

CHASE PARK MESSENGER

ARE WE BIBLICALLY ILLITERATE?

A growing problem is one of "Biblical Illiteracy," not just by those in the world, but also in the church. God's people have always been destroyed by lack of knowledge—Hosea 4:1,6, Amos 8:11-13. In ignorance they make the wrong choices, when they stumble, they do not know where to turn. Without a knowledge of God's Word, a person has no real direction or guidance in life—Psalms 119:105, they have no true joy or peace in life—Psalms 119:111,165.

Churches languish for lack of teachers; teachers are few for lack of knowledge—Hebrews 5:12. Churches are led astray by false teachers and false doctrine, for how can the ignorant know what is false?—2 Peter 2:1-3

In our communities, our standards of morality are skewed, good is evil, evil is good—Isaiah 5:20. We slaughter the innocent (abortion), sparing the guilty (no capital punishment). We reward the wicked (movie stars, entertainers), depriving the good (teachers, etc.). Divorce is made easy; fornication "an affair, a relationship"; homosexuality an alternative lifestyle. The effect of such things destroy our families. Evil (pornography, promiscuity) is allowed to spread in the name of "freedom." Children are deprived of the kind of parenting that is their God-given right, leading to juvenile delinquency.

The antidote? Begin with daily devotional Bible reading in private. The truly blessed person feeds upon the Word of God daily—Psalms 1:1-3. A systematic practice of prayerful Bible reading as part of a daily devotional will bring a person closer to God, will gradually increase one's understanding of the Word of God, will offer strength, comfort and hope that only the Scriptures provide.

Frequent in-depth Bible study with others. The faithful Christian realizes the value of mutual edification—Hebrews 3:12-14. We offer the opportunity to study together in our Bible classes on the Lord's day, during the week, and others in their homes where they can benefit from the knowledge of other Bible students.

Parents should accept their God-given responsibility also. God gave the responsibility of spiritual training to the parents—Ephesians 6:4. The church may provide assistance with children's classes, and yet parents should not abdicate their responsibility.

Are we willing to get "serious about the problem of biblical illiteracy"? If so..

"Therefore lay aside all filthiness and overflow of wickedness, and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls" (James 1:21).

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
- Andrew Lamica Youth

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 Peru
- Isai Cuamba Ensenada, Mexico
- Dewayne Tapscott Southwest

Visit us on the web at:
cpcofc.org

2018 THEME:

I AM THE CHURCH



Lamications—*Andrew Lamica*

What a great time we had at West Huntsville Christian Camp at Camp Ney-A-Ti this past week. I am very thankful for the leadership at West Huntsville for allowing our congregation to join forces with them for a great camp this summer. Kudos to them for putting on a well run camp as well!

Each day was filled with Bible classes, wonderful lessons, and recreational activities. The recreational activities included fishing, craft making, sports, canoeing and more! There were so many wonderful opportunities for our young people to spend time together, strengthening their relationship with each other and, most importantly, with God.

I can not adequately express to you with words how valuable I feel Christian camping is in the lives of young people. Camp provides an

oasis from the world in which we live day in and day out. At camp, some of the cares of the world seem to be so distant, at least for a little while. It is quite refreshing to watch our teens as they enjoy each others company rather than stare at the screen of an electronic device. This week I have watched our young people study together, pray together, and grow together.

On Friday we had the opportunity to enjoy watching the skits our young



people had worked on all week. It was nice to see some of our families join us for family night on Friday night as well. Our kids worked hard on their skits throughout the week and their hard work was evident on Friday when they performed them!

We have some fantastic young people here at Chase Park. When you get the opportunity to speak to them, please tell them how special they are and what they mean to you. The world around them does a great job at repeatedly telling them they are not “good enough.” What I saw this week reaffirms my belief that they are great. Chase Park, we are blessed with some impressive and very special young people. I enjoyed our time together at Camp Ney-A-Ti and I am thankful for them!

Outreach News—*Pat Cowden*

Good Lord’s Day morning! It was great to have Rusty and his family back with us last Sunday. We have Monday Night for the Master tomorrow night and want all who wish to participate to come from 6:30-8:00 p.m.

I announced a week or so ago about the evangelistic campaign we will be going to, Lord willing, in September. This multiple month evangelistic effort began this past Sunday at the Seven Hill Church of Christ in Lynchburg, Virginia, with a gospel meeting with brother Mark Howell. The congregation will be involved with a variety of evangelistic efforts between now and when we arrive. We are scheduled to get to Virginia late on the 6th of September. We will be taking the small bus (unless we have a huge group that wants to go—which would be great!) and leaving early on the 6th. We will begin doing door-to-door evangelism and holding Bible studies starting on the 7th and we will continue doing so through the end of the gospel meeting on the 12th. The elders at Seven Hills have asked me to conduct the meeting and I am super excited about the effort.

