

# CHASE PARK MESSENGER

## I Am A Steward of God’s Blessings

With the beginning of May, we are shifting our focus once again. This year, we are working with the theme “I Am The Church” and, within that theme, we have six different focus areas to help us better understand what it means to be the church. In the months of May and June, we will be looking at the focus area: “I Am A Steward of God’s Blessings.”

We understand a steward to be someone who manages or administers something that belongs to someone else. Implied within this understanding are at least three important truths:

1. The things that are being used or managed by the steward do not belong to him but to someone else who has put them in his care.
2. The steward’s responsibility is to use the things placed into his care according to the desires and instructions of the owner of those things.
3. The steward is accountable and must answer for the way that he manages the things left in his care.

To be a steward is an important position that requires the utmost responsibility, trustworthiness, and willing submission to the desires and instructions of the one who has established the stewardship.

As we consider this concept in spiritual terms, God is the Creator and ruler of all things. As the Bible states in Psalm 24:1, “*The earth is the Lord’s, and all its fullness, The world and those who dwell therein.*” Everything that this world holds, including our bodies, lives, and possessions, belongs to God. When we think of spiritual stewardship, our minds are often taken immediately in the direction of money. While our physical possessions are certainly gifts from God that we are to be good stewards of, we must understand that our stewardship goes far beyond financial things. In reality, everything that we have and all that we are is a gift from God (James 1:17) and has been given to us to use in His name and for His glory (Colossians 3:17). Our possessions, health, abilities, opportunities—they are all gifts from God, given to us to enrich our lives and to enable us to serve God effectively. This truth ought to create in us a profound gratitude to God for His generosity and loving kindness toward us as well as a burning desire to use our lives and all that we have in a way that is pleasing to Him and in a way that brings glory to Him. As we consider our stewardship, let us continually give thanks to God and strive to use His gifts to His glory.

*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*

It is finally starting to feel like summer around here! The weather has been pretty wacky to say the least. It has seemed like just as soon as we get used to some warmth we are blindsided by an arctic chill. I think we are finally at the point where the warmth is here to stay.

With the weather warming up, we as Christians would do well to remind ourselves to be conscientious about our clothing choices. It is no secret that as the weather warms up the clothing selections skimp up. While it is often not a popular subject to talk about, modesty is one of many Christian virtues that we ought to display as children of God.

The modesty issue should not be composed of manmade rules or regulations, rather it comes from direction given to us in the word of God. Our standard can certainly never be what those who live in the

world around us deem as acceptable. After all, we are to not be conformed to this world, but transformed, by the renewing of our minds (by having a different mindset than those in the world) according to Romans 12:2. God gives us direction in regards to what modest apparel is in passages such as 1 Peter 3:3-4 and 1 Timothy 2:9-10. When we are choosing our clothing, we must ask ourselves with an honest heart, if what we are choosing is going to draw undue attention to ourselves. Our goal as Christians must always be to shine our lights in such a way as to give God the glory, and not ourselves, our clothing is one way we can do this.

Another consideration of our clothing selections must be the impact it might have on others. While I realize and acknowledge that we cannot control what others think or do, even still we should be willing to

attempt to avoid being a stumbling block to those around us. Jesus gave a very stern warning about lust in Matthew 5:28. Without question, each of us are responsible for controlling how we look at each other. In the same vein, I cannot imagine the Lord being pleased with us if we make it easier on others to lust by the things we choose to wear. Remember, we are trying to help each other get to heaven and influence those in the world for the gospel. Let's not allow our lack of discretion to hinder those objectives.

Christians, we have been called out of the world, called to be different in every aspect of our lives. I want to challenge and encourage each of us to be mindful of modesty as the weather heats up, eternity depends on it.

## The Power of One—*Flavil Nichols*

The following article is published in honor of Flavil Nichols who recently passed away:

During the War Between the States, a young woman learned the truth and obeyed the gospel. Her sweetheart, J.H. Halbrook, was a confederate soldier. He was captured by the union army and kept a prisoner in Michigan until the war was over. He was given a ticket to Nashville, TN and \$2.50. From there, he returned to Centerville and found what was left of his home and family. He found his girlfriend and they were married. His wife studied the Bible with him, and he soon became a Christian. He thought the truth was so good and so simple that he began to teach and baptize many of his friends and neighbors. He began to preach, but he recognized his need for more training, so he came to the original Mars Hill Bible School, taught by T.B. Larimore. Upon completing his studies there, instead of going back to Tennessee, they moved farther south, coming into Walker, Marion, Fayette, and Lamar counties in Alabama. One of his many converts was Charley Alexander Wheeler. His wife taught him to read from the Bible. Along with his wife, C.A. Wheeler obeyed the gospel and soon began preaching to others. He started more than 100 congregations and baptized more than 6,000 people. But wait, the story is not ended! One of those 6,000 was my father, the late Gus Nichols. Twelve thousand were baptized under his preaching. Among those baptized by Gus Nichols, no one knows, nor can know, how many began to preach "the glorious gospel of Christ" (2Cor. 4:3,4); but I personally know several. I, Flavil Nichols, am ONE whom he baptized and whom he encouraged to preach the truth. And under my preaching, about three thousand have been baptized. A few among them preached the gospel also! Only eternity can reveal the total results of the conversion of that one girl nearly one hundred and fifty years ago. The results are not yet all in! But this shows that TWENTY-ONE THOUSAND people have become Christians through this single thread in the fabric of her influence.

