

## Great Families

One of the greatest blessings that God has given us in this world is the blessing of families – those special people that we are bound together with by marriage or by blood and that we get to share life with in very special ways. With that blessing, however, comes great responsibility. God has given us specific instructions for the roles that we fill in our families – spouses are to love and be faithful to one another, children are to respect and obey their parents, and parents are to teach and train their children. When we fail to carry out those responsibilities, not only does the family suffer, but so does our society and world, not to mention our relationship with God.

Today is a special day at Chase Park as we honor our families and consider the guidance that God has provided for us as families. No doubt, we all want to have great families, but how can we accomplish that worthy goal? The answer to that question will be the focus of our time together this morning as we give our worship and thanksgiving to God. Reed Swindle (a former youth minister for this congregation) will be bringing us three lessons on what it takes to be great families: Great Families Love God, Great Families Love the Church, and Great Families Love Each Other. Today will surely be a great day of worship, fellowship, and encouragement for us all as we strive to be great families. Please make plans to stay for all of the services and activities of the day so that your family may benefit from this time together.



### Schedule for Today

**AM Worship 9:00**

**Bible Class 10:15**

*7th grade—adults will have class together in auditorium*

**Potluck Lunch 11:15**

**PM Worship 1:00**

*After the PM worship, stay and enjoy a time of games and fellowship for all ages, along with homemade ice cream.*



## Chase Park Church of Christ

### Ministers

Rusty Hills ..... Pulpit  
Nathan Adams..... Outreach  
John Denney ..... Education  
Andrew Lamica..... Youth Minister

### Elders

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

### Missionaries

Jaime Mendoza .... Chalco, Mexico  
Liborio Encarnacion. Ecatepec, Mexico  
Slava Savkovsky ..... Ukraine  
Barton Kizer..... Peru  
Dewayne Tapscott..... Southwest

## To Our Guests

We are so pleased and honored that you have chosen to visit with us today! Chase Park is a wonderful Christian family, devoted to serving God through our lives and work. We are excited to share our love for Christ with others and we are thankful to have the opportunity to meet you and to have you join us for worship.

As we worship together today, our desire is to worship God according to the New Testament pattern and in a way that is pleasing and acceptable to Him. It is also our prayer that our time together is uplifting to those who are here including you, our guest. If you have any questions about anything that you see or hear today, please ask us. We would love to speak with you about those things and help you in any way that we can.

## Lamifications—*Andrew Lamica*

I want to extend a heartfelt welcome to all of our Chase Park families and our guest families today!

If you are a guest with us today during our special “Family Day,” please know that we are delighted you are here and hope you will be with us as often as you can.

You might be wondering why we chose to have a “Family Day,” at Chase Park. When the idea of “Family Day” was hatched, it came out of concern of the influence the world was having on our families. What might have been taboo 15-20 years ago is now the norm (ball games and extra curricular activities of various kinds encroaching on Wednesdays and Sundays, hours and hours of homework a night, for young people, 60+ hour work weeks for parents, etc.). Family

time, including time spent together in the word of God, is under attack by Satan. Make no mistake, one of Satan’s tools is to keep us busy, to keep us distracted. Satan does a masterful job in using things that are not sinful in and of themselves to pull us away from the God who loves us. Satan does not necessarily have to get us involved in a lifestyle of sin, he can just keep us too busy to worry about our relationship with God, the sin will follow.

The psalmist, through inspiration, says it best “*Be still, and know that I am God*” (Psalm 46:10). That is the last thing Satan wants you and me to do is be still and consider our relationship with God. Satan does not want us to be still and listen to God, through a study of His word. Satan would hate it if you would take time to

communicate with God through prayer. The way he stops all of this “Be still” stuff, is by keeping us busy. Families today is about us. Today is about our relationship with God. Today is about slowing down and telling the world “no.”

Let’s help make “Family Day” a springboard to a better relationship between God and our families. Moms, dads, grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, we have a lot of work to do, and the work is never over. We must resolve today to not continue to allow the world to encroach on our family’s relationship with God and our family’s relationships with other Christian families. I hope you will stick around for the entire day of activity during our “Family Day,” and let us grow closer to God while growing closer to one another!

## Grace Is Not Easy—*Nathan Adams*

Too many people wrongly use God’s grace as a means to make living for Christ easy. They don’t make the needed changes to their lives because they say, “grace will take care of it.” Some actually say that they do not have to do anything because God’s grace has saved them and their actions have no bearing on that perceived reality.

The problem is reconciling such ideas with what is shown and demonstrated in God’s word. Grace is not freedom from effort, it makes it possible for our efforts toward God to actually make a difference in our eternal destination. Grace is an opportunity made possible only by God and His efforts, not ours. There is nothing we could do to bring this opportunity of grace to our lives. However, we can receive the blessings of God by taking advantage of the opportunity. Let us consider a Biblical example of how grace is not easy.

