

CHASE PARK MESSENGER

Does Family Matter?

I remember the television sitcom from my youth entitled “Family Matters,” starring the nerdy and loveable Steve Urkel. The title of that show had a double meaning, referring to the fact that the show would center around matters of the family, but also expressing an important truth of our culture: family matters. But does it? You see, much has changed in our world since that show was popular and the prevailing thought among many in our society seems to be that family does not really matter. In far too many cases, lifelong, committed marriages have been replaced by temporary unions that may or may not include marriage. Children are being conceived and born out of wedlock in larger numbers than ever before. Divorce continues to be an epidemic, and single-parent homes are becoming more and more common. The most troubling thing about all of this may not be that these situations exist, but that they are beginning to be viewed as normal, acceptable, and healthy in our society. Clearly, in the minds of many, family does not matter.

So, does family matter? Who better to answer that question than the One who created the family? From the very beginning, God knew that mankind, His greatest creation, had a need for companionship, so He created the woman, and with her, marriage. God knew that the union of the man and woman would not always be an easy one and so He taught them to commit themselves to Him, to one another, and to being, for a lifetime, one flesh. God knew that children needed a safe and nurturing environment in which to grow and so, as He instructed the husband and wife to “be fruitful and multiply,” He also told them to “train up” their children “in the way they should go.” (Prov. 22:6) If we would stop listening to the voice of Satan and of this world, and listen instead to the voice of our Creator and God, we would understand that, yes, the family does matter. It is important and vital, and must be cared for and protected as a precious gift from God.

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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2018 THEME:

I AM THE CHURCH



YOUTH NEWS

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

- Sep 16** **Family Devo**
*(at building after
p.m. worship)*
- Sep 22** **Bike Night**
*(in back parking
lot, 4:00 p.m.)*

Youth Group (7th—12th Grade)

- Each Monday **M4** (7:00 a.m.)
- Every Wednesday **Hang Time**
(5:30 p.m.)
- Sep 16** **Family Devo**
- Sep 28—30** **Camp Joy**
*(applications due
today, Sep 16)*

Lads 2 Leaders

- Sep 23** **L2L Work Day**
(2:00—4:30, youth room)
- Sep 23** **L2L Kickoff**
*(Young men will lead
p.m. worship.)*
- Theme for 2019:
I AM
(Exodus 3:14)
- L2L Convention:
April 18-21, 2019

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

Outreach News—Pat Cowden

I was speaking to someone a short while ago about religious things and I asked them, where do you think you will go when you die. Their response was: "Hawaii." I have never had anyone respond with anything near that before and it actually threw me momentarily. I was kind of taken aback and did not know what to say at first except, "No, you will not go to Hawaii when you die." The lesson I learned from this and have slowly been learning over the years is this: We cannot assume that people we know or come in contact with have any real depth of knowledge of spiritual matters.

If we assume a need for the basics of biblical teachings, we can ensure that a person gets taught sufficiently if we start with very fundamental things: facts about the Godhead, the church, Jesus as the Son of God, and the authority of the Scriptures. With that approach, we know that no one that we teach has "fallen through the cracks" missing out on elementary principles (Hebrews 5:12).

The other thing that happens when we make a point of starting with basic truths is that it reaffirms these fundamentals in our hearts and minds. We should be so solid in these matters that we never come across as "double-minded and unstable" (James 1:8) to anyone. If we have trouble remembering these truths or where to find them in Scripture, perhaps it is time to dedicate some of our personal Bible study to these topics. No, it does not explore new ideas and territory, but it might just be the effort that helps us have the confidence to reach out to someone who is lost or struggling to find their faith.

Evangelism challenge:

Today is "Family Day" at Chase Park. There is no better day than today to commit to reaching your family for the Lord. If you have loved ones who are not faithful Christians, pray for them today and ask if there is anything you can pray with them about. It might just be that they are waiting for someone to ask.

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

Pat



News Of Interest

Sick

Huntsville Hospital

Richard Franklin, No Visitors.

Home: Jan Rowe, Juanez Tanner

Lee Wales is in Booneville, MS, for hip therapy.

New Members

Jon Michael and Whitney Williams come to us from the Meridianville congregation. Jon Michael is a Firefighter with Huntsville Fire & Rescue and Whitney is a Financial Analyst for QuantiTech (Army). They have two children: Lucas in 3rd grade and Lillian in Pre-K at Mt. Carmel Elementary. Be sure to welcome them to our Chase Park family.



Library Donation

The following books, written by **Stephen Rogers**, who conducted the recent Leadership & Evangelism Seminar, have been purchased and placed in our library:

1. *Jesus our Example, volumes 3, 4, and 5*
2. *How to Study Difficult Passages of the Bible*
3. *Christian Living Made Simple—You Can Live It!!, including Student Workbook*

Pantry Item: Toiletry Items.



Today and Upcoming at Chase Park

Family Care Meeting

No meeting today.

C and J meet September 23. **C leaders:**

Champion, Landman; J leader: Cothren

Regency Retirement Service

Today: 1:30 p.m.

Speaker: **Curtis Hill**

Song Leader: **Michael Sims**

Hospital Visitation

Team **(3) Suddarth**, please pick up your assignments today after p.m. service.

Super Seniors

Wednesday, September 19. No meal.

Bible Bowl Practice

Wednesday, September 19, 5:30 p.m., library.

Ladies' Night Out

Tuesday, September 25, 6:30 p.m., at Janet England's house. Sign-up sheet at Hospitality Desk.

Worship Participants

SUNDAY AM SEPTEMBER 23 2018	
READING	Parker Clark
F PRAYER.....	Mark Rowe
LS PRAYER.....	Ron McCall
C PRAYER.....	Jamie Clark

SUNDAY PM SEPTEMBER 23, 2018
YOUTH CONDUCT
THE P.M. SERVICE.
L2L KICKOFF

Thank You

Dear Chase Park

“We would like to thank you for your participation with our ‘Back 2 School Bash,’ for the repairs to our wheel-chair ramp, and your donation toward the repairs of our building floors.”

Southwest Church of Christ

Focus For
JULY - AUGUST

*I Am An Ambassador
for Christ*

I AM THE CHURCH



Chase Park
CHURCH of CHRIST

Lads 2 Leaders 2018-19 Kickoff

**Next Sunday,
September 23rd**

- *Young men lead pm worship*
- *Finger foods & desserts*
- *Informational Meeting*
- *Event Sign-ups*
- *Registration Forms*



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Statistics

Sunday, September 9, 2018

AM Worship	378
Month Average	357
Bible Class	293
PM Worship	185
Wed., Sep 12, Bible Classes.....	268
Regency Ret. Worship	52
Offering.....	\$16,920.00
Budget.....	\$18,000
Average '18	\$18,537
Over Budget for year	+\$19,316
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 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