

CHASE PARK MESSENGER

Ambassadors for Christ

Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God.

2 Corinthians 5:20

With the coming of July, we have entered a new focus area in our year-long journey through the theme, "I Am the Church." In the months of July and August, we will focus on the idea that, as Christians and the Lord's church, we are ambassadors for Christ. What does it mean to be an ambassador for Christ? Consider these ideas:

- An ambassador is one in will and purpose with the One that he represents.
- An ambassador speaks and acts for or in the place of the One that he represents.
- An ambassador works to successfully achieve the goals of the One that he represents.
- An ambassador has, as his primary purpose, the responsibility of faithfully representing his Master.
- An ambassador is the agent through which the Master works to accomplish His will.

As I think about these descriptions of an ambassador's role and responsibility, I am humbled to think that God would entrust me with such a position. But He has! He has entrusted all of us as His people with the task of being His representatives in this world—to be His hands and feet and mouth—so that the world, through our lives, might see and know Him. What an awesome responsibility and what an incredible opportunity, to work for and alongside God as His ambassadors and representatives, to shine His light in a dark and hurting world, and to bring a message of salvation and reconciliation into a world that is lost and dying!

So, what kind of ambassador are you for Christ? If the people that you meet had only your actions, your words, and your life by which to know what God was like, what would their view of God be? Think about it...

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
Andrew Lamica Youth

Elders

Curtis Hill Dennis Lawson
Sam Kachelman Greg Parker
Barry Todd

Missionaries

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

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2018 THEME:

I AM THE CHURCH



Lamications—*Andrew Lamica*

In a little less than a week, eight of our Chase Park teens and six adult chaperones will be boarding a plane heading to Nevis, located in the West Indies.

The mission team has been preparing for this trip for the past several weeks and is very excited to see what God will do through their efforts.

We want you to be involved in this trip with us! While, you may not be coming with us, you can still be a part of the efforts that we will be undertaking in Nevis.

We invite you to pray for the upcoming campaign to Nevis. Pray for the safety of the team as we travel to and from Nevis. Pray for the hearts of those with whom we will be working to share the gospel during our time there. Pray for the hearts of our teens and adults who

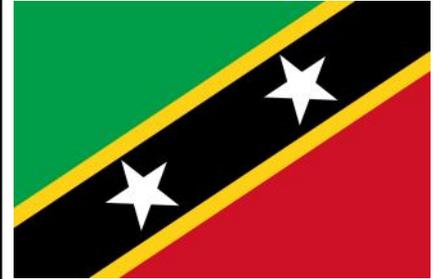
will be in Nevis. Pray that we will have the courage and strength to be vulnerable, to allow what we see and are a part of in Nevis to affect us, for God's glory.

While we are in Nevis, as much as technology allows, I will do my best to keep the congregation involved in the goings-on. I will try to post pictures and updates to Facebook and other means. When you see those updates, I want to ask you to share them on your Facebook page as well so as many people as possible can see the great things God is doing through our teenagers. You can help us "let our light shine" for God's glory through social media!

Additionally, you are invited to encourage those who are going on the campaign this week (especially our teens). Seek our teens out and tell them how excited you are about

what they are doing. The teens who are participating in the Nevis campaign are **Cari Beth Walker, Kaylee Weeks, Anna Sims, Abby Rosenblum, Wes Walker, Trey Walker, Isaiah McCreless, and Brannon Emperley**. Will you find a way to encourage them today?

We are excited about the upcoming campaign to Nevis and we want as many of you to be a part of it as possible, so please pray, share, and encourage!