The Bible tells us that “Noah found favor (grace) in the eyes of the Lord” (Genesis 6:8). This grace that Noah found in the eyes of God was a divine opportunity. God had already decided that He was going to destroy man from the earth (v. 7). Such destruction would have included Noah and he would have deserved it because he was a man that had sinned (Romans 3:23). Yet, God’s grace gave Noah an opportunity to build an ark within the last 100 years of mankind in order to save himself and his family.

This grace that God provided to Noah was not easy in several ways. It was not easy physically. He had to build an enormous boat to precise specifications. It was not easy socially. He had to receive scorn from friends and neighbors because of the building of a large boat on dry land. In addition, his message that he preached concerning the

destruction that God was going to bring could not have been well received (2 Peter 2:5). It was not easy emotionally. I am sure that Noah was sad at the loss of friends, family, his way of life, and the immensity of the destruction on mankind. It was not easy on his patience. To remain within the ark for over a year with the same eight people and a plethora of animals must have been more than a little trying on his nerves. Grace saved Noah, but it was not easy.

Today, it is no different. Men have found “grace in the eyes of the Lord” through Jesus Christ. That grace is an opportunity to do something that will bring about their salvation. Hebrew 11:7 states that Noah’s preparing the ark brought about his salvation. We must build lives of obedience to God in order to bring about our salvation. An opportunity provided by God, but not an easy one.

***News Of Interest***

**Sick**

**Crestwood Hospital**

**Robert Nance**

**Big Spring Manor**

**Libby Lewter**

**Louise Merryman**

**Home**

**Donell Parker.**

**Balance Class**

Tues., Sep. 20; Thur., Sep 22; 1:30 p.m.

**Pantry Item:**

Canned green beans.



***Today and Upcoming at Chase Park***

**Regency Retirement Service**

Today: 1:30 p.m.

Speaker: **Hollis Todd**

Song Leader: **Ray Brown**

**Hospital Visitation**

Team #3 (Cain), please pick up your assignments today following evening worship.

**Super Seniors**

Wednesday, September 21. No lunch.

**Big Sisters/Little Sisters**

Sunday, September 25, after a.m. worship.

**Lads to Leaders Kick-Off**

Sunday, September 25, after p.m. service. Youth will conduct p.m. service that day.

**Ladies Night Out**

Monday, September 26. More information later.

**Chase Park Quilting Group**

Taught by "Miss Mabel" Albright at her home at 1910 Wooddale Drive. Classes—Thursday morning or afternoon. If interested, please call her at 256-539-8365. This Group will make stuffed animals (bears, etc.) for our nursery and lap quilts for our shut-ins, hospital patients, etc. This is a great outreach for Chase Park!

**Thank You**

“Dear Chase Park Members,  
Thank you for your prayers, cards, calls, and visits during my hospital stay and recovery. Johnny and I appreciate each contact that reached out to us. I continue to heal and know it’s God who arms one with strength and makes my way perfect. Psalms 18:32. The Lord lives! Blessed be my Rock! Psalms 18:46.”

*Doris and Johnny Campbell*

“Just a little line or two to bring my warmest thanks to you! Thanks for all of the love and support you’ve shown during the loss of Myrtle! Love,”

*Marie and family  
(Myrtle Douglas’ sister)*



**Wedding Invitation**

*Together with their families  
Heather-Lynn Griffin  
and  
Zeke Burton  
invite you to the celebration  
of their marriage  
Saturday, October 1, 2016  
at eleven o’clock in the morning*

*Chase Park Church of Christ*

*Reception to follow*



# Weekly Bible Reading

## Reading for September 18-24: 1 Timothy 1-6

The relationship between Paul and Timothy was a very special one. It was one of teacher and student, mentor and mentee, role model and protégé. But it was also one of Christian brethren and fellow-workers for Christ. These two men were involved in the same battle for the spreading of Christ's kingdom and for salvation. As Paul writes to his young friend and fellow-minister, he shares with him a wealth of wisdom and encouragement that all of us who are striving to serve God can benefit from. As you read and study this week, consider these thoughts:

- *What are some of the things that we learn from this letter about the proper functioning of the church?*
- *What advice of Paul can you learn from personally?*

### VERSES TO REMEMBER:

*1 Timothy 6:11-12*

“But you, O man of God, flee these things and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, gentleness. Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, to which you were also called and have confessed the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.”

### Statistics

**Sunday, September 11, 2016**

AM Worship .....	323
Month Average .....	342
Bible Class .....	250
PM Worship .....	248
Wed., Sep. 14 Bible Classes.....	268
Regency Ret. Worship .....	33
Offering.....	\$17,539.91
Budget.....	\$18,300
Average '16 .....	\$18,100
Under Budget for year.....	-\$7,359
<b>Building Fund .....</b>	<b>\$902.00</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

<http://bible.us/e/Hdj>  
(Lesson 1 Link)  
The Bible—God's Holy Word

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