

CHASE PARK MESSENGER

“First, Do No Harm”

Primum non nocere. This is the Latin phrase that is translated “first, do no harm.” This maxim is often understood to be part of the Hippocratic Oath, the ancient writing that is traditionally viewed as the foundation of medical ethics in the western world. Though this precise phrase is, in fact, not found in the Hippocratic Oath, the concept is, and it continues to be a guiding principle in the practice of medicine today.

Consider this phrase, not in the context of medicine, but in the context of our lives in Christ. We often speak of the responsibility that we have to be the light of the world (Matthew 5:14-16) and typically understand this to mean doing good, serving others, and providing a positive example of Christianity to the world around us. But, we must also remember that there is, in fact, another side to being the light of the world that can be summed up in the phrase, “do no harm.” You see, as we go out into the world, we do so as representatives of Christ and His church. We wear His name and carry His banner with us wherever we go – to work, into our neighborhoods, to the ballfield, and into restaurants and shopping centers. It is not only our purpose to propagate the church through our positive and Christ-like actions, but also to protect the church by avoiding behavior that could serve to turn people against Christ or His people. Rudeness, unkind words or actions, and hypocrisy are among the dangerous enemies of the Lord’s church that often show up in the lives of Christians and that threaten to do irreparable damage to the cause of Christ. Can there be any sadder testament to a Christian’s influence than for a person to say, “I will never go to that church because of [the name of a member]?” May those words never be spoken of us!

As we live in this world as Christians, may we always remember that the world is watching us and some of them are forming opinions and making decisions about Christ based on what they see in our lives. Let us always strive to let our lights shine, not only by doing good and being a positive example, but also by remembering to live in such a way that we do no harm.

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
Andrew Lamica Youth

Elders

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

Missionaries

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

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2018 THEME:

I AM THE CHURCH



Lamifications—*Andrew Lamica*

What a special graduating class this is! All of our graduating classes here at Chase Park have been special and this one is no different. Tonight we will honor seven graduates, each of them with a bright future ahead.

You have accomplished many wonderful things as you were growing up. There have been sports victories, academic success, and, above those, spiritual victories in Christ. We are ever so proud of you and will be continuing to pull for you!

There is little doubt as you start a life of your very own that you are poised to make a big impact on the world in which we all live. The lingering question is, “What kind of impact will it be?” Will you choose to make an impact with

things that are temporary or things that are eternal? Don’t get me wrong, we need changes to be made here on earth to help make our lives better (diseases cured, poverty vanquished, violence controlled, etc.). These and others like them are noble causes.

Class of 2018, I want you to remember you have been called to a higher purpose, eternity changing purpose (Mark 16:15-16). The lives you lead and the example you provide others can be eternity changing for those you will encounter. I want to challenge each of you to be eternity changers! Look for opportunities to display the love of Christ to the lost and dying world around you. Additionally, look for, and take the opportunities that come to teach

others about the good news of Jesus Christ.

Class of 2018, we love you. **Hunter, Emily, Hannah, Kyleigh, Aleya, Grayson, and Kaylee**, we are proud of you and we are excited to hear of all the wonderful things you will do for the glory of God!



Outreach News—*Pat Cowden*

I was blessed to have my family with me as I traveled to see my parents and friends over the Mother’s Day weekend. I was especially pleased with the improvement of my mother’s health, and although she is still bed bound, she has regained an appetite and was able to hold a conversation. She is still not well, but by comparison, she is doing great!

Mom mentioned more than once how pleased she was with the cards she has received from Chase Park. Friends, you have no idea how good that makes me feel. We are on the home stretch as far as my mom is concerned and any kindness that makes her feel favorably on the church is appreciated. We do not know what eternal good might come from something as small as a card or a prayer for someone who is outside of Christ. Please keep remembering her and my dad, Doris and David Cowden, in your prayers.

On the road to my parent’s house we were stopped behind two major accidents on Interstate 40 in Arkansas. Our prayer was that there were no fatalities or serious injuries. These incidents caused me to reflect on how we can become so obsessed with the problems in our own lives that we forget the problems in other people’s lives. When we passed by the unrecognizable wreckage of the tractor-trailer, I knew that my inconvenient delay was nothing compared to the problems the person in that truck had. Afterwards, I found out the person did not survive the wreck. Pray for the family of that person, and pray for patience (what I needed and need) in stressful times and remember, often our trials are trivial in comparison to others.

Evangelism challenge:

- Have you reached out to someone who is struggling recently? There are a number of people on our prayer list that would love a visit, card or call. Pick one, maybe one you do not know at all, and reach out to them in some way.

