

# CHASE PARK MESSENGER

## A Day's Journey Without Jesus

Have you ever accidentally left your child somewhere? I will admit that Andrea and I left Tyler at church one time when he was very young. At the time, we lived in the preacher's house on the same property as the church building. We each thought the other had him and both walked home without him. It wasn't until someone else showed up at our door with him that we realized what we had done. It was slightly embarrassing but not too traumatizing otherwise.

Can you imagine how Joseph and Mary must have felt when they finally realized that they had travelled an entire day's journey from Jerusalem but had left their 12-year-old son behind, assuming that he was with friends or family within their group? It is hard for us to imagine making such a mistake although, given the circumstances, it might be somewhat understandable in their case. How frightened and concerned they must have been! Can you imagine the thoughts and emotions that they endured while they returned to Jerusalem and searched for Jesus for three days? (see Luke 2:41-50)

Have you ever been a day's journey without Jesus? You see, I believe that we, like Joseph and Mary, can go about our lives assuming that Jesus is close by and safely with us when, in reality, He has been inadvertently left behind. For example, it might be that we wrongly think that, because we attend worship on Sunday, that our relationship with Christ is secure, even if He is absent from the rest of our lives. A faithful relationship with Christ requires that we not only worship Him as Savior, but also that we submit to Him as Lord.

So, what do we do if we realize that we have been travelling through life without Jesus? We follow the example of Joseph and Mary: we turn around and go back (repent) and we search for Him (search our hearts and lives to understand where we got separated from Him and work to fix those errors). Oh, and one other thing: we must realize, as Jesus pointed out to his earthly parents, that He is right where He is supposed to be. If we are separated from Him, it is we who have strayed, not Him. May we always strive to walk faithfully with Jesus!

*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



## YOUTH NEWS

<b>Children's Ministry (Little Lights—6th Grade)</b>		<b>Youth Group (7th—12th Grade)</b>		<b>Lads 2 Leaders</b>	
<b>Sep 30</b>	<b>Devo</b> <i>(at building after p.m. worship)</i>	<b>Each Monday</b>	<b>M4</b> <i>(at building, 7:00 a.m.)</i>	<b>Sep 23</b>	<b>Work day</b> <i>(2:00—4:30 p.m., Youth room)</i>
		<b>Every Wednesday</b>	<b>Hang time</b> <i>(5:30 p.m., Youth room)</i>	<b>Sep 23</b>	<b>L2L Kickoff</b> <i>(Young men will lead p.m. worship)</i>
		<b>Sep 28—30</b>	<b>Camp Joy</b>		<b>Theme for 2019</b> <b>I AM</b> (Exodus 3:14)
					<b>L2L Convention:</b> April 18-21, 2019

## Outreach News—*Pat Cowden*

Could it be possible that today, in the 21<sup>st</sup> century, that we have outlived the commission to go out and make disciples? I mean, isn't that kind of "old fashioned" and irrelevant in our age? Haven't we moved beyond the need to actively reach out to others? Shouldn't we just let them live their lives and eventually, if they are truly seeking, they will eventually find the truth? Isn't it wrong to evangelize the "churched", those who are currently attending "somewhere"?

Some people truly believe these questions/statements are true. They believe we are in a "post-evangelism" age. Some would say we are in a "post-Christian" age as well, meaning Christian values and morals are obsolete. But are they right? I would assume if you are reading this that you do not agree with those statements. The apostle Paul talks about how to handle conversations with folks that do believe these things:

"And the Lord's servant must not be quarrelsome but kind to everyone (EVERONE), able to teach, patiently enduring evil, correcting his opponents with gentleness. God may perhaps grant them repentance leading to a knowledge of the truth, and they may come to their senses and escape from the snare of the devil, after being captured by him to do his will." (2 Timothy 2:23-26)

Even when people are far removed from the truth, it is never ok to treat them improperly. We want to be gentle. Why? Because we want to win their soul, not an argument! God might bless them with repentance and a desire to know the truth, and with a "coming to their senses" and escaping the traps of the devil. This should be our prayer and our goal.

Evangelism challenge:

Over the last few weeks we have had several visitors from the community to our services. Some are searching for a church home and we need to pray for them. If they are Christians, that God will guide them to make the right choice, whatever that may be. If they are not Christians, pray that they might have the desire to learn and obey the gospel.

