

CHASE PARK MESSENGER

“BLEST BE THE TIE”

A wonderful blessing we enjoy in Christ is the fellowship with other Christians. We are members of one another (Romans 12:5), we have a special bond or tie that binds us together. A simple, beautiful song that describes this bond is "Blest Be The Tie".

Consider first that the tie that binds is not an earthly tie, such as friendship, marriage, or family (these are social or physical ties). It is not broken like earthly ties through separation, incompatibility, or death.

Consider then what the tie that binds is: Love, not easily broken (Col. 3:14); Love, that comes from the God of love (1 John 4:7-11); Love, learned from the example of Christ (1 John 3:16); Love, serving as a mark of true discipleship (John 13:34-35). The tie involves love that is uniquely Christian, patterned after Christ's love.

This tie involves a unity for which Jesus prayed (John 17:20-23) and a unity of mind for which Paul prayed (Phil. 2:2). Therefore any threat to this unity is strongly condemned (1 Cor. 1:10). The tie seeks to emulate the unity between the Father and the Son.

With this tie we have similar concerns and desires. For some, because we are simply fellow humans in this world and as such we desire to be healthy, we fear sickness and dying, we enjoy comforts of life, we fear joblessness and poverty. For others, because as we are fellow citizens of the kingdom we share the hope of the resurrection and eternal life (1 Peter 1:3) and we share in the struggles against temptation and persecution (1 Peter 5:8-9). As Christians, therefore, we can have more in common.

As Christians, we are to bear one another's burdens (Gal. 6:1-2). In times of spiritual weakness, we are to pray for one another (James 5:16); in times of persecution, we are to remember one another (Heb. 13:3); in times of physical need, we are to provide for one another (James 1:27). It is the tie we have in Christ that is truly a blessing.

In the final verse we see described the impact of the tie that binds, when it comes time to separate, even temporarily. The tie is such that departure can be painful. Note the example of Paul and the Ephesian elders in Acts 20. We might be separated in the flesh, but can remain together in spirit (Col. 2:5). We are comforted by a wonderful hope, the hope of the resurrection (1 Thes. 4:13-18) made possible by the resurrection of Christ, and our faith in Him (1 Peter 1:3-5). It is this hope which keeps our hearts joined together, when all other bonds fail.

Your elders

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 SavkovskyUkraine
Barton Kizer.....North Carolina
Dewayne Tapscott..... Southwest

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YOUTH NEWS

Children's Ministry (Little Lights-6th Grade)

Youth Group (7th-12th Grade)

Lads to Leaders

Every Monday @ 7:00 am **M4**

Every Wednesday **Hang Time**

Feb. 23 Youth Devo
After p.m. service

Feb. 28-Mar. 1 CYC
Pigeon Forge, TN

Each Sunday Boys Songleading
4:00 p.m., Small Auditorium

Feb. 23 Written Bible Bowl Test
3:30 p.m., 5th-6th grade room

Apr 10-12 2020 Convention
@ Opryland Hotel

Bible Bowl

(See Michelle Clements or Mindy Sims for details or information.)

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

Outreach—Pat Cowden

Last night I was privileged to be the “assistant” in a bible study instead of the “teacher”. It has long since been my goal to be able to do this in the congregation I attended. Now, at Chase Park, that is becoming a reality and I could not be more pleased. The end of that study resulted in Micah Matheny baptizing Taciane Luck, Pablo’s wife, and mother of Duda and Manu. We should all rejoice in her decision to “put on Christ” in baptism and begin her walk with Him. We also rejoice that she and Pablo are now united together as sister and brother as well as wife and husband. They now have the opportunity to positively influence their girls and extended family for Christ’s kingdom. Please make sure to welcome Taciane to the family here at Chase Park.

I am very excited about the level of activity that many of our congregation are involving themselves in regarding personal evangelism. It is important for as many of us as possible to be sharing our faith with as many as possible so that we can influence as many as possible to consider obeying the gospel.

I was also blessed to be able to preach this past Sunday morning and evening. I chose to speak about “What Should We Desire?” And then “What Do I Desire?” In an effort to get us to consider those things that motivate us the most, the things that excite us and drive us to action. It is my belief that we must put at the top of that list the desires of God, which are really quite simple. God desires all men to be saved (1 Timothy 2:4).

Since God established a means of salvation that included being taught the gospel, the necessary inference we may draw is this:

If we want what God wants, for all men to be saved (and we should)...

Then we will use the means that God provided to help them be saved...

Which means:

We will make every attempt to share the gospel with as many as we can!

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

Pat



Think Souls First

News Of Interest

Pantry Items: Beanie Weenies, Pork & Beans, Vienna Sausage

Sick

Huntsville Hospital

George Coffell, brother-in-law of Randy Jenkins. Cards and prayers.

Home: **Fred King (H)**, **Donell Parker (I)**, **Frances Counselman (C)**, **Carol Layne (J)**, **Gary Webster**** back at Tut Fann Veterans Home.

Sympathys

We express sympathy to **Randy Jenkins** in the death of his aunt, Glenna Bahan.

To **Mark Stiegler** in the death of his Uncle, Darwin Hoffman, in New York.

New Members

Be sure to welcome **Ronald** and **Susan Bryant** to our Chase Park family. They come to us from the Maysville congregation. Ronald is a retired preacher and Susan is a homemaker.

New Member – Baptism

We rejoice with **Taciane Luck** on her baptism last Wednesday morning. Micah and Valerie Matheny and Pat Cowden have been studying with Taciane since her arrival in Alabama. We are so happy for this sweet family.

Spring Quarterly Meal—Wednesday, March 4

4:45—6:15 p.m.. \$4/adult, \$1/child. Menu: Lasagna, bread, salad, green beans, cookies.

Today and Upcoming at Chase Park

Family Care Groups Meeting

Groups **A**, **D**, and **H** will meet Sunday, March 1, after bible classes in the Small Auditorium.

Regency Retirement Service

Today: 1:30 p.m.

Speaker: **Barry Todd**

Song Leader: **Paul King**

Hospital Visitation

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

Monday Night for the Master is CANCELLED this month.

Ladies' Tuesday Morning Bible Class

February 25, 10:00 a.m., elder's conference room

Balance Class

Tuesday, Thursday, February 25, 27, 1:30 p.m.

Men's Diggin' Deep Bible Study

Tuesday, February 25, 7:00 p.m., West Huntsville

Super Seniors

Wednesday, February 26, 10:00 a.m.

Worship Participants

SUNDAY AM March 1, 2020	
READING	Joel Heady
F PRAYER.....	Darren Crowden
LS PRAYER.....	Mike Crawford
C PRAYER.....	Nathan Hill

SUNDAY PM March 1, 2020	
READING	Tyler Hills
F PRAYER.....	Kip Adams
C PRAYER.....	Toney Atchley

Spring Forward

Sunday, March 8, 2020

(Set your clocks forward Saturday night, March 7.)



2020 VISION



Chase Park
CHURCH OF CHRIST

Statistics

Sunday, February 16, 2020

AM Worship	385
Month Average	368
Bible Class	284
PM Worship	241
Wed., Feb. 19 Bible Classes.....	239
Regency Ret. Worship	47
Offering.....	\$26,104.06
Budget.....	\$19,500
Average '20	\$21,177
Over Budget for year	+\$11,739
Building Fund	\$0.00

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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