

# CHASE PARK MESSENGER

## What Is Your Calling?

The word “calling” is a word that we do not use much in the world because of the incorrect way that much of the larger religious world has applied the concept, but it is a word and a concept that, when used properly, is both Scriptural and applicable to our lives as Christians today. First of all, we are all “called” to come out of the world and to give our lives to Christ, taking on His image and living with and for Him. Within that broader calling, we are each “called” to use the gifts, abilities, and opportunities that God has blessed us with to His glory and for His purposes. (Take a moment to read Romans 12:3-8.) So, what is your calling, and how are you answering it?

Consider a quick example from the apostles: they each had different personalities and different talents that made them useful in different ways. Many of them, we don’t know much about, but we know that Peter, for instance, was the one who would become the chief spokesperson for the apostles because of his natural boldness and outspokenness. John would have a special relationship with Jesus and would become known as “the apostle of love” because of his gentle spirit. Think though about Andrew, the brother of Peter and seemingly one of the “other” apostles. Yet, it seems that each time we see Andrew mentioned specifically in the gospel accounts, he is bringing someone to Jesus. He first brought His brother Peter to the Lord (John 1:40-42). In John’s record of the feeding of the 5,000, it is Andrew who brings the young boy with food to Jesus (John 6:8-9). When a group of Greeks came to Philip desiring to see Jesus, Philip brought them to Andrew who, in turn, brought them to Jesus (John 12:20-22). Isn’t it interesting that every time Andrew is mentioned outside the listings of the apostles, he is actively involved in pointing someone to Jesus? What a great example for Christians today! Andrew did not do anything that required any extraordinary ability or skill. He simply understood the importance of Jesus and took advantage of opportunities to share that understanding with others. That was his calling, and it is ours as well. While we may all carry it out in different ways, to share Jesus with others is our calling.

*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

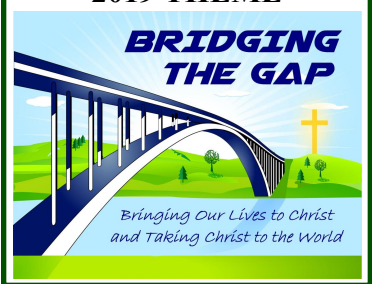
### Missionaries

Jaime Mendoza .... Chalco, Mexico  
Liberio Encarnacion. Ecatepec, Mexico  
Slava Savkovsky .....Ukraine  
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)

**Valentine's Party Feb. 15**  
(7:15 at Let's Play)

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

### Youth Group (7th-12th Grade)

Every Wednesday Hang Time  
(5:30)

Every Monday M4 (7:00)

**Area-wide Devo Feb. 10**  
(at Owens Cross Roads)

**Vittles with Friends Feb. 13**  
(3:00—6:30 p.m., k/d.r./f.h.)

**MS Devo Feb. 17**  
(at S. Trammell's)

**HS Devo Feb. 17**  
(at E. Corder's)

**Challenge Youth Conf. Feb. 24-26**  
(at Pigeon Forge, TN)

### Lads to Leaders

**Feb 17 L2L Work Day**  
(3:30)

**Feb 24 L2L Work Day**  
(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

A few weeks ago I shared some thoughts from Neil Richey's *Church Growth: Growing the Church God Loves*. I wanted to take this opportunity to share some more thoughts from that book. These are some of his suggestions for helping church members to be involved in local work. (Which is the only "magic" there is to growing a congregation, numerically and spiritually- being connected and involved.)

1. Remind the members who they are: We do this by reminding them "Whose" they are. We are Christians, saved by grace through faith, by the blood of Christ. We are responsible to the Most High God, and we are called to serve Him every day, not just a select day (Sunday) of the week.
2. Set the bar HIGH! Expect great things from one another. We are, after all, God's chosen children. Shepherds must expect great things from their flock and hold their sheep accountable.
3. Have practical show-me-how classes. **Soul winning** classes followed up by **new convert** classes and **involvement** classes. Folks are often times zealous but need direction; we should give it to them.
4. Recognize talents, and put people to work where they are. We should not put a "babe in Christ" alone in a classroom as a teacher. We should not force a man who cannot carry a tune to lead singing. Not because the tune is so important but because we should not willingly cause someone embarrassment (unnecessarily shaming people is not a good motivator).
5. Help people want to "be like Jesus"! Jesus was involved! True or not true? When others see our lights shining through service, it fosters a desire to serve others and glorify God.