"Go, and do likewise" (Luke 10:37). YOU are important, too! Dear reader, if you go to heaven, others probably will be saved by you! "For what knowest thou, O wife, whether thou shalt save thy husband? Or how knowest thou, O man, whether thou shalt save thy wife" (1 Cor. 7:16)? "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven" (Matt. 5:16). Each ONE is very important.

## News Of Interest

**Sick**

**Home**

**Barbara Johnson, Jerry Smelser**

**Sympathy**

To **Peggy Champion** and family in the death of her father, **Flavil Nichols**, a well-known gospel preacher. Brother Nichols was 99 years old February 2 and was the oldest member of Chase Park.

**Balance Class**

Tues., May 8; Thurs, May 10; 1:30 p.m.

**Pantry Item**

Canned Soups.

**Special Contribution Today**

Goal: \$25,000

For our Mortgage Reduction Plan  
There will be two separate contributions



## Today and Upcoming at Chase Park

**Family Care Meeting**

Teams **A** can **C** meet today for potluck lunch. **A Leaders: Lamica, McDonald, Row, Trammell; C Leaders: Champion, Landman.** Teams **B** and **D** meet Sunday, May 13. **B Leaders: Crabtree, Wells; D Leaders: Brown, Sims.**

**Regency Retirement Service**

Today: 1:30 p.m.

Speaker: **Michael Sims**

Song leader: **Stephen Trammell**

**Hospital Visitation**

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

**Super Seniors**

Wednesday, May 9, no lunch.

**High School Senior Reception**

Sunday, May 20, after p.m. service. Please bring non-sweet finger foods. **Mary Milam** will bake the cakes.

**Father and Daughter Banquet**

Saturday, June 2, 5—7 p.m. Tickets go on sale today. See **Sheila Emperley**.

**Ministry Expo Today**

Fellowship Hall

Immediately after classes dismiss

## Worship Participants

SUNDAY AM MAY 13, 2018	
READING .....	<b>John Adams</b>
F PRAYER.....	<b>Russ Davis</b>
LS PRAYER.....	<b>Mark Lambrecht</b>
C PRAYER.....	<b>Jon Rosenblum</b>

SUNDAY PM MAY 13, 2018	
READING .....	<b>John Johnston</b>
F PRAYER.....	<b>Stephen Trammell</b>
C PRAYER.....	<b>Fred Wells</b>

## Thank You

“I appreciate all my brothers and sisters in Christ at CP. Y’all are always kind and considerate to us and our family. Thank you for your thoughts, prayers, and comments during the sickness and death of my sister. It is always hard to lose a close family member but you have made it tolerable (as Naaman would say) and we love each and every one of you. May God bless us all.”

**Max Horst**

“Thank you all for all you did during and after my surgery. I was overwhelmed by your concern, the flowers, cards, visits and your spirit of help. Most importantly, your prayers. God has truly blessed me through you. You have impacted my life in countless ways. Thank you, Thank you, Thank you. I don’t know if I can say it enough. God bless you all. With love,”

**Edna Sanders**

Focus For  
MAY - JUNE

*I Am A Steward  
of God's Blessings*

**I AM THE CHURCH**



*Chase Park*  
CHURCH of CHRIST

## *Area-Wide Singing*

*This Friday, May 11<sup>th</sup>*

*7:00 - 9:00 p.m.*

*(with refreshments to follow)*

*Come and enjoy this great time of  
praise and fellowship with brethren  
from around the area.*



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### Statistics

Sunday, April 29, 2018

AM Worship .....	454
Month Average .....	377
Bible Class .....	358
PM Worship .....	200
Wed., May 2, Bible Classes .....	264
Regency Ret. Worship .... NC	
Offering .....	\$20,668.98
Budget .....	\$18,000
Average '18 .....	\$18,547
Over Budget for year .....	+\$9,293
<b>Building Fund .....</b>	<b>\$50.00</b>

### 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**