Outreach News—*Pat Cowden*

What a blessing it is to be part of God's family! On Monday the 25th of June we had almost 30 people come out for Monday Night for the Master. From that group we had several groups of two people each go out and welcome families who had recently moved into the surrounding area. From those visits, we had several who mentioned interest in our congregation and one who mentioned they had been baptized many years ago and were not going anywhere now. We will do our very best to follow up with all of these folks to try to "stir up" a desire to serve God in their lives. We also had a group of our folks hand write and send cards of encouragement to a few dozen people. Being an encouragement to others is a very important part of Christianity and helping our brothers and sisters get through life's difficulties. In addition, we had a group of people stay for a class on local evangelism. All in all, it was a great night and we look forward to others joining us as we continue to strive to please the Lord in our local outreach.

Last week, I was able to see many people that I have not seen in a long time in three congregations in NW Arkansas. In each case, we spoke about my parents and their situation and in each case people mentioned that they would pray for my folks. The church is AWESOME everywhere you go. Are these (or any) congregations perfect, no... But lifting up a brother or sister in Christ is a mark of a person who really cares and was a wonderful blessing to me.

Evangelism challenge:

- One of the things that I recommend to people who are trying to improve their local outreach attempts is to be consistent with their speech. What I mean by that is trying to infuse your speech with spiritual comments or phrases that indicate that you are a person of faith. They may not immediately respond to your effort, but over time they will come to realize how important your faith is to you and hopefully turn to you when life inevitably turns south. You and I want to be the people that others turn to in times of spiritual need.

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



Think Souls First

News Of Interest

Sick

Regency Healthcare and Rehab (2061 Poole Dr., NW 35810)

Don Kimery

Home: Judy Deck, Barbara Riddick.

Lee Wales is in the hospital in Tupelo, MS. She fell and broke a hip and had surgery.

Sympathy

We express sympathy to the family of **Billie Carmack** in Glenn's death.

We express sympathy to **Mark Rowe** and family in the passing of his aunt, Martha England.

Directory update

Delete **Margaret Norman's** e-mail

Balance Class

Tues., July 10; Thurs., July 12; 1:30 p.m.

Pantry Item

Peanut Butter



Today and Upcoming at Chase Park

Family Care Meeting

H and **J** meet today for potluck lunch.
H Leaders: Jennings, Lambrecht, McCall;
J Leader: Cothren. Visitors are invited.

B and **C** meet Sunday, July 15. **B Leaders: Crabtree, Wells;** **C Leaders: Champion, Landman.**

Regency Retirement Service

Today: 1:30 p.m.

Speaker: **John Denney**

Song Leader: **Jared Olbricht**

Hospital Visitation

Team #2 (**Emerson**), please pick up your assignments today after p.m. service.

Super Seniors

Wednesday, July 11. Cooks will prepare lunch.

Girl's Day Project

Sunday, July 15, 1:00—4:00 p.m., Dining room.
 For more information, see Farrah Clark.

Worship Participants

SUNDAY AM JULY 15, 2018	
READING	David Brothers
F PRAYER.....	Bill Brothers
LS PRAYER.....	Pat Cowden
C PRAYER.....	Ellie Brake

SUNDAY PM JULY 15, 2018	
READING	Jack Rosenblum
F PRAYER.....	Brian Peacock
C PRAYER.....	Rick Rosenblum

Ice Cream Fellowship

Honoring **Andrew, Candy, and family**

Sunday, July 22, after p.m. service

Please bring homemade ice cream and homemade cookies



Focus For
JULY - AUGUST

*I Am An Ambassador
for Christ*

I AM THE CHURCH



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:

July 11	Barry Todd	2 Timothy 1:12
July 18	Ron McCall	2 Corinthians 12:10
July 25	Dennis Lawson	1 Corinthians 12:27
August 1	Wes McDonald	Romans 1:16

Statistics

Sunday, July 1, 2018

AM Worship	362
Month Average	362
Bible Class	NC
PM Worship	263
Wed., July 4, Bible Classes	NC
Regency Ret. Worship	42
Offering	\$19,486.43
Budget	\$18,000
Average '18	\$18,617
Over Budget for year	+\$16,042
Building Fund	\$122.00

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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