

CHASE PARK MESSENGER

Distracted By Doing Good

Do you remember this scene from the life of Jesus? He is at the home of Mary and Martha. Martha, no doubt honored by His presence and wanting to be a gracious hostess, is busy preparing food and taking care of the needs of her guests. Meanwhile, Mary is sitting at the feet of Jesus, taking full advantage of the opportunity to be in His presence and to learn from His teaching. Frustrated with Mary's lack of help, Martha implores the Lord to rebuke her sister and tell her to help. Instead, Jesus very gently rebukes Martha and reminds her that Mary has chosen the more important thing. (Luke 10:38-42) In this event, it must be noted that Martha wasn't doing anything wrong. She wasn't sinning or involving herself in worldly lusts. In fact, it could certainly be argued that she was doing the important work of serving the Lord, and yet, there was something better and more important that she could have and should have been involved in at the moment. Luke says that she was "distracted by much serving." She had allowed even her own sense of right and responsibility to cause her to lose her focus on the Lord. In her urgency to serve and meet the Lord's physical needs, she had missed the fact that she was being afforded a most precious opportunity to spend time in the presence of the Lord and, thus, to be strengthened spiritually. I wonder if we don't sometimes do the same thing.

Have you ever felt like you were distracted by doing good? I think it probably happens with some of us more often than we think. We are so busy being involved and doing our part that we fail to devote time to personal study or prayer. We are so involved in doing the work of the church that we don't see or don't stop to take advantage of the opportunity to do good or to help someone who is in need. I am certainly not suggesting that we shouldn't be involved in the work of the church or that we shouldn't devote ourselves to doing good, but we must also remember to always make time to spend with God and to be available to serve in those spontaneous and unexpected ways. If Satan can hinder our growth and dim our Christian lights by keeping us "distracted by much serving," then he will certainly be content to do that. As Christians, we must be busy with the work of serving God and others, sharing the gospel, shining our lights in this dark world, but we must be careful that we do not become distracted, even if it is by doing good.

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.



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Andrew Lamica Youth

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Lamifications—*Andrew Lamica*

Regardless of our individual feelings about it, social media and the internet are an integral part of life. Today's generation of teens and those younger still will never know what it is like to not have the internet. As with most things, there are good and bad aspects of both social media and the internet in general. It all depends on how we choose to use the tools. I want to offer a few suggestions on how we might use social media in a positive way. We can use it to:

1. **Share Scripture With Others.**

It has never been easier to share a portion of the gospel with others. Think of what good might be done if we take the few minutes it might take to share a passage of scripture on social media. We might have

friends on Facebook or other sites that might never set foot inside a church building, but can still be influenced by Scripture that you post!

2. **Share a God Glorifying Photo.**

Romans 1:20 tells us that we can know that God exists by simply looking at His creation. Imagine if the next time you are out enjoying God's creation, you snap a picture and share it to social media while adding your favorite Bible verse to it. You just might help someone realize that there is, in fact, a Creator and that He wants a relationship with them!

3. **Encourage Others.**

There are many people on social media

who are hurting. It doesn't take a lot of browsing to find those who are in need of encouragement. In 1 Thessalonians 5:11, Paul talks about the importance of encouraging others. To whom might you be able to be an encouragement even today? It does not take a whole lot of time to send an encouraging message or tweet.

Social media is chock full of opportunities to be used for God's glory, we just have to look for them. Next time you log on, consider how you might do something to the glory of God!

Outreach News—*Pat Cowden*

Tonight will start our annual VBS and I hope you are planning on coming and have encouraged others to come as well. Lord willing, by the time you are reading this, we should have gone door to door inviting young families with children to VBS and also inviting those families that have recently moved into the area with our New Mover Outreach. The theme for this year's VBS, "The Great Escape," sounds intriguing and should provide a great opportunity for our kids and visiting kids to get to know God's Word better. I know that there are many people putting forth a great effort to make this a very successful VBS, let's show them our support by being here and bringing some visitors as well!

What a blessing to hear that we have a new sister in Christ in Linda Bramblett and to welcome John back to the fold. It is an encouragement to me every time I hear about someone with a tender heart who seriously considers their own spiritual condition and obeys the gospel. It is our responsibility as Christians to give people the opportunity to say yes or no to the gospel, what they decide is between them and God.

I am also pleased to have completed another quarter teaching about Personal Evangelism and look forward to teaching the Family Ties Class this quarter. I encourage those of you in that class to come with open hearts and minds to be receptive to the challenge to reach out to the lost with the only thing we have that is eternally valuable, the gospel which is God's power to salvation.

Evangelism challenge:

- When you go to the store to shop this week and the cashier asks you how are you doing, instead of saying something like, "I am doing well," consider saying something like, "I am blessed." Simple changes in our vocabulary can show our faith and increase our "soul consciousness."
- {Think Souls First}

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



Think Souls First

News Of Interest

Sick

Regency Skilled Nursing Rehab
Leo Johnson

Home

Richard Franklin, Betty Meadows, Mabel Albright

Sympathy

To **Paul King** in the death of his brother, Larry King, in Dyersburg, TN.

Balance Class Cancelled

Cancelled Tuesday, June 5, and Thursday, June 7.

Pantry Item: Canned white meat chicken

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Today through Tuesday, June 5.

6:30—8:00 p.m.

Theme

The Great Escape

If you have not signed up, you may do so at the Hospitality Desk. We need lots of cookies.



Today and Upcoming at Chase Park

Family Care Meeting

A and I meet today for potluck lunch. A Leaders: **Lamica, McDonald, Row, Trammell**; I Leaders: **Adams, Peacock, Pond**. B and J meet Sunday, June 10. B Leaders: **Crabtree, Wells**; J Leader: **Cothren**.

Regency Retirement Service

Today: 1:30 p.m.
Speaker: **Michael Sims**
Song Leader: **Joel Heady**

Hospital Visitation

Team #1 (**Atchley**), please pick up your assignments today after p.m. service.

Super Seniors

Wednesday, June 6. No meal. Cooks will prepare a meal Wednesday, June 13.

Quarterly Meal

Wednesday, June 6, 5:00 p.m. Adults—\$4.00; children—\$1.00. Menu: taco salad for adults, cheese quesadilla for kids. Dessert: strawberry ice box cake and sopapilla cheese cake bars. You may pay in foyer.

Worship Participants

SUNDAY AM JUNE 10, 2018	
READING	Joel Heady
F PRAYER.....	Greg Emerson
LS PRAYER.....	Jerry Kilpatrick
C PRAYER.....	Gregg Crabtree

SUNDAY PM JUNE 10, 2018	
READING	Grayson Stiegler
F PRAYER.....	Gary Holzheimer
C PRAYER.....	Mark Lambrecht

Diana Singing

Friday, Saturday

June 8, 9

7:30 p.m.



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 27, 2018

AM Worship	328
Month Average	366
Bible Class	296
PM Worship	NC
Wed., May 30, Bible Classes	258
Regency Ret. Worship	NC
Offering.....	\$17,577.41
Budget.....	\$18,000
Average '18	\$18,501
Over Budget for year	+\$10,531
Building Fund	\$60.00

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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