

CHASE PARK MESSENGER

What Do You Do?

What do you do when everything in your life seems to be falling apart? Maybe it's the loss of a job, some devastating family issue, an unexpected health crisis, or any one of a hundred other things that can come into our lives unexpectedly and without warning and completely disrupt the order and predictability that we hope for in our lives. Our reaction to such situations is often one that is just that—reactionary. We panic and act rashly or, on the other end of the spectrum, ignore the problem and do nothing. We might lash out at others, looking for someone to blame, or alienate ourselves from everyone, internalizing all of the fear and hurt that we are experiencing. We often blame God, become bitter toward Him, and question why He has failed to bless or protect us. None of these reactions are helpful or productive and often only exacerbate the problem, but, in those moments of weakness and stress, our humanity seems to find a way to take over.

It is the attitude toward God that is expressed earlier that I would like to focus on for a moment. I cannot pretend to understand the ways of God—why He chooses to allow the trials that He does and how He chooses to care for us during those trials. We often try to rationalize things and explain why God does the things He does. In reality, as much as we would like to understand those things, we are not God and are not capable of comprehending the things of God (Isaiah 55:8-9). I also don't pretend to have all the answers as to why things happen or how we are to react to the severe trials that life often holds. Every person and situation is unique and must be dealt with in its own way. Having said that, here are a few suggestions that you might find helpful when dealing with difficult trials:

1. **Focus on the positive.** Trust me, I know that this is much easier said than done, but instead of asking why God has allowed or caused the suffering, be thankful to God for His care and blessings even in spite of the suffering. Instead of blaming God for the trial, thank Him for His help.
2. **Focus on the future.** Have you ever noticed that when we are facing trials we are often consumed with what "has happened?" Instead, try to focus your view on the blessings (often unknown) that God will surely grant if we trust Him and hold tightly to Him (Romans 8:28).
3. **Focus on others.** Instead of looking for someone to blame or pulling ourselves away from everyone, allow others to help and comfort you and look for ways to bless others even in the midst of your suffering. You may end up being the one to be blessed.

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)

Sept. 16 **Family Devo**
*(at building after
PM worship)*

Sept. 22 **Bike Night**
(in parking lot)

Youth Group (7th-12th Grade)

Every Wednesday Hang Time
(5:30)

NO M4 this week (Labor Day)

Sept. 9 **Area Wide Youth Devo**
(@ Sharon Johnston Park)

Sept. 16 **Family Devo**

Sept. 28-30 **Camp Joy**
*(applications now
available and due
by Sept. 16)*

Lads to Leaders

Sept. 23 **L2L Work Day**
(2:00—4:30)

Sept. 23 **L2L Kickoff**
*(young men will lead
pm worship)*

Theme for 2019:
I AM
(Exodus 3:14)

L2L Convention:
April 18-21, 2019

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

Outreach News—Pat Cowden

I truly appreciate men like Stephen Rogers who have dedicated their lives to reaching the lost and helping others learn how to do so as well. The seminar we had on Church Leadership and Personal Evangelism was a shot in the arm that we needed at Chase Park. We have 47 people who came to either one or more of the three sessions. Three of those that came were from the Northwest congregation.

In the attempt to set up a “team” of evangelists that are engaged proactively in personal evangelism, we have identified 11 people who are ready and able to have a complete bible study from start to finish with or without help from anyone else. We also have identified another 8 who could teach or be an assistant during the study. And finally, we have 55 others who have expressed an interest in starting out as assistants to the main teacher. These folks are dedicated to learning how to teach so that, one day, they will be able to teach without assistance as well. The last group of folks on our team includes all the rest of the congregation. All of us should be active speaking to others about our faith and generating interest in spiritual matters. If you have not been active in doing this and want to know how to start, please get with me at any time, and we will talk in detail about how to begin this phase of your learning.

We have a very bright future at Chase Park, and the elders want all of us involved (as does our Lord). Please join us as we try to glorify God in our efforts to save souls for the kingdom.

Evangelism challenge:

Remember that we should be in the process of examining our hearts, asking if our dream is big enough, aligning our dream to God’s dream, and working to fulfill our dream. Please join me in making a commitment to “Think Souls First.” Pray for opportunities to spread the gospel in our community.

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

Pat



News Of Interest

Sick

Crestwood Hospital
Leo Johnson, MICU

Home: Tiny Corder

Church Offices Closed

Tomorrow, September 2, for Labor Day Holiday.

Pantry Item

Canned Green Beans

New Baby

We congratulate **Toby and Bethany Jenkins** on the birth of Emery Aslin, born August 31. She is 6 lbs, 5 oz, 19 inches. Randy and Janet are the very happy and proud grandparents.

Membership—Baptism

We rejoice with **Riley Parton** in her baptism, August 26, during a.m. service. She is the daughter of our new members, Jason and Jennifer Parton. She is in 11th grade at Madison County High School. Be sure to welcome Riley to our Chase Park family and add her to your directory under her parent's entry.

Area Wide Youth Devo Kick Off

7th—12th grade, Sunday, September 9, 3:00—7:00 p.m., at Sharon Johnston Park, Pavilion #1. Hosted by Plainview Church of Christ. Food provided.



Today and Upcoming at Chase Park

Family Care Meeting

No meeting today. **A** and **H** meet Sunday, September 9. **A Leaders: McDonald, Row, S. Trammell; H Leaders: Jennings, Lambrecht, McCall**

Regency Retirement Service

Today: 1:30 p.m.

Speaker: **Michael Sims**

Song Leader: **Joel Heady**

Hospital Visitation

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

Quarterly Meal

Tonight after p.m. service. Baked Potato/Salad Bar.

Super Seniors

Wednesday, September 5. Cooks will prepare lunch.

Ladies' Breakfast

Saturday, September 8, 9:00 a.m. at the building.

Worship Participants

SUNDAY AM SEPTEMBER 9, 2018	
READING	John Adams
F PRAYER.....	Sam Kachelman
LS PRAYER.....	Paul King
C PRAYER.....	Ellie Brake

SUNDAY PM SEPTEMBER 9, 2018	
READING	Isaiah McCreless
F PRAYER.....	Dan Lawrence
C PRAYER.....	Greg McCreless

Thank You

Dear Brothers and Sisters,
“Thank you all so much for the kind words and many pretty cards we received during the loss of our brother and uncle Bill. There has been much sadness during the past couple of years. Your acts of kindness always lighten the load.” With love,

*Martha and Tim Row
Rachel Hyath
Sara and Stephen Trammell*

Focus For
SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER

*I Am A Part
of God's Family*

I AM THE CHURCH



Chase Park
CHURCH of CHRIST

FAMILY DAY

Sunday, September 16th

- AM & PM worship services will focus on family.
- Potluck lunch following Bible classes.
- Young men will lead PM worship service.
- Family Devotional following PM worship.

*Invite your friends and family to be
with us and come enjoy this great day of
encouraging worship and fellowship.*



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Statistics

Sunday, August 26, 2018

AM Worship	374
Month Average	367
Bible Class	305
PM Worship	272
Wed., Aug 29, Bible Classes.....	282
Regency Ret. Worship	47
Offering.....	\$16,953.50
Budget.....	\$18,000
Average '18	\$18,584
Over Budget for year	+19,839
Building Fund	\$25.00

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