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.  
 Sunday 9:00 a.m.  
 10:15 a.m.  
 (Lunch to Follow)

Question & Answer period will follow each Friday and Saturday session.

Join us as we search God's word for answers to some of today's toughest issues.

**Abortion Transgenderism Homosexuality**  
**Evangelizing In the Workplace**  
**Evangelizing In A Post-Modern World**  
**Marriage In Modern American Culture**



Guest Speaker:

**Melvin Otey**

Gospel Preacher and Associate Law Professor at Faulkner University

## Statistics

**Week of September 8, 2019**

AM Worship .....	372
Month Average .....	353
Bible Class .....	297
PM Worship .....	220
Wed., Bible Class (Sep. 11) .....	260
Regency Ret. Worship .....	37
Offering .....	\$20,849.00
Budget .....	\$19,000
Average '19 .....	\$19,661
Over Budget for year ....	+\$23,805
<b>Building Fund .....</b>	<b>\$70.00</b>

## Services

### *Sunday*

Worship ..... 9:00 a.m.  
 Bible Class ..... 10:15 a.m.  
 Worship ..... 5:00 p.m.

### *Wednesday*

Super Seniors ..... 10:00 a.m.  
 Bible Class ..... 6:30 p.m.

### Web Site Home Bible Studies

<https://www.cpcofc.org/home-bible-studies>

### **(Lesson 1 Link)**

**The Bible—God's Holy Word**

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