

Very Big Saturday

This coming Saturday, August 20th, will be our first attempt at a “fall” VBS. While we will follow the traditional VBS format, we will pack all of the fun and learning into one exciting Saturday full of Bible classes, crafts, games, singing, and much, much more. Our theme, “Under God’s Big Top,” will obviously be a circus theme and will feature some amazing events from the Bible that highlight the great power of God—Balaam’s Talking Donkey, Samson the Strong Man, and Daniel the Lion Tamer. We have a great number of volunteers who are putting in a lot of time and effort to make this day a huge success. I hope that you are encouraging your children, grandchildren, or those you might know to be with us. VBS will take place on Saturday from 9:00 until 2:00 and will be open to children between the ages of 4 years and 6th grade. Lunch will be provided



and it will be a great time of learning, fun, and fellowship. If you have not been involved but would like to be, it is certainly not too late. Just talk to Andrea Blankenship to find out how you can help out. It’s going to be a great day and you don’t want to miss it! See you Saturday!

Rusty

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.



Chase Park Church of Christ

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- Rusty Hills Pulpit
- Nathan Adams..... Outreach
- John Denney Education
- Andrew Lamica..... Youth Minister

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- John Denney
- Curtis Hill
- Sam Kachelman
- Dennis Lawson
- Greg Parker
- Barry Todd

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- Jaime Mendoza Chalco, Mexico
- Liborio Encarnacion. Ecatepec, Mexico
- Slava Savkovsky Ukraine
- Barton Kizer..... Peru
- Dewayne Tapscott..... Southwest

Lamifications—*Andrew Lamica*

What motivates you in doing the things you do as a Christian? At first this question might seem a little strange, but it is worthy of our consideration. The things we do on a daily basis as part of our Christian walk must be done with the right motivation behind them.

In his first letter to the Thessalonians, Paul starts out by telling the brethren there that he is praying for them, and in those prayers remembering their “work of faith and labor of love” (1 Thessalonians 1:3). In writing these words, Paul is telling the church at Thessalonica that he is thankful that the motivating factor in their lives as Christians is love. For us today, love must be the motivating or driving force behind all that we do (1 Corinthians 16:14).

Sometimes, because we are

imperfect human beings, our motivations can get out of whack. We are susceptible to fall into the trap of allowing the things we do (even the good things), to be done with the improper motivation. Sometimes we are motivated by the praise and applause of others; sometimes we are motivated for some type of personal gain; and sometimes we are motivated out of selfishness.

If we are going to have the correct motivations for the activities of our lives, we must follow the pattern set out by the Father. In sending His One and only Son to this earth for you and me, God was motivated by love (John 3:16). God did not send Jesus to earth with some kind of selfish ambition or ulterior motive in mind. Instead, God, as part of His master plan,

knew we needed a Savior that only He could provide, His Son. Out of love for humanity, God sent to us, Jesus Christ.

Not only must we have the correct motivation as Christians (love), our motivation must spur us on to action! Paul acknowledged that the Thessalonians had a “labor of love,” meaning the love they had for God provided the motivation they needed to be busy working in His vineyard.

Back to the original question: What motivates you in doing the things you do as a Christian? Dear Christian, let all that we do in service to the Father be done as a labor of love and not out of any type of selfish ambition or ulterior motive. Let each of us serve God and one another out of pure and undefiled love.

Seeing Beyond This Life—*Nathan Adams*

Jesus was always about trying to get people to look at life differently. To move their focus from the physical and temporal to the eternal and spiritual. He wanted people to have spiritual eyes so that they could see the kingdom of heaven (John 3:2-3). I believe that a powerful example of this is in John 11. Jesus came to Bethany after Lazarus died. After He spoke to Martha and Mary, our Lord approaches the tomb where Lazarus was laid four days earlier. During that approach, the scriptures abruptly state, “Jesus wept.”

There have been many thoughts concerning this small verse and why the Lord wept. Our first thought may be that Jesus is weeping for Martha and Mary. He certainly would have seen with crystal clarity the pain in the hearts of Martha and Mary, yet He did not weep while speaking to them.

