

CHASE PARK MESSENGER

Welcome, Friends!

The Bible, and especially the book of Proverbs, is replete with words of wisdom concerning friends and friendship. Consider a few of them:

A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for adversity.
(Prov. 17:17)

*A man who has friends must himself be friendly,
But there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother.*
(Prov. 18:24)

*Faithful are the wounds of a friend,
But the kisses of an enemy are deceitful.*
(Prov. 27:6)

*Ointment and perfume delight the heart, And the sweetness
of a man's friend gives delight by hearty counsel.*
(Prov. 27:8)

*As iron sharpens iron, So a man sharpens
the countenance of his friend.*
(Prov. 27:17)

Certainly, one of the greatest blessings God has given us, pertaining to our physical lives, is the blessing of friendship and love, but God didn't stop there. He also gave us His Son to be the greatest friend that any of us could ever have. Jesus, Himself, said, "Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends" (John 15:13), and that is exactly what He did for us.

So, today, on this Friends Day, we are thankful to God for you, our friends. You are a great blessing to us today and every day. But, above all else, we are thankful for Jesus Christ, our Lord, our Savior, and our greatest friend.

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.



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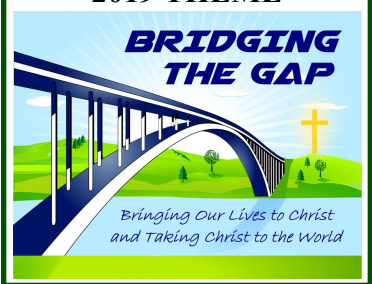
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2019 THEME



Youth News

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

Apr. 27 CM Devo

Youth Group (7th-12th Grade)

Every Wednesday Hang Time
(5:30)

Every Monday M4 (7:00)

Apr. 6 **Makin' Music**
(@ Freed-Hardeman)

Apr. 10 **Vittles w/Friends**

Apr. 12-13 **Prom Alternative**

Apr. 14 **Area Wide Devo**
(@ Chase Park)

Lads to Leaders

Every **L2L Workday**
Sunday (3:30)

Apr. 7 **Leadership Day**

Apr. 19-21 **Convention!!!**
@ Opryland Hotel

Apr. 28 **L2L Banquet**

Theme for 2019:

I AM

(Exodus 3:14)

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

Outreach—Pat Cowden

We did have a great OHM meeting on the 23rd with Team 4 including four visitors. I want to thank all who have supported this ministry so far and encourage you to get involved. In addition, we had another successful Monday Night for the Master on Monday the 25th. Several of our members were busy writing cards of encouragement and we sent out five teams of two into our community inviting folks who have recently moved into the area to our Friends Day today.

Sometimes our friends and neighbors might go years without a special effort to interest them in spiritual matters. This ought not to be so. Dr. North recalls this event in the book, *Evangelizing Your Community* :

Recently a man and woman came to a small gathering after services. The husband had attended for years but had never obeyed the gospel. As people around the room were introducing themselves, the man gave his name and said, "But I am not a member of the church."

A woman seated near him said, "Why not?"

He replied, "Well, I don't know. I just never decided to."

To which the woman replied, "Well, you ought to." He was baptized the next week. Although this is pretty strong and may be too bold for some situations, we more often err by not being bold enough, doing nothing.

Additional advice he gives in the book:

- Encourage families already close to the person to step up their contact with them at social or athletic events.
- Decide who is the best positioned and prepared to take a direct approach to invite the person for a study.
- Try to get the person into a small group Bible study.
- If not already attending a Bible class, encourage them to do so.
- Connect them with people their own age and with similar interests: work or hobbies.
(OHM teams came from this recommendation.)

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

Pat



News Of Interest

Sick

Athens Limestone Hospital
Jim McLaughlin

Home: Juanez Tanner, Dot Kelley, Susan Vinson

Sympathy

We express sympathy to **Molly Davidson** and **Kylie Ivey** and families in the death of their nephew and cousin, Scott Butler.

