# CHASE PARK MESSENGER

## This Article Won't Change Your Mind

The above title was actually the title of an article found on the Internet. It seemed quite pessimistic to say the least, and made me wonder why you would even write it. After some thought, the title tends to make sense. We have recently gone through the "**change**" to Daylight Saving Time. No matter what articles you read about the history behind Daylight Saving Time or the various "facts" presented for or against, you still have your own personal opinion about it. Mine is, "I like having more daylight after regular work hours to do chores around the house."

Most people don't like change. One writer at Forbes.com stated that, "62% of people either don't like to leave their comfort zone or do so only occasionally." We tend to grow comfortable where we are and don't like to go outside of that comfort zone. But what should be the Christian's perspective of change? Are there any passages that direct us about change? Two well-known passages come to mind which would be good for meditation: Romans 12:1-2 ("be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind") and Philippians 2:5-8 ("Have this mind in you, which was also in Christ Jesus"). Challenge yourself to find more passages which will direct us regarding change in our lives. In order to "become" the individuals God wants us to be, we have to change, leave that current comfort zone of no-change.

In case you were wondering, the fear of change or changing things is called Metathesiophobia. I'm not sure that's our problem if we don't like change. It is more likely that our problem is Satan's use of his lures to keep us away from faithful obedience to our Lord.

The bottom line is, an article won't change your mind. It takes study and meditation on God's Word coupled with a great deal of effort to live a faithful life determined to share the gospel with others whom you have come to love by understanding that God is love and He desires (commands) His followers to love. That's who we are, or should "**change**" to be.

**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

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

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Barton KizerPeru
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## **2018 THEME:**



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# Lamications—Andrew Lamica

Chase Park, I am so excited about the future of this congregation of the Lord's people! While it is true that I cannot predict the future (wouldn't that be cool), I still see great things on the horizon for Chase Park! God has blessed us bountifully up to this point and I am confident that He will continue to do so.

I hope to use this week's article to encourage you. We all get down from time to time and wonder if what we are doing is "worth it." I want to answer that question with a resounding "YES!" Not only is the labor in the Lord's vineyard worth it in the scope of eternity, I believe we are starting to see some of the fruits of our labor here on earth!

On a regular basis, we are seeing visitors in our assemblies! If you are visiting with us and reading this article, please know how excited we are to have you with us today! There seems to be an excitement about the things the Lord is doing here at Chase Park!

We have many things happening here at Chase Park with the objective of engaging our community and letting them know that we love them. The overall goal of reaching out to our community is, of course, to reach them with the gospel message.

Our teens are doing a great job of being the Christian example they ought to be in their schools and extracurricular activities. Not only are they being the examples they ought to be, they are inviting their friends to be a part of the wonderful things happening at Chase Park. Just last week we had at least five visitors from Buckhorn High School.

Satan loves to whisper in our ears with little seeds of doubt, trying to undermine the great things the Lord is doing through His people. If we are not careful, we can allow the lies Satan tells to distort our vision of all the wonderful things happening here at Chase Park.

Please let this article encourage you to keep on working toward the goal. The goal we are working toward is getting to heaven and taking as many people with us as possible!

## **Outreach News—Pat Cowden**

Another great week at Chase Park. On Saturday, 20 something men came together for the rescheduled "Men's Retreat" and heard more good lessons and had a chance to spend some time together and get to know each other better.

Sunday was a busy day as well with several men meeting with our local law enforcement to learn more about maintaining a safe and secure place of worship. The information was excellent and the police officers were fantastic! It is a comfort to know they have our back. Sunday afternoon we had the first meeting for question-and-answer session with our newest brothers and sisters in Christ. It was very productive and an encouragement to all who were in attendance.

After services, the teens came over to our house for a devotional which was wonderful! We had a total of 26 people in our home and heard a good lesson from one of our elders, Barry Todd. In case you do not already know this, we have a fantastic group of kids in this congregation for which we should be thankful to God. This does not happen by accident and their parents are to be commended for raising them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. We should support our young parents, and future parents, in their efforts to raise up people of faith as well as their Bible class teachers and all who take an active interest and involvement with their growth.

I haven't even mentioned how encouraging and informative the lessons were from Rusty last Sunday. We are blessed to have him and his family with us at Chase Park, they need our encouragement as well.

Please keep our evangelistic efforts in your prayers, there is a lot going on in regards to reaching the lost and even more to come this week and the weeks to follow. Remember tomorrow night, the 26, is another opportunity to get involved with the works of the church through Monday Night for the Master at 6:30.