To fully understand this event, I think we should consider how Jesus viewed it. He knew He was going to raise Lazarus from the very beginning of the narrative. He knew that Martha, Mary, and the Jews there would be rejoicing within the next few moments. What are we not seeing? What does Jesus see that causes Him to weep? John 11 refers to the love that Jesus had for Lazarus three times (vs. 3,5,36). Is it possible that Jesus was seeing something beyond this life? Beyond the mourning? Beyond the physical? Is it possible that Jesus wept because He was going to remove Lazarus from the peace and comfort of Abraham’s bosom and bring him back to this world of pain and suffering. This would happen in order for Jesus to demonstrate that He was “the resurrection and the life...” (v. 25).

Maybe Jesus wept because of what He was about to do to Lazarus that He loved. Isn’t it amazing how different this text seems when viewed with spiritual eyes and beyond this life?

We need to look and see beyond this life. Each of us need a vision of what our actions bring to reality after this life for not only our souls, but for the souls of those around us. We need spiritual eyes in order to see people not for race or gender, but for lost or saved. We need this vision in order to see that our purpose is to seek and to save those that are lost. Why? Because we know what will happen if we do not bring them to our loving Savior. May we never just weep for the lost, may we always help them rise from spiritual death to life by the power of Jesus Christ - then rejoice.

News Of Interest

Sick

Regency Rehab

Margaret Reeves, room 213

Crestwood Hospital

Monty Kilpatrick

Home: Janet Clayborn, Doris Campbell, and Diane Cox.

Congratulations to **Greg Dugan** and **Heather Rhoden** who were united in marriage, August 8.

Sympathy

We express sympathy to **Ruth King** in the death of her brother-in-law, Robert Howell, in Franklin, Georgia.

We express sympathy to **Anita Vaughn** (former member) in the death of her father, Clinton Perry.

Balance Class

Tuesday, Aug. 16; Thursday, Aug. 18; 1:30 p.m.

Quarterly Meal

Wednesday, September 7. More info later.

Pantry Item Canned peas.

Today and Upcoming at Chase Park

Regency Retirement Service

Today: 1:30 p.m.

Speaker: **Barry Todd**

Song Leader: **Michael Sims**

Hospital Visitation

Team #2 (Emerson), please pick up your assignments today following evening worship.

Bridal Shower

Come-And-Go Bridal Shower today honoring **Heather-Lynn Griffin** and **Zeke Burton**, 1:30—3:30 p.m., fellowship hall.

Super Seniors

Wednesday, August 17. Will have potluck lunch.

Summer Series

Wednesday, August 17. **Nathan Adams**, our Outreach Minister, will be speaking.

Regency Retirement Village Singing

Thursday, August 18, 6:00 p.m.

Saturday For The Savior

Saturday, August 27, 9:30—12 :00 noon.

Chase Servant United Appeal Fund Contribution

Sunday, September 11, will be the date for this special contribution. There will be two separate contributions that day (our regular contribution and then a separate one for the fund). Please make checks for the benevolence contribution to “Chase Servant United Appeal Fund.”

FRIENDS DAY



Sunday, August 28
Morning Worship 9:00 a.m.
Potluck Lunch 11:30 a.m.
Plan to attend and bring a friend!

September 2016 Birthdays

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

Weekly Bible Reading

Reading for August 14-20: Ephesians 1-6

The Ephesian letter is a beautiful writing that highlights the redemption that is made available to mankind through Christ. The first half of the letter deals with the saving power of Christ through His atoning death, while the second half focuses on the difference that is to be made in the daily lives of Christians by their redemption. By this majestic work we are both instructed and inspired. As you read and study this week, consider these thoughts:

- *How would you explain redemption to someone who had never heard of Jesus?*
- *Why is our redemption in Christ to make such a huge difference in the nature of our daily lives?*

VERSES TO REMEMBER:

Ephesians 3:20-21

“Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.”

Statistics

Sunday, Aug 7, 2016

AM Worship	376
Month Average	376
Bible Class	310
PM Worship	278
Wed., Aug. 10 Bible Classes.....	NC
Regency Ret. Worship	29
Offering.....	\$17,895.57
Budget.....	\$18,300
Average '16	\$18,196
Under Budget for year.....	-\$3,318
Building Fund	\$100.00

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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

<http://bible.us/e/Hdj>
(Lesson 1 Link)
The Bible—God’s Holy Word

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