I want to encourage you, if you have been considering being involved locally with our outreach efforts but are not quite sure where you might fit in or what it might mean, please consider going on this trip and give it a shot. There are some similarities to this kind of effort and foreign evangelism which include that it is away from home and has much less pressure involved. I guarantee that if you are involved with the conversion of even just one person, you will want to be involved with more!

Also, Maria and I have known the preacher and his wife, Mike and Teresa Glenn, for 27+ years, they have been a very important part of Jacob’s and Sarah’s entire life. We are looking forward to assisting them with their efforts to evangelize their community.

Evangelism challenge:

- Pray daily for opportunities to present themselves to let people know about Jesus, His church, and salvation.

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



News Of Interest

Sick

HealthSouth (Encompass)

Don Kimery

Home

Leo Johnson

Sympathy

To the family of **John Tielking** in his death. John had worshipped at Memorial Parkway.

Balance Class

Tues., Jun. 26; Thurs., Jun 28; 1:30 p.m.

Youth Parent Meeting

Today, 4:15 p.m., small auditorium, to discuss plans for the Youth Program.

Children’s Ministry Devotional

Today, after p.m. service at Sharon Johnston Park playground pavilion. Bring food for your family.

Widows and Widowers

Saturday, June 30, 12—2:00 p.m., dining room. Lunch, celebrate birthdays, and discuss upcoming activities.



Church Offices Closed

Wednesday, July 4, in observance of Independence Day.



Pantry Item

Canned fruits.

Today and Upcoming at Chase Park

Family Care Meeting

Teams **D** and **F** meet today for potluck lunch. **D Leaders: Brown, Sims; F Leaders: Gransky, Heady, McCreless, Olbricht.** **G** and **I** meet Sunday, July 1. **G Leaders: Zlatovich, Emerson, Walker; I Leaders: Adams, Peacock, Pond.**

Regency Retirement Service

Today: 1:30 p.m.

Speaker: **Wesley McDonald**

Song Leader: **Jon Rosenblum**

Hospital Visitation

Team **#4 (McCall)**, please pick up your assignments today after p.m. service.

Ice Cream Fellowship

Sunday, July 22, after p.m. service, honoring **Andrew Lamica**. See Jeff Husband to help with planning, preparation and clean up.

Monday Night For the Master

Tomorrow, June 25, 6:30—8:00 p.m.

Ladies Bible Class

Tuesday, June 26, 10:00 a.m.

Ladies Night Out

Tuesday, June 26, 6:30 p.m., hosted by **Pat Brown** and **Joy Wharton** at Joy’s home. Sign-up sheet at Hospitality Desk.

Super Seniors

Wednesday, June 27, no lunch.

Worship Participants

SUNDAY AM JULY 1, 2018	
READING	John Adams
F PRAYER.....	Robb Walker
LS PRAYER.....	Mark Rowe
C PRAYER.....	Ron McCall

SUNDAY PM JULY 1, 2018	
READING	Grayson Stiegler
F PRAYER.....	Toney Atchley
C PRAYER.....	Mark Stiegler

“A big thank you to Pat Cowden, Mary Milam, Hollis, Rusty, Pat Clark, Don and Peggy Champion, and Fred and Mary Wells for sitting with Sam during Cindy’s surgery. The calls, cards, and food were so appreciated. It helps the recuperation period go by easier. We love our Chase Park family. You mean so much to us.”

Sam and Cindy Kachelman

“Thank you for the cards, visits and especially for prayers on my behalf. In Christian love,”

Betty Meadows

“Thank you for the cards, calls, and visits during my surgery recovery. Your prayers are most appreciated. Thanks to my A.C.T.S. class for the dinner certificate.”

Jerry Johnston

Focus For
MAY - JUNE

*I Am A Steward
of God's Blessings*

I AM THE CHURCH



Chase Park
CHURCH of CHRIST

Wednesday Night Summer Series

"I AM THE CHURCH"

Come support and learn from some of our own men as they lead our study on Scriptures that teach us what it means to be the Lord's church.

Schedule of Upcoming Speakers:

<i>June 27</i>	<i>Eric Corder</i>	<i>Galatians 2:20</i>
<i>July 4</i>	<i>Andrew Lamica</i>	<i>2 Corinthians 6:16</i>
<i>July 11</i>	<i>Barry Todd</i>	<i>2 Timothy 1:12</i>
<i>July 18</i>	<i>Ron McCall</i>	<i>2 Corinthians 12:10</i>

Statistics

Sunday, June 17, 2018

AM Worship	381
Month Average	369
Bible Class	NC
PM Worship	259
Wed., June 20, Bible Classes	NC
Regency Ret. Worship	31
Offering	\$19,705.50
Budget	\$18,000
Average '18	\$18,608
Over Budget for year	+\$14,590
Building Fund	\$50.00

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

MESSSENGER is published weekly by the Chase Park Church of Christ, 1640 Winchester Road, N.E.; Huntsville, AL 35811; (256) 852-3801. Send address changes to Messenger, 1640 Winchester Road, N.E.; Huntsville, AL 35811