

CHASE PARK MESSENGER

Does It Really Matter?

“Does it really matter whether I attend all the services of the church or not? After all, Sunday (morning worship) is the only time that we are commanded to meet. Right?” For many Christians, this is the attitude and thought process concerning Bible studies and other meeting times of the church. But is this a valid argument? Are the other services (besides Sunday morning worship) really optional, and therefore, unimportant?

The simple answer to the original question is YES, it really does matter whether we faithfully attend the services of the church. First of all, consider what the Bible says about when we should worship. Certainly, the church did meet on the first day of the week (Acts 20:7). This was the designated time to commemorate Christ’s death with the Lord’s Supper as they worshipped together. But this was certainly not the only time that they gathered together. Both scripture (e.g. Acts 2:46) and historical accounts of the church tell us that the 1st century church met together for worship and fellowship very often. If we are to truly follow their example, we would desire to meet together whenever we have the opportunity.

Secondly, consider the benefits of gathering with the church. The services of the church provide opportunities for us, as Christians, to worship God, become more knowledgeable concerning God’s word, encourage other Christians and be encouraged and strengthened in our own lives. Any faithful Christian ought to have a great desire to do all of these things. Gaining maturity and growth as a child of God should be a primary concern for us, and taking advantage of opportunities to do those things should be our natural desire.

Finally, consider what is probably the greatest problem with the attitude described above—the condition of the heart. You see, if I understand what is taking place when the church meets (worship, Bible study, fellowship, etc.) and I choose not to be a part of those things, I am essentially saying to myself, my family, my fellow Christians, and to God that I do not really want to worship God or grow as a Christian. I am saying that those things are not very important to me and that I would rather be doing other things. I am saying that I will only worship when I am required to. Remember the words of Jesus as He quoted from Isaiah the prophet in Matthew 15:8, “*These people draw near to me with their mouth and honor me with their lips but their heart is far from me.*” Surely, we do not want to have that kind of attitude. I hope to see you tonight and at every possible opportunity.

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 SavkovskyUkraine
Barton Kizer..... Peru
Isai Cuamba Ensenada, Mexico
Dewayne Tapscott..... Southwest

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2018 THEME:

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YOUTH NEWS

Children’s Ministry (Little Lights-6th Grade)		Youth Group (7th-12th Grade)		Lads to Leaders	
August 23	Service Project (3:30—5:00)	Every Wednesday	Hang Time (5:00)	August 26	L2L Work Day (2:00—4:30)
August 26	CM Devo after p.m. service	Every Monday	M4 (7:00 a.m.)		
CM Bike Night will be re-scheduled in September.		August 19	Youth Devotional (at building after PM worship)	Theme for 2019: I AM (Exodus 3:14)	
<i>Stay tuned for more details on these events</i>		August 31	5th Quarter	L2L Convention: April 18-21, 2019	

Outreach News—Pat Cowden

While preparing lessons for personal evangelism classes, I often think of the many people who have asked me, how do I approach a family member with the gospel. The best advice I know to give is that each situation is different. Everybody (including family members) are “what they are” and “do what they do” because it works for them. So, to introduce something new and potentially profound and life changing to them is disrupting to their current status quo.

Consider making a short list of folks that you know that you believe are most likely to listen. From that list, pray fervently and often (can you “over” pray for a soul you are concerned about?) that their “heart (like Lydia’s) might be opened to heed the things of God” (Acts 16:14).

After praying for them, then commit to having a “laser-like” focus on their behavior and take advantage of any and every spark of interest they may show. After you have invoked the power of God to intervene is not the time to be slack in following up on a “good work, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them” (Ephesians 2:10 - thank you Jerry Wilhoite).

Consider mentioning how much you enjoy the friendly people and the worship and Bible classes at Chase Park. The key at this point is to not be overbearing, but also not to be under-bearing (is that a word?). With time, and assuming there is genuine interest, your efforts will be rewarded. We need to make sure we are there to give to those that ask about spiritual matters, to help find the things they seek, and to open the door of understanding to those who knock (Matthew 7:7-8).

Evangelism challenge:

The best thing you can do this week to prepare to be more effective at local outreach is to clear your calendar to be at our Seminar this week!

