

CHASE PARK MESSENGER

Surviving the Flood

We have had more than our fair share of rain over the last few weeks, and I think that most of us are wishing for some drier weather for a little while. That being the case, think about how Noah must have felt as he witnessed the non-stop torrent of rain that completely covered the earth with water. It must have been a humbling and frightening experience to watch the flood waters rise to overtake the dry ground. But, Noah and his family were able to witness that event from the safety of the ark because of God's grace and salvation. This man of faith had done some things that had allowed him to be a recipient of that grace and to be protected by God from the great flood. Consider some of these things:

First of all, Noah had taken care of his relationship with God. Long before the flood waters came, Noah had feared God and lived a righteous life despite all the wickedness around him (Gen. 6:5-8). It was because of Noah's commitment to God prior to the flood that God saved him from destruction.

Secondly, Noah was obedient to God. In the face of commands from God that might have seemed preposterous to Noah, he obeyed. Though he might not have fully understood the circumstances, Noah did everything that God asked him to do in preparing the ark, just as he had been commanded (Gen. 6:13-22).

Finally, Noah was saved from the flood because he remained faithful to God. Despite the great amount of effort required to build the ark and the constant scoffing that he must have endured from those around him, Noah remained faithful to God, trusting Him to deliver him and his family. And God did remember him and brought him out on the other side of the flood just as He had promised (Gen. 8:1).

Though God has given us the promise that He will never again destroy the earth with water, we know that there is an even greater fate awaiting the earth some day. This time, fire, not water, will consume the earth and destroy this physical world forevermore. How can we be prepared for that great event? The same way that Noah was prepared for the flood—by taking care of our relationship with God, obeying His commands, and remaining faithful to Him no matter what. Notice what Peter writes in 1 Peter 3:18-22 and 2 Peter 3:5-13. God has made great promises to us concerning the salvation that awaits us through Christ if we are prepared.

Are you?

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
Liborio Encarnacion. Ecatepec, Mexico
Slava SavkovskyUkraine
Barton Kizer.....North Carolina
Dewayne Tapscott..... Southwest

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YOUTH NEWS

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

Mar. 11 **Vittles w/Friends**
3:00—6:00 p.m.

Mar. 20-22 **Family Retreat**
@ Camp Meribah

Bible Bowl

Mar. 1 **TVBB**
@ Madison CofC

(See Michelle Clements or Mindy Sims for details or information.)

Youth Group (7th-12th Grade)

Every Monday @ 7:00 am **M4**

Every Wednesday **Hang Time**

Mar. 8 **Area-wide Devo**
@ Chase Park

Mar. 11 **Vittles w/Friends**
3:00—6:00 p.m.

Mar. 15 **Youth Devo**
After p.m. service

Mar. 20-22 **Family Retreat**
@ Camp Meribah

Lads to Leaders

Apr 10-12 **2020 Convention**
@ Opryland Hotel

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

Outreach—Pat Cowden

Talofa from Pago Pago, American Samoa. The church here, and in Honolulu, send their greetings. So far the trip has been good. I will admit I do not like standing in a corona virus screening line with 300+ other passengers after a 5½-hour flight. But, if that is the biggest bump in the road on this trip, we will be very blessed.

Maria and I were able to meet and encourage a preacher and his wife in Hawaii who we had never met before. They are struggling somewhat and we were a 'bright spot' for them. We would appreciate if you will keep this family in your prayers. God will know who you are praying for.

We were also able to spend a little time with Maria Oldham, Ray and Pat Brown's daughter and their granddaughter. It was great getting to know them better and eat a meal with them.

We stepped right back in with our "ohana" (family) at the Keeaumoku St. (Honolulu) church of Christ as if we had not been gone 10+ years. This church family is dear to us because of the "unusual kindness" (Acts 28:2) they showed us when we needed it the most during Sarah's medical treatment. I was able to teach class and preach twice which also felt like old times there. This congregation is unique in my experience in that they usually have as many or more visitors as they do regular members each Lord's Day. Last Sunday was no exception. And although I did not know any of them previously, many of them were common friends with our friends. The Lord's church is wonderful and I am thankful to be in it.

We also learned about some possible contacts to study with while "on-island" here in Samoa. We will be attempting to make contact with them early to have multiple opportunities to share the gospel with them.

Please pray for open hearts and free course for the gospel here. And don't forget, there are folks we are studying and working with in Huntsville that need our prayers as well. Please encourage our visitors, and let your lights shine brightly this week.

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

Pat



Think Souls First

News Of Interest

Pantry Item: Ramen Noodles

Sick

Huntsville Hospital

George Coffell, brother-in-law of Randy Jenkins

Regency Retirement & Rehab

Nancy Harton, mother of Janet Jenkins

Home: **Judy Deck (C)**, **Fred King (H)**, **Donell Parker (I)**, **Frances Counselman (J)**, **Carol Layne (J)**

Sympathy

We express sympathy to **Beth Hollingsworth** and **Megan Ennis** in the death of their mother, and grandmother, Betty Sanders.

Friends' Day:

Sunday, March 15, 2020

Library Addition

Mr. B. B. Luther has given our library a copy of his newest book, *God "Picked" Me*. He uses examples of characters in the Bible that God chose for specific tasks and how that was carried out. However, he emphasizes that if we choose to accept or 'pick' God then we must follow through with what the scripture requires us to do. The author guides us through becoming a Christian and then using our talents the remainder of our life to glorify God.

Today and Upcoming at Chase Park

Family Care Groups Meeting

Groups **A**, **D**, and **H** will have a short meeting after bible class in the Small Auditorium.

Security Team Meeting

Today after bible classes in room 220 (Family Ties classroom.)

Regency Retirement Service

Today: 1:30 p.m.

Speaker: **Michael Sims**

Song Leader: **Jerry Wilhoite**

Hospital Visitation

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

Balance Class

Tuesday, Thursday, March 3, 5, 1:30 p.m.

Super Seniors

Wednesday, March 4, 10:00 a.m., no meal.

Quarterly Meal

Today is the last day to sign up.

Wednesday, March 4, 4:45—6:15 p.m., Menu: Lasagna and bread, salad, green beans, cookies. Sign up in foyer.

Daylight Savings Time

Begins Sunday, March 8, 2020. Be sure to move your clocks forward one hour before going to bed on Saturday night, March 7.

Worship Participants

SUNDAY AM March 8, 2020	
READING	Ben Blankenship
F PRAYER.....	Jeff Husband
LS PRAYER.....	John Denney
C PRAYER.....	Carl Harris

SUNDAY PM March 8, 2020	
READING	Drew Blankenship
F PRAYER.....	Larry Hollingsworth
C PRAYER.....	Rick Rosenblum

Golden Age Banquet



2020 VISION



Chase Park
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Statistics

Sunday, February 23, 2020

AM Worship	378
Month Average	371
Bible Class	293
PM Worship	251
Wed., Feb. 26 Bible Classes.....	241
Regency Ret. Worship	32
Offering.....	\$21,418.91
Budget.....	\$19,500
Average '20	\$21,207
Over Budget for year	+\$13,658
Building Fund	\$159.00

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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