

CHASE PARK MESSENGER

The God Who Sees

As we delve into this theme of “2020 Vision” this year, it might be helpful to be reminded that, as we seek to see God and our lives in relation to Him in a better and clearer way, we serve a God who needs no help in seeing us. His vision of this world and our lives is complete and perfect. One of the Hebrew names by which God was called in the Old Testament was *El Roi*, “the God who sees.” (Gen. 16:13) In fact, there is a great deal said in the Bible about the vision of God. Consider just a few of them:

*Your eyes saw my substance, being yet unformed.
And in Your book they all were written,
The days fashioned for me,
When as yet there were none of them.*
(Psalm 139:16)

*The Lord is in His holy temple,
The Lord’s throne is in heaven;
His eyes behold, His eyelids test the sons of men.*
(Psalm 11:4)

*The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous,
And His ears are open to their cry.*
(Psalm 34:15)

And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account. (Hebrews 4:13)

While God’s perfect vision of our hearts and lives is incredible to think about, it is not something to be resented or feared. God looks upon us, not with anger and hatred, but with love and concern. He sees us in order to care for us and help us. He watches over us as a shepherd over his sheep or a father over his children. There is great comfort and confidence in the knowledge that God sees our every thought, fear, joy, and sorrow. He knows us—our strengths, our weaknesses, our needs, and our struggles perfectly, and blesses us accordingly. So, rejoice and be thankful that you belong to “the God who sees.”

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.....North Carolina
Dewayne Tapscott..... Southwest

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YOUTH NEWS

Children's Ministry (Little Lights-6th Grade)	Youth Group (7th-12th Grade)	Lads to Leaders
Jan 24 3rd—6th grade <i>4—10 p.m., kit, d.r., f.h.</i>	Every Monday @ 7:00 am M4	Be watching and listening for practice days and times!
Jan 26 CM Devo	Every Wednesday Hang Time	
Bible Bowl	Jan 12 Area-Wide Devo <i>@ Meridianville</i>	
<i>(See Michelle Clements or Mindy Sims for details or information.)</i>	Jan 17-19 Evangelism Univ. <i>@ Savannah, TN</i>	
	Jan 19 Youth Devo	Apr 10-12 2020 Convention <i>@ Opryland Hotel</i>

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

Outreach—Pat Cowden

We have a full plate evangelistically in 2020 at Chase Park. There continues to be visitors to our services who are interested in spiritual matters and we have the privilege of sharing our faith with them. I want to give you an illustration of how being intentional about “Thinking Souls First” works.

This past week I was having a lunch meeting with a new friend who had some questions about spiritual matters. As soon as we ordered our meal we started asking and answering questions of a spiritual nature. It was progressing very well and was an extremely profitable study. I really enjoy these type of meetings but this one had an additional element that made it especially enjoyable.

As we were talking, I noticed one of the waiters/busboys (Marcus) was listening to our conversation and making a point of being near our table. At one point, we were discussing the conversion of Saul and I mentioned that he said he had lived with a clear conscience before God and man his whole life. At that point, Marcus was walking by and said, “That’s right, he thought he was doing the right thing!” I said that is exactly right!. As I was leaving, he said, “I love hearing two brothers in the word!” I told him I was glad that he had been listening and that he was interested in spiritual matters. I told him I would look for him next time I was there.

Paul, while writing about how people are saved by grace through faith in Ephesians 2:8-9, concludes his thoughts in verse 10 by saying that we are, “*created in Christ Jesus for good works, which he prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.*” When someone expresses interest in spiritual matters, God has given us an opportunity to do a good work and He expects us to “walk in them” meaning to take advantage of the situation. Being intentional by “Thinking Souls First” helps us be prepared to take advantage of these kinds of opportunities.

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

Pat



Think Souls First

News Of Interest

Pantry Item: Canned meat (chicken, ham, spam)

Sick

Huntsville Hospital

Donell Parker, No visitors.

Alice Ivey, (sister of Lena Rosenblum)

Home: **Anne Fults (I), Cloyed Steelman (H)**

Sympathy

We express sympathy to **Laura Breeden** and family in the death of her mother, Jo Batey. Keep them in prayer.

Martin Luther King Day

Monday, January 20, 2020. Schools will be closed.

The church offices will be open.

Thank you

“Dear church family,

I am so overwhelmed with gratitude for you! My dear brothers and sisters, you have truly been a gift from God to me and my family during our trial with this cancer. Your love, prayers, encouragement, and generous gifts have sustained us and blessed us immeasurably! I thank God for you every day and pray that He will be glorified through this and that He will bless you all with good health. My follow-up PET scan is Wednesday, January 29th, and we should get the results the next day. To God be all the glory! With much love in Christ,”

Mindy Sims

“Chase Park family,

Thank you for all the cards, calls, texts, food, flowers, and especially the prayers during this difficult time! It is so great to be part of a loving Christian family at Chase Park!”

Joyce Gray and family

Today and Upcoming at Chase Park

Family Care Groups Meeting

Groups **F** and **G** are scheduled to meet today for potluck lunch. **F leaders:** Gransky, Heady, McCreless, Olbricht; **G leaders:** Atchley, Baran.

Regency Retirement Service

Today: 1:30 p.m.

Speaker: **Jerry Wilhoite**

Song Leader: **Rick Rosenblum**

Hospital Visitation

Team #2 (**Crowden**), please pick up your assignments following evening worship.

Balance Class

Tuesday, Thursday, January 14, 16, 1:30 p.m.

Super Seniors

Wednesday, January 15, 10:00 a.m..

Regency Retirement Village Singing

Thursday, January 16, 6:00 p.m.

Diggin' Deep Men's Monthly Bible Study

Thursday, January 23, 7:00 p.m., dining room.

Men's Retreat

January 31—February 1, at Camp Ney-a-Ti. Sign-up sheet is at Hospitality Desk.

Ladies' Retreat

February 7—8, at Camp Ney-a-Ti. Sign-up sheet is at Hospitality Desk.

Worship Participants

SUNDAY AM January 19, 2020	
READING	Ben Blankenship
F PRAYER.....	Barry Todd
LS PRAYER.....	Greg Parker
C PRAYER.....	Mike Crawford

SUNDAY PM January 19, 2020	
READING	Seth Davis
F PRAYER.....	Jon Rosenblum
C PRAYER.....	Andrew Corder

Library News

Our library now has a copy of the book, “*Where's the piano?*”, written by Dan Chambers. It is a small, easy-to-read and understand book that explores the issue of a cappella singing in an occasionally humorous, but most importantly, biblical way.

Two volumes of the book, “*The Things that were, The things that are, and the Things that will be: Allowing the Bible to interpret the Book of Revelation*,” written by Kenny Barfield has been donated by the A.C.T.S. Class in memory of Pat Steele. The author has taught a class at Mars Hill Bible School on Apologetics and the Book of Revelation for almost 50 years. These two volumes are an extensive, in depth, easy to understand study with lots of references and many illustrations.

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CHURCH OF CHRIST

Statistics

Sunday, January 5, 2020

AM Worship	398
Month Average	398
Bible Class	329
PM Worship	268
Wed., Jan. 1 Bible Classes	264
Regency Ret. Worship	35
Offering	\$24,491.75
Budget	\$19,500
Average '19	\$24,492
Over Budget for year	+\$4,992
Building Fund	\$72.00

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 Class6:30 p.m.

Web Site Home Bible Studies

<https://www.epcofc.org/home-bible-studies>

(Lesson 1 Link)

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