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

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# News Of Interest

#### Sick

## Regency Healthcare & Rehab

Mark Henry

Home: Edna Sanders, Regina Brothers, Jerry Smelser (NO VISITORS), Martha Norris.

## **Sympathy**

We extend sympathy to the family of Edna Crowe in her death. Edna is the sister of Mary Bradford.

To the family of **June Stripling** (former member at Memorial Parkway) in her death.

Also to the family of Max Horst in the death of his sister, Donna Hergott, in Omaha, NE.

## **Directory Updates**

Delete Ben and April Hand. They are attending Mayfair Church of Christ.

## **April 2018 Birthdays**

- Wayne Pinchon Jack Rosenblum
- John Adams Ally Edwards
- **Dot Kelley** Becky McBride Mark Henry
- Jim Dalton Missy Miller
- **Barry Todd**
- **Robert Nance** Anne Fults
- Leigh Gates **Hunter Davidson** Jimmy Strong
- 15 **David Brothers**
- 17 **Paul King**
- 19 Lela Boggess
- 20 **Don Champion**

- Janie Putnam **Lucas Emerson** Janet Clayborn **Trevor Burton**
- **Hunter Chrisco Todd Harmon**
- Aleta Davidson **Betty Jo Harris** Clay Blankenship
- Kaylee Weeks Fred Wells
- Morgan Mentz Leon Clayborn
- Joel Heady **Trent Burton**

# Today and Upcoming at Chase Park

#### **Family Care Meeting**

E and H meet today, potluck lunch. E Leaders: Corder, Maples, Williams; H Leaders: Jennings, Lambrecht, McCall. Visitors are invited.

A and B meet Sunday, April 1. A Leaders: Lamica, McDonald, Row, Trammell; B Leaders: Crabtree, Wells.

#### **Regency Retirement Service**

Today: 1:30

Speaker: Lads Speakers

Song leader: Lads Song Leaders

#### **Hospital Visitation**

Team #4 (McCall), please pick up your assignments

after p.m. service.

## **Monday Night For The Master**

Monday, March 26, 6:30—8:00 p.m.

## **Ladies Bible Class**

Tuesday, March 27, 10:00 a.m.

#### **Balance Class**

Tues., March 27; Thurs., March 29; 1:30 p.m.

#### **Super Seniors**

Wednesday, March 28. No lunch.

#### **Pantry Item**

**SpaghettiOs** 

# Worship Participants

SUNDAY AM April 1, 2018	
READING	Wes McDonald
F PRAYER	Ron McCall
LS PRAYER	Tim Row
C PRAYER	<b>Toney Atchley</b>

SUNDAY PM April 1, 2018	
READING	<b>Grayson Stiegler</b>
F PRAYER	<b>Dennis Lawson</b>
C PRAYER	Mark Stiegler

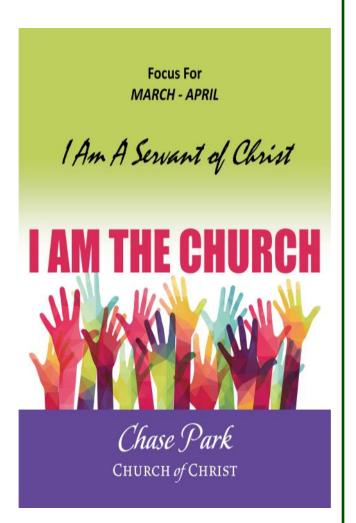
## Thank You

"I just wanted to let all the people at Chase Park who sent me a card or hugged me that all those acts of kindness were wonderful for me. Losing a family member whether brother, uncle or parent is hard, but each of you made me feel better. Thank you,"

## Marie Bishop

"Thank you all for your prayers for my brother Watdell. He enjoyed his cards and feels the love and prayers you're sending his way. His attitude continues to be wonderful! Please continue to pray for him and the family with the journey of God's will. In Christian love,"

Sandra Moore





# **TONIGHT!**

Come and encourage our young people as they make their final preparations for convention.

Our young men will lead our P.M. worship with other activities to follow. Your presence and support will be a great encouragement for these young people.

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# **Statistics**

**Sunday, March 18, 2018** 

AM Worship376
Month Average367
Bible Class 332
PM Worship282
Wed., Mar. 21 Bible Classes 243
Regency Ret. Worship 28
Offering\$17,299.41
Budget\$18,000
Average '18\$18,483
Over Budget for year+\$5,312
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 Class6:30	p.m

#### **Web Site Home Bible Studies**

https://www.cpcofc.org/home-bible-studies
(Lesson 1 Link)
The Bible—God's Holy Word