

CHASE PARK MESSENGER

The Season of Rebirth

Spring is always a refreshing season of renewal. After a long and difficult winter, the warmth of the air and greening of the land seems especially sweet. Spring is a wonderful time of rebirth and rejuvenation of the earth. The budding of the trees, the blooming of buttercups, the chirping and singing of the birds—it all reminds us of the wisdom and power of God as demonstrated in His amazing creation. As the earth transforms from the dormancy of winter to the new life of spring, our spirits are somehow lifted and rejuvenated as well. Our hearts are filled with a new sense of hope and enthusiasm as we watch the land come to life around us.

Springtime may also serve as a reminder of our own spiritual journey. There is, of course, our spiritual rebirth—the passing from death to life through Christ. Just as the earth is rejuvenated by God’s design and power, our souls and lives are redeemed by God’s love and saving work in Christ. But, the changing of the seasons also reminds us that, just as the earth goes through the seasonal cycle of life, so our faith often experiences peaks and valleys. We experience both highs of enthusiasm and motivation, as well as lows of dormancy in our faith and service. While our love for Christ may never fade, our devotion and fire may need to be rekindled from time to time.

What about you? In what season is your faith right now? Are you bursting with enthusiasm or struggling to find motivation? Is your spiritual fire burning brightly or only smoldering? As we work, worship, and grow together as a congregation, my hope and prayer is that we will continue to shine brightly for Christ in this world. This year has gotten off to a great start and, we have a great deal of momentum moving forward. Let me encourage each of us to look at our own hearts and lives, and to make the decision to renew our faith and fervor for Christ. Let us work, serve, and grow in order to bring glory to God and to bear much fruit for the Lord’s kingdom. May God bless us as we strive to serve Him.

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

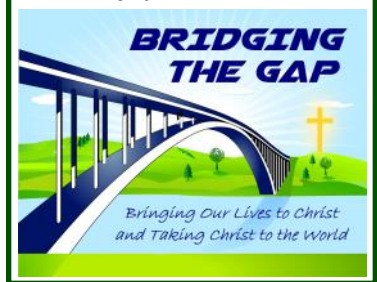
Missionaries

Jaime Mendoza Chalco, Mexico
Liberio Encarnacion. Ecatepec, Mexico
Slava SavkovskyUkraine
Barton Kizer.....North Carolina
Isai Cuamba Ensenada, Mexico
Dewayne Tapscott..... Southwest

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2019 THEME



Youth News

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

Mar. 24 **CM Devo**

Youth Group (7th-12th Grade)

Every Wednesday Hang Time
(5:30)
Every Monday M4 (7:00)

Mar. 17 **Youth Devo**
(at Hills’ home)

Lads to Leaders

Every **Workday**
Sunday **(3:30)**

Theme for 2019:
I AM
(Exodus 3:14)

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

Outreach—Pat Cowden

We did have a good OHM meeting this past Saturday evening. Unfortunately, I scheduled it the same night as our Golden Age Banquet, so there were several folks who were unable to attend. As I said last week in this article, if you have intended to come to your Team’s meeting and were unable to attend, please come to the next one on the 23rd. Sign up on the sheet at the hospitality desk and plan on attending. All who have attended so far have enjoyed themselves and were glad they came.

In addition, if you have not already been praying for and trying to reach out to those you would like to see obey the gospel, now is a great time to do so. We would love to have as many visitors as possible see how we can have a good time and do things of a spiritual nature. This is a tremendous opportunity to let our lights shine to our friends, neighbors, and co-workers.

One of the easiest things to do to get people to come to an OHM get-together or to services is to simply say, “Come and see.” This simple statement carries no strings attached. There is nothing to lose except a couple hours of their time. If you know someone is going to be visiting services, I would appreciate an email or a text as a head’s up so that I can make a special effort to meet and welcome them.

The real key to being involved in local evangelism is the initial commitment to try. Being intentional about our benevolence and outreach is critical to winning souls in the 21st century, just like it was in the 1st century.

