

# CHASE PARK MESSENGER

## A Special Day

For many in the religious world, today is a very special day. Easter—the day that commemorates the resurrection of Christ. In “Christian” churches around the world, this day will be marked by sunrise services, special programs, theatrical performances, and larger than normal crowds. It will be one of only two days of the year that will get this kind of special attention.

With all of the attention given to this religious holiday, some will think it very strange that our worship service does not look or sound any different than any other week. Do we not believe in the resurrection? Are we not thankful to have a risen Savior? Do we not view the resurrection of the Lord as something to be thankful for and celebrate? Of course, the answer to all of these questions is a resounding YES! Jesus’ resurrection is an important and vital part of the gospel. Without the resurrection of Christ, there is no hope of our own resurrection to eternal life (1 Corinthians 15). In fact, if not for the resurrection, we have no reason to gather for worship today or on any Lord’s day. Yes, the resurrection of Christ is real, it is vital to our faith and salvation, and it is worth celebrating.

So, why are we not doing anything special today? Well, the fact of the matter is that we are! We are doing something very special. We are coming together as a family of God’s people to worship Him and to glorify His name. We are coming into His presence with our songs of praise, our prayers, and our hearts full of joy and love for God. We are participating in the beautiful memorial that Jesus established and commanded that we do in remembrance of Him. Yes, we are, indeed, doing something very special today. You see, every Lord’s day gives us the opportunity to fulfill God’s will and to express our love and devotion to Him through our worship. That is what God desires from us and what is pleasing and acceptable to Him. We must not make the mistake of thinking that, because we do the same things every Lord’s day, those things are not special. So, today, come before His throne with a heart full of joy and with a sacrifice of praise on your lips. And, may we never forget how special it is to have the blessing of worshipping our 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  
Andrew Lamica ..... Youth

### Elders

John Denney          Dennis Lawson  
Curtis Hill            Greg Parker  
Sam Kachelman       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*

This past week our family experienced a loss that we were not expecting. When Candy and I returned from prom alternative, we soon discovered something was wrong with our family dog. He had a very swollen belly and labored breathing. A trip to the vet revealed he was experiencing congestive heart failure. After being a part of our family for five years, our dog Charlie had to be euthanized.

Charlie was a great dog. He was loved by our kids and Candy and me as well. While, I realize that losing a pet is nothing at all like losing a loved human being, I also know this, losing a pet is a good reminder of the truth found in James 4:14, *“For what is your life? It is even a vapor that appears for a little time and vanishes away.”* Death is

the conclusion of all living things, nothing escapes its grasp (unless the Lord returns first).

The difference between the two losses is this, when a human passes from this life, eternity is on the line. As humans, our fate is sealed once our last breath is taken, *“It is appointed a man once to die, but after this the judgment...”* (Hebrews 9:27).

If you are reading this, I want you to know I want you to go to heaven! In order to get there, it is important to pay attention to how we live on earth! I want you to ask yourself a few questions:

**1. Have you obeyed the gospel by being baptized for the remission of your sins?** If you have not, why not? It is in baptism that we come into contact with the

lifesaving blood of Christ. (Acts 2:38, Mark 16:15-16). It is my prayer that any non-Christian reading this will seek out the truth of God’s word as it pertains to salvation.

**2. Are you living faithfully?** Revelation 2:10 teaches the great truth of the rewards which come to those who live a faithful life. Faithful does not equal sinless perfection, none of us can attain that (Romans 3:23). Faithful means intentionally pursuing a heart that is like God’s with the desire to live out his will in your life.

Just like Charlie’s life ended, ours too will come to an end. Are you prepared? If not, use Charlie’s life as a reminder of the need each of us have to be prepared.

## Outreach News—*Pat Cowden*

Another great week at Chase Park. What a blessing it was to hear our young men, leading prayer, leading singing, and leading our minds in preaching God’s word. I, of course, did not get to hear our young ladies practicing, but I have heard wonderful reports of their efforts as well. Lads to Leaders is a wonderful event for our boys and girls, but it is more than that. It is a tool to help implant in the hearts of our young the word of God that will grow and be with them for a lifetime and beyond (James 1:21).

I appreciate it when other Christians encourage our young people. When he was here, Reed Swindle, encouraged us to become involved in the lives of our young ones showing them that we truly care for them. When these loved ones leave our homes to move off to college, or to go to work, or to get married, we want them to know that all of Chase Park cares about them and is there for them.

One of the best ways to show them we care is to be invested in their lives and this takes effort and time. To that point, we had about 140 people stay after services to encourage our young folks as they prepare for L2L. I found out that some of those folks, including some visitors to our services, were here to almost 10 o’clock Sunday night. And then the next night, many of those same people came back for Monday Night for the Master.

These efforts are a huge part of a local evangelistic effort. Not only do we want people in our community to come to Christ and be faithful to God for the rest of their lives, but we want our own children to do the same. The time and effort invested will have eternal rewards, and we will know that God is pleased (Matthew 6:33).

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



Think Souls First

## News Of Interest

**Sick**

**Huntsville Hospital**  
Edna Sanders

**Regency Healthcare & Rehab**  
Mark Henry  
Flavil Nichols

**Home:** Regina Brothers

**Pantry Item**  
Oatmeal



## Fellowship Meal

**NO Family Care Meeting Today**

## Today and Upcoming at Chase Park

**Regency Retirement Service**  
Today: 1:30 p.m.  
Speaker: **John Denney**  
Song Leaders: **Jerry Wilhoite**

**Hospital Visitation**  
Team #1 (Atchley), please pick up your assignments after p.m. service.

**Balance Class**  
Tues., Apr. 3; Thurs., Apr. 5; 1:30 p.m.

**Super Seniors**  
Wednesday, April 4. No lunch.

**Family Care Meeting**  
C and D will meet Sunday, April 8. **C Leaders: Champion, Landman; D Leaders: Brown, Sims.**

**New Converts Class**  
Sunday, April 8.

**Saturday For The Savior**  
Saturday, April 21.

## Worship Participants

SUNDAY AM APRIL 8, 2018	
READING .....	Ben Blankenship
F PRAYER.....	Ben Boggess
LS PRAYER.....	Brian Peacock
C PRAYER.....	Ellie Brake

SUNDAY PM APRIL 8, 2018	
READING .....	Jack Rosenblum
F PRAYER.....	Greg Parker
C PRAYER.....	Donnie Sharp

## Upcoming Events



Our Church Family

**Friend's Day**  
Sunday, April 29

**Ministry Expo**  
Sunday, May 6

**Area-Wide Singing at Chase Park**  
Friday p.m., May 11, 7—9:00 p.m.

**High School Senior Reception**  
Sunday p.m., May 20

Focus For  
MARCH - APRIL

*I Am A Servant of Christ*

**I AM THE CHURCH**



*Chase Park*  
CHURCH of CHRIST

## CONGRATULATIONS

to all of our Lads to Leaders participants. We are very proud of you and your accomplishments. Thank you for your desire to serve in the Lord's kingdom and for your efforts to grow in your leadership. Keep up the good work!

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### Statistics

Sunday, March 25, 2018

AM Worship .....	346
Month Average .....	362
Bible Class .....	293
PM Worship .....	236
Wed., Mar. 28, Bible Classes ....	254
Regency Ret. Worship .....	39
Offering .....	\$17,767.91
Budget .....	\$18,000
Average '18 .....	\$18,423
Over Budget for year .....	+\$5,080
<b>Building Fund .....</b>	<b>\$300.00</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

<https://www.epcofc.org/home-bible-studies>

**(Lesson 1 Link)**

The Bible—God's Holy Word