

CHASE PARK MESSENGER

Make Me A Servant

In John chapter 13, on the night before His crucifixion, Jesus gave His apostles a powerful example and lesson about the importance of being a servant. Imagine that scene: the Son of God—the One who was present at the creation and instrumental in the forming of mankind; the One who had been with God and was God (John 1:1) and who would soon return to God to be seated at His right hand, having been given all authority in heaven and on earth (Matthew 28:18); the One who was preparing to offer His body, His blood, and His life as a sacrifice for sin in order to redeem mankind to God—kneeling before his friends and followers to wash their feet! Following that humble display of service, Jesus said to them, “Do you know what I have done to you? You call Me Teacher and Lord, and you say well, for so I am. If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet. For I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done to you...” (John 13:12-15)

We sometimes sing a song that contains the line, “Make me a servant.” Unfortunately, all too often, we are unwilling to take up the mantle of service. Going back to the scene from John 13, as you read the words of Jesus above, don’t overlook the fact that Jesus performed this act of service during their meal together. Ordinarily, the washing of feet would have been done upon their arrival and before they sat down to eat, but with no hired servant there to fulfill the task, no one took it upon themselves to serve. It certainly would not have been missed by the apostles that their feet had not been washed as this was a normal and expected tradition of the time. I can only imagine that there were possibly murmurings and complaints among the apostles that there was no one there to perform this menial task. Yet, none of the apostles was willing to fill the role. How often do we find ourselves in that situation—complaining that no one is doing something that needs to be done but unwilling to take it upon ourselves to serve in that way?

As we enter the month of March, our focus area within our overall theme is shifting. As we continue to explore our theme of **I AM THE CHURCH**, we want to focus on the fact that, as the church, **I Am A Servant of Christ**. May God help us to be reminded of the importance of service and to have the heart of a servant as we strive to shine as lights in this world to the glory of God.

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
Andrew Lamica Youth

Elders

John Denney Dennis Lawson
Curtis Hill Greg Parker
Sam Kachelman Barry Todd

Missionaries

Jaime Mendoza Chalco, Mexico
Liborio Encarnacion. Ecatepec, Mexico
Slava Savkovsky Ukraine
Barton Kizer Peru
Isai Cuamba Ensenada, Mexico
Dewayne Tapscott Southwest

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2018 THEME:

I AM THE CHURCH



Lamifications—*Andrew Lamica*

Identity theft is big business in our world today. There are many companies around the world making millions of dollars while providing services to protect the identities of their clients.

Our identity is one of the few things we truly own in this world. The identity we possess is what those around us will use to know who we are. Since we realize the value of our identity, we should do all that we can to protect it.

Often times we confuse who we are with what we do. What I mean by this is we will identify ourselves by our activities. If we play football, we might tell people we are a football player, if we work in a bank, we will identify ourselves as a banker. I want to ask you a question, do our activities really

identify who we are? The answer is yes and no. I realize it is common practice to identify ourselves by our jobs or hobbies. I hope you realize you are much more than the activities you take part in.

On the spiritual side of things, if we are outside of Christ, we are identified by our sins, if we are in Christ we are identified by our Savior (Galatians 6:9-11). What a blessing the Lord has offered us to no longer be identified by the sins of this world and instead to be identified with the Savior of this world!

Being a Christian should not be looked at as an activity that we take part in. Are there certain activities a Christian is a part of on a regular basis? Sure there are, but let us never mistake our activities for our

identity. Christianity is a lifestyle. Those who put on Christ are clothed in Him (Galatians 3:27). The problem with activities is they are easy to stop. We can get bored quickly with the hustle and bustle of activities and look for something new to fill the vacuum. When we become Christians we are crucifying the old man of sin and our former identity to take on a new and better identity as a Christian.

The beautiful thing about our identity as Christians is nobody can take it away from us (Romans 8:38). Activities come and go but an identity is forever. Ask yourself this question: What is my true identity? Is your identity linked with the things of this world which are passing away or is it found in the eternal?

Outreach News —*Pat Cowden*

By the time you are reading this, we should have had our first session of Monday Night for the Master. I hope that you are planning on participating with this effort to evangelize our community and build up our church family here at Chase Park. If you are not sure what it is all about, please see me and I will gladly share what we are doing and trying to accomplish. Our next meeting will be March 26, but you do not have to wait until then to be involved.

We have been blessed with several conversions over the last few weeks, and we welcome our newest brothers, Wes and Trey Walker who were baptized at CYC last weekend. If you have not spoken to them and congratulated them on making a wonderful decision to dedicate themselves to Christ, please do so. Christians, of all people need to be encouraging to each other and welcoming to all.

As we progress through the rest of the year, we will be learning more about how to reach out to those we love and those we do not know yet. We would like as many as possible to be involved so that the effort can be fully blessed by our Father.

