

# CHASE PARK MESSENGER

## The Secret Of Living Is Bearing Fruit

Suppose you were offered a life that is guaranteed to give you a "joy" greater than any other, a "blessedness" that is happiness in its fullest measure, an "assurance" of entering the everlasting kingdom of our Lord, and a "peace" surpassing understanding. Would you be interested?

Of course, no man can offer such a life but Jesus can and does! He stated in John 10:10 "I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly." Jesus offers "abundant life" not only by His death on the cross, but also by His teachings recorded by His apostles. "These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and that your joy may be full." John 15:11

Through His teachings we can learn the "Secrets Of The Abundant Life", many of which are found in John 15 where Jesus pictures Himself as the VINE and His disciples as the BRANCHES (John 15:1-5). As "branches" we are to bear "fruit". To appreciate how this is true, consider the different kinds of fruit we are to bear.

There is winning souls to Christ and helping them grow. Paul speaks of this kind of "fruit" in Romans 1:13. One of the characteristics of a branch bearing fruit is that it produces an identical product. Therefore, one way a disciple bears fruit is by producing disciples!

We are to share with those in need. Paul speaks of contributing to the poor as a "fruit" in Romans 15:25-28. In His own way, Jesus certainly did this as we see reference in 2 Corinthians 8:9. So if the "Vine" did this, we should expect His "branches" to do the same (1 John 3:16-18).

We are to develop Christ-like characteristics. Notice that the "fruit" of the Spirit is the development of certain graces (Galatians 5:22-23). One who abounds in such qualities is growing in the "knowledge of Jesus Christ" (2 Peter 1:5-8). He is being "renewed according to the image of Him who created him" (Colossians 3:9-11).

We are to praise God and give thanks. The author of Hebrews describes such activities as a sort of "fruit" (Hebrews 13:15). The "Vine" was known for such behavior (Luke 10:21 and John 11:41). Should His "branches" do any less?

These are different kinds of "fruits" we can bear as "branches" of the "Vine." A life filled with Joy, Happiness, Assurance, and Peace surely is the "abundant life"! "The Secret Of Living Is Bearing Fruit", and this "abundant life" is available to those who will "bear fruit" as "branches" of the "True Vine" (Jesus Christ)!

*Your Elders*

## 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

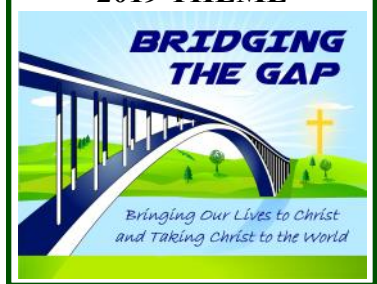
Curtis Hill            Dennis Lawson  
Sam Kachelman        Greg Parker  
Barry Todd

### 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)

Aug. 25 .....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. 11 ..... Vittles w/Friends  
3:30-6:00 p.m., dining room

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

### Lads to Leaders

*Thank you  
to everyone who helped  
to make this year's  
program and convention  
a great success!*

*Coming Soon:*

**L2L 2020**

**Theme: LOST!**

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

## Outreach—Pat Cowden

I am writing this bulletin from the Sevierville Convention Center while attending Polishing the Pulpit. It is Tuesday morning which means we are about halfway through and it has been fantastic. Once again, there have been over 5,000 people from all over the US and from many different countries. I struggle finding words to describe how important this week is for my family and I. Not just the lessons heard, which are amazing, but the fellowship with people of like minded faith. Some of them we have known for years, and some we have just met this week. I know it is kind of cliché to say, but it really does seem like a glimpse into what a small part of heaven must be like.

Hearing Bro. Don Blackwell speak so soon after a catastrophic injury which has left him paralyzed was heart wrenching and yet so up-lifting. I can only hope and pray that I would handle such a serious situation as well as he has. What a tremendous example of faith and determination to cling to Who and what are truly, eternally, special.

I have been blessed to hear four of the men who will be coming to speak at Special Emphasis weekends over the next two years, Lord willing. They are encouraging and challenging proclaimers of God's Word and it will be worth the effort to clear your calendars to hear them speak. The first of those to come is Bro. Melvin Otey and he will be at Chase Park in about 5 1/2 weeks, from the 27th to the 29th of September.

Melvin is a good and a godly man with a tremendous combination of faith, scholarship, and oratory combining to make him one of the most effective and convicting speakers I have ever heard. If you have not already made plans to attend, please do so. If you have questions pertaining to the topics he will be addressing, please send those questions to him via the email that is in Newsline. I have spoken to him here this week and he is looking forward to being with us.

