

Helping Others

As members here at Chase Park we are a family of the Lord's people and as family members we try to take care of one another when there are needs. We prepare food when someone is sick or has lost a loved one, we sit with those who need assistance either in the hospital or at their home. Caring for our brothers and sisters is what a family does, however, if we don't know when someone has a need we can't help. Galatians 6:10 tells us: *"Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith."* As we look around we can find ways to help those around us, there is a new Ministry here at Chase Park that is set up to help those in need.

Mac Landman has a new work here called the Handyman Ministry; he will be helping those who cannot afford to have work done on their houses, things such as painting, small repair of plumbing and electrical problems. If you can afford to supply the paint or parts needed for other repairs, Mac will organize a team to come and take care of the repairs that are needed.

If you have the skills to help Mac with this Ministry, please let him know so he can call on you when needed. Recall that the first century Christians were a very close group of people who cared for each other and took care of each other's needs. Acts 2:44, 45 *"Now all who believed were together, and had all things in common, and sold their possessions and goods, and divided them among all, as anyone had need."* Let's be a congregation that believes God's Word, have all things in common and help each other when needed

Your Elders



Chase Park Church of Christ

Ministers

Rusty Hills Pulpit

Pat Cowden ...Evangelism Minister

Andrew Lamica..... Youth Minister

Elders

John Denney

Curtis Hill

Sam Kachelman

Dennis Lawson

Greg Parker

Barry Todd

Missionaries

Jaime Mendoza Chalco, Mexico

Liborio Encarnacion. Ecatepec, Mexico

Slava Savkovsky Ukraine

Barton Kizer..... Peru

Dewayne Tapscott..... Southwest

To Our Guests

We are so pleased and honored that you have chosen to visit with us today! Chase Park is a wonderful Christian family, devoted to serving God through our lives and work. We are excited to share our love for Christ with others and we are thankful to have the opportunity to meet you and to have you join us for worship.

As we worship together today, our desire is to worship God according to the New Testament pattern and in a way that is pleasing and acceptable to Him. It is also our prayer that our time together is uplifting to those who are here including you, our guest. If you have any questions about anything that you see or hear today, please ask us. We would love to speak with you about those things and help you in any way that we can.

Lamifications—*Andrew Lamica*

We have so much to be thankful for at Chase Park! It was an exciting and very busy couple of weeks around here. What a blessing it is to serve such an active and vibrant congregation of the Lord's people.

First up, last weekend (October 13—15) we had our youth fall retreat. Over 20 of our teenagers had a wonderful weekend at Camp Joy in Lynchburg, Tennessee. The theme for the weekend was "Greater Love," taken from John 15:13. The teens along with our adult volunteers and younger children spent the weekend focusing on the idea of greater love for the Lord, each other, and those in the world. It was truly a wonderful weekend.

A weekend retreat like we had at Camp Joy last weekend does not

happen because of one individual. Big events such as Camp Joy only happen when a team of people work together toward a common goal. Special acknowledgement to **Danny** and **Stefanie Benson** for their hard work on menu planning and execution, great job! I am so thankful for each adult who helped with Camp Joy. Each adult who participated gave of their time and talents to encourage our young people and I greatly appreciate that. Each adult who makes an effort to be a part of the youth program here at Chase Park is investing in the eternities of young people, God will not overlook your efforts!

Next up, was the Fall Festival which happened yesterday at Chase Park. The Fall Festival was a wonderful opportunity for each of us to be involved in reaching out to

the community surrounding our church building. I am so thankful for each person who had a part in making the Fall Festival special. No matter what your role was at the Fall Festival it was important. It takes each person to help with an effort of this size. I want to give two special acknowledgements. First, to **Sheila Emperley** for her hard work on the theme and various behind the scenes things she did. Next, to **Pat Cowden**. As the new minister on Staff, Pat was thrown right in the fire as the new face of this outreach effort and I appreciate his willingness to take the reins. **Great job by everyone** on both of these fantastic events! We are certainly blessed at Chase Park with a great hard-working family of God's people!

Outreach News—*Pat Cowden*

I hope you are having a wonderful Lord's Day morning. By the time you read this, the Fall Festival will be over and we will be working on the follow-up plans for how to best utilize the information we received from those who came out. I wanted to share some more insights on how to be successful in a local outreach effort.

Last week I wrote about the fact that most elderships would like to see improvement in their local outreach efforts. There is, in my experience, only one sure way to increase the potential of evangelistic success locally and that is to get as many people involved as possible. Paul's description of the body of Christ like a human body is the perfect illustration of how this would work. For example:

If most people were being honest, they would say they are not prepared to have a sit-down Bible study with someone, so this keeps

them from initiating any kind of spiritual contact with those they come in contact with. Using Paul's illustration, they would believe that since they were not "an eye" or "a hand" (1 Corinthians 12:21) they would not really be much use in local evangelism. Paul's point is this, all the parts of the body (members) are necessary for success.

Long before a Bible study ever happens, many things have happened in a person's life that prepares them to be receptive to the gospel. A friendly gesture, a kind word, helping in time of need, being there for them in time of trouble. None of these things necessarily involve any advanced scriptural knowledge. It simply means we will be treating others the way we would want to be treated in the same situation (Matthew 7:12).