Some thought provoking questions we might be considering to ask people we come in contact with, whom we have shared our faith with in the past and whom have shown some interest in spiritual matters might be (Phase 2 questions):

- What will the afterlife be like?
- What do you understand happens to a person after they die?
- How does God answer prayer?
- Does it feel like something is missing in your life?

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



Think Souls First

News Of Interest

Sick

Regency Healthcare and Rehab

Mark Henry

Redstone Village

Jerry Smelser

Valleyview Health and Rehab

Elizabeth Green

Home: Melissa Wilhoite, Donnell Parker, Martha Norris, Greg Parker.

Sympathys

To **Traci Chrisco** in the death of her grandmother, Peggy Elledge.

To **Marie Bishop** in the death of her brother, Jerry Johnson.

Baptisms

Trey and Wes Walker (twin sons of Robb and Leigh Ann Walker) were baptized Saturday night, February 24, while at CYC. They are in 10th grade at Buckhorn School. May they have many years to serve the Lord.

March 2018 Birthdays

2	Aimee Trammell-Hurt Elbert Peters Mike Crawford	21	Barbara Newton Tom Hogan Barry Maples
3	Mary Jo Franklin Pat Lamica	22	Jim Putnam
4	Fred King Shirley Jackson	23	Marilyn Holzheimer
7	Gail Jackson	25	Bert Edwards Rick Davidson
8	Brian Peacock Susie Henry	26	Idova Lewis Max Horst Doris Campbell
10	Georgi Emerson	27	Angel Fulks Michael Weeks
11	Barbara Riddick	28	Mark Rowe Justin Gransky
12	Stan Whitehead		Maria Cowden
14	John Fults	30	Jennifer Crowden
15	Andrew Lamica Ashlynn Chrisco		
16	Sharita Whitehead		

Pantry Item: Canned tomatoes.

Today and Upcoming at Chase Park

Family Care Meeting

B and **G** meet today, potluck lunch. **B Leaders:** Crabtree, Wells; **G Leaders:** Zlatovich, M. Emerson, Walker. Visitors are invited. **A** and **F** meet Sunday, March 11. **A Leaders:** Lamica, McDonald, Row, Trammell; **F Leaders:** Gransky, Heady, McCreless, Olbricht.

Regency Retirement Service

Today: 1:30 p.m.

Speaker: **Andrew Lamica**

Song Leader: **Stephen Trammell**

Hospital Visitation

Team #1 (Atchley), please pick up assignments today after p.m. service.

Balance Class

Tues., Mar 6; Thur., Mar 8; 1:30 p.m.

Super Seniors

Wed., Mar. 7, no lunch. Will cook Wed., Mar. 14.

Quarterly Meal

Wed., Mar. 7. Please sign up and pay in foyer.

Golden Age Banquet

Sat., Mar. 10, 5:00 p.m. Sign-up sheet at Hospitality Desk.

Time Change

Daylight Savings Time begins Sun., Mar. 11. Be sure and set your time up one hour before retiring Saturday night.

Worship Participants

SUNDAY AM March 11, 2018	
READING	Evan Davis
F PRAYER.....	Randal Jennings
LS PRAYER.....	Naaman Goode
C PRAYER.....	Russ Davis

SUNDAY PM March 11, 2018	
READING	John Adams
F PRAYER.....	Jerry Kilpatrick
C PRAYER.....	Jerry Dugan

Thank You

“Thank you so much for your thoughts, prayers, and encouragement as I prepared for and had double knee replacement! It was very humbling being the receiver of many prayers, calls, text messages, visits, cards, food, blankets, various medical tools and love! The Lord has blessed me with a great recovery and healing! Thank ya'll so much for everything!! I look forward to continued healing so I can soon ‘pay it forward’! I love and appreciate each of you. In Him,” **Ginny Pryor**

“It was so thoughtful of you to remember us with so many cards, calls, and especially your prayers following the death of our granddaughter. Our church family has been so kind and your words have been such a comfort at this difficult time in our lives and for this we thank you. In Christian love,” **Jim and Kitty Denny**

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I Am A Servant of Christ

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Chase Park
CHURCH of CHRIST



July 1-6, 2018

Horizons is a wonderful opportunity for young people in grades 7-12 to spend a week growing in their faith and spiritual leadership along with 1,000 other Christian young people and over 200 adult mentors in a fun and engaging environment on the campus of Freed-Hardeman University.

Registration is open and spots are filling fast!

For more information or to register, visit:

fhu.edu/horizons

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Statistics

Sunday, February 25, 2018

AM Worship	344
Month Average	369
Bible Class	300
PM Worship	226
Wed., Feb. 28, Bible Classes.....	233
Regency Ret. Worship	34
Offering.....	\$18,011.17
Budget.....	\$18,000
Average '18	\$18,261
Over Budget for year	+\$2,090
Building Fund	\$0

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.epcofc.org/home-bible-studies>

(Lesson 1 Link)

The Bible—God's Holy Word