

## What Not To Do...

Last Sunday saw another unthinkable act of violence, this time against a group of worshippers at a small Baptist church in Texas. It is the latest in a series of senseless and tragic events that have caused church-goers everywhere to question the safety of attending worship as never before in our lifetime. While our thoughts and prayers go out for the victims of these horrible events, our minds are also focused inward as we consider our own circumstances and what we should do to prepare for the unimaginable. Across the country, church leaders are discussing security measures and emergency plans, doors are being locked, guards are being hired, and families are having difficult conversations about what to do in the case of a live shooter. These are discussions and actions that were never considered a generation ago but have become an unfortunate part of our new reality. While I believe that there are some important discussions that need to take place about what to do in the case of such an event, I also believe that there are some things that we need to be reminded not to do in the face of evil:

- **Do not lose faith.** While the motivation and goals of those who act violently toward innocent people may be varied and sometimes unknown, the goal of Satan in encouraging these works of evil is clear—to destroy faith, and ultimately the hope of salvation, in the lives of people. Do not allow Satan to win. Continue to trust in God with unwavering faith in any circumstance (Hebrews 11).
- **Do not abandon the church.** Some would suggest that the simplest way to avoid the danger is to stay away from church gatherings. However, our time together in worship must remain an essential part of our relationship with Christ and with one another (Hebrews 10:25).
- **Do not quit loving.** It can be very easy, in these situations, to exchange our love for hate and our compassion for malice, but we must remember the example and teaching of Jesus as we continue to love even those who are filled with hatred for us (Matthew 5:43-45).

May the God of heaven and earth watch over us, care for us, and bless us in every good way with His mighty hand, and may we continue to be a source of light in an ever-increasingly dark world.

*Rusty*

## 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.



### Chase Park Church of Christ

#### Ministers

Rusty Hills ..... Pulpit

Pat Cowden ...Evangelism Minister

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

## Lamifications—*Andrew Lamica*

When I think of the many things I am thankful for, Christian fellowship is pretty high up on the list. Christian fellowship is truly one of the most delightful blessings God bestows on us as human beings.

The relationship we have with our brothers and sisters in Christ is unlike any other relationship found on this planet. Christian fellowship is a relationship in which those involved have two primary goals, the first being getting to heaven, and the second helping others get there as well. Talk about a blessing! What a comfort it is to know that my brothers and sisters in Christ are interested in my eternal destiny and want to help me spend eternity with the Lord!

In addition to being like-minded in regards to eternity, Christian fellowship is what helps each of us

make it through the tough times in this! Admittedly, life can be tough from time to time. Not all of life is roses, and real difficulties arise on occasion. It is the relationship that I have with the fantastic brothers and sisters in Christ here at this congregation and the church around the world that blesses me during the rain clouds.

There are many things about Christian fellowship which I treasure, so many in fact that I could not fit them all in one article. Christian fellowship is a great source of positive peer pressure. In a world full of negative influences, it is within the bounds of Christian fellowship that I can find the encouragement to do the right thing. What a joy it is to be around people who want to drive me to be better tomorrow than

I was today!

We all live busy lives and can easily become distracted with the hustle and bustle this world throws our way. While going about our day-to-day activities, we sometimes neglect the wonderful opportunities we have for Christian fellowship. It is my prayer that each of us will be thankful for Christian fellowship opportunities and take advantage of them as well.

I am thankful for Christian fellowship. I am thankful that God allowed us to forge relationships with one another that will last into eternity!

## Outreach News 5—*Pat Cowden*

I hope you have been as blessed this week by our Lord as I have been! It is truly a wonderful time to be alive and to be a part of God's family. With so many negative and dark things happening in the world, it is good to meditate on some wonderful things (Philippians 4:8). I am happy to say that we are about ½ to the initial goal of co-workers I wrote about last week.

I would like for us to consider a part of local evangelism that is crucial to long standing success, the concept of getting permission from folks we come in contact with. Permission for what you would ask? What we really are trying to get is permission to share information with them. It might be about a VBS, or a Fall Festival, or a Grief Seminar, or a Bible class. We might be having a special sermon series that you think would be of interest to a specific person based on what you know about the circumstances of that person's life. It is much easier to ultimately end up sitting across the table with an open Bible, if we have nurtured a relationship with them. This is not to say that door knocking does not work, it has worked and will work in many instances and places. What I am talking about is with folks we already have some type of relationship with.