New Baby

Congratulations to **Wes and Amy (Champion) Bryan** on the birth of their son, Beau Allen Bryan, born March 21. 8 lbs., 7 oz., 20 inches. Don and Peggy Champion are the proud grandparents.

Baby Shower

There will be a baby shower for **Maddie Cothren Watkins** on Sunday, April 7, from 1:30—3:30 p.m., in the fellowship hall. She is having a girl and is registered at Target and Babylist.com (/baby-Maddie-Watkins).

Ladies’ Diggin’ Deeper Bible Study

Thursday, April 11, 10:00 a.m., elder’s conference room; 7:00 p.m. location TBD.

Parking Lot Repairs

Thursday, Friday, April 11—12, 2019.

Pantry Item:

Canned or Dry Soup

Today and Upcoming at Chase Park

Regency Retirement Service

Today, 1:30 p.m.
 Speaker: **Rusty Hills and Young Men**
 Song Leader: **Young Men**

Family Care Group Meeting

No groups meet today. Groups **A, D,** and **H** will meet Sunday, April 7. A leaders: **McDonald, Row, Trammell;** D leaders: **Brown, Sims;** H leaders: **Jennings, Lambrecht, McCall.**

Baby Shower

There will be a baby shower for **Kecia Duncan** today at the home of Leslie Campbell, from 1:00—3:00 p.m. Kecia is having a boy and is registered at Wal-Mart, Target, and Amazon. Please see Leslie Campbell or Cathy Peacock with any questions or directions.

Balance Class

Tuesday, Thursday, April 2, 4, 1:30 p.m.

Super Seniors

Wednesday, April 3, 10:00 a.m., cook’s will prepare meal.

Men’s Diggin’ Deeper Monthly Bible Study

Thursday, April 4, 7:00 p.m., West Huntsville Church of Christ.

Makin’ Music

Freed-Hardeman University, Friday—Sunday, April 5—7, 2019.

OHM Meeting Team #10-Hill

Saturday, April 6, 6:00 p.m., at the home of Pat and Maria Cowden. Members age 60-69, last names J-Z.

Worship Participants

SUNDAY AM APRIL 7	
READING	Drew Blankenship
F PRAYER.....	Gregg Crabtree
LS PRAYER.....	Eric Corder
C PRAYER.....	Clay Blankenship

SUNDAY PM APRIL 7	
READING	Evan Davis
F PRAYER.....	Jeff Husband
C PRAYER.....	Don Champion
L2L Young Men	

Library Donations

Our library now has a copy of the recent Freed-Hardeman University 2019 Lectures. The theme of the lectureship was *Out of Egypt: Liberation and Covenant in Exodus*. In the book are copies of the lectures given by many well-known ministers, including Rusty Hills and Chad Landman, son of Mac and Sheila Landman.

The following two books have been placed in the children’s section of our library in memory of Glenn Carmack: *Bible verses for little ones*, written by Rebecca Lutzer, *50 Bedtime Bible Stories*, written by J. Emmerson. He was the deacon who oversaw the library for several years and did an excellent job of supporting our library.

The book, *For Such a Time as This*, Stories of Women from the Bible, Retold for Girls, written by Angie Smith and beautifully illustrated by Breezy Brookshire, has been placed in our library in memory of Libby Lewter. Libby loved our library and spent many hours helping pack and unpack our library books when we moved from Memorial Parkway to Chase Park.

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Statistics

Sunday, March 24, 2019

AM Worship	359
Month Average	349
Bible Class	282
PM Worship	271
Wed., Mar. 27 Bible Classes	272
Regency Ret. Worship	39
Offering	\$19,385.85
Budget	\$19,000
Average '19	\$19,669
Over Budget for year	+\$8,027
Building Fund	\$60.00

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)

The Bible—God's Holy Word