

CHASE PARK MESSENGER

The Gift of Today

Today is a gift from God. It is a day full of His blessings, opportunities to do good and let our lights shine, and possibilities for furthering the cause of Christ. For some, today will be a day filled with joy and gladness. Rejoice and give thanks for those things. For others, today will be filled with trouble or trials (every day has its fair share—Matt. 6:34). Even so, it brings with it the blessing of trusting in the perfect will and all-sufficient grace of God in the midst of those troubles. Yes, today is a gift from God and deserving of our thanksgiving.

Unfortunately, like so many of our innumerable blessings, we often fail to recognize the blessing of today. We go through the routines of each day, caught up in the hustle and bustle of life, and never think to stop and simply give thanks. We fail to see those opportunities to do good or to devote even the slightest effort to bringing glory to Christ. It's not that we don't want to do those things or that we are ungrateful for God's blessings, we simply don't think about it. All too often, we simply take today and the assumption of tomorrow for granted and fail to realize what a blessing today is.

As you read this, today is an even greater blessing because it is the Lord's Day. God has blessed us today with another opportunity to come together for the purpose of giving our worship and praise to Him. We get to rejoice in our time together and be encouraged in our fellowship. Today is certainly a wonderful blessing for many reasons.

May we be reminded today of the blessing of today. May we remember that there is no promise of tomorrow and that the opportunities of today are precious and not to be taken for granted. May we pause to give thanks to God for His many blessings and strive to make the most of the opportunities that today offers. And, in all things, may God be glorified through our lives.

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
Liborio Encarnacion. Ecatepec, Mexico
Slava SavkovskyUkraine
Barton Kizer..... Peru
Isai Cuamba Ensenada, Mexico
Dewayne Tapscott..... Southwest

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YOUTH NEWS

Children's Ministry
(K-6th Grade)

Youth Group
(7th-12th Grade)

Lads to Leaders

We are certainly thankful to Andrew for all of his work and effort with our young people. We are also thankful for those who will be working with our young people in his absence. In the short term, this section will be used to keep our families informed about upcoming events and announcements that concern our youth program. Please watch this column weekly for helpful information and updates.

Remember, the Back to School Prayer service will be tonight at 5:00.
Be with us as we pray for and encourage all of our children as they prepare to begin a new school year.

Outreach News—*Pat Cowden*

Good morning and what a wonderful day the Lord has blessed us with. Rusty and some of our kids are back from Maywood and I am sure it was a wonderful week for them. We have so many blessings every day to be thankful for that we could not possibly remember all of them as we approach our God with thanksgiving in prayer.

I wanted to share a little bit about a kind of reunion that took place this past week at ICYC. Jerry Martin has been directing a week at ICYC for almost 30 years. Three years ago, he asked my good friend and brother in Christ, Scott Cain, to start coming so that he would eventually take over the directorship. Scott and his wife, Melissa, and their then one-week-old son, Walker, were members at the congregation I preached at in Fairfield Glade, Tennessee. They now have two more sons, Tanner and Hunter as well. This past week was Scott's first week as director. When he started trying to put together his team of counselors for the week, he texted Sarah to ask if the four of us could come and counsel. Sarah was the only one of our family that was available. Scott and his wife, Melissa, also got in touch with Joey and Tammy Treat to see if they could counsel as well. Joey and Tammy and their kids were the family we worked with on Saipan as missionaries. They are now living in Palau and have worked with Scott in Chuk which is also in Micronesia. A third set of folks Scott contacted was the Pollard brothers, Carl and Dale. Carl is the new minister at Hebron in Grant and Dale is looking for a pulpit position in the area. We have known them and their parents, Neal and Kathy Pollard for many years and Dale worked with me one summer as an intern while I was preaching in Anchorage.

Sarah is getting to have an "old home week" style reunion while counseling this week and is **LOVING IT!** This week at camp for Sarah, must in some small way be what it will be like to be reunited with loved ones in heaven. Endless fellowship and devotion with those who love God and love each other. Don't be surprised if Sarah is smiling when you see her today.

