

CHASE PARK MESSENGER

To Serve or To Be Served?

For many in the Lord's church today, that seems to be the question. We hear lessons about Christian service and read what the Bible has to say on the subject, and somehow still come to the conclusion that the church needs to do more to serve us, the members. Many become disgruntled with the local congregation and its leadership because their needs are not being met. Aren't we missing the point? It is certainly true that part of the church's purpose and mission is to serve and meet the needs of those around us, and it is even true that we have an obligation to serve one another and meet the needs of fellow Christians (Gal. 6:10), but who or what is the church? Is it not the people? When we speak of the church and its responsibility to serve, are we not speaking of ourselves and our responsibility? It is not the responsibility of an individual or small group within the congregation to serve the rest of the members, but rather, it is the responsibility of each one of us, as Christians, to meet the needs of one another and the world at large. So often, we have a tendency to sit back, do nothing, and wait on the church to meet our needs, and then get upset because we do not feel like we are valued.

I think the famous words of JFK, "Ask not what your country can do for you, but what you can do for your country," ring true for the Lord's church as well. So often, we find ourselves asking, "What can the church do for me?" Shouldn't we, instead, be asking, "What can I do for the church?" In reality, there is no greater way to feel validated and have your needs met than to reach out to someone else and help meet their needs. If any congregation of the Lord's church is to meet its potential in serving our Lord, it must be a congregation of servants, devoted to loving and serving one another and the world around them (John 13:14-17). So, the next time you feel like you don't matter and you're not being served, ask yourself, "What have I done for someone else lately?"

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

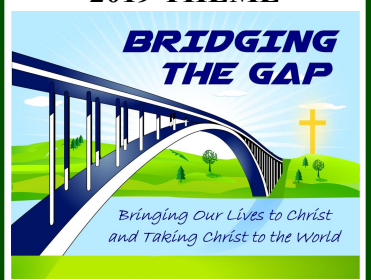
Curtis Hill Dennis Lawson
Sam Kachelman Greg Parker
Barry Todd

Missionaries

Jaime Mendoza Chalco, Mexico
Liberio Encarnacion. Ecatepec, Mexico
Slava SavkovskyUkraine
Barton Kizer..... Peru
Isai Cuamba Ensenada, Mexico
Dewayne Tapscott..... Southwest

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2019 THEME



Youth News

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

CM Devo **Feb. 24**
(after p.m. service)

Youth Group (7th-12th Grade)

Every Wednesday Hang Time
(5:30)

Every Monday M4 (7:00)

HS/MS Devos **Feb. 17**

CYC **Feb. 22-24**
(in Pigeon Forge, TN)

Horizons Registration Is Open
fhr.edu/horizons

Lads to Leaders

L2L Work Day Feb. 17
(3:30)

L2L Work Day Feb. 24
(3:30)

Theme for 2019:

I AM

(Exodus 3:14)

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

Outreach—Pat Cowden

“We are the lepers.” The point that Barton made from last Sunday’s morning sermon was brilliant and needs to be understood and accepted by every Christian. I have always been interested by the account of the four lepers in the Syrian camp. Barton brought all the pieces together to make it applicable to us today. Here are my thoughts:

1. We are the lepers because we stand in need of cleansing. (As Christians we have been initially cleansed, but need the continually cleansing of Christ’s blood 1 John 1:7).
2. We are the lepers because, we as Christians, are in the midst of incredible bounty and blessings (Ephesians 1:3), much like the lepers in the Syrian camp.
 - a. As members of Chase Park, we are greatly blessed by good and godly men as our elders, and should not squander that blessing by not involving ourselves in the work they set before us.
3. We are the lepers because, we as Americans (because of where we live) are in the midst of bounty and blessings, much like the lepers in the Syrian camp.
4. We are the lepers individually, because we, as those “having coming out of darkness into the light”, know what it is like to be in darkness.
 - a. We can either be like the lepers were for a short time, hording and gorging ourselves on the blessings of Christ. Or...
 - b. We can be like the lepers when they came to themselves, realized their good fortune, determined they were doing wrong by hording the blessings, and then told others about their blessings.
 - c. We can be like the lepers in that the first people they thought of to share their blessings with were those they lived in the midst of, their neighbors.

