

# CHASE PARK MESSENGER

## Tragedy

Where do we turn in times of tragedy? To friends and family. To words of others who have faced similar situations in the past. And, of course to God.

Why did I put God last on the list? Because sometimes that's where He is on our list. There's a reason that this is so. It is a lack of realization by us of Who God is. If we could see God as He is, then He would be the first place that we would go for everything.

In 2 Kings 6, the Arameans were pursuing the king of Israel and his army. Elisha, the prophet was forewarning the king about the Arameans troop movements allowing them to escape. The Arameans learned that Elisha was the source of this military intel and they marched to Dothan to get him.

2 Kings 6:15-17. *“Now when the attendant of the man of God had risen early and gone out, behold, an army with horses and chariots was circling the city. And his servant said to him, ‘Alas, my master! What shall we do?’ So he answered, ‘Do not fear, for those who are with us are more than those who are with them.’ Then Elisha prayed and said, ‘O Lord, I pray, open his eyes that he may see.’ And the Lord opened the servant’s eyes and he saw; and behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha.”*

When Elisha’s servant went outside in the early morning what he saw was tragedy about to happen. He and the city of Dothan were about to die. But the servant was only seeing the visible. He had no understanding of what God was doing for him at that very moment.

The truth is, we are very much like this servant. We only see the visible; we don’t see what God is doing for us either. Paul reminded the Corinthians that hard times will come, but we will overcome them “for we walk by faith, not by sight—“ 2 Corinthians 5:7. How do we build this faith? It comes from a study of God’s word, and placing our desperate situations in His hands.

The words of Psalm 121 are a great encouragement in times of tragedy.

Psalm 121:1-2. *“I will lift up my eyes to the mountains; From where shall my help come? My help comes from the LORD, Who made heaven and earth.”*

Though we do not see Him, in tragedy, in the middle of soul-wrenching grief, we are not alone. The God who made the heavens and the earth is there with us. His love will carry us through when no hope is in sight. Lord, open my eyes that I may see!

*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  
Ben Stanley ..... Youth

### Elders

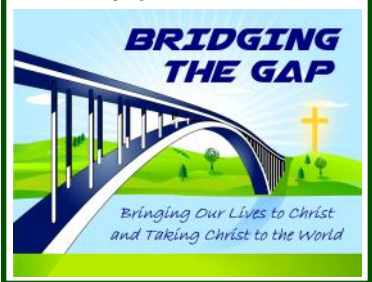
Curtis Hill            Dennis Lawson  
Sam Kachelman        Greg Parker  
Barry Todd

### Missionaries

Jaime Mendoza .... Chalco, Mexico  
Liborio Encarnacion. Ecatepec, Mexico  
Slava Savkovsky ..... Ukraine  
Barton Kizer ..... North Carolina  
Dewayne Tapscott ..... Southwest

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### 2019 THEME



## Youth News

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

Aug. 3      **Big Sis/L'il Sis Tea**  
9:00—noon, dining room

Aug. 4      **Back to School  
Prayer Devo**

Aug. 25     **CM Devo**

### Youth Group (7th-12th Grade)

Aug. 3      **Big Sis/L'il Sis Tea**  
9:00—noon, dining room

Aug. 3      **Southwest Back to School  
Bash**  
11:00—12:30 p.m., Brandontown  
Rd. building

Aug. 2      **Back to School Event**  
at Scott & Leigh Gates

Aug. 4      **Back to School  
Prayer Devo**

### Lads to Leaders

*Thank you to everyone who  
helped to make this year's  
program and convention a great  
success!*

*Coming Soon:  
**L2L 2020**  
**Theme: LOST!***

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

## Outreach—Pat Cowden

This week has been strange. Mainly because Maria is in Nevada and Sarah is at ICYC. Usually, I am the one who travels and they are home without me. I have to admit that I do not like it very much at all. But, at least I had Kiwi and Lucy to keep me company.

There is something about companionship that is cherished by most people. I understand that some people like to be alone, I am not one of them and I think most people are not, either. This feeling companionship or {koinonia} is a major part of Christianity. This feeling of community and fellowship that comes from a familial relationship with our brothers and sisters in Christ is one of the things that appeals to people searching for spiritual truths and draws people to Christ.

If you remember, Jesus said this, “A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, as I have loved you, that you also love one another. **By this (the love we have for one another) all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.**” (John 13:34-35) Spending time with each other, getting to know and care about each other is imperative for us to have the powerful witness that Jesus wants us to have. Without it, Jesus says, the world will not know that we are His disciples.

Paul reminds us that, as Christians, we are not to be ashamed of the gospel (Romans 1:16). If folks do not see our love for one another, we should ask ourselves, “Why?” Is it because we don't love one another? Could it be that we are ashamed to let the world see how much we care about each other?

If you are a brother or sister in Christ, I want to be clear here, I love you in the Lord and will never be ashamed to say so. If you are not a brother or sister in Christ, I love you and want you to be in Christ and would love to help you get there.

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

Pat



Think Souls First

## News Of Interest

**Pantry Item:** Dried Beans

**Sick**

**HealthSouth Rehab**

**Jackie Walker** (sister to Wayne Pinchon and Janet Clayborn), room 314

**Home:** Carolyn Trammell, Martha Row, Lena Rosenblum, Sheila Landman, Evelyn Miles, Sheila Emperley, Pat Steele, Fred King

**Back to School Prayer Devo**

Sunday, August 4, p.m. service.

**OHM Meeting Team 5-Todd**

Saturday, August 10, 6:00 p.m. at the home of Pat and Maria Cowden. Members age 40-49, names G-M.

## Today and Upcoming at Chase Park

**Regency Retirement Service**

Today, 1:30 p.m.

Speaker: **Dennis Lawson**

Song Leader: **Michael Sims**

**Family Care Group Meeting**

Groups **B** and **E** will meet today for potluck lunch. **B** leaders: **Wells, Crabtree**; **E** leaders: **E. Corder, B. Maples, B. Williams**

**Hospital Visitation**

Team (4) **McCall** please pick up your assignments after p.m. service.

**Balance Class**

Tuesday, Thursday, July 30, August 1, 1:30 p.m.

**Super Seniors**

Wednesday, July 31. Will go out to eat.

**Southwest Church Back to School Bash**

Saturday, August 3, 11—12:30 p.m., Brandontown Rd. building. Supply list at Hospitality Desk. Donated items will be picked up August 1.

## Worship Participants

SUNDAY AM AUGUST 4	
READING .....	Philip Williams
F PRAYER.....	Keith Griffin
LS PRAYER.....	Bob Baccus
C PRAYER.....	Carl Harris

SUNDAY PM AUGUST 4	
READING .....	Joel Heady
F PRAYER.....	Randal Jennings
C PRAYER.....	Derek Horst



# Back To School Prayer Service

Next Sunday,  
August 4<sup>th</sup>

Join us in praying for all  
of our young people as they  
begin a new school year.



Wednesday, July 31st

*“Worship That Pleases God”*

Speaker:

**Wes McDonald**

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## Statistics

Sunday, July 21, 2019

AM Worship .....	352
Month Average .....	362
Bible Class .....	269
PM Worship .....	219
Wed., Jul 24 Bible Classes .....	265
Regency Ret. Worship .....	47
Offering .....	\$18,895.80
Budget .....	\$19,000
Average '19 .....	\$19,633
Over Budget for year ....	+\$18,359
<b>Building Fund .....</b>	<b>\$50.00</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**