

CHASE PARK MESSENGER

Blessings & Responsibilities Of Being A Christian

Every person has some big events in life (for example: birth, graduation, marriage, death). But the most important event for anyone is becoming a Christian! Why? Because it affects both you and others for ETERNITY. Unfortunately, many people become Christians and do not really appreciate it until late in life, if ever. But our service for Christ would be more productive and infinitely more enjoyable if we began to grasp the true significance of being Christians, and as such, the children of God.

CONSIDER THE BLESSING OF HAVING GOD AS OUR FATHER - 1 John 3:1 ¶ *"Behold what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called children of God; and such we are. For this cause the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not."* He is the source of every good and perfect gift from above - James 1:17. He provides us comfort in all our afflictions - 2 Corinthians 1:3-4. When needed, in love He chastises us - Hebrews 12:5-11. He has promised never to forsake us - Hebrews 13:5-6.

YET, THERE ARE RESPONSIBILITIES FOR HAVING GOD AS OUR FATHER. We must SUBMIT to God - James 4:7, by submitting to His Word and by submitting to His providential workings in our lives - 1 Peter 5:6-11. We must also DRAW NEAR to God - James 4:8, just as an earthly father delights when his children want to draw near to him, so does God - cf. Matthew 23:37. We draw nearer to God by "cleansing our hands" and "purifying our hearts" - James 4:8, that is, by obtaining forgiveness and then strengthening our resolve to serve Him. For the Christian, this involves REPENTANCE, CONFESSION OF SINS, AND PRAYER - Acts 8:22.

WE ARE TRULY BLESSED IN HAVING THE CHURCH AS OUR FAMILY - 1 Timothy 3:15. The members become like fathers, mothers, brothers, and sisters - 1 Timothy 5:1-2. They can even replace physical relations we may lose when we become Christians - Mark 10:28-30.

But we also have responsibilities of having the Church as our family. We are to "edify one another" - Hebrews 10:24-25. This necessitates assembling together frequently and this requires each one doing their share - Ephesians 4:15-16.

There are certainly many more blessings and responsibilities that we have as Christians, but I hope that these suffice to impress upon us how blessed we are as Christians and how important it is that we fulfill our responsibilities, OR WE MAY LOSE THE BLESSINGS WE HAVE! - **Hebrews 3:12-15**

Your Elders

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

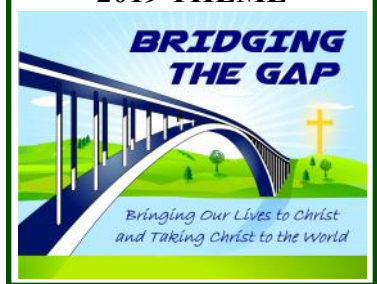
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Barton Kizer.....North Carolina
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2019 THEME



Youth News

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

Mar. 24 **CM Devo**
Mar. 31 **Friend’s Day**

Youth Group (7th-12th Grade)

Every Wednesday Hang Time
 (5:30)
 Every Monday M4 (7:00)
Mar. 31 **Friend’s Day**
Apr. 6 **Makin’ Music**
 (at FHU)
Apr. 12 **Prom Alternative**

Lads to Leaders

Every **Workday**
Sunday (3:30 @ bldg.)

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

Lord willing, we will have had our 6th OHM meeting last night with Team 4, ages 40-49, A-F. My prayer and vision is for all of you to become involved in this ministry for us to grow closer together as a family and to reach out to our community.

While studying about the parable of the sowers with the Super Senior group this past Wednesday, we talked about five different take-a-ways from the accounts in Matthew 13, Mark 4, and Luke 8. They were:

1. The Word of God is to be sown indiscriminately; the sower (you and I) do not pick and choose the soil we sow. We should be sowing seed on all of them.
2. It was not regarded as a “waste of time” for the sower to spread seed on wayside, thorny, or rocky soil. We should be sowing seed on all of them.
3. The internal reality, not external realities, determine a person’s response to the Word of God. Since we cannot know the internal realities in a person’s heart, we should be sowing seed in all of them.
4. External factors do not make one truly receptive; a person’s receptivity is determined by his or her heart. Since we cannot know the innermost workings of the heart of another person, we should be sowing seed in all of them.
5. The basic purpose for being in the kingdom is not:
 - a. To claim citizenship
 - b. To affirm our credentials
 - c. To evaluate the claims or credentials of others

The basic purpose for being in the kingdom is:

- a. To be productive and yield a crop “some a hundredfold, some sixty, and some thirty.” (Matthew 13:8)

Evangelism challenge:

Tomorrow night will be our Monday Night for the Master for March. If you have not attended in the past, please “Come and see” what it is all about. We will put you to work in the Kingdom of our Lord.

