

CHASE PARK MESSENGER

Trying Times

It has been a strange week. As the corona virus (COVID-19) continues to spread, it seems like every few minutes, we are getting word of another organization or activity that is being cancelled, closed, or postponed. Never, in my lifetime, have I seen such a broad and intense reaction to a health concern. Some are convinced that all of the panic is overblown and a classic case of mass hysteria. I do not know whether that is true or not, but everything that is being released by credible sources (not news media) seems to indicate that this is a very dangerous situation. In any case, to be prudent and even overly cautious is always a good rule of thumb in situations like this. Our faith is in God and we will constantly be praying about these circumstances, but we should also take what steps we can to protect ourselves and those around us.

As we gather this morning for worship, we do so under somewhat different circumstances. Many of our number are missing, having made the decision to stay home for safety, and many will be joining us online instead of in person. The remainder of today's services have been cancelled in order to reduce contact and the risk of exposure as much as possible. We will be using individual communion sets for sanitation purposes. The elders have made these decisions out of a deep concern for the well-being of our families, especially the youngest and oldest among us. None of us, including our elders, are comfortable with this situation and may not feel right about missing or cancelling services, but we should certainly be appreciative and understanding of the elders' decisions and leadership.

These are trying times, but let me remind us all of the fact that God is still God, that He is in control, and that His will is sovereign. In the midst of a fearful situation, our faith is in Him and we are confident in His power and in His care for His people. We know that He is with us and will see us through this and every trial that we face in life. This morning, as we worship Him, let us give Him our thanks and praise and petition Him fervently on behalf of our loved ones, community, nation, and world. To God be the glory!

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.....North Carolina
Dewayne Tapscott..... Southwest

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YOUTH NEWS

<p>Children’s Ministry (Little Lights-6th Grade)</p> <p>Mar. 22 CM Devo <i>After p.m. service</i></p>	<p>Youth Group (7th-12th Grade)</p> <p>Every Monday @ 7:00 am M4 Every Wednesday Hang Time</p> <p>Mar. 15 Youth Devo <i>After 12:45 p.m. service</i> <u>All Events CANCELLED</u></p>	<p>Lads to Leaders</p> <p>L2L Work Day Every Sunday <i>(See Event Coordinators for Times.)</i></p> <p>Apr 10-12 2020 Convention <i>@ Opryland Hotel</i></p>
<p>Bible Bowl</p> <p><i>(See Michelle Clements or Mindy Sims for details or information.)</i></p>		

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

Outreach—Pat Cowden

This week has been really hard so far (Tuesday morning) because of a bad case of Jet Lag. Not only did we go from very hot and humid conditions, through Honolulu, San Francisco, and Chicago (very cold), but we also had a five-hour time difference and the switch to daylight savings time.

While having a bible study Monday with two sweet young people, it occurred to me that there really is no difference in sharing the gospel in Huntsville compared to American Samoa. There are a few things that are necessary, but they are necessary in both (and all) places. First, you have to have a prepared Christian, someone who is on the alert for those who show interest in spiritual matters. Then you have to have a person who either is already interested or could become interested in spiritual matters enough to have a bible study. Then you have to have those two come together in a sit-down, open bible discourse concerning spiritual matters.

If any of these three things are missing, it is impossible to win people for Christ. If no Christians are alert and prepared to share the gospel, it does not matter how many people are searching. If there are prepared Christians, but nobody is showing interest in spiritual things, even with effort to cultivate relationships and initiate conversations, then there will be no bible studies. And even if you have prepared Christians on the alert that come across spiritually interested people, but the conversation includes everything except asking for and getting a bible study, then nobody is going to be converted to Christ.

So, whether we are “at home” in Huntsville, or whether our brothers and sister are “at home” in Samoa, the same things must intersect in order to be active in “local” evangelism. What does that mean for us at Chase Park? We need to be prepared. We need to be talking to folks. We need to be testing for spiritual interest. We need to cultivate existing relationships and establish new ones. And, we need to close the deal by asking for a study. If you are uncomfortable holding the study, as I have said in the past, we have several people at Chase Park who would love the chance to help you with that.

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

Pat



Think Souls First

News Of Interest

Pantry Item: Applesauce

Sick

Huntsville Hospital

Jimmy Fanning, Jane's son. No visitors.

Encompass Rehab

George Coffell, brother-in-law of Randy Jenkins

South Hampton Rehab Facility

Dorothy Johnson (C)

Regency Health & Rehab

Bea Moore**

Nancy Harton, mother of Janet Jenkins

Home: Frances Counselman (J), Carol Layne (J)

Sympathy

We express sympathy to **Bill Brothers (I)** and family in the death of his uncle, Jack Brothers, in Kentucky.

Golden Age Banquet Items

Donated items can be picked up this morning. **The Banquet is on hold till further notice.**

Regency Retirement Services Suspended

Regency is suspending **all** activities involving visits to their facilities through the end of April, 2020, due to the spread of illness. **This includes our Sunday, 1:30 p.m. services and monthly singing (Thursday, March 19).**

Friend's Day

All **Friend's Day** services and activities will be re-scheduled.

Today and Upcoming at Chase Park

Today's Activities Cancelled

As a way of protecting our church family here at Chase Park, all activities for the rest of today have been cancelled.

This Week's Activities Cancelled

This includes **Balance Class** and **Super Seniors Class**.

Mid-week Classes and Devotional

A decision will be made whether or not to have services.

Upcoming Events

Any decisions regarding Chase Park services, etc. will be handled in the best way possible to keep all our members informed. If any Upcoming Events get cancelled or postponed, we'll let the congregation know.

Worship Participants

SUNDAY AM March 22, 2020	
READING	Parker Clark
F PRAYER.....	Greg Parker
LS PRAYER.....	Steve Watson
C PRAYER.....	Jamie Clark

SUNDAY PM March 22, 2020	
READING	Justin Gransky
F PRAYER.....	Brian Peacock
C PRAYER.....	Andy Phillips

Thank you

"It is so hard to find the right words to thank all of you for all you did for me after my two surgeries, but everything was so appreciated and all that attention, food, cards, prayers, visits, etc., is something I could get use to real quick. So thankful that I am doing so much better though, and so good to be back at church. Of course, I watched the service at home, but there is nothing like being there with your Christian buddies. I love Chase Park and thanks again to all of you that made me feel so special. In Christian Love,"

Pat Clark

"I would like to thank those special friends that waited for hours with my sister at the hospital, the food prepared, the cards sent, and especially all the ones that prayed for me during my recent heart test. I am so blessed to believe in such a great God that knows my fears and comforts me and my wonderful church family that are always there for me! I love you all!

Judy Deck

2020 VISION



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Statistics

Sunday, March 8, 2020

AM Worship	386
Month Average	376
Bible Class	310
PM Worship	364
Wed., Mar. 11 Bible Classes	256
Regency Ret. Worship	36
Offering	\$19,681.00
Budget	\$19,500
Average '20	\$21,257
Over Budget for year	+\$17,568
Building Fund	\$205.00

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 Class6:30 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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