

CHASE PARK MESSENGER

Leaving and Following

In Genesis 12, we are introduced to Abraham (known at first as Abram), and our first impression of this man ought to be one of awe and great respect. This is true because of the circumstances of that first scene from Abram’s life, as he is called to leave his home, his family, and his life as he knows it, and go to a place that God will show him. Amazingly, we read of no arguments or complaints from Abram, no trying to reason with God or make excuses. The text simply tells us that *“Abram took Sarai his wife and Lot his brother’s son, and all their possessions that they had gathered, and the people whom they had acquired in Haran, and they departed to go to the land of Canaan.”* (Genesis 12:4). As difficult as it must have been to pack up and leave, Abram’s faith was equal to the task and he obeyed God. Over and over again in Abraham’s life, he demonstrates a remarkable faith and trust in God and His promises. So much so that we are reminded time and again in the Scriptures that *“Abraham believed God and it was accounted to him for righteousness.”*

Have you ever had a difficult choice or decision to make in your life—a choice between doing what you know God wants you to do and doing what is comfortable and easy? Often, as we read God’s Word or hear it taught, we might be convicted in our minds, knowing that we need to make changes in our lives, leaving some things behind and replacing them with better things. But the step and change that it requires to follow God’s calling is often difficult and challenging. It is often much easier to simply stay where we are and convince ourselves that we are alright. But the example of the life of Abraham and so many other faithful servants of God are recorded in the Bible for a very important reason—to be examples to us and to guide our lives. So let us learn from these examples; let us be inspired and motivated, strengthened and encouraged. In the words of the Hebrews writer, *“Therefore, we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us.”* (Hebrews 12:1)

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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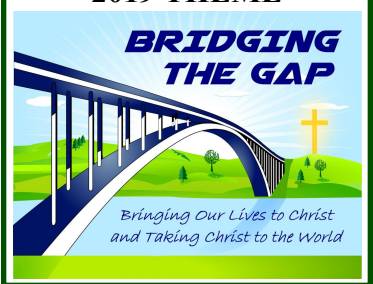
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2019 THEME



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. 7 Chase Park Devo
at the Gates', after L2L events

Apr. 10 Vittles w/ Friends

Apr. 12-13 Prom Alternative

April 14 Area-Wide Devo
@ Chase Park

Lads to Leaders

Every Sunday L2L Work Day
(3:30)

Apr. 7 Leadership Day

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

Apr. 28 L2L Banquet

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

Outreach—Pat Cowden

Lord willing, we will have had the seventh OHM meeting last night with Team 10, ages 60-69, J-Z. That means we are over half way through the first round of meetings and I am happy to report that participation has been good from our members in each age group. I will be sharing some stats about those numbers soon to the congregation. If you were unable to attend when your Team was scheduled, sign up on the next sheet and come even if the age group is not yours. I believe that you will be blessed by doing so, and I know the congregation will be. We have had a total of 21 visitors at the first six meetings and would love to have even more at the next six.

Sarah and I left early Tuesday morning and went to about a day and a half of lectures at the Memphis School of Preaching annual lectureship. We saw several friends and heard some excellent lessons. Their website has an archive of the lessons and they would well be worth your time to look up and watch them.

I was particularly moved by the lesson Wednesday morning by John Moore. You might recognize the name because he does a lot of videos for WVBS, works at Bear Valley Bible Institute, and takes people on tours of Israel periodically. He is a very busy man and an excellent gospel preacher. His lesson was entitled *Purity in the Presence of God*. I have studied about the purity needed to approach God in the Old Testament and how rigorous the priests and high priests were in their preparation. But, I never knew what even the ones offering the sacrifices, the individual worshippers, did in preparation. It was eye opening. My prayer is that none of us underestimate the appropriate awe, reverence and purity needed to approach the throne of God. I believe I have in the past and pray that I never do again.

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

Pat



Think Souls First

News Of Interest

Sick

Athens Limestone Hospital
Jim McLaughlin, LTAC unit

Crestwood Medical Center
Juanez Tanner

Home: Jim Newton, John Powell, Susan Vinson,
 Caroline Black

Sympathy

To **Cheryl Goode** in the death of her infant great niece,
 Kaelynn Montague.

Pantry Item: Canned Fish (Tuna or Salmon)

Area-Wide Youth Devo at Chase Park

Sunday, April 14 after p.m. service. Food sign-up sheet
 at Hospitality Desk. Teens and teen parents set up,
 serve food, clean up.

Baby Shower

For **Caroline Black**, Tuesday, April 16, at 6:30 p.m., at
 the home of Lindsey Schneider. Caroline is having a
 girl and is registered at Amazon and Buy Buy Baby.

Regency Retirement Village Singing

Thursday, April 18, 6:00 p.m.

Monday Night for the Master

Monday, April 22, 6:30—8:00 p.m.

Ladies' Monthly Tuesday a.m. Bible Class

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

Ladies' Night Out

Tuesday, April 23, 6:30 p.m., location TBD.

Men's Diggin' Deeper Monthly Bible Study

Tuesday, April 23, 7:00 p.m., West Huntsville.

Today and Upcoming at Chase Park

Regency Retirement Service

Today, 1:30 p.m.

Speaker: **Michael Sims**

Song Leader: **Ray Brown**

Family Care Group Meeting

FC Groups **A, D, and H** will meet today for potluck
 lunch.

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).

Hospital Visitation

Team **(1) Atchley** please pick up your assignments
 today after p.m. service.

Balance Class

Tuesday, April 9, 1:30 p.m. **No Class April 11.**

Super Seniors

Wednesday, April 10, 10:00 a.m., no meal.

Ladies' Diggin' Deep Monthly Bible Class

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.

Worship Participants

SUNDAY AM APRIL 14	
READING	Drew Blankenship
F PRAYER.....	Bob Baccus
LS PRAYER.....	Greg Emerson
C PRAYER.....	Steve Watson

SUNDAY PM APRIL 14	
READING	Evan Davis
F PRAYER.....	Jeff Husband
C PRAYER.....	Don Champion

Thank you

“Dear Brethren,

It is a blessing to be part of such a loving congregation. Thank you
 for the many cards, visits, phone calls and food. Recovery is slow, I
 hope that I will be able soon to be back with you. With Christian
 love,”

Margaret Norman

“Thank you so much for your kind thoughts and heartfelt prayers for
 me through my surgery and recovery. Extra thank yous to the
 Christians who sent me get well cards. I enjoy them and appreciate
 them. I appreciate all your thoughts and prayers. With the love of the
 Lord,

Nila Patton (Naaman Goode's sister)

“The family of **Arletha Goodwin** would like to express our sincere
 appreciation for your support, gifts, and the many acts of kindness
 which were extended to our family during this difficult time.”

“Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We want to thank you for your prayers and for the beautiful cards that
 you sent mom and to us after her death. She loved reading her Get
 Well cards from each of you. We greatly appreciate all of your
 kindness.”

The Bennett and Putman Families

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and Taking Christ to the World*

Statistics

Sunday, March 31, 2019

AM Worship	448
Month Average	369
Bible Class	340
PM Worship	217
Wed., Apr. 3 Bible Classes	256
Regency Ret. Worship	18
Offering	\$19,825.12
Budget	\$19,000
Average '19	\$19,681
Over Budget for year	+\$8,853
Special Fund	\$24,900.74

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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