

CHASE PARK MESSENGER

Seeing the Unseen

In 2 Corinthians 4:18, Paul writes, “while we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal.” It occurs to me that, while the attitude and mindset that Paul describes in this statement is vitally important to our lives as Christians, it is also very challenging for us to achieve and an area in which we often fall woefully short. As fleshly, physical beings, it is very difficult for us to see past the physical. When considering a step or action in our lives, we often ask questions like:

- “How much time will it take?”
- “How much money will it cost?”
- “How hard will it be to accomplish?”

We often fall into this trap of Satan by evaluating things by physical standards instead of seeing past those things to see the spiritual need or benefit of the action. Satan would love for us to forget about what God wants or has commanded us and focus, instead, on the physical logistics of accomplishing a task because, in so doing, we begin to see only our own abilities and trust only in our own strength. However, those who “walk by faith, not by sight” (2 Cor. 5:7) are those who are concerned with doing God’s will and trust Him to help them accomplish it.

The next time you are faced with a decision to make and are tempted to begin asking the questions mentioned before, stop and think, instead, about asking these questions:

- “What is God’s will for me in this situation?”
- “What good can be accomplished through this action?”
- “What can I accomplish with Christ as my strength?” (Phil. 4:13)

May God help each of us to have the heart of a servant, the faith to trust in Him, and the courage to view the world and our lives through spiritual eyes and to see the unseen.

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
- Andrew Lamica Youth

Elders

- John Denney Dennis Lawson
- Curtis Hill Greg Parker
- Sam Kachelman 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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Lamifications—*Andrew Lamica*

Communication is a big part of our lives here on this earth. As a general rule, humans love to talk.

When it comes to talking, we humans do a lot of it! In regards to topics of conversation, the possibilities are almost limitless. If it is the case that we know something that we feel like others might not know, one of the first things we want to do is tell it! We love to share news and information (assuming it is not confidential or damaging to another), with those around us. If we know our favorite player is going to be traded away, we want to tell it! If we know a new fantastic recipe, we want to tell it! If we know about an upcoming weather event before anyone else may, we want to tell it!

We love to tell others about information we possess. In Matthew chapter 8 we see Jesus in the early

stages of His ministry. Jesus has just delivered what we know as the “Sermon on the Mount” and now He is down from the mountain ministering to the people. One of the first people He engages is a leper who possessed great faith displayed by him saying to Jesus “Lord, if You will, You can make me clean” (Matthew 8:2). The Bible goes on to say that Jesus healed this man of the terrible disease of leprosy. What an amazing blessing this must have been for this man to be given! Interestingly Jesus has been told to “say nothing to anyone...” Can you imagine?! This man has just been healed of a deadly disease and Jesus commands that he keep it quiet and go and show himself to the priest and offer the gift that Moses commanded as proof. I just don’t know that I could

have done it! I would have wanted to tell everyone what Jesus did for me! What about you? Could you have kept from telling?

Here’s something for you to consider. Jesus has healed those of us who are Christians of something much worse than death by leprosy. He has healed us of spiritual death resulting in everlasting punishment! Not only that but He has commanded us to tell everyone what He has done (Matthew 16:15). It is not supposed to be kept secret! We love to tell others about everything under the sun! Are we telling others about the most important thing that has ever been done for the human race? Are you telling about the gift of salvation? Tell it! Tell it to all!

Outreach—*Pat Cowden*

It is good to be back home. We were able to go see my parents in Arkansas and some dear friends in Missouri, but we missed being at Chase Park. What a great start to the year it has been. Thulan and Belinda make great additions to our family here, please go out of your way to make them welcome. We want to be known as the folks who love people and the way to do that is to be “abounding” in love.

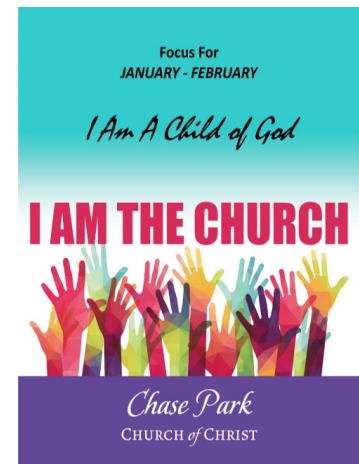
In 2 Thessalonians 1:3, Paul describes the saints as “increasing beyond measure” in their faith and “super abounding” in their love for one another. Can you imagine how easily apparent their faith and love must have been for Paul to

use such words? There can be no doubt that the saints in Thessalonica were renowned for their faith and love; both of the epistles Paul wrote to them included similar compliments in their salutations (1 Thessalonians 1:3). May we strive to hold the same favor from God because of our faith and love.