Evangelism challenge:

If you missed your OHM Team meeting, make plans to come the first opportunity you have. No body is going to be offended if you show up at their meeting. Invite a friend and come on.

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

Pat



Think Souls First

## News Of Interest

**Sick**

**Regency Healthcare & Rehab**  
**Bea Moore**

**Home:** Susan Vinson, Dena Hutchison

**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 Cowden's.  
 Members aged 40-49, last name beginning with G-M.

**Monday Night for the Master**

February 25, 2019, 6:30—8:00 p.m.

**Ladies' Bible Class**

Tuesday, February 26, 10:00 a.m.

**Pantry Item:** Canned Fruit

## Thank you

“To our loving, caring Chase Park family,  
 Your prayers, calls, cards, food, and all acts of kindness have  
 been and are so appreciated. Please continue to remember us  
 in your prayers.”

*Gary and Colene Webster*

“Thanks to everyone for all the cards (plus Christmas cards!)  
 and caring words throughout this time and for the prayers on  
 our behalf. Everyone should know, including our  
 missionaries, that you are in our daily prayers with a hope that  
 all will stay strong in the faith. Love to all,”

*Bob and Carol Layne*

“Dear Christian Friends,  
 Thank you for your prayers, cards, and visits during Bernard's  
 illness. It was very encouraging to us and helped get us  
 through difficult times. In Christian love,”

*The Family of Bernard Andrews*

## Today and Upcoming at Chase Park

**Regency Retirement Service**

Today, 1:30 p.m.

Speaker: **John Denny**

Song Leader: **Jon Rosenblum**

**Family Care Groups Meeting**

**No Family Care Groups will meet today.** Groups  
 F & G will meet with groups I & J on **February 17.**

**Hospital Visitation**

**Team (2) Crowden** please pick up your assignments  
 today after p.m. service.

**Balance Class**

Tuesday, Thursday, 12, 14, 1:30 p.m.

**Super Seniors**

Wednesday, February 13, 10:00 a.m., no meal.

**Ladies' Digging Deeper Class**

Thursday, February 14, 10:00 a.m., at Chase Park  
 Ladies' classroom. 7:00 p.m. location TBD.

**OHM Meeting Team #8—Lawson**

Re-scheduled on Saturday, February 16, 6:00 p.m., at  
 the home of Pat & Maria Cowden. Members aged  
 50-59, last name beginning with M-Z.

## Worship Participants

SUNDAY AM FEBRUARY 17	
READING .....	David Brothers
F PRAYER.....	John Denney
LS PRAYER.....	Eric Corder
C PRAYER.....	Zeke Burton

SUNDAY PM FEBRUARY 17	
READING .....	Drew Blankenship
F PRAYER.....	Kip Adams
C PRAYER.....	Don Champion

## Thank you

“We want to thank everyone who expressed sympathy in  
 the death of Greg's mother and our children's  
 grandmother, Doris West Cothren. Thank you for the  
 beautiful plant, cards, calls, and donations made in her  
 memory. We appreciate those who took the time to come  
 to the visitation or funeral. Thank you to Ginny, Jessica,  
 Regina, and Peggy for the delicious food you brought to  
 our family. It meant so much to each of us.  
 With love,”

*Greg and Gayle Cothren,  
 Hudson and Kristy Cothren and children  
 Thomas and Maddie Watkins  
 Mason and Brooke Cothren  
 Parker Cothren*

# BRIDGING THE GAP

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

## Statistics

Sunday, February 3, 2019

AM Worship .....	383
Month Average .....	383
Bible Class .....	316
PM Worship .....	238
Wed., Feb. 6 Bible Classes.....	216
Regency Ret. Worship .....	32
Offering.....	\$19,248.75
Budget.....	\$19,000
Average '19 .....	\$20,164
Over Budget for year .....	+\$5,822
<b>Building Fund .....</b>	<b>\$125.00</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)**

**The Bible—God's Holy Word**

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