As I have shared with the elders, in my way of thinking, this is really a

fundamental part of successful local evangelism: the more positive interaction we have with those outside of Christ, the more opportunities we will have to share our faith with them. If at this time you do not feel comfortable sitting across the table from someone and leading a Bible study, do not feel alone, many do not. But that does not mean you can't start conversations that might lead to them eventually sitting across the table from someone who is able to (and loves to) study with folks.

If the only people trying to start conversations are those who can and will finish the study, a congregation will never grow to its fullest. I hope, Lord permitting to share more with you in the future about how this growth process works.

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

News Of Interest

Sick

Regency Healthcare and Rehab

Edna Crowe

Libby Lewter

Floyd E. Tut Fann State Veterans Home

Gary Webster

Home: Janet Lawson and Donell Parker.

Sympathy

To **Jerry Kilpatrick** in the death of his cousin, Kenneth Morris.

To **Shonika McCress** in the death of her 108-year-old great-grandmother, Carrie Smith, in Decatur, AL.

Baptism

JaneClaire Lamica, daughter of Andrew and Candy Lamica, was baptized Saturday night, October 14, at Camp Joy. JaneClaire, we are proud of you and may you have many years to serve the Lord.

Congratulations and Special Invitation.

To **Adam Goode** and **Steffi Earles** who were married Saturday, October 14, at a venue in Ardmore, Alabama. We wish much happiness for Adam and Steffi. The congregation has a Special Invitation to a reception celebrating the marriage of **Adam** and **Steffi**, Sunday, October 29, 2017, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m., Chase Park Church of Christ Fellowship Hall.

Ladies Night Out

Monday, Oct. 23, 6:00 p.m., dining room. Hosted by **Ruth King** and **Faye Baran**. Sign-up sheet at Hospitality Desk.

Balance Class

Tues., Oct 24; Thurs., Oct. 26; 1:30 p.m.

Pantry Item

Instant Mashed Potatoes.

Today and Upcoming at Chase Park

Family Care Meeting

D and G potluck lunch today. **D Leaders:** Brown, Sims; **G Leaders:** Zlatovich, Emerson, Walker.

A and H meet Sunday, Oct. 29. **A Leaders:** Lamica, McDonald, Row, Trammell; **H Leaders:** Jennings, Lambrecht, McCall.

Regency Retirement Service

Today: 1:30 p.m.

Speaker: **Wesley McDonald**

Song Leader: **Joel Heady**

Ladies Bible Class

Tuesday, October 24, 10:00 a.m.

Super Seniors

Wednesday, October 25. No lunch.

Elders, Deacons, Ministry Leaders Meeting

Thursday, October 26, 6:30 p.m.

Girl's Purity Day

Saturday, October 28, 9:00—12:30 p.m. “Perfectly Designed by Him” (I Corinthians 6:19-20). Speaker: Celine Sparks. Girls 10 and older are encouraged to attend. 10 and 11 year olds need to be accompanied by a female adult. Lunch is provided. Also, all ladies of the congregation are invited for this special day to gather and spend time in worship to God. For more info, see **Michelle Heady** or **Farrah Clark**.

5th Sunday Singing

Sunday, Oct. 29, 5:00 p.m., Chase Park.

Men's Breakfast

Saturday, November 11, 8:00 a.m. Sign up Hospitality desk..

Worship Participants

SUNDAY AM October 29, 2017	
READING	John Johnston
F PRAYER.....	Curtis Hill
LS PRAYER.....	Mark Lambrecht
C PRAYER.....	Toney Atchley

SUNDAY PM October 29, 2017	
5th SUNDAY SINGING	
F PRAYER.....	Bob Layne
C PRAYER.....	Clay Blankenship

November Birthdays

1 Kay Sims	16 Ally Hills
2 Nancy Pond	Ashley Hills
3 Darryl Wells	18 Lisa Smith
4 Celeste Gustin	Donell Parker
Angie McGee	19 Tyler Hills
Parker Clark	20 Rudy Cabe
5 Ruth King	Mary Darnell
6 Scott Gates	Carolyn Rice
7 Joan Parker	21 Ginny Pryor
Randy Jenkins	23 Gladys Parker
8 Wesley McDonald	25 Robyn Brumlow
9 Edna Sanders	26 Ben Boggess
11 Randal Jennings	28 Billye Phillips
Lindsay Jones	Mark Sheridan
Seth Davis	Pam Huggins
Doylene Coffey	30 Nicole Olbricht
13 Stefanie Benson	Vincent Schneider
15 Tim Row	
Mabel Albright	

*Join Us
Tonight
As We Search God's
Word for Answers
To Our Questions*



Here is a short synopsis (not the full wording) of the questions for tonight's Q&A:

1. What is the purpose of placing membership and what does the Bible say about it?
2. How are we, as Christians, to act toward people who practice homosexuality?
3. Looking at 1 Timothy 2:8-12, how can we know how to properly interpret Scripture?

“There were more fair-minded than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness, and searched the Scriptures daily to find out whether these things were so.” (Acts 17:11)

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Statistics

Sunday, October 15, 2017

AM Worship	339
Month Average	345
Bible Class	284
PM Worship	259
Wed., Oct 18, Bible Classes	273
Regency Ret. Worship	33
Offering	\$19,289.61
Budget	\$18,000
Average '17	\$17,865
Under Budget for year	-\$5,686
Building Fund	\$0

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