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



News Of Interest

Sick

Regency Skilled Nursing Rehab
Leo Johnson,

Home: Ruth Ray, Pat Brown, Jerry Smelser, Mabel Albright at granddaughter’s home in Florida.

Sympathy

To **Mary Bradford** in the death of her niece, Dorothy Mae Anderson,
To the family of **Barbara Berry Mitchell** in her death. Barbara was a former member at Memorial Parkway.

Church Offices Closed

Monday, May 28, in observance of Memorial Day.

Pantry Item: Canned turnip greens

Today and Upcoming at Chase Park

Family Care Meeting

Teams **E** and **G** meet today for potluck. **E Leaders:** Corder, Maples, Williams; **G Leaders:** Zlatovich, Emerson, Walker. **F** and **H** meet Sunday, May 27. **F Leaders:** Gransky, Heady, McCreless, Olbricht; **H Leaders:** Jennings, Lambrecht, McCall.

Regency Retirement Service

Today: 1:30 p.m.
Speaker: **Ron McCall**
Song Leader: **Ray Brown**

Hospital Visitation

Team #3 (Suddarth), please pick up your assignments after p.m. service.

New Converts Class

Today, 4:00 p.m., room 102.

Senior Reception

Tonight after p.m. service. Please bring nonsweet finger food.

Happy June Birthdays

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| 1 Toney Atchley | 19 Sharon Dugan |
| 4 Jean Hindman | 21 Iva Mitchell |
| 5 Pat Brown | Melissa Wilhoite |
| 6 Carolyn Trammell | 23 Waldean Dugan |
| 7 Bob Layne | 24 Payton Corder |
| Fred Davis | 27 Judy Upton |
| Pat Cowden | 28 Andrea Hills |
| 8 Dan Lawrence | 29 John Denney |
| 10 Kylie Ivey | Stephen Trammell |
| 13 Aleya Maples | 30 Gary Webster |
| 14 Jean Denney | |
| Jean McBride | |
| Eden MacLean | |
| Kirsten Henry | |
| 15 Pearl West | |
| 16 John Powell | |
| Anna Sims | |
| Kristi Harmon | |
| Cody Gothart | |
| 17 Libby Lewter | |



Ladies Bible Class

Tuesday, May 22, 10:00 a.m.

Balance Class

Tues., May 22,; Thurs., May 24; 1:30 p.m.

Ladies Night Out

Tuesday, May 22, 6:30 p.m., dining room. **Dianne Maddox** will host. Menu: Sandwiches, salads, desserts. Sign-up sheet at Hospitality Desk.

Super Seniors

Wednesday, May 23. No lunch.

Children’s Ministry Devotional

Sunday, May 27, after p.m. services.

Father and Daughter Banquet

Saturday, June 2, 5—7:00 p.m.

Vacation Bible School

June 3 –5, Sunday through Tuesday each evening 6—7:30 p.m. Register at Hospitality Desk.

Worship Participants

SUNDAY AM MAY 27, 2018	
READING	Evan Davis
F PRAYER.....	Dennis Lawson
LS PRAYER.....	Dan Lawrence
C PRAYER.....	Greg Emerson

SUNDAY PM MAY 27, 2018	
READING	Rusty Hills
F PRAYER.....	Jeff Husband
C PRAYER.....	Rick Rosenblum

Thank You

“Thank you very much for the beautiful flowers which you sent at the time of the death of Dad (Flavil Nichols). We very much appreciate the thoughtfulness, food for our family, all the cards, each memory shared, each hug received, and prayers for our family at this time. With much love for our Chase Park Family,”

Peggy and Don Champion

“The flowers you provided for our Mother, Louell Maples’ funeral, were beautiful. We thank you very much.”

*Martha Stanbrough
Michael Maples
Lou Anne Jackson*

Focus For
MAY - JUNE

*I Am A Steward
of God's Blessings*

I AM THE CHURCH



Chase Park
CHURCH of CHRIST

Summer Series begins Wednesday, June 6

"I AM THE CHURCH"

Come support and learn from some of our own men as they lead our study on Scriptures that teach us what it means to be the Lord's church.

Schedule for June:

June 6	Steve Watson	2 Corinthians 2:15-16
June 13	Pat Cowden	2 Corinthians 5:20
June 20	Curtis Hill	1 John 3:2
June 27	Eric Corder	Galatians 2:20

Statistics

Sunday, May 13, 2018

AM Worship	409
Month Average	390
Bible Class	NC
PM Worship	206
Wed., May. 16, Bible Classes ...	275
Regency Ret. Worship	38
Offering.....	\$18,509.43
Budget.....	\$18,000
Average '18	\$18,581
Over Budget for year	+\$11,035
Building Fund	\$305.00

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)

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