

Training for Heaven

I'm sure many have watched the Olympics these past few weeks and been amazed at the ability of the athletes competing. Most of these young men and women have been training all their lives for this opportunity, they have given up many things in order to be at this place at this time. Once the Olympics are over, these athletes will allow themselves to indulge in the things they have kept from themselves, like a hot fudge sundae, a slushy or any number of things that would cause them problems in their training regimen. Some will take a short break and then begin to train again for the next Olympics four years down the road.

Unlike these athletes, as Christians we are in training daily for the remainder of our lives to keep those things out of our lives which would prevent us from reaching our goal of heaven. In I Corinthians 9:24-27 Paul compares the Christian life to training for an athletic event much like we have been discussing. *"Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may obtain it. And everyone who competes for the prize is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a perishable crown, but we for an imperishable crown. Therefore I run thus: not with uncertainty. Thus I fight: not as one who beats the air. But I discipline my body and bring it into subjection, lest, when I have preached to others, I myself should become disqualified."*

We must discipline ourselves to turn away from worldly things that will keep us from reaching heaven one day. In the world we live in today this is getting harder and harder, the temptations are all around us. We need to make sure we fill our lives with God's Word on a daily basis through study and talk to Him through prayer daily. We also need the strength we get by being with our brothers and sisters in Christ on a regular basis. These things will help us in the fight Paul talks about and also help us to discipline ourselves to walk the straight and narrow path.

Your Elders

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.



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Lamifications—*Andrew Lamica*

Today is a special day at Chase Park, it is Friends Day! If you are visiting with us on this special day please accept my warm welcome to you, I am glad you are here.

If this is your first time with us at Chase Park, it is my sincere hope that you will find it a warm and welcoming place for you and your family to worship.

At Chase Park, we strive to be a place that embraces our visitors and shows them the love of Christ. If you are able, let me invite you to stay for a Bible class after services. We have a wide variety of Bible classes for all ages. After Bible class, it is my hope you will hang around and enjoy a meal with us and let us get to know you even more.

Welcome to Chase Park, we are glad you are here and hope you will join us again at each opportunity!



How Do I Have Great Love For God?—*Nathan Adams*

One of my favorite events in the life of Jesus is found in Luke 7:36-50. Jesus was invited to dine with a Pharisee named Simon. As Jesus reclined at Simon's table, a woman came to Him. The text tells us that she was a sinner, which may imply that she was a harlot. This woman came up behind Jesus and wept. Her tears fell upon the Lord's feet and she dried His feet with her own hair while she kissed and poured perfume on His feet. How beautiful a sight this must have been to see this woman commit such a loving and devoted act of contrition before the Lord.

However, not everyone was impressed by this woman's behavior toward Jesus. Simon was condescending toward Jesus saying within himself, "*If this man were a prophet He would know who and what sort of person this woman is who is touching Him, that she is a sinner*" (v. 39).

I love the times in the scripture when Jesus addresses what a person is thinking before they even speak a word. Jesus confronted Simon's thoughts with the parable of the debtors (vs. 41-42). Jesus agreed with Simon that the man who was forgiven more would love more.

After this, Jesus rebuked Simon for his lack of hospitality that instead had been shown to Him by the

woman as she anointed, kissed, washed, and dried His feet. Such were common hospitality that a host would have shown a guest.

Jesus finishes with the statement, "*...her sins, which are many, have been forgiven, for she loved much; but he who is forgiven little, loves little*" (v. 47). The point that we must not miss in this statement by Jesus is that our understanding of the immensity of the sin that has been forgiven in our lives will directly impact the level of our love toward God.

Simon did not love because he did not see how terrible and numerous his sins were. He did not see all that God had to forgive in order to free him from his debt. We must be careful that we do not fall into Simon's trap of believing that we are the good people and easy for God to save. That God does not have to forgive much in our lives. Such leads to a small love for God and a failure to see the great price paid to free our souls from the debt of sin.

Instead, we should be like that sinner woman and fall down in tears of sorrow and expressions of love at the feet of Jesus. Realizing our sins are great and loving all the more because of the great forgiveness He gives to us.

News Of Interest

Sick

Regency Rehab

Margaret Reeves

Home: Louise Merryman, Brianna Emperley, Raymond Tanner and Diane Cox.