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

Pat



Think Souls First

News Of Interest

Sick

Huntsville Hospital Main

Jim McLaughlin, short visits

Home: Juanez Tanner, Dot Kelley, Margaret Norman, Susan Vinson

Sympathy

We express sympathy to **Joy Wharton** and family in the death of her sister, Patsy Robinson.

Special 5th Sunday Contribution, March 31, 2019

This contribution will be used for Parking Lot repairs. Our Goal is \$25,000. For those using the envelope system, please use a separate envelope for each contribution.

Baby Showers

-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.

-There will be a baby shower for **Maddie Cothren Watkins** on Sunday, April 7, from 1:30—3:30 p.m., in the fellowship hall. She is having a girl and is registered at Target and Babylist.com (/baby-Maddie-Watkins).

Pantry Item

Canned Chili

Today and Upcoming at Chase Park

Regency Retirement Service

Today, 1:30 p.m.

Speaker: **Pat Cowden**

Song Leader: **Jerry Johnston**

Family Care Groups Meeting

Groups **B, C, and E** will not meet at the building this month due to other scheduled activities.

Hospital Visitation

Team **(4) McCall** please pick up your assignments today after p.m. service.

Wedding Shower

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

Monday Night for the Master

Monday, March 25, 6:30—8:00 p.m.

Ladies' Tuesday a.m. Bible Class

Tuesday, March 26, 10:00 a.m., elder's conference room.

Balance Class

Tuesday, Thursday, March 26, 28, 1:30 p.m.

Ladies' Night Out

Tuesday, March 26, 6:30 p.m., dining room. \$5 for pizza, sign-up sheet at Hospitality Desk.

Super Seniors

Wednesday, March 27, 10:00 a.m., no meal.

Diggin Deep Men's Monthly Bible Study

Thursday, March 28, 7:00 p.m., West Huntsville Church of Christ.

Worship Participants

SUNDAY AM MARCH 31

READING Nathan Hill

F PRAYER..... Terrell Suddarth

LS PRAYER..... Mark Rowe

C PRAYER..... Donnie Sharp

SUNDAY PM MARCH 31

5th Sunday Singing Various song leaders

F PRAYER..... Tim Row

C PRAYER..... Ron McCall



APRIL Birthdays



- 1 -Wayne Pinchon
- 4 -Jack Rosenblum
Wendy Holzheimer
- 5 -John Adams
- 6 -Dot Kelley
Becky McBride
- 7 -Jim Dalton
- 8 -Barry Todd
- 12-Anne Fults
Leigh Gates
- 13-Hunter Davidson
Jimmy Strong
- 15-David Brothers
- 17-Paul King
- 19-Lela Boggess
- 20-Don Chanpion

- 23-Janie Putnam
Lucas Emerson
Janet Clayborn
Trevor Burton
- 24-Hunter Chrisco
Todd Harmon
- 26-Aleta Davidson
Betty Jo Harris
Clay Blankenship
- 27-Kaylee Weeks
- 28-Thom Watkins
- 29-Fred Wells
Morgan Mentz
Leon Clayborn
- 30-Joel Heady
Trent Burton

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

Friends Day

Sunday, March 31st

Statistics

Sunday, March 17, 2019

AM Worship	356
Month Average	346
Bible Class	289
PM Worship	239
Wed., Mar. 20 Bible Classes	216
Regency Ret. Worship	43
Offering	\$18,042.91
Budget	\$19,000
Average '19	\$19,695
Over Budget for year	+\$7,642
Building Fund	\$62.00

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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