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



News Of Interest

Sick

Home: Betty Meadows

Sympathy

We express sympathy to **Scotty Campbell** in the recent death of his mother.

Balance Class

Tues., Aug. 21; Thurs., Aug 23; 1:30 p.m.

Family Care Meeting

No Family Care Meeting today.

C and F meet Sunday, August 26. **C Leaders: Champion, Landman; F Leaders: Gransky, Heady, McCreless, Olbricht.**

Ladies Night Out

Tuesday, August 28, 6:30 p.m., Dutch treat at Terranova’s Restaurant. Sign-up sheet at Hospitality Desk.

Quarterly Meal

Sunday, September 2, after p.m. service. Baked Potato/Salad Bar. Adult: \$4.00; children:\$1.00. You may pay this morning in foyer.

Pantry Item

Mac n Cheese

Today and Upcoming at Chase Park

Regency Retirement Service

Today: 1:30 p.m.

Speaker: **Naaman Goode**

Song leader: **Michael Sims**

Hospital Visitation

Team #3 (**Suddarth**), please pick up your assignments today after p.m. worship.

Girls’ Work Day

Today, 1:00—4:00 p.m., dining room/fellowship hall. Need lots of help. See Farrah Clark.

Super Seniors

Wednesday, August 22, no lunch.

Summer Series

Wednesday p.m., August 22, with **Rusty Hills** speaking on “You are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people.”

Sunshine Gang (Widows and Widowers)

Fun and Games Day, Saturday, August 25, 1:30 p.m. Snacks and finger foods served. Games, devotional and some special entertainment. If you have a particular game that you want to play, please bring it. Sign-up sheet at Hospitality Desk.

Worship Participants

SUNDAY AM AUGUST 26, 2018	
READING	Wes McDonald
F PRAYER.....	Eric Corder
LS PRAYER.....	Russ Davis
C PRAYER.....	Michael Emerson

SUNDAY PM AUGUST 12, 2018	
READING	Seth Davis
F PRAYER.....	Gary Holzheimer
C PRAYER.....	Jared Olbricht

September Birthdays

2	Anderson Todd	19	Michael Sims
3	Sara Trammell		John Johnston
	Zach Partlow		Belinda Hopkins
4	Kaycee Rosenblum	20	Andrew Corder
7	Ben Milam	21	Farrah Clark
8	Ann Hopkins	23	Tiny Corder
	Deborah Dalton		Jim Denny
	Kip Adams		Melissa Hill
9	Michelle Williams	24	Heather-Lynn Burton
12	Gina Davis	25	Bobby Hall
15	Jim Newton	26	Juanez Tanner
	Cari Beth Walker		Jeff Husband
16	Hudson Cothren	28	Glenda Hall
	Bill Zlatovich		Blaine McCarver
17	Wanell Krufft	29	Bill Lewter
	Zeke Burton		Eric Corder
	Lee Wales		Lisa Jones
18	Cheryl Goode	30	Pam MacLean

Focus For
JULY - AUGUST

*I Am An Ambassador
for Christ*

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Chase Park
CHURCH of CHRIST

Plan to Attend!

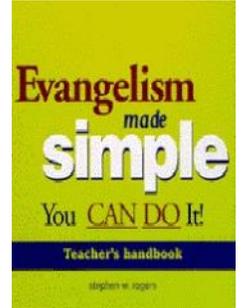
Special Emphasis Weekend: **Evangelism Seminar** August 23rd - 25th

Schedule of Sessions:

Thursday PM	7:00 - 9:00	Leadership Seminar
Friday PM	7:00 - 9:00	Evangelism Seminar (pt. 1)
Saturday AM	8:00 - 9:00	Breakfast
	9:00 - 12:00	Evangelism Seminar (pt. 2)
	12:00 - 1:00	Questions & Answers



Guest Speaker:
Stephen Rogers
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and author of
*Evangelism Made
Simple*



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Statistics

Sunday, August 12, 2018

AM Worship	385
Month Average	380
Bible Class	302
PM Worship	253
Wed., Aug 15, Bible Classes.....	NC
Regency Ret. Worship	41
Offering.....	\$18,521.37
Budget.....	\$18,000
Average '18	\$18,644
Over Budget for year	+20,618
Building Fund	\$1,700.00

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