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

News Of Interest

Baptism

We rejoice with **Shari Wharton** in her baptism. She was baptized Tuesday night, July 24, after studying with Pat Cowden and Janet England. Her directory information: 204 Steppe Ct., 35811, 256-885-6348, cell: 256-797-0145. Welcome Shari to Chase Park.

Sympathy

To **Billie Carmack** and family in the death of her sister, Frances Dickerson.

Bridal Shower

Come-and-go Bridal Shower honoring **Amanda Wells**, bride-elect of **Jacob Patterson**, Sunday August 5, 1:30—3:30 p.m., fellowship hall. They are registered at Bed, Bath, and Beyond and Belk.

Balance Class: Tues., July 31; Thurs., August 2.

Pantry Item: Spaghetti Sauce

Special Contribution

Today, to support all of our benevolence work. Goal: \$25,000. Two collections. Make checks to “Chase Servants United Appeal Fund.” If you use the envelope system, please use your envelopes (different one for each) for both contributions.

Youth Parents Meeting

Today, 4:00 p.m., small auditorium (room 102). All parents are encouraged to attend.

**Back to School Prayer Devotional
Tonight 5:00 p.m.
Sweet/Non-sweet finger foods**

Today and Upcoming at Chase Park

Family Care Meeting

F and G meet Sunday, today. **F Leaders:** Gransky, Heady, McCreless, Olbricht; **G Leaders:** Zlatovich, Emerson, Walker. Visitors are invited.

H and I meet Sunday, August 5. **H Leaders:** Jennings, Lambrecht, McCall; **I Leaders:** Adams, Peacock, Pond.

Regency Retirement Service

Today: 1:30

Speaker: **Rusty Hills and Young men**

Song Leader: **Young men**

Super Seniors

Wednesday, August 1. Cooks will prepare lunch.

3rd Annual Big Sister/Little Sister Tea

Saturday, August 4, fellowship hall, 11:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. Food sign-up sheet at Hospitality Desk.



Worship Participants

SUNDAY AM AUGUST 5, 2018	
READING	Ben Blankenship
F PRAYER.....	Dennis Lawson
LS PRAYER.....	Clay Blankenship
C PRAYER.....	Greg Emerson

SUNDAY PM AUGUST 5, 2018	
READING	Tyler Hills
F PRAYER.....	Hollis Todd
C PRAYER.....	Kip Adams

August Birthdays

2	Janice Jennings Gabie Luna Leigh Todd	21	Jamie Clark Tom Pond
3	Mindy Sims	22	June Steelman Mildred Smelser
5	Breanna Lance Sarah Fuls	23	Bob Thibeault Mary Jones Betty King
6	Gayla Suddarth	24	Greg Parker John Campbell
7	Morris Bridges Ray Brown	27	Keith Mentz Hunter Gates
8	Kaylee Rosenblum	28	Gregg Crabtree Jerry Johnston
9	Grayson Stiegler Jared Olbricht	30	Rachel Lawrence
11	Jim Gray	31	Bob Trammell
15	Amanda Cantrell Derek Horst Joe Parker		
16	Mike Baran		
17	Rebecca Brothers		
19	Carol Belles		



Focus For
JULY - AUGUST

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Chase Park
CHURCH of CHRIST

Wednesday Night Summer Series

“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 of Upcoming Speakers:

August 1	Wes McDonald	Romans 1:16
August 8	Cody Gothart	Matthew 5:14-16
August 15	Jerry Wilhoite	Ephesians 2:10
August 22	Rusty Hills	1 Peter 2:9-10

Statistics

Sunday, July 22, 2018

AM Worship	372
Month Average	369
Bible Class	308
PM Worship	308
Wed., July 25, Bible Classes	267
Regency Ret. Worship	45
Offering	\$16,777.86
Budget	\$18,000
Average ‘18	\$18,585
Over Budget for year	+\$16,960
Building Fund	\$10.00

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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