

## Add To Your Virtue Knowledge...

*“But also for this very reason, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge, to knowledge self-control, to self-control perseverance, to perseverance godliness, to godliness brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness love. For if these things are yours and abound, you will be neither barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.”*  
2 Peter 1:5-8

As we continue to grow and develop in our spiritual lives, we must strive to add knowledge to our faith and virtue. Knowledge obviously refers to our knowledge of God, His redemptive work in Christ, and His will for our lives. Some might wonder why knowledge is not the first item on this list instead of falling behind faith and virtue. After all, is knowledge not required in order to have faith? But, in fact, Peter has already mentioned the knowledge of Christ that has been delivered to them (verse 3) and that has given birth to their faith. That faith should, in turn, cause them to turn away from the more obvious impurities and improprieties of the world, leading to a virtuous life. We all know people who have some degree of faith in God and who live virtuous lives but who are not faithful Christians because they lack the knowledge of God’s word that allows them to be fully obedient. If they, and we, are to continue to grow toward spiritual maturity and faithfulness, we must pursue a deeper knowledge of God and understanding of His will.

Obviously, the key to knowledge is the Word of God. Given by inspiration through His Spirit, God’s Word is “profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work” (2 Timothy 3:16-17). As we spend time in reading and studying God’s Word, we grow in our faith, in our virtue, and in our knowledge, and we become better equipped to serve God and to live faithfully in this world. The key to gaining knowledge is in understanding that it does not happen accidentally. We must desire it and pursue it. We must devote time, effort, and energy to its acquisition. In the words of the wise man, “*Yes, if you cry out for discernment, and lift up your voice for understanding, if you seek her as silver, and search for her as for hidden treasures; then you will understand the fear of the Lord, and find the knowledge of God*” (Proverbs 2:3-5). May we always seek after God and continually add knowledge to our virtue.

*Rusty*

## To Our Guests

We are so pleased and honored that you have chosen to visit with us today! Chase Park is a wonderful Christian family, devoted to serving God through our lives and work. We are excited to share our love for Christ with others and we are thankful to have the opportunity to meet you and to have you join us for worship.

As we worship together today, our desire is to worship God according to the New Testament pattern and in a way that is pleasing and acceptable to Him. It is also our prayer that our time together is uplifting to those who are here including you, our guest. If you have any questions about anything that you see or hear today, please ask us. We would love to speak with you about those things and help you in any way that we can.



### Chase Park Church of Christ

#### Ministers

Rusty Hills ..... Pulpit  
Nathan Adams..... Outreach  
John Denney ..... Education  
Andrew Lamica..... Youth Minister

#### Elders

John Denney  
Curtis Hill  
Sam Kachelman  
Dennis Lawson  
Greg Parker  
Barry Todd

#### Missionaries

Jaime Mendoza .... Chalco, Mexico  
Liborio Encarnacion. Ecatepec, Mexico  
Slava Savkovsky ..... Ukraine  
Barton Kizer..... Peru  
Dewayne Tapscott..... Southwest

## Lamifications—*Andrew Lamica*

October is here! It is hard to believe but Autumn is upon us. Soon enough we will be enjoying cooler temperatures, changing colors of the leaves, and pumpkin spice everything! We have a full plate in store for our teens for October. I wanted to put a few of their upcoming events before you so you can plan—so here goes...

### **Today, October 2, 2016**

7th-12th grade host home devotional at the home of **Leigh and Scott Gates**. Our host home devos are a great way for our teens and adults to interact and grow closer together in Christ.

### **Monday, October 3, 2016**

7th-12th grade movie night in the youth room! We will show a few different movies from 6:00 p.m.—

midnight. There will be popcorn and snacks available as well. All movies will be G rated and safe for viewing.

### **Thursday, October 6, 2016**

7th-12th Grade E.A.T. (Eat All Together). Our teens are invited to the building at 11:00 a.m. and we will go eat together somewhere nearby (\$10-15 range). We will return to the building afterwards for some fellowship time.

### **Sunday, October 9, 2016**

Area-Wide Youth Devotional at East Huntsville at 1:00 p.m.. We will leave from Chase Park around 12:30 p.m.

### **Sunday, October 16, 2016**

Fortitude at Mastin Lake Road congregation starting at 5:00 p.m.

Joe Wells and his wife Erin, as well as Scotty Sparks will present age appropriate lessons around the topic of sexual purity. This will be a great event for our young people. The event wraps up with dinner at 7:00 p.m.

### **Saturday, October 22, 2016**

It is time once again for our Fall Festival. The Fall Festival will run from 10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m. here at Chase Park. There are sign-up sheets in the adult classrooms if you are willing to help. Please make plans to be a part of this great community outreach effort!

### **Friday, October 28, 2016**

Game night at Chase Park starting at 7:00 p.m. We will play volleyball, corn hole, board and card games and more. Come be a part of it!

## Seek God's Wisdom—*Nathan Adams*

The first chapter in James has a general focus upon God's wisdom in His word of truth which is the perfect law of liberty (vs. 5,18, 21, 25). Four times in James 1, the writer points his readers to the word of God. It makes all the difference. The difference between being able to consider our trials with joy in order to obtain endurance and maturity and being tossed around by our circumstances is God's word (vs. 2-8). God's word is also that which makes the difference between the glory that comes through humility and the fading destruction of worldly vanity (vs. 9-11). Whether a difficulty is a trial or a temptation will be decided by what is within a man. If lust is in his heart, he will be enticed and it will give birth to sin. On the other hand, if it is God's word, it will bring forth a new creation in God (vs. 12-18; 2 Corinthians 5:17; John 3:5). The way to not act impulsively in word and deed is to be ready to

hear and implant God's word which is able to save your soul (vs. 19-21). The way to insure that you not only hear the word, but also do what it commands is by looking "intently at the perfect law" and abiding by it (vs. 22-25). Being that doer of the word is what enables one to have "pure and undefiled religion in the sight of our God and Father" (vs. 26-27). The remainder of the book is focused on how to do those things that helps others and keeps us unstained by the world.