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

**Pat**



**Think Souls First**

## News Of Interest

**Pantry Item:** Rice

**Sick**

**Pat Steele (I), Bennie Ruth Jacks (I), Mary Wells (B), Bill Zlatovich (G)**

**Bible Class Promotion**

Sunday, September 1, children will promote to their new grade.

**Monthly Home Ladies Bible Study**

Tuesday, September 3 6:30 p.m.

*But How Can I? Improving Your Christian Attitude.* The first meeting will be at the home of Amy Lambrecht.

**Fall Quarterly Meal**

Wednesday, September 4, 5:00 p.m. Menu: Hamburgers (hotdogs for children), baked beans, coleslaw, desserts. Be sure to sign up. Jeff needs an accurate count.

**OHM Meeting Team 4-Lawson**

Saturday, September 7, 6:00 p.m. at the home of Pat and Maria Cowden. Members age 40-49, names A-F.

**Diana Singing:**

Friday, Saturday, September 13, 14, 7:00 p.m.

**Special Emphasis Weekend**

**Christ-Like, Counter-Cultural Living**

**Sept 27, 28, 29—Speaker Melvin Otey**

The topics for Special Emphasis Weekend are: Abortion, Transgenderism, Homosexuality, Marriage in Modern American Culture and Evangelizing in the Workplace. If you have questions on these topics please send them to [melvinotey@yahoo.com](mailto:melvinotey@yahoo.com) before September 13.

**Church Offices Closed**

The church offices will be closed on Monday, September 2.

## Today and Upcoming at Chase Park

**Regency Retirement Service**

Today, 1:30 p.m.

Speaker: **Curtis Hill**

Song Leader: **Michael Sims**

**Family Care Groups Meeting**

Groups **B** and **E** are scheduled to meet today for potluck lunch. Groups **A**, **D**, and **H** are scheduled to meet Sunday, September 1 for potluck lunch.

**Hospital Visitation**

Team (4) **McCall** pick up assignments after p.m. service.

**Monday Night for the Master**

Monday, August 26, 6:30—8:00 p.m.

**Ladies' Morning Bible Class**

Tuesday, August 27, 10:00 a.m., elder's conference room.

**Ladies' Night Out**

Tuesday, August 27, 6:30 p.m., fellowship hall.

*Night at the Round Tables*

**Balance Class**

Tuesday, Thursday, August 27, 29, 1:30 p.m.

**Super Seniors**

Wednesday, August 28, 10:00 a.m., no meal.

**Men's Diggin' Deep Monthly Bible Study**

Thursday, August 29, 7:00 p.m., dining room.

## Worship Participants

SUNDAY AM SEPTEMBER 1	
READING .....	<b>Parker Clark</b>
F PRAYER .....	<b>Terrell Suddarth</b>
LS PRAYER.....	<b>Gregg Crabtree</b>
C PRAYER.....	<b>Jared Brumlow</b>

SUNDAY PM SEPTEMBER 1	
READING .....	<b>Seth Davis</b>
F PRAYER .....	<b>Mark Rowe</b>
C PRAYER.....	<b>Kip Adams</b>

## Thank You

“Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Thank you for your prayers, cards, and food during my prolonged illness. Please keep me in your prayers while I continue to heal from surgery and infections and now recovery. Love you all,”

*Sheila Emperley*

“To Chase Park Church of Christ,

To all who called or sent a card, we are grateful for your caring. Losing Jan has been difficult for all of us, but knowing you were praying and thinking of us made it easier. May the Lord continue to bless Chase Park.” In Christian Love,”

*The Sellers Family*

“We Feel The Love...

Bobby and I feel the love from our Chase Park family! We are so thankful for all the visits, food, phone calls, but most of all your prayers. I can't say enough about all the beautiful cards I received during my long illness and absence from worship services. I especially love the hand drawn and printed cards from the young children and from the young Bible classes. Please continue the prayers that we will be worshipping with our Chase Park family on a regular basis.

Love and Many Thanks,”

*Bobby and Lena Rosenblum*



***Tomorrow Night,  
August 26th***

**Come and get involved!**

- *Making visits in the community*
- *Sending cards of encouragement*
- *Preparation for upcoming events*

Wednesday, August 28th

***“Having the Marriage  
That God Designed”***

Speaker:

**Ron McCall**

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**Statistics**

**Week of August 18, 2019**

AM Worship .....	380
Month Average .....	389
Bible Class .....	297
PM Worship .....	256
Wed., Bible Class .....	232
Regency Ret. Worship .....	42
Offering .....	\$19,723
Budget .....	\$19,000
Average '19 .....	\$19,702
Over Budget for year ....	+\$23,157

**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**