Truly, “This is a day of good news!”(2 Kings 7”) can be said by all of us in Christ, to all of those outside of Christ. Amen?

Evangelism challenge:

Lord willing, we will have had the latest OHM meeting last night with Team #8. I hope you are picking up a schedule and making plans on attending when your time is scheduled. Please be prayerfully and actively trying to reach people with spiritual interest, tilling the soil, and then inviting them to the meeting. #Think Souls First

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

Pat



News Of Interest

Sick

Regency Healthcare and Rehab
Bea Moore.

Home: Glen and Donell Parker, Dena Hutchison, Susan Vinson

Pantry Item:

Canned Vegetables

New Member/Directory Updates

Welcome back "home" **Peggy Black-Flynt**. She is being restored with us at Chase Park. She previously worshiped at Memorial Parkway. She is a retired State Farm Agent.

Sympathy

We express sympathy to the family of **Lisa Smith** in the death of her mother, **Betty Meadows**.

To the family of **Hardeman Nichols** in the death of his wife, Virginia. **Peggy Champion** was her niece.

Wedding Shower

You are invited to a Come-and-Go wedding shower for **Mallory Crawford** and **Matthew Smith**, Sunday, February 24, 1:30—3:30 p.m., in the dining room. They are registered at Target, Pottery Barn, and Anthropologie.

Quarterly Meal

Sunday, March 3, after p.m. service. Menu: soup, grill cheese, dessert. Cost: \$4 adult, \$1 kids. Pay today.

Golden Age Banquet

Saturday, March 9, 5:00 p.m., fellowship hall.

Today and Upcoming at Chase Park

Regency Retirement Service

Today, 1:30 p.m.

Speaker: **Jerry Kilpatrick**
Song Leader: **Jared Olbricht**

Family Care Group Meeting

Groups **F & G** will meet with groups **I & J** today for potluck lunch.

****Correction**:** Groups **B, C, and E** will meet with Groups **A, D, and H** **Sunday, March 3**, for potluck lunch.

Hospital Visitation

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

Balance Class

Tuesday, Thursday, 19, 21, 1:30 p.m.

Super Seniors

Wednesday, February 20, 10:00 a.m., potluck meal.

Regency Retirement Village Singing

Thursday, February 21, 6:00 p.m.

OHM Meeting Team #5-Parker

Saturday, February 23, 6:00 p.m., at the home of Pat and Maria Cowden. For members ages 40-49, last name beginning with G-M.

Worship Participants

SUNDAY AM FEBRUARY 24	
READING	Barton Kizer
F PRAYER.....	Greg Cothren
LS PRAYER.....	Gregg Crabtree
C PRAYER.....	Mike Crawford

SUNDAY PM FEBRUARY 24	
READING	Justin Gransky
F PRAYER.....	Naaman Goode
C PRAYER.....	Michael Emerson

Library Donations

The book, *Baptism & The Greek Made Simple*, written by Dave Miller, Ph.D., has been placed in the library by Apologetics Press. Dr. Miller's central purpose of this book has been to provide reassurance and encouragement to those who desire to be correct in their understanding and practice of New Testament baptism.

Billye Phillips has donated the book, *How to Make Your Life Count*, written by Dennis Jones, in memory of her late husband, Bob Phillips. In the book, Dennis Jones presents eight principles that anybody can do to make a difference. He says, "As you live by them each day, you will notice your life taking on purpose and meaning. Your life will begin to have an impact on other lives it touches."

BRIDGING THE GAP

*Bringing Our Lives to Christ
and Taking Christ to the World*

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Statistics

Sunday, February 10, 2019

AM Worship	361
Month Average	372
Bible Class	370
PM Worship	160
Wed., Feb. 13 Bible Classes.....	244
Regency Ret. Worship NC	
Offering.....	\$18,781.85
Budget.....	\$19,000
Average '19	\$19,934
Over Budget for year	+\$5,603
Building Fund	\$0.00

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