As we consider this profound focus on God's word by James, let's go back and consider James 1:5. James states, "But if any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all generously and without reproach, and it will be given to him." Our first inclination is to apply this verse to prayer and it is true that prayer is a manner in which we ask God for what we need. However, prayer is never

specifically mentioned and the word "ask" also carries the idea to simply "seek" something. Based on the context, it would seem more likely that James is pointing Christians to God's wisdom which is found in His word. It is to seek wisdom in truth by asking, "What does God say?" James goes on to make it clear that if a person wants this wisdom, it is available to all. No one is excluded from the ability to learn God's word. It is given generously (Matthew 5:6). It has everything we need for our spiritual and physical lives (2 Peter 1:3). God will never reprimand (reproach) or criticize the person honestly seeking wisdom from His word.

May we seek or ask for God's wisdom by looking intently at His perfect law of liberty, implanting it in our hearts, living it in our lives, using it to overcome temptations, and allowing it to save our souls.

## *News Of Interest*

### Sick

#### Redstone Village Rehab

Robert Nance

#### Big Spring Manor

Libby Lewter

#### Valley View Rehab

Nancy Harton, (Janet Jenkins' mother)

**Home:** Louise Merryman and Donell Parker.

### Congratulations

To Zeke Burton and Heather-Lynn Griffin who were united in marriage yesterday. May today be the beginning of a long happy life together!

Also congratulations to Christopher Bouffard and Madyson St. John who were married yesterday in Florence, Alabama. They will also be living in Florence. We wish them a lifetime of love and happiness!

### Directory Information

Please remove Lauren Bouffard. Lauren has graduated college, is working in Florence, and is worshipping with a congregation there. Christopher and Lauren are twins who grew up at Memorial Parkway/Chase Park. We are happy for Lauren in her new endeavors.

Jim Steelman has placed membership at West Huntsville Church of Christ. Jim and Irma were charter members of Memorial Parkway. He is 85 years old and his health is declining and he lives only 5 minutes from the West Huntsville building. Jim served as a deacon for several years and he and Irma were always involved in several programs. We love Jim and will sure miss him sitting in his pew near the front of the auditorium. We wish him well and hope he will visit us when he can.

Please remove Melissa Farber. Melissa has moved to Foley, AL, and is working with a local law firm. We wish Melissa the best in her new home and her new job.

## *Today and Upcoming at Chase Park*

### Regency Retirement Services

Today: 1:30 p.m.

Speaker: Wesley McDonald

Song Leader: Don Cox

### Hospital Visitation

Team #1 (Atchley), please pick up your assignments today following evening worship.

### We Care Lunch

A.C.T.S. Class/Ladies Class, potluck lunch today, fellowship hall. Visitors are invited.

### Little Lights

Tuesday, October 4, 10:00 a.m.—12 noon, dining room/fellowship hall.

### Super Seniors

Wednesday, October 5. No lunch.

### Elders/Deacons Meeting

Thursday, October 13, 6:30 p.m., small auditorium.

### Clothes Give Away

Saturday, October 15, 8:30—10:00 a.m. See John Johnston for more information.

## *Thank You*

“Dear Brothers and Sisters,  
I have had my second plastic surgery on my eye, and I am doing well. Ruth and I would like to thank everyone personally but there are so many! Christ said it best in John 13:35 ‘By this shall men know that ye are My disciples, if ye have love one to another.’ God’s mercy and grace as well as your prayers have kept us safe. Thank you so much. In Christian love,”

*Mike Reddick*  
(friends of the Hills)  
(Portland Church of Christ)

## *Area-Wide Singing*

### **Chase Park Church of Christ**

**Friday, October 7**

**7:00– 9:00 p.m.**

Please bring sandwiches, chips,  
fruit trays, or desserts.

Sign-up sheet at Hospitality Desk for  
greeters and registration.

# Weekly Bible Reading

## Reading for October 2 - 8: Titus; Philemon

Titus and Philemon are the other two of Paul's personal letters that have been preserved for us. Much like Timothy, Titus was a fellow minister and young protégé of Paul who needed instruction and encouragement, which Paul provides. Philemon, on the other hand, seems to have been a personal friend of Paul's and respected Christian who was facing a difficult situation. Paul lovingly counsels him and encourages him to act in love toward his new brother Onesimus. As you read and study this week, consider:

- *What can we learn from Paul's letter to Titus about God's design and desire for the church?*
- *Are there lessons that we can learn from Philemon that are applicable to our modern world and culture?*

### VERSES TO REMEMBER:

*Titus 2:11-12*

"For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age,"

### Statistics

**Sunday, September 25, 2016**

AM Worship .....	384
Month Average .....	372
Bible Class .....	332
PM Worship .....	253
Wed., Sep 28 Bible Classes....	280
Regency Ret. Worship ....	NC
Offering.....	\$18,635.09
Budget.....	\$18,300
Average '16 .....	\$18,051
Under Budget for year.....	-\$9,708
<b>Building Fund .....</b>	<b>\$65.00</b>

### 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

<http://bible.us/e/Hdj>  
(Lesson 1 Link)  
The Bible—God's Holy Word

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