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

Pat



Think Souls First

## News Of Interest

### Sick

#### Huntsville Hospital

**Richard Franklin, No visitors.**

### Sympathy

We express sympathy to the family of **Mabel Albright** in her death. There will be no funeral and the family requests donations be made to Chase Park or a local charity.

### New Baby

Congratulations to **Ashley and Charlie Crowe** on the birth of their daughter, Sybil Hill Crowe. 7 lbs 7 oz and 20 inches long. Proud grandparents Curtis and Kaye Hill, great grandmother Billie Carmack and Uncle Nathan and Aunt Melissa Hill.

**Pantry Item:** Rice/Minute Rice

### Telephone Directory Update

**Today** will be the last day the directory sheets will be on the tables in the foyer. If you haven't updated your information, please do so today.

### Men's Online Bible Class—Digging Deeper

**Caleb Colley** will have the men's Digging Deeper class material online each month. Thursday, September 27, 7:00—8:30 p.m., Small auditorium, the men will meet to discuss the lesson.

### Backwoods Christian Camp Ladies Retreat

September 28—30. Cost \$45. Kimberly Washer, (Mark & Jan Rowe's daughter), is one of the speakers. If anyone is interested in going, contact Mark Rowe: 256-714-8085, mark.papabear.rowe@gmail.com.

## Today and Upcoming at Chase Park

### Family Care Meeting

**C and J** meet today. **C Leaders:** Champion, Landman; **J Leader:** Cothren

**D and H** meet Sunday, September 30. **D Leaders:** Brown, Sims; **H Leaders:** Jennings, Lambrecht, McCall.

### Regency Retirement Service

Today: 1:30 p.m.

Speaker: **Jerry Kilpatrick**

Song Leader: **Jerry Johnston**

### Hospital Visitation

Team **(3) McCall**, please pick up your assignments today after p.m. service.

### Monday Night for the Master

Tomorrow, 6:30—8:00 p.m., small auditorium, dining room.

### Ladies Bible Class:

Tuesday morning, 10:00 a.m.

### Ladies Night Out

Tuesday, September 25, at the home of Janet England. Sign-up sheet at the Hospitality Desk.


### Super Seniors:

Wednesday, September 26, no meal.

## Worship Participants

SUNDAY AM SEPTEMBER 30, 2018	
READING .....	Jack Rosenblum
F PRAYER.....	Tim Row
LS PRAYER.....	Brian Peacock
C PRAYER.....	Rick Rosenblum

SUNDAY PM SEPTEMBER 30, 2018	
5TH SUNDAY	SINGING
	Various Song Leaders
F PRAYER.....	Jon Rosenblum
C PRAYER.....	Mike Crawford

 <b>October Birthdays</b> 	
1	Evan Davis
2	Mark Stiegler
	Jeff Chrisco
	Michael Emerson
4	Mallory Crawford
5	Sarah Black
	Carol Layne
6	Jo McMahan
8	Leslie Campbell
	Margaret Norman
10	Mary Bradford
	Terri Emerson
11	Russ Davis
15	Jerry Kilpatrick
	Scarlett Maples
16	Kristy Cothren
	Blake Gustin
17	Virginia Hardy
	Colene Webster
22	Frankie Davis
23	Beth Husband
24	Gary Holzheimer
26	Rusty Hills
	Becky Powell
27	Drew Blankenship
30	Andrea Blankenship
	Lane Corder
31	Carrie Jennings

Focus For  
SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER

*I Am A Part  
of God's Family*

# I AM THE CHURCH



*Chase Park*  
CHURCH of CHRIST

# Lads 2 Leaders 2018-19 Kickoff

**TONIGHT**  
after p.m. service

- *Young men lead pm worship*
- *Finger foods & desserts*
- *Informational Meeting*
- *Event Sign-ups*
- *Registration Forms*



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## Statistics

**Sunday, September 16, 2018**

AM Worship .....	400
Month Average .....	371
Bible Class .....	347
PM Worship .....	272
Wed., Sep 19, Bible Classes.....	280
Regency Ret. Worship .....	43
Offering.....	\$17,950.67
Budget.....	\$18,000
Average '18 .....	\$18,521
Over Budget for year ....	+\$19,266
<b>Building Fund .....</b>	<b>\$0.00</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**