

# CHASE PARK MESSENGER

## I Am A Child of God

Is there any sweeter description of our lives and being that can be uttered than this one? Of all the things that we can hope to be and all the accomplishments that we can aspire to achieve, can there be any more precious position that we can occupy than this one which places us at the very center of God’s heart? A Child of God. The very thought of it should be enough to overwhelm us with joy, fill us with humility, and drive us to our knees in thanksgiving and praise. As I consider all of the implications of this relationship, the question that continually enters my mind is, “Why?” Why would God—the almighty creator and sustainer of the universe; the all-knowing, all-powerful, all-present ruler of all things; the holy and righteous God—choose to make ME His child? Why would He shelter me with His mighty hand and shower me with His blessings? Why would He choose me, draw me to Himself, walk with me through this life, and provide an eternal place for me in His presence? Certainly, the answer to these questions cannot be found in me, for there is nothing that I have done or could do to deserve such a gift. In fact, my life is constantly characterized by actions and attitudes that only betray the blessed relationship that God has bestowed upon me. So, why has God chosen to make me His child? The only explanation that can be given is that God was motivated to make that relationship possible by His own amazing love and grace! Through the incredible sacrifice of His Son, He reached out to us in our weakness and inadequacy to cleanse us, redeem us, and make us His own. In my lostness, He found me and rescued me, not to make me His slave but to make me His child by adoption (Romans 8:14-17). Can there possibly be any greater gift than that?

Are you a child of God? If so, give thanks to God and never take that relationship for granted. If not, what greater opportunity can you have and what greater choice can you make than to choose that relationship that God has so graciously made available to you?

*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**



## Lamications—*Andrew Lamica*

As hard as it is to believe, another year and another holiday season has come and gone. My family and I pray that you enjoyed a wonderful holiday season full of the Lord's blessings. While the holidays are in the rearview mirror, the youth program is as busy as ever. Here are a few of the things going on with our wonderful young people.

***Last Man Standing*** (*Saturday, January 20, starting at noon*). On this day our young people who are in 5th grade or older are invited to the church building for an afternoon of fun. We will start the day by eating lunch together (taco bar, see Andrew to sign up to bring an ingredient). After

lunch, we will play various games involving NERF guns. The plan is to wrap up the activities by 3 or 4 p.m.

***Host Home Devo at the Hurt's Home*** (*Sunday, January 21, after p.m. services*). All of our 7th-12th grade students are invited to a devotional at the home of Cary and Aimee Hurt.

***Area-Wide Youth Devotional at West Huntsville*** (*Sunday, January 28, 5:00 p.m.*). West Huntsville has the area-wide youth devotional this month. We will take the small bus over there, leaving the building at 4:15 p.m. Hope that all of our middle and high school students will make a point to be involved in the

area-wide youth devotional!

**Youth Progressive Dinner** (*Saturday, February 17*). The teens are looking for hosts for a progressive style dinner on Saturday, February 17. Please see Andrew if you would like to host one of the courses to the meal. This is a great way to get to know some of our fantastic young people!

As you can see, things are starting to heat up with our teens. As you have opportunity, please find a way to be involved in the lives of these young people and encourage them.

Don't forget, Chase Park hosts the area-wide youth devotional on Sunday, February 18!

## Outreach—*Pat Cowden*

Happy New Year! I believe that 2018 has the potential to be a great year for Chase Park as we seek to serve the Lord and His kingdom. What a wonderful way to kick off the year seeing Thulan Phan become our newest sister-in-Christ! I am sure that we will all demonstrate our joy by letting her know how proud we are of the decision she has made to clothe herself in Christ and begin walking with Him. We should also build up our brother and sister, Max and Colene Horst, encouraging them and thanking them for their efforts in reaching Thulan.

The next phase of work in the conversion process begins now; which is when we support, encourage, and continue to help her grow in the Lord. This phase is critical and involves all of us. An encouraging word, a smile, a card or note, a phone call, an invitation to lunch or dinner, inviting her to become involved in works of the church, an offer to pray with or for her, an invitation to study with her... all of these things are component parts of an effective local evangelism program.

We could not have asked for a better lesson to start the year than the one we heard from Rusty about Being a Child of God. We can truly say, individually and corporately, "I am (We are) the Church". When we think about what we as the church want to accomplish in 2018, let's not forget Whose side we are on (Ephesians 3:20).