Sympathy

We express sympathy to the family of **Joey Bridges** (nephew of Monty Kilpatrick and Doyle Coffey) in his death.

Congratulations

To **Adam** and **Jessie Kachelman** in the adoption of 10-year-old, Emily Bailey Kachelman, their forever daughter, on July 8, 2016. The proud grandparents are Sam and Cindy Kachelman.

Balance Class

Tuesday, Aug. 30; Thursday, Sep. 1; 1:30 p.m.

Bridal Tea

The congregation is invited to a Come-And-Go Bridal Tea honoring **Courtney McGugin** and **Kevin Deck**, Sunday, September 11, 2:00—4:00 p.m., Chase Park Dining Room. A basket will be available for your monetary gifts.

Pantry Item

Boxed saltine crackers

Today and Upcoming at Chase Park

Regency Retirement Service

Today: 1:30 p.m.

Speaker: **Michael Sims**

Song Leader: **Jared Olbricht**

Hospital Visitation

Team #4 (McCall), please pick up your assignments today following evening worship.

4th-6th Grade Devotional

Today after p.m. service. Fellowship hall/dining room.

Super Seniors

Wednesday, August 31. Will go out to eat.

Summer Series

Wednesday, August 31. **Nathan Adams**, our Outreach Minister, will be speaking.

Quarterly Meal

Wednesday, September 7. Will serve dinner from 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.; \$4.00 per adult; \$1.00 children 12 and under. Menu: BBQ Chicken, mac and cheese, squash casserole, salad, rolls, and dessert. You may pay today.

Chase Servant United Appeal Fund Contribution

Sunday, September 11, will be the date for this special contribution. There will be two separate contributions that day (our regular contribution and then a separate one for the fund). Please make checks for the benevolence contribution to “**Chase Servant United Appeal Fund.**”

HAPPY FRIENDS DAY!
Potluck lunch today after classes

Thank You

“To All Our Christian Family at Chase Park who responded to us at Clarence’s passing with acts of love, hugs, sorries, food and just being there, we say a heartfelt THANK YOU ALL. We are so fortunate to call you ‘our family.’ I am blessed beyond words to have our two daughters and family here at this time. All of us say thanks. Clarence would be so proud (he surely was of our family). In Christian love,”

Danette, Denise and Mabel

“Dear Church Family, Thanks so much for all the cards and calls I received. It makes one feel better. I hope I am on the way to feeling better. It’s hard not being able to do the things I once did. But I’ve convinced myself that this OLD Gal ‘ain’t what she used to be.’ Thanks and God bless.”

Aleta Davidson

Grief Share Program

Lincoln Church of Christ Grief Share Program, beginning, September 25, 2016 and will occur each Sunday from 2:30 – 4:30 p.m. until December 11, 2016. Only cost is \$15.00 for the workbook. If interested and to register, please contact Ron Williams at 256-536-7211 or email him at ron@lincolnchurch.org, or one of the co-facilitators, Judy Deck, at 256-656-4451 or email her at judy_deck@hotmail.com for this grief program. More information is on the bulletin board.

Weekly Bible Reading

Reading for August 28 – September 3: Colossians 1-4

The focus and theme of Paul's letter to the Colossians can be summed up in one word – Christ. As our Savior and Lord, Christ occupies a place of preeminence at the very center of our lives. Everything that we are and all that we can be is a gift of God's grace through the marvelous gift of Christ. One of our greatest challenges in this world is to avoid developing a worldly focus and, rather, to remain focused on Christ. As you read and study this week, consider these thoughts:

- *What do you see as some of the most important or meaningful points that Paul makes about Christ in the Colossian letter?*
- *What can we do to help us remain focused on Christ?*

VERSES TO REMEMBER:

Colossians 3:1-2

"If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth."

Statistics

Sunday, August 21, 2016

AM Worship	390
Month Average	380
Bible Class	341
PM Worship	283
Wed., Aug. 24 Bible Classes.....	268
Regency Ret. Worship	40
Offering.....	\$19,247.55
Budget.....	\$18,300
Average '16	\$18,202
Under Budget for year.....	-\$3,348
Building Fund	\$300.00

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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 Class6:30 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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