

CHASE PARK MESSENGER

In the Beginning, God Created...

This time of year, maybe more than any other, reminds us of the creative power of God, as we watch the earth come to life once again. The Bible reminds us that, “every house is built by someone but the builder of all things is God” (Heb. 3:4). The first five words of the Bible, “In the beginning, God created,” lay a foundation upon which the remainder of the Scriptures builds. To create means “to cause to come into being, or originate.” Truly, everything that we have and enjoy in this world was created by God and continues to exist through His will. Not only did God speak this physical world into existence, but so many of the things that make life enjoyable and give us spiritual hope were created by Him as well. For instance, God created love (1 John 4:7-8), family (Gen. 2:21-24), the church (Matt. 16:18), and salvation (Heb. 5:9). What an awesome God we serve!

But have you ever considered the idea that God is still creating? No, I don’t mean physical things, for the Bible tells us that, at the end of the sixth day of creation, the earth and all that was in it was “finished” (Gen. 2:1). That is to say that the creation process of the physical elements of this world was concluded. But, in other ways, God continues to create in your life and mine. Remember, to create means “to cause to come into being.” Consider these things that God continues to create:

- • **Blessings.** God brings blessings into our lives each day in many different ways. From answered prayers to providential provision, God blesses us daily with every good thing (James 1:17).
- • **Opportunities.** God, through His wisdom and power, gives us opportunities each day to learn, grow, serve, forgive, influence, and do good (Gal. 6:10).
- • **Renewal.** God, through Christ, is able to create, in us, renewal—renewal from sin, discouragement, complacency, and a troubled spirit (Isaiah 40:31).

Let’s thank and give praise to God today for all that He has created and all that He continues to create in our lives!

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.



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Rusty Hills Pulpit
Pat Cowden Evangelism

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Barry Todd

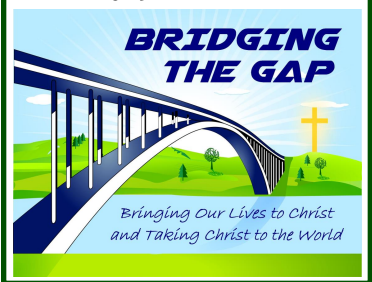
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Slava SavkovskyUkraine
Barton Kizer.....North Carolina
Dewayne Tapscott..... Southwest

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2019 THEME



Youth News

Children's Ministry (Little Lights-6th Grade)

Apr. 27 CM Devo

Youth Group (7th-12th Grade)

Every Wednesday Hang Time
(5:30)

Every Monday M4 (7:00)

April 14 Area-Wide Devo
@ Chase Park

Lads to Leaders

Every L2L Work Day
Sunday (3:30)

Apr. 19-21 Convention!!!
@ Opryland Hotel

Apr. 28 L2L Banquet

*Remember: Hotel payments and any
outstanding balances are now due.*

*Stay tuned for more details on these events or see
Joel Heady, Wes McDonald, or Stephen Trammell for more information.*

Outreach—Pat Cowden

We did have a great OHM meeting with Team #10 on the 6th. We are looking forward to the meeting with Team #9, Lord willing, next Saturday, the 20th. To date we have had the following participation in the first 7 OHM meetings:

128 Chase Park members have participated

21 visitors have attended

I am very pleased with the results so far and look forward to moving forward with this evangelistic outreach. We are praying that there will be even more folks who come from the community including our coworkers, classmates, neighbors, and those we see regularly at the bank, or grocery store.

Last night, Maria, Sarah, and I went to the Bethel church of Christ in Athens, AL, to hear brother Hiram Kemp preach the gospel. Hiram will, Lord willing, be our special emphasis speaker in the Fall of 2021. I could understand, after spending time speaking to him and hearing him preach, why he is so popular as a speaker in the brotherhood. He has a tremendous grasp of the Scriptures and makes his lessons very understandable and applicable.

