

# CHASE PARK MESSENGER

## The Beauty of Imperfection

“For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.” These familiar words from Romans 3:23 remind us of the all-too-painful truth of our own weakness and imperfection. Most of us are well aware of our shortcomings. We struggle with them. We deplore them. We wish that we could overcome them once and for all. And yet, regrettably, we know that they are a constant and unavoidable part of our lives.

But, just for a moment, let me ask you to think with me about our imperfections in a different light. Though we all wish that we could be better, stronger, and more like Christ, our imperfections provide some very good things in our lives—things that we might miss out on if we were to be able to accomplish perfection. Think with me about a couple of these things:

1. Our imperfections cause us to need and to depend upon God. Without shortcomings, we would have no sin. Without sin, we would have no need of God and the redeeming blood of Christ. The imperfections in our lives cause us to come to God for mercy, grace, and forgiveness. We depend on Him and look to Him for the righteousness that we cannot attain by ourselves (2 Cor. 5:21).
2. Our imperfections allow the strength of God to work in us. Just like Paul (2 Cor. 12:7-10), when we are weak, then we are strong because it is in those times, the times of our failures and infirmities, that the strength of the Lord is made perfect in us. If we could depend on our own strength and perfection, we would have no need of God.

In essence, the same shortcomings that have the potential to take us away from God if we allow them to, also have the ability to make our relationship with God closer, stronger and better. Certainly, this is not to suggest that we embrace and revel in our sins (Rom. 6:1-4), but that we be thankful to God for His patience, mercy, and grace in allowing us to draw near to Him in spite of those imperfections, while we work diligently to fight against temptation and sin.

*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

### Elders

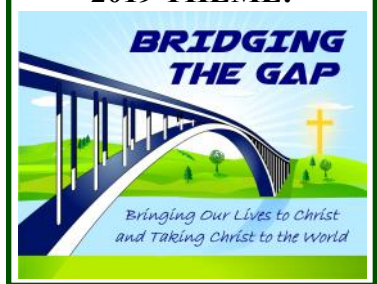
Curtis Hill                  Dennis Lawson  
Sam Kachelman              Greg Parker  
Barry Todd

### Missionaries

Jaime Mendoza .... Chalco, Mexico  
Liberio Encarnacion. Ecatepec, Mexico  
Slava Savkovsky .....Ukraine  
Barton Kizer..... Peru  
Isai Cuamba ..... Ensenada, Mexico  
Dewayne Tapscott..... Southwest

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### 2019 THEME:



## Youth News

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

**Feb 3**      **TVBB**  
                  (@ Chase Park)

**Feb 24**     **CM Devo**  
                  (@ building)

### Youth Group (7th-12th Grade)

Every Wednesday     Hang Time  
                                      (5:30)

Every Monday         M4 (7:00)

**Feb 10**            **Area-Wide Devo**  
                              (@ Owens Cross Roads)

**Feb 13**            **Vittles w/Friends**

**Feb 17**            **HS/MS Devos**  
                              (@ the Corder's)

**Feb 22-24**        **CYC**  
                              (@ Pigeon Forge)

### Lads to Leaders

**Feb 3**              **L2L Work Day**  
                              (3:30)

**Feb 17**             **L2L Work Day**  
                              (3:30)

**Feb 24**             **L2L Work Day**  
                              (3:30)

Theme for 2019:

**I AM**

(Exodus 3:14)

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

## Outreach—Pat Cowden

Last weekend was amazing. We started the weekend by having a men's breakfast with 53 men enjoying a time of fellowship and a devotional from Barton. It is imperative for us to do more of this to grow closer as the family of God at Chase Park. Later that day we had the second OHM meeting with Team 6 including those aged 40-49 with last names beginning with N-Z. We had 24 people for the fellowship and fun time, which included a period of prayer, singing, and devotional. I am super excited by the response and participation so far in this intentional outreach program. So far we have had a tremendous percentage of our membership being involved. Please make plans to be involved in this ministry; I am pretty sure you will enjoy it.

As if that was not enough, on Sunday we were blessed to be able to come together to worship God twice. I do not know about you, but I believe the two sermons Rusty presented last Sunday were two of the best I have ever heard. They were very timely and relevant to what is happening in our world today. We must never be involved with Celebrating Sin as some in our country are doing. Thank you, Rusty, for the courage to "preach the truth in love" (Ephesians 4:15). Some have the mistaken idea that preaching the truth in love means we are soft on sin. That is not true at all, because letting people remain in sin without a scriptural warning would be the epitome of being "unloving".