Evangelism challenge:

Do something intentional this week to brighten someone’s day. Write them a card or an email, visit them, send them a small gift that shows your appreciation for them. This will help “till the soil” of their heart to be receptive to the gospel when the time is right.

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

Pat



News Of Interest

Sick

Huntsville Hospital Main: Jim McLaughlin.

Home: Dot Kelley, Becky Powell, Dena Hutchison, Susan Vinson, Margaret Norman

Sympathy

To **Bennie Jacks** in the death of her sister-in-law, Faye Jacks Light.

New Members

Justin and Caroline Black are placing membership with us. Justin is a Mechanical Engineer with LSINC and Caroline is an RN/Healthcare Data Analyst with Evolent Health. Please welcome them to our Chase Park family.

Wedding Shower

For **Kirsten Henry** and **Cody Gothart** on Sunday, March 24, 2:30—4:30 p.m., in the dining room. They are registered at Target, Amazon, and Bed, Bath, & Beyond.

Special Contribution Sunday

March 31, 2019 (5th Sunday) is our first planned Special Contribution for 2019. This contribution will be used for Parking Lot repairs. Our Target remains \$25,000. There will be two collections. For those who use the envelope system, please use a separate envelope for each contribution.

Baby Shower

There will be a baby shower for **Kecia Duncan** on Sunday, March 31, 2019, at the home of Leslie Campbell, from 1:00—3:00 p.m. Kecia is having a boy and is registered at Wal-Mart, Target, and Amazon. Please see Leslie Campbell or Cathy Peacock with any questions or directions.

Pantry Item: Mac & Cheese

Today and Upcoming at Chase Park

Regency Retirement Service

Today, 1:30 p.m.

Speaker: **Wes McDonald**

Song Leader: **Michael Sims**

Family Care Group Meeting

Groups **I** and **J** will meet today for potluck lunch.

Hospital Visitation

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

Balance Class

Tuesday, Thursday, March 19, 21, 1:30 p.m.

Super Seniors

Wednesday, March 20, 10:00 a.m., potluck meal.

Regency Retirement Village Singing

Thursday, March 21, 6:00 p.m.

OHM Team #4-Todd

Saturday, March 23, 6:00 p.m., at the home of Pat and Maria Cowden. Members ages 40-49, last names beginning with A-F.

Worship Participants

SUNDAY AM MARCH 24	
READING	Jared Olbricht
F PRAYER.....	Jon Rosenblum
LS PRAYER.....	Curtis Hill
C PRAYER.....	Jim MacLean

SUNDAY PM MARCH 24	
READING	Jack Rosenblum
F PRAYER.....	Brian Peacock
C PRAYER.....	Rick Rosenblum

Thank you

“I am so grateful for your prayers, beautiful cards, telephone calls, visits to Bernard’s house, and then to the visitation and the funeral. My brother, Bernard Andrews, had a 14 month battle with brain cancer. During this difficult time, your thoughtfulness was very uplifting and showed God’s loving kindness through you. Love to all,”

Mary Milam

“Chase Park Family,

We appreciate so much all the calls, cards, and food during our time of sickness. We are so grateful to have such a loving church family. Thank you for your kindness.”

Glen & Donell Parker

“Dear Chase Park Members,

I was so touched by all the people who took their time to wish me well about my ‘eye’ problems. Thank you also for the cards I received. There is no love like the Christian love.”

Marie Bishop

**Be inviting your friends and neighbors
to be with us for this special day!**

Friends Day

Sunday, March 31st

Statistics

Sunday, March 10, 2019

AM Worship	354
Month Average	342
Bible Class	286
PM Worship	212
Wed., Mar. 13 Bible Classes	266
Regency Ret. Worship	31
Offering	\$20,870.00
Budget	\$19,000
Average '19	\$19,860
Over Budget for year	+\$8,598
Building Fund	\$40.00

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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