

# CHASE PARK MESSENGER

## What Can We Learn?

Regardless of your political views, you have to be frustrated and discouraged by the recent proceedings with regard to Brett Kavanaugh and his nomination to the Supreme Court. It is truly a sad testament to the depths of depravity to which we have sunk as a culture, where truth, morality, and right no longer seem to matter. Without getting into the politics and particulars of this embarrassing debacle that we are watching unfold, let me ask this question: what can we, as Christians, learn about our world and our lives from these events? Consider these few things:

- **We live in a fallen world.** This is not a new revelation by any means, but these events certainly provide a powerful reminder of this truth. This world is one in which sin exists and Satan is active. While we do not like this fact, we must acknowledge it and be diligent in protecting ourselves and fighting against its effect in our own lives (1 Peter 5:8-9).
- **We must guard our lives carefully.** While the debate rages over whether the accusations against Kavanaugh are true or false, I cannot help but wonder how much difference it would have made if he could have offered irrefutable evidence that his life choices had been such that the types of activities he was being accused of were not even within the realm of possibility. You see, we are taught by God to live “blameless” lives, which does not mean perfect but does mean that the character and conduct of our lives are such that no legitimate accusation can be brought against us (Philippians 2:14-16). Furthermore, we are encouraged to live so that, even if a false accusation is brought against us, the character of our lives quickly proves that accusation to be false and causes our enemies to be put to shame (Titus 2:7-8).
- **God knows the truth.** While much has been made, in this case, about the fact that no one truly knows the truth about events that took place so long ago, so that we are forced to decide who we will believe based only on their word, we do not have to worry about such subjective judgment when it comes to God’s appraisal of our lives. In the only judgment that truly matters, we can be sure that the truth will prevail and that, God’s judgment will be just.

*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  
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



Chase Park  
CHURCH of CHRIST

## YOUTH NEWS

<b>Children's Ministry (Little Lights-6th Grade)</b>		<b>Youth Group (7th-12th Grade)</b>	<b>Lads to Leaders</b>
<b>Oct 20</b>	<b>Fall Festival</b>	Every Wednesday Hang Time (5:30)	Please get registration forms filled out and returned to Stephen ASAP.
<b>Oct 26</b>	<b>CM Bonfire Devo @ the Boggess'</b>	Every Monday M4 (7:00)	If you did not get forms and needs them, see Stephen.
		<b>Oct 8 FHU Maroon &amp; Gold Day</b>	<b>Oct 28 L2L Work Day</b>
		<b>Oct 14 Area Wide Devo @ West Huntsville</b>	Theme for 2019: <b>I AM</b> (Exodus 3:14)
		<b>Oct 20 Fall Festival</b>	
		<b>Oct 20 Insanity Complex</b>	
		<b>Oct 21 Youth Devo</b>	

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

## Outreach News—Pat Cowden

When undertaking an effort to evangelize locally, we must first develop a strategy. If we do not, our efforts will be stilted and less than optimum. Before we plan a strategy, it is important to understand the world and the specific community we live in. Many Christians become frustrated when their efforts do not produce the results they did back in “the good old days.”

We have to come to grips with the fact that we do not live in those days anymore. We live in a constantly changing culture that has shifted in regards to beliefs about the bible. 40 years ago in our country a lot of people, perhaps a sizable majority, believed in the Bible to some extent or another. That is no longer the case, which means we have to start our relationships with contacts from a different perspective or starting point. We simply cannot assume that there is any regard or reverence for God's Word anymore.

This shift means that we need to reconsider how we approach and what we initially say to people. So, what should we do? We need to proceed slowly. We need to till the soil before we sow the seed. We need to try to reveal or initiate spiritual interest. Then, any time a spark of interest is seen, we need to follow up with additional conversations of a spiritual nature. Today's world, at least in the USA, is one which requires permission for everything including and maybe especially for religious topics. It is our job to uncover or generate enough interest to get permission from folks to share our beliefs with them. It is definitely a process, and can be a slow one at that. Sometimes things click perfectly and proceed quickly but more often than not they do not. Patience and prayer are valuable tools for local evangelism.

Evangelism challenge:

Have you been praying for one or more of your neighbors that you believe might be a good prospect for the gospel? We are going to be talking about those contacts within the next week or so. Please engage in this prayerful effort to open the hearts of some of those we already have some type of relationship with.

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

Pat



## News Of Interest

**Sick**

**Huntsville Hospital Main**  
**Richard Franklin**

**New Member**

**Laura Breeden** returns to us from Mayfair. Laura works at Redstone Federal Credit Union.

**New Baby**

Congratulations to **Richard and Britany Oden** on the birth of Eliana Kathleen (Ella Kate) on October 3. She is 9.5 lbs., 22.25 " long. Proud grandparents are Greg and Joan Parker, Great-grandparents Joe and Gladys Parker.



**Friends' Day**

Sunday, October 21, 2018. Invite your friends to come enjoy a day full of worship, food, and fellowship. 9:00 a.m. worship, Bible class, potluck lunch, 12:30 p.m. worship



**Updated Church Directory**

There are copies of the recently updated church directory at the Hospitality Desk. Please one per family.

**Pantry Item:**

Baby food and formula

## Today and Upcoming at Chase Park

**Family Care Meeting**

E will meet today for potluck. **E Leaders: E. Corder, B. Maples, B. Williams**

I will meet at Oh' Bryans for lunch today. **I Leaders: J. Adams, Peacock**

**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 today after p.m. service.

**Super Seniors**

Wednesday, October 10, 10:00 a.m.

**Fall Festival Meeting**

Wednesday, October 10, after devotional, Small auditorium.

**Monthly Ladies' Thursday Morning Bible Class**

Thursday, October 11, 10:00 a.m., Ladies' classroom

**Saturday For the Savior**

Saturday, October 13, 10:00—1:00 p.m.

**Girl's Day Workdays**

Sunday October 14, 21, 1:00—4:00 p.m., dining room.

## Worship Participants

SUNDAY AM OCTOBER 14, 2018	
READING .....	Parker Clark
F PRAYER.....	Sam Kachelman
LS PRAYER.....	John Denney
C PRAYER.....	Mike Crawford

SUNDAY PM OCTOBER 14, 2018	
READING .....	Joel Heady
F PRAYER.....	Ray Brown
C PRAYER.....	Kip Adams

## Thank You

“Dear Chase Park,  
 Thank you very much for your prayers, cards, visits and the wonderful food. I feel so blessed to be a part of a loving, caring group of God’s family. I love you.”  
*Juanes Tanner*

“Dear Chase Park Church of Christ,  
 We want to thank everyone who made our 25th wedding reception so special. Thank you for coming and sharing our special day! Love,”  
*Dena & Glynn Hutchison*

Focus For  
SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER

*I Am A Part  
of God's Family*

**I AM THE CHURCH**



*Chase Park*  
CHURCH of CHRIST

**fall festival**

free Games, free food and Meet the Men and Women of Huntsville finest.

**When:** Saturday, Oct 20, 2018  
10:00 - 2:00

**Where:** Chase Park Church of Christ  
1640 Winchester Road NE  
Huntsville, AL

## Statistics

**Sunday, September 30, 2018**

AM Worship .....	328
Month Average .....	359
Bible Class .....	244
PM Worship .....	245
Wed., Oct. 3, Bible Classes .....	NC
Regency Ret. Worship .....	36
Offering .....	\$18,309.65
Budget .....	\$18,000
Average '18 .....	\$18,530
Over Budget for year ....	+\$20,660
<b>Building Fund .....</b>	<b>\$67.00</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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