

CHASE PARK MESSENGER

Happy Mother's Day

¹⁸ And the LORD God said, "It is not good that man should be alone; I will make him a helper comparable to him."

²¹ And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall on Adam, and he slept; and He took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh in its place. ²² Then the rib which the LORD God had taken from man He made into a woman, and He brought her to the man.

Genesis 2:18, 21-22

From the very beginning, God, in His infinite wisdom, understood the need and importance of the woman as an integral part of the family. He created her to supply what was lacking in the man and to be a perfect helper and companion for the man. Among the many wonderful attributes that God designed into woman was that of fulfilling the role of mother, but as He knew perfectly, being a mother would consist of much more than conceiving and giving birth. A mother must be nurturing and loving, patient and kind. She must be protective of her children and be driven by an innate compulsion to selflessly and sacrificially care for and provide for her children, no matter the circumstances. When God made the woman and mother, He certainly created a masterpiece!

Today is the day that our world has set aside to honor our mothers. There is no doubt that they are worthy of such an honor, but they deserve much more than one day a year. If you are blessed to have the opportunity to spend time with or at least speak to your mother (or, husbands, the mother of your children) today, let her know how much you love and appreciate her. Let her know how thankful you are for her and what a blessing she is to your family. And while you are doing that, make sure to thank God for the wisdom, power, and love that He showed toward mankind in seeing fit to give us the gift of mothers.

Mothers, we love you and we thank you for all that you are and all that you do. May God bless you as He has blessed our families through you.

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*

The close of another school year is just about 2 weeks away! The older I get, the faster time seems to go. Titus has finished up his final year of preschool and will enter the school system this coming fall! Hard to believe we will soon have all of our kids in school.

The ending of another school year brings on the excitement of the hustle and bustle of summer activities. I am very much looking forward to the time that my family and I will have together away from the hectic school schedule. I know many of you are looking forward to this as well. There will be vacations, day trips, sporting events, days at the lake, and more that our Chase Park families will be taking part in over the next couple of months. Additionally, there will be time for some much needed rest and relaxation.

As we prepare for a fun-filled

summer I hope to offer some gentle reminders for each of us.

1. Consider God - Regardless of what summer activities might come our way, let's strive to have pleasing God in the forefront of our minds. Matthew 6:33 reminds us of the importance and the blessings of putting God in his rightful place in our lives, first.

Part of putting God in the forefront of our minds means not taking a vacation from Him. While it is necessary and good to take a break from our day-to-day earthly responsibilities, may we never take a break from the Lord's work, including the assembling of ourselves together. When you go out of town, find a congregation of the Lord's people to assemble with on the Lord's day. It is a wonderful blessing to meet members of His body around the country! Try it, you'll be glad you

did.

2. Consider Others - This is good advice not just for summer, but all year long! As we go throughout our days, may each of us be looking for ways to do good to all men, especially those of the household of faith (Galatians 6:10). Additionally, when choosing what activities to take part in, give some consideration to how they might make others feel. Remember the statement Paul makes in 1 Corinthians 10:23. Just because we can, doesn't always mean we should.

I hope you are gearing up for a wonderful summer. While you do so, consider God and consider others!

Outreach News—*Pat Cowden*

What a Friends Day! We had 454 in attendance and had a great number stay for Bible class and for the fellowship meal and singing afterwards. It was a great encouragement to me and I am sure it was to you as well.

It is important for congregational development to take full advantage of momentum building events. Days like Friends Day, successes in soul winning (people visiting our church services and people willing to have Bible studies) and ultimately people obeying the gospel. It is our goal to follow through with every person who is not already a Christian to build a relationship with them and eventually study with and help them understand the wonderful riches found in Christ.

We had 59 names on visitor attendance cards, which probably is considerably lower than the actual number of visitors we had. I want to commend all who took part by inviting folks to come, even if they did not come this time. We will continue to do the right thing by inviting all that we can.