Then, on Monday night we had 23 people come for Monday Night for the Master. Nine people went out to welcome people who have recently moved into our community. The other 14 worked on three separate projects related to the Lord's work at Chase Park. Again, please make plans to be involved in this ministry; there is something profitable for each of us to do.

Evangelism challenge:

Let's not forget that the ultimate goal of the OHM meetings we are having is to invite people to a gathering of folks as an introduction to the church. Please be praying for and considering how you can invite someone to one of them.

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

Pat



Think Souls First

## News Of Interest

### Sick

**Regency Healthcare and Rehab**  
Bea Moore

**Home:** Bob Layne, Dena Hutchison, Pam Almo

**Barton Kizer** has a new email address while he's here:  
bartonkizer@cpcofc.org.

### Sympathy

We express sympathy to **Gayle Cothren and family** in the loss of Judy Parsons Putman (Nana). She was Joyce Bryant's sister and a former member of Memorial Parkway.

### Freed-Hardeman Lectureships

Sunday—Thursday, February 3—7, 2019

**Pantry Item** Chef Boyardee

## Library Donations

**Randy and Janet Jenkins** have placed several books from the library of Randy's dad, "Lefty" Jenkins, in our library.

*Good Medicine a collection of jokes, poems, and heart-warming thoughts*, by Ancil Jenkins

*Encouraging Elders* by Tom Holland

*From Paul to Philippi with Love* by Anna M. Griffin

*Charles Holder; Pioneer Preacher in the Sequatchie Valley* by J.V. Copeland and Ancil Jenkins

*Transformed; a Spiritual Journey* by Lance Mosher

*The Ways of Wanderers* by Tom Holland

*Redeeming the Times* edited by Jeff A. Jenkins and others

## Today and Upcoming at Chase Park

### Regency Retirement Service

Today, 1:30 p.m.

Speaker: **Michael Sims**

Song Leader: **Jeff Husband**

### Family Care Meeting

Sections **A, D, and H** will meet today for potluck lunch.

### Hospital Visitation

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

### Balance Class

Tuesday, Thursday, February 5, 7, 1:30 p.m.

### Super Seniors

Wednesday, February 6, 10:00 a.m., cook's will prepare meal.

### Ladies' Retreat

Friday, Saturday, February 8, 9, Camp Ney-A-Ti. Cost \$45. Give your money to Maria Cowden, Andrea Hills, or Janet Jenkins.

### Open Home Ministry—Team #8 Lawson

Saturday, February 8, 6:00 p.m., at Pat and Maria Cowden's. This is for members ages 50-59, names beginning with M-Z.

## Worship Participants

SUNDAY AM FEBRUARY 10	
READING .....	<b>John Johnston</b>
F PRAYER.....	<b>Bill Brothers</b>
LS PRAYER.....	<b>Ray Brown</b>
C PRAYER.....	<b>Russ Davis</b>

SUNDAY PM FEBRUARY 10	
READING .....	<b>Parker Clark</b>
F PRAYER.....	<b>Ben Boggess</b>
C PRAYER.....	<b>Jared Brumlow</b>

## Thank You

"Thank you so much for all the cards, calls, and visits. It gets a little lonely being bedfast. I will try to pay forward the anonymous gift. It was very kind and I really appreciate it. In Christian love,"

*Betty Meadows*

"Thank you so much for all the cards, phone calls, and visits we had during my mother's illness. We can't begin to tell you how much it has meant to us. Along with all of your prayers and kind words. My mother was so touched by the blanket made by the Big Sisters/L'il Sisters. I will try to pay forward the gift that was received. You truly have made something so hard to get through easier because you were here."

*Lisa Smith*

*Next Sunday,  
February 10th*

# **SPECIAL EMPHASIS DAY**

*Speaker:*  
**Barton Kizer**



**Schedule:**

- 9:00**      **A.M. Worship**  
**10:15**     **Bible Class**  
              **(all adults in auditorium)**  
**11:00**     **Potluck Lunch**  
**12:30**     **P.M. Worship**

***“Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned.”***

**Mark 16:15-16**

## **Statistics**

**Sunday, January 27, 2019**

AM Worship .....	360
Month Average .....	369
Bible Class .....	307
PM Worship .....	262
Wed., Jan. 30 Bible Classes .....	255
Regency Ret. Worship .....	40
Offering.....	\$19,291.95
Budget.....	\$19,000
Average '19 .....	\$20,393
Over Budget for year .....	+\$5,573
<b>Building Fund .....</b>	<b>\$20.00</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**

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