There are only three reasons why people will turn down a request for a Bible study.

- First, if they do not have enough information to make an informed decision. They may know absolutely nothing about the church of Christ, or about how to deal with a crisis in their life. We show them we care when we make information available to them.
- Second, they do not see us as a reliable source. Consistently living our faith before people, and providing them with sound biblical advice over time will remove the perception that we are a questionable source of information.
- Third, they may not perceive a need to hear what we have to say. They figure things are going okay in their lives and so, why should they listen to us. Consistently sharing useful information with them over time will help them understand that there really are people who care.

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

## News Of Interest

**Sick**

**Huntsville Hospital**

Edna Crowe

**Regency Healthcare and Rehab**

Libby Lewter

**Home: Derek Horst**

**Membership**

Welcome **Nancy Stockton** to our Chase Park family! "Miss Nancy" is the mother of our Meg Griffin and Marcia Lindstrom and she also has a son, Bill, who lives in Birmingham. She last attended the Mt. Juliet Church of Christ in Tennessee. She is a retired Tax Collector for Monroe County, Mississippi. Be sure and meet "Miss Nancy."

**Membership (continued)**

Welcome **David** and **Lisa Jones** to Chase Park! They come to us from the Gurley Church of Christ. David is employed as Mechanical Assembly for Bruderer and Lisa is a CNP Cashier at Buckhorn Middle School. Be sure to meet and welcome David and Lisa.

**Church Offices Closed**

Thursday and Friday, November 23, 24, for Thanksgiving holidays.

**Pantry Item**

Canned fruits.

## Today and Upcoming at Chase Park

**Family Care Meeting**

Teams **C** and **J** meet today for potluck lunch. **C Leaders: Champion, Landman; J Leaders: Cothren, Hand.**

**D** and **H** meet Sunday, November 19. **D Leaders: Brown, Sims; H Leaders: Jennings, Lambrecht, McCall.**

**Regency Retirement Service**

Today: 1:30 p.m.  
Speaker: **Curtis Hill**  
Song Leader: **Jared Olbricht**

**Hospital Visitation**

Team **#2 (M. Emerson)**, please pick up your assignments following evening worship.

**Ladies Bible Class**

Tuesday, November 14, 10:00 a.m.

**Balance Class**

Tues., Nov. 14; Thurs., Nov. 16; 1:30 p.m.

**Super Seniors**

Wednesday, November 15. No lunch.

**Regency Retirement Village Singing**

Thursday, November 16, 6:00 p.m.

## Worship Participants

SUNDAY AM November 19, 2017	
READING .....	Zeke Burton
F PRAYER.....	Ellie Brake
LS PRAYER....	Dan Lawrence
C PRAYER.....	Andrew Lamica

SUNDAY PM November 19, 2017	
READING .....	Wesley McDonald
F PRAYER.....	Michael Emerson
C PRAYER.....	Jerry Dugan

## Special Contribution

**Today**

For the second installment of our Mortgage Reduction Plan.

**GOAL: \$25,000.00**

There will be two collections today, one for our regular weekly contribution and a separate one for the Mortgage Reduction.

If you use the envelope system, please use your envelope (different one for each) for both contributions. On the For line of the check, please denote Building Fund.

As a service to our members and visitors with small children, an attended nursery is provided for children 24 months old and younger.

For parents with children over 24 months, a training room is available at the back of the auditorium.



## Parents of Small Children,

*Thank you for your faithfulness and diligence in teaching your children to know and love God. We see the effort that you are making, and we appreciate and love you for it! Your children are a treasure to us and your family is an asset to Chase Park.*

***Volunteers are always needed in the nursery.  
If you would like to help, contact Stefanie Benson.***

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### Statistics

Sunday, November 5, 2017

AM Worship .....	372
Month Average .....	372
Bible Class .....	309
PM Worship .....	218
Wed., Nov. 8 Bible Classes .....	265
Regency Ret. Worship .....	36
Offering .....	\$17,854.88
Budget .....	\$18,000
Average '17 .....	\$17,849
Under Budget for year .....	-\$6,810
<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**