The text for his lesson came from Romans 1:14-16 where Paul writes about the debt that he owed because of what God has done for him through Christ. This debt is one that we all owe and can never fully repay. The quandary one finds oneself in is this: Since I cannot repay the debt, should I even try? Or, since I cannot repay the debt, should I do everything in my power to show God my appreciation by living a life pleasing to him, including sharing the gospel. Sharing the gospel with the "wise and the unwise" and "the Greeks and the Barbarians" is how Paul chose to glorify God for the gracious gift of salvation in Christ Jesus.

His decision pleased God and if we choose to glorify God in the same way, by sharing the gospel, He will be pleased with us as well.

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

Pat



Think Souls First

News Of Interest

Sick

Athens Limestone Hospital

Jim McLaughlin, LTAC unit

Blue Spring Rehab

Juanez Tanner

Home: Jim Newton, Susan Vinson, Caroline Black

Sympathy

We express sympathy to **Carrie** and **Randal Jennings** in the death of her sister and his aunt, Pauline Messick Harrison, in Sarasota, Florida.

Pantry Item: Instant Mashed Potatoes

New Christian

We rejoice with Joel and Michelle Heady on the occasion of their daughter, **Hayden's**, baptism, Sunday, April 7. Update her directory entry with an *.

New Babies

Congratulations to **Thom and Maddie Watkins** on the birth of Sophie Pearl Joyce Watkins, on April 7. She weighed 6 lbs., 5 ozs., 18 1/2 inches. Proud grandparents are **Greg and Gayle Cothren**. Proud Uncles and Aunts are **Hudson and Kristy, Mason and Brooke and Parker Cothren**.

Congratulations to **Kecia Duncan** on the birth of Micah Khiry Duncan on April 8. He weighed 8 lbs., 2 ozs., 21 inches. **Dorothy Duncan** is the proud grandmother.

Monday Night for the Master

Monday, April 22, 6:30—8:00 p.m.

Ladies' Monthly Tuesday a.m. Bible Class

Tuesday, April 23, 10:00 a.m., elder's conference room.

Ladies' Night Out

Tuesday, April 23, 6:30 p.m., location TBD.

Today and Upcoming at Chase Park

Regency Retirement Service

Today, 1:30 p.m.

Speaker: **Steve Watson**

Song Leader: **Michael Sims**

Mother/Son Banquet Tickets

Saturday, May 4, 5:00 p.m., \$5/child, \$10/teen, adult. See **Sheila Emperley** starting today for tickets.

Family Care Group Meeting

FC Groups **F** and **G** will meet today for potluck lunch.

Hospital Visitation

Team (2) **Crowden** please pick up your assignments today after p.m. service.

Balance Class

Tuesday, Thursday, April 16, 18, 1:30 p.m.

Baby Shower

For **Caroline Black**, Tuesday, April 16, at 6:30 p.m., at the home of Lindsey Schneider. Caroline is having a girl and is registered at Amazon and Buy Buy Baby.

Super Seniors

Wednesday, April 17, 10:00 a.m.

Regency Retirement Village Singing

Thursday, April 18, 6:00 p.m.

OHM Meeting Team 9—Lawson

Saturday, April 20, 6:00 p.m., at the home of Pat and Maria Cowden. Members ages 60-69, names A-I.

Worship Participants

SUNDAY AM APRIL 21	
READING	Brannon Emperley
F PRAYER.....	Ben Boggess
LS PRAYER.....	Russ Davis
C PRAYER.....	Ellie Brake

SUNDAY PM APRIL 21	
READING	David Brothers
F PRAYER.....	Ray Brown
C PRAYER.....	Kip Adams

Thank you

“To my Chase Park family,
Thank you so much for the love you showed to me and my family in the death of my sister, Patsy Robinson. Thanks for all the food, calls, cards, and visits. I am truly blessed to be part of such a caring congregation.”

Joy Wharton

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*Bringing Our Lives to Christ
and Taking Christ to the World*

Statistics

Sunday, April 7, 2019

AM Worship	361
Month Average	361
Bible Class	279
PM Worship	262
Wed., Apr. 10 Bible Classes	257
Regency Ret. Worship	40
Offering	\$20,233
Budget	\$19,000
Average '19	\$19,720
Over Budget for year	+\$10,086
Building Fund	\$140.00

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)

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