Barton did a wonderful job informing and encouraging us about the work in Cusco and about future plans. In his lesson, he mentioned a slogan the church has adopted, Se Luz, or "Be the Light". This is exactly the same thought we have been talking about making sure we let our lights shine to let people know we belong to the Lord. We will be talking more about this in the near future. Remember the words of Jesus in John 4:35,

The Lord said, "Do not say, 'There are still four months and then comes the harvest'? Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look at the fields, for they are already white for harvest!"

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

## *News Of Interest*

### Sick

**Home:** Ben Jenkins, Ron McCall, Gabie Luna, Carol Layne.

### Sympathy

We express sympathy to **Tommy Christopher** in the death of his sister, Joan Duncan.

### Baptisms

We rejoice in the baptism Sunday night, January 7, of **Thulan Phan**, neighbor of Max and Colene Horst. Be sure and meet Thulan and encourage her as she becomes a part of our family at Chase Park!

### Baptisms (Continued)

We rejoice in the baptism Wednesday afternoon, January 10, of **Belinda Hopkins**. Be sure and welcome Belinda to our Chase Park family.

### Directory E-mail Changes

**Jim Newton** newtrek3@gmail.com  
**Barbara Newton** bonbelle3@gmail.com  
**Edie Burton** edieburton91@gmail.com

### Balance Class

Tues., Jan. 16; Thurs., Jan 18; 1:30 p.m.

### Pantry item:

Canned fruits.

## *Today and Upcoming at Chase Park*

### Family Care Meeting

Teams **B** and **F** meet today for potluck lunch. **B Leaders:** Crabtree, Wells; **F Leaders:** Gransky, Heady, McCreless, Olbright.

Teams **C** and **G** meet Sunday, January 21. **C Leaders:** Champion, Landman; **G Leaders:** Zlatovich, M. Emerson, Walker.

### Regency Retirement Service

Today: 1:30 p.m.

Speaker: **John Denney**

Song Leader: **Michael Sims**

### Hospital Visitation

Team #2 (**M. Emerson**), please pick up your assignments following p.m. service.

### Super Seniors

Wednesday, January 17. No lunch.

### Regency Retirement Village Singing

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

### Men's Breakfast

Saturday, January 20, 8:00 a.m. Sign-up sheet at Hospitality Desk.

## *Worship Participants*

| SUNDAY AM January 21, 2018 |                  |
|----------------------------|------------------|
| READING .....              | Justin Gransky   |
| F PRAYER.....              | Greg Emerson     |
| LS PRAYER.....             | Greg Parker      |
| C PRAYER.....              | Brandon Karraker |

| SUNDAY PM January 21, 2018 |                 |
|----------------------------|-----------------|
| READING .....              | Blake Gustin    |
| F PRAYER.....              | Tom Pond        |
| C PRAYER.....              | Randal Jennings |

## *Retreats*

### Men's Retreat

February 2, 3  
Camp Ney-A-Ti

### Ladies Retreat

February 9, 10  
Camp Ney-A-Ti

Sign-up Sheets at Hospitality Desk

Focus For  
JANUARY - FEBRUARY

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*Chase Park*  
CHURCH of CHRIST

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# TEACHING ROCKET

Workshop for Teachers and Students of God's Word

**Sunday, February 11th**

- Session 1: The Goals of an Education Program
- Session 2: Preparing and Delivering A Lesson
- Session 3: Keys To Better Bible Study
- Session 4: Classroom Dynamics
- Session 5: The Teacher's Spiritual Life

**Presenter:**

**Michael Whitworth**  
*Author, Teacher, Publisher*  
*Owner of Start 2 Finish Books*



*Session 1 will take place during a combined adult Bible class.  
All other sessions will be held throughout the afternoon.  
A light lunch and refreshments will be provided.*

## Statistics

**Sunday, January 7, 2018**

|                                  |                 |
|----------------------------------|-----------------|
| AM Worship .....                 | 325             |
| Month Average .....              | 325             |
| Bible Class .....                | 276             |
| PM Worship .....                 | 223             |
| Wed., Jan 10 Bible Classes ..... | 251             |
| Regency Ret. Worship .....       |                 |
| Offering .....                   | \$19,160.14     |
| Budget .....                     | \$18,000        |
| Average '18 .....                | \$19,160        |
| Over Budget for year .....       | +\$1,160        |
| <b>Building Fund .....</b>       | <b>\$230.00</b> |

## 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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