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CHASE PARK MESSENGER

Abraham and Isaac

Have you ever tried to put yourself in Abraham's place as he bound his beloved son, Isaac, and laid him on the altar, and then drew out his knife to offer Isaac as a sacrifice to God? (Genesis 22) Can you even begin to fathom the thoughts and emotions that must have flooded Abraham's heart and mind in that moment? How unimaginably horrific it must have been! I imagine Abraham, now well over 100 years old, standing over his confused and pleading son with trembling knees, shaking hands, tears flowing down his face, and his heart aching as so many questions flood his mind all at once: "Why? What about your promises, God? How is this okay? Why? Why? Why?"

But as we read the story of Abraham and Isaac, we are able to breathe easy knowing how the story ends. Isaac would be saved and Abraham would be spared from his own suffering. God had tested the faith of Abraham in a powerful way on that occasion and Abraham passed the test with flying colors, but there was another purpose for God's commands concerning the sacrificing of Isaac. You see, in that series of events, God gave us a living picture of His own plan for saving us from sin. Just as Abraham was asked to offer Isaac, God would offer His only Son as a sacrifice to Himself in order to atone for the sins of the world. The difference, however, is that with God and His Son, there would be no last second halting of the events, no reprieve from the death of the Son and the agonizing pain of the Father. God knew that if we could even begin to understand what Abraham was going through as He prepared his son for sacrifice, then we might, to some miniscule degree, be able to grasp the greatness of God's love for us and the magnitude of the gift of Jesus. So, through this heart-wrenching event, God actually revealed Himself and His love to us in a powerful way. Thank God for His unmatchable love and for the amazing gift of His Son!

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
Ben Stanley	Youth

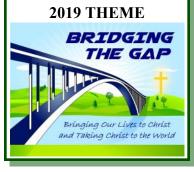
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Barry Todd		

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Children's Ministry (Little Lights-6th Grade)		Youth Group (7th-12th Grade)		Lads to Leaders
Aug. 3 Aug. 4	Big Sis/L'il Sis Tea 9:00 a.m., dining room Back to School Prayer Devo	July 21-27 Aug. 3 Aug. 4	Maywood Camp Big Sis/L'il Sis Tea 9:00 a.m., dining room Back to School Prayer Devo	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 Ben Stanley, Joel Heady, Wes McDonald, or Stephen Trammell for more information.

Outreach—Pat Cowden

This past week a good friend and faithful Christian, Harry Akers passed away. He was such an encouragement to me when we were working with the South Anchorage church of Christ. Harry never married and was 85 years old. Harry was an encourager and was possibly the most generous man I have ever met; both with his time and with his treasure. He was a Petroleum engineer and was a first generation computer specialist from way back.

Harry was consumed with people hearing the gospel. He loved to talk about the men, women, and children he had met when he was able to travel and their stories of coming to faith and living for God. And even with these things in mind, they are still not the thing I remember the most about Harry.

You see, we had a visitor to services who was a relative of one of our members. He was not a Christian, and Harry said, "Pat, you and I should go speak to him and ask him for a study." I agreed, and we did. Harry was very helpful and insightful while working with this young man. We had several studies with this young man before he left Alaska to join the military. We found out later that he found a congregation to attend and continued his studies with the preacher there and was baptized into Christ.

The picture that keeps coming to my mind was pulling back up to the church building at 8:30 or 9:00 in the evening after our studies during the winter in Alaska. Harry with his rubber boots and winter hat with flaps covering his ears to protect from the harsh weather and temps. He would painfully get out of my car while I held the door of my car open and opened his car door for him to get in. I would thank him for being willing to get out in the weather to study with this young man. He would then thank me for allowing him to assist in the study.

I learned some valuable lessons from Harry, one of which was to think souls first; another was to stop making excuses.

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



News Of Interest

Pantry Item: Crackers

Sick Huntsville Hospital Main

Martha Row, No Visitors.

HealthSouth Rehab

Jackie Walker, (sister of Wayne Pinchon and Janet Clayborn)

Home: Lena Rosenblum, Becky Powell, Sheila Landman, Sheila Emperley, Pat Steele, Colene Webster, Evelyn Miles

Sympathy

We express sympathy to JonMichael Williams and family in the death of his grandmother, Dot Williams, in Mississippi. Also remember the families of Ron and Don Williams (her sons.)

Today and Upcoming at Chase Park

Regency Retirement Service

Today, 1:30 p.m. Speaker: Gregg Crabtree Song Leader: Ray Brown

Family Care Group Meeting

Groups I and J are scheduled to meet today for potluck lunch. Group C will meet Saturday, July 27, at noon, at the home of Randy and Janet Jenkins.

Hospital Visitation

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

Monday Night for the Master

Monday, July 22, 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Ladies' Bible Class: Tuesday, July 23, 10:00 a.m., elder's conference room.

Worship Participants

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- READING
- F PRAYER.....
- **Clay Blankenship** LS PRAYER..... Paul King

Jack Lambrecht

Jamie Clark

C PRAYER.....

SUNDAY PM JULY 28

READING Justin Gransky F PRAYER..... **Jared Brumlow** C PRAYER..... **Dave Clark**

Super Seniors

Wednesday, July 31, 10:00 a.m., will go out to eat.

Big Sis/L'il Sis Tea Saturday, August 3, 2019, 9:00 a.m., dining room.

Back to School Prayer Devo Sunday, August 4, 2019



Balance Class Tuesday, Thursday, July 23, 25, 1:30 p.m.

Ladies' Night Out

Tuesday, July 23, 6:30 p.m. at Cheddars on University. Please sign up at Hospitality Desk. Ruth King and Pam Almo are hostesses. Dutch treat.

Super Seniors

Wednesday, July 24, 10:00 a.m., no meal.

Men's Diggin' Deep Monthly Bible Study

Thursday, July 25, 7:00 p.m., at West Huntsville Church.

OHM Meeting Team 8-Kachelman

TIME CHANGE. Saturday, July 27, 6:00 p.m. at the home of Eric and Hollye Corder. Members age 50-59, names M-Z.



We have a great group of children and adults who will be at Maywood Christian Camp in Hamilton, Alabama starting today. Please pray for their safety and for their spiritual growth while at camp this week.



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Wednesday, July 24th

"Overcoming the Guilt of Sin"

Speaker: **Scotty Sparks** *Mastin Lake Church of Christ*

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Statistics

Sunday, July 14, 2019

AM Worship 394
Month Average
Bible Class
PM Worship260
Wed., Jul 17 Bible Classes 301
Regency Ret. Worship 52
Offering \$20,894.50
Budget\$19,000
Average '19 \$19,659
Over Budget for year+\$18,463
Building Fund\$35.00

Services

Sunday

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

Wednesday

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