I am excited about kicking off the New Year with a concentrated push for local evangelistic efforts and pray that you are or will become excited as well. Just like any other endeavor in life, the more we do it, the easier it becomes and the more we (should) appreciate it. Join me in praying for our new sisters and for those

who are searching for the truth. Pray for opportunities to share our faith and the boldness to take each opportunity that arises to the preferred outcome, the forgiveness of sins and a hope of heaven.

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



News Of Interest

Sick Home

Gail Jackson, Bob Trammell, Billie Phillips, Ginny Pryor, Carol Layne, Gabie Luna.

Sympathy

To **Jim** and **Kitty Denny** in the death of their granddaughter, Kelly Thayer, on Monday, January 8. She was 24-years-old and was an Electrical Engineer at Raytheon in Tucson, AZ. The service was Monday, January 15.

Directory Change

Gail Jackson Delete cell phone number.

Pantry Item

Canned whole potatoes

Today and Upcoming at Chase Park

Family Care Meeting

Teams **C** and **G** meet today. **C Leaders: Champion, Landman; G Leaders: Zlatovich, M. Emerson, Walker.**

Teams **D** and **I** meet Sunday, Jan. 28. **D Leaders: Brown, Sims; I Leaders: Adams, Peacock, Pond.**

Regency Retirement Service

Today: 1:30 p.m.

Speaker: **Dennis Lawson**

Song Leader: **Jerry Johnston**

Hospital Visitation

Team **#3 (Suddarth)**, please pick up your assignments following p.m. service.

7th—12th Grade Youth Devo

Tonight after p.m. service at the home of Carey and Aimee Hurt. The small bus will be going.

Ladies Bible Class

Tuesday, January 23, 10:00 a.m.

Balance Class

Tues., Jan. 23; Thurs., Jan. 25; 1:30 p.m.

Super Seniors

Wednesday, January 24. No lunch.

Children's Ministry Devotional

Sunday, January 28, after p.m. service.

Worship Participants

SUNDAY AM January 28, 2018	
READING	Joel Heady
F PRAYER.....	Dan Lawrence
LS PRAYER.....	Ron McCall
C PRAYER.....	Jim MacLean

SUNDAY PM January 28, 2018	
READING	Tyler Hills
F PRAYER.....	Brian Peacock
C PRAYER.....	Keith Griffin

Thank You

“We would like to thank everyone here at Chase Park for all the prayers, cards, kind thoughts and well wishes. They helped us make it through a very difficult time with the death of my sister, Joan. We are so thankful to have such a loving and supportive church family.”

Tommy and Debby Christopher

Focus For
JANUARY - FEBRUARY

I Am A Child of God

I AM THE CHURCH



Chase Park
CHURCH of CHRIST

EDUCATE | EQUIP | EMPOWER

TEACHING ROCKET

Workshop for Teachers and Students of God's Word

Sunday, February 11th

Session 1: The Goals of an Education Program

Session 2: Preparing and Delivering A Lesson

Session 3: Keys To Better Bible Study

Session 4: Classroom Dynamics

Session 5: The Teacher's Spiritual Life

Presenter:

Michael Whitworth

*Author, Teacher, Publisher
Owner of Start 2 Finish Books*



*Session 1 will take place during a combined adult Bible class.
All other sessions will be held throughout the afternoon.
A light lunch and refreshments will be provided.*

Statistics

Sunday, January 14, 2018

AM Worship	344
Month Average	335
Bible Class	275
PM Worship	244
Wed., Jan. 17 Bible Classes	NC
Regency Ret. Worship	NC
Offering	\$16,473.50
Budget	\$18,000
Average '18	\$7,817
Under Budget for year	-\$366
Building Fund	\$35.00

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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