

CHASE PARK MESSENGER

Does God Hear Me?

Have you ever wondered if God is hearing your prayers to Him? There is no doubt that God hears the prayers offered by His faithful children. God’s answer to our prayer may come in several ways, not necessarily in the way we have in mind and may be expecting. We have a Father whose thoughts and ways are far above ours (**Isaiah 55:8-9**). It is truth that God knows better than us what is best for us and what is in accord with His will.

As we pray to our Father we must always be aware that we must **only be seeking those things that are in accord with His will**. We are constantly submitting ourselves to the Father’s will as Christ did in the Garden of Gethsemane. This is a difficult task for many who live in a culture that is so self-centered. But if we subject ourselves to His will, we have an assurance from God, **1 John 5:14-15** – *“¹⁴And this is the boldness which we have toward him, that, if we ask anything according to his will, he heareth us: ¹⁵and if we know that he heareth us whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions which we have asked of him.”* Again, the position of the faithful Christian in prayer is to subject our desires to that of the Father. If we desire His will to be done and we ask something that is not in accord with His will, and He says No, then we in deed do have our petition.

As we approach God in prayer, we must also have **faith that God will answer** every proper petition sent to his throne. Always keep in mind that God’s answer may differ from the one we may be expecting or desiring, but His answer is the best answer for us because of His love for us. **Matthew 7:9-11** tells us how earthly fathers seek to give their children good things, and emphasizes how much more our heavenly Father does the same. From these points we then conclude that the *all things* mentioned by Jesus in **Matthew 21:22**, *“And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive.”* where the great efficacy of prayer is affirmed, are also limited to the good of man and the will of God.

Our final point in this discussion is that **there must be an effort on man’s part**. We must make an effort in regard to those things we are praying, not merely sit back and wait for God to make things happen. No valid conclusion can be made that God answers prayers as a substitute for human endeavor. As Christians we must strive for the most efficient service possible in doing the will of God.

Matthew 7:21 – *“²¹Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father who is in heaven.”*

Your elders

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

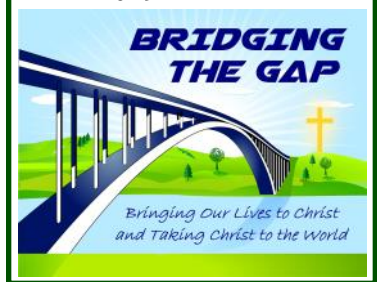
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2019 THEME



Youth News

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

Oct. 27 **CM & Youth Devo**
After p.m. service

Youth Group (7th-12th Grade)

Every Monday morning**M4**
@ 7:00 a.m., dining room

Every Wednesday **Hang Time**
@ 5:30 p.m.

Oct. 27**Girl’s Day Workday**
..... 1:30—3:30 p.m., dining room

.....**CM & Youth Devo**
..... After p.m. service

Nov. 16**Girl’s Day**

Lads to Leaders

*If you are interested in being involved in **Year-round Puppets**, please see Andrea Blankenship.*

*If you are interested in being involved in **Bible Bowl**, please see Mindy Sims or Michelle Clements.*

*If you are interested in participating in **Mass Media**, please see Wes McDonald.*

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

Outreach—Pat Cowden

The great week continued over to the eighth day, with the baptism of Pablo Luck Sunday. So, we now have the blessing of four new brothers and sisters in Christ. Please join me in daily prayer for the following “babes in Christ”:

- Lauren Atchley
- Megan Rosenblum
- Taylor Hughes
- Pablo Luck

In addition to praying for these, we should also be involved in edifying them. To edify literally means “to build or to make stand”, meaning we are expected to be a part of them building their faith and help them stand up for what is right. We can do this by being supporting and giving them the right example of facing situations in life in a Christ-like manner. We can encourage them with both our presence and with our enthusiastic example of faithfulness; this helps them see that the Christian life is possible and joyful.

We have now completed 21 OHM meetings with 379 members and 34 visitors attending. I am very pleased with the role of those who have participated in this ministry with the encouragement of Pablo. Those who interacted with him and made him feel welcome at these times played an important part in his feeling welcome and knowing that we want the best for him. I cannot overstate how important that is when studying the bible with someone or attempting to start a bible study with someone. We have a lot of folks visiting our services, let’s commit to going out of our way to make them feel at home.

We also had a great Fall Festival on Saturday! 197 people including the member volunteers and we all had a blast! (Thank you to Sheila and all who helped!) We have a good list of contacts to reach out to and make them feel welcome to come again during service times. Our ultimate goal through outreach is to share the gospel with them so they can decide for themselves if they want to become Christians. It is with that goal in mind that I ask that you pray for those who came; that they may have open and receptive hearts to the message of the cross and the love of God.

Remember, I love you and want to go to heaven with you.
Pat



Think Souls First

News Of Interest

Pantry Item: Instant Mashed Potatoes

Sick

Huntsville Hospital Main

Valerie Arnold, John Powell's sister
Becky Powell (B)

Home: Ken McGee (E), Nancy Stockton (B), John Powell (B), Billye Phillips**, Jim Gray (I) No visitors, Betty Jo Harris (G)

New Christian

We rejoice with visitor, Pablo Luck, who was baptized Sunday night by Pat Cowden after studying with him and Micah Matheny. Pablo is from Brazil. His wife and family will be joining him in this country soon.

Sympathy

We express sympathy to Paula Johnston, and John Johnston and family, in the death of her step-mother, Nita Ewing Thomas, in Powell, TN.

Men's Breakfast

Saturday, November 9, 8:00 a.m.

Girl's Day

Saturday, November 16, 9:00 a.m.

OHM Meeting Team 2-Hill

Saturday, November 16, 6:00 p.m., at the home of Pat and Maria Cowden. Members age 30-39, names A-L.

Today and Upcoming at Chase Park

Regency Retirement Service

Today, 1:30 p.m.

Speaker: Hollis Todd

Song Leader: Michael Sims

Family Care Groups Meeting

Groups A, D, and H will meet for potluck lunch on Sunday, November 3. Group D will set up, H will set out food, and A will clean up.

Hospital Visitation

Team (4), McCall please pick up your assignments tonight after p.m. service.

Monday Night for the Master

Monday, October 28, 6:30—8:00 p.m.

Balance Class

Tuesday, Thursday, October , 29, 31, 1:30 p.m.

Super Seniors

Wednesday, October 30, 10:00 a.m. Will go out to eat.

Worship Participants

Time Change - Fall Back

SUNDAY AM NOVEMBER 3	
READING	John Adams
F PRAYER	Hollis Todd
LS PRAYER.....	Curtis Hill
C PRAYER.....	Ben Boggess

SUNDAY PM NOVEMBER 3	
READING	Anderson Todd
F PRAYER	Stephen Trammell
C PRAYER.....	Ellie Brake



Sunday, November 3, 2:00 a.m.
Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour on Saturday, November 2.



Peace Girls Day 2019

Speakers:
Ana Cowden
Becky Kelly

November 16, 2019
9:00 a.m.
Lunch will be provided

Register at
www.cpcofc.org/girls-day

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Statistics

Week of October 20, 2019

AM Worship	349
Month Average	349
Bible Class	283
PM Worship.....	213
Wed., Bible Class (Oct. 23)	276
Regency Ret. Worship	35
Offering	\$19,399.54
Budget.....	\$19,000
Average '19	\$19,654
Over Budget for year	+\$27,461
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.cpcofc.org/home-bible-studies>
(Lesson 1 Link)
The Bible—God’s Holy Word