Most modern research in church growth indicates that 90% of the time a person comes to services for the first time is due to {oikos} meaning that they already have some type of relationship that serves as a bridge in their decision making. It is our responsibility as Christians to make the most of these relationships for the glory of God and for the salvation of their souls. Please join in this effort with us!

Evangelism spotlight:

- Consider these two questions:
 - The last person I spoke to about Jesus, the church, coming to services, etc. was _____.
 - When was that? _____ (date)

Evangelistic challenge for the week:

- In the near future, I will be asking each member of the Chase Park congregation for input on potential prospects for evangelism. I want you to come up with a list of folks (1-3) who you believe are interested in spiritual matters. This list will continue to grow over time; it is our earnest prayer that those close to us {our "oikos"} get an opportunity to say "yes or no" to the gospel.

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

News Of Interest

Sick

Crestwood Hospital

Leo Johnson (NO VISITORS)

Huntsville Hospital

Ruth Ray

Home: Sandra Moore, Steve Watson, Pat Brown, Jerry Smelser and Barbara Johnson

Balance Class

Tues., May 15; Thurs., May 17; 1:30 p.m.

Vacation Bible School

June 3– 5, Sunday through Tuesday each evening 6—7:30 p.m. See **Andrea Blankenship** for more information.

Pantry Item: Canned potatoes.



Today and Upcoming at Chase Park

Regency Retirement Service

Today: 1:30 p.m.

Speaker: **Gregg Crabtree**

Song Leader: **Jerry Johnston**

Hospital Visitation

Team #2 (**Emerson**), please pick up your assignments after p.m. service.

Super Seniors

Wednesday, May 16. Will have potluck lunch.

Regency Retirement Village Singing

Thursday, May 17, 6:00 p.m.

Family Care Meeting

Teams **E** and **G** meet Sunday, May 20, for potluck lunch. **E Leaders:** **Corder, Maples, Williams;** **G Leaders:** **Zlatovich, Emerson, Walker.**

Father and Daughter Banquet

Saturday, June 2, 5—7:00 p.m. See **Sheila Emperley** for more information.

Worship Participants

SUNDAY AM MAY 20, 2018	
READING	Philip Williams
F PRAYER.....	Robb Walker
LS PRAYER.....	Steve Watson
C PRAYER.....	Bob Williams

SUNDAY PM MAY 20, 2018	
READING	Jared Olbricht
F PRAYER.....	Jerry Kilpatrick
C PRAYER.....	Derek Horst

Thank You

“Thank you to all who sent cards and told me they have been praying for me and my family since the death of my uncle Bill. It means so much to know the love and support from my Chase Park family. In Christian love,”

Hollye Corder

“Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, Words can’t express the gratitude and appreciation for your sincere love during Mark’s illness and passing. Thank you for the prayers, hugs, encouraging words, cards, food, gifts and donation to Rainbow Omega in Mark’s memory. A special thank you to Don and Peggy Champion, Pat and Maria Cowden, John and Jean Denney, Marcia Lindstrom, Scott Gates, the Gospel Advocate Class and Big Sisters/Little Sisters. We thank the Lord for blessing us with you. In Him,”

Susie Henry and family

Focus For
MAY - JUNE

*I Am A Steward
of God's Blessings*

I AM THE CHURCH



Chase Park
CHURCH of CHRIST

Senior Reception

*Next Sunday, May 20th
following our evening worship*

*Join us as we celebrate this milestone
in the lives of these young people and
pray for them as they prepare for the
next chapter in their lives.*

**Hunter Gates
Emily Griffin
Hannah Griffin
Kyleigh Jones
Aleya Maples
Grayson Stiegler
Kaylee Weeks.**



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Statistics

Sunday, May 6, 2018

AM Worship	370
Month Average	370
Bible Class	298
PM Worship	NC
Wed., May. 9, Bible Classes	
Regency Ret. Worship	32
Offering.....	\$19,232.61
Budget.....	\$18,000
Average '18	\$18,585
Over Budget for year	+\$10,526
Building Fund	\$33,658.30

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