

# CHASE PARK MESSENGER

## Did You Know?

Do you remember the scene from the Old Testament when the great prophet Elijah is taken up to heaven in a chariot of fire? Are you sure? It is, no doubt, an incredible event as Elijah becomes one of only two men to not experience death. However, contrary to what is often taught or understood about this story, Elijah was not taken to heaven in a chariot of fire. In 2 Kings 2:11, we are clearly told that the chariot of fire served the purpose of separating Elijah from Elisha and that Elijah was taken up in a whirlwind.

How about this one—how many wise men came to worship Jesus after His birth and where did they find Him? Almost without fail, every depiction and telling of this story will show three wise men standing before the baby Jesus in a manger. However, a quick look at Scripture reveals that we are not told how many wise men came seeking Jesus, only that they brought three gifts. We are also clearly told that they found Jesus in a “house,” not in a stable (see Matthew 2:1-12).

What’s the point of all this? Simply this: sometimes, everything that you thought you knew about some portion of Scripture can turn out to be wrong. Sometimes, we are more influenced by tradition or popular understanding than we are the revealed truth of Scripture. While the examples given earlier might be somewhat trivial and have no real spiritual consequences, there are other matters of grave importance that are greatly misconstrued as being Biblical truth when they are not. Popular doctrines such as once saved, always saved, the sinner’s prayer, predestination, and the rapture are just a few examples of very well-known and often accepted beliefs that have no basis in Scripture. Did you know that not a single person in the New Testament was ever saved by saying the sinner’s prayer? Were you aware that the Bible clearly teaches that a person can forfeit their salvation?

As people who desire to be obedient and pleasing to God in our lives, it is crucial that we be diligent students of God’s Word and that we never simply settle for man’s teaching as a substitute for our own searching of the Scriptures. May God grant us wisdom as we seek out His will.

*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 Savkovsky .....Ukraine  
Barton Kizer..... Peru  
Isai Cuamba ..... Ensenada, Mexico  
Dewayne Tapscott..... Southwest

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### 2018 THEME:

# I AM THE CHURCH



## YOUTH NEWS

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

August 23 Service Project

August 25 CM Devo &  
Bike Night

*Stay tuned for more  
details on these events.*

### Youth Group (7th-12th Grade)

Every Wednesday Hang Time

Every Monday M4 (7:00)

August 11 Girls Purity Day  
@ West Huntsville

August 18 Youth Group Hiking  
Trip

August 19 Youth Devotional

August 31 5th Quarter

### Lads to Leaders

August 26 L2L Work Day  
(2:00—4:30)

Theme for 2019:

**I AM**  
(Exodus 3:14)

L2L Convention:  
April 18-21, 2019

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

## Outreach News—Pat Cowden

I want to encourage you to make time in your schedules for the Special Emphasis Weekend we will be having on August 23<sup>rd</sup> -25<sup>th</sup>. As was announced last Sunday, we will be coming together with brother Stephen Rogers from the Washington Avenue church of Christ in Evansville, Indiana. Brother Rogers is a tremendous resource for those who want to improve or initiate their own personal evangelistic efforts.

The schedule will be as follows (Lord willing):

Thursday	7:00-9:00 p.m.	Leadership
Friday	7:00-9:00 p.m.	Evangelism Seminar
Saturday	9:00-12:00 noon	Evangelism
	12:00-1:00 p.m.	Lunch
	1:00-2:00 p.m.	Question-and-Answer Session

Evangelism challenge:

- Be prepared to come to the Evangelism Seminar with questions in mind about how to reach those you have been praying about and who have been on your mind. The more information that we can get, especially from experienced and successful evangelists, the better prepared we will be to share the gospel with others.

p.s. I would also like you to give prayerful consideration of the trip to Lynchburg, Virginia, from September 6-13. If you desire to go, we would love for you to join our group. If you cannot go, we covet your prayers for success and studies!

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



## News Of Interest

### Sick

#### Huntsville Hospital Main

**Betty Meadows**, No visitors. Requests prayers.

**Home:** **Billye Phillips**

### Sympathy

To the family of **Mary Alice Harwell**. Bill and Mary Alice and their family were former members of Memorial Parkway.

To **Leigh Gates** in the death of her cousin, Tammy Cantrell Sanders (she was the daughter of Bill and Peggy Cantrell of East Huntsville Church.)

### Pantry Item:

Canned pinto beans.

### Memberships

Two ladies, **Jamie Miller Elkins** and **Beverly Miller**, who are very good friends, are placing membership with us. Even though they both have Miller in their name, they are not sure if they are related. Both recently attended Maysville Church of Christ. Jamie is a farmer and raises cattle. Be sure to meet Jamie and Beverly and welcome them to our Chase Park family!

## Today and Upcoming at Chase Park

### Family Care Meeting

**A** and **J** meet today for potluck lunch. **A Leaders: McDonald, Row, Trammell; J Leader: Cothren.** Visitors are invited.

**B** and **E** Meet Sunday, August 19. **B Leaders: Crabtree, Wells; E Leaders: Corder, Maples, Williams.**

### Regency Retirement Service

Today: 1:30 p.m.

Speaker: **Dennis Lawson**

Song Leader: **Jerry Wilhoite**

### Hospital Visitation

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

### Super Seniors

Wednesday, August 15. Will have potluck lunch.

### Regency Retirement Village Singing

Thursday, August 16, 6:00 p.m.

### Girls' Work Day

Sunday, August 19, 1:00 p.m.—4:00 p.m., dining room/fellowship hall. See **Farrah Clark** for info.

## Worship Participants

SUNDAY AM AUGUST 19, 2018	
READING .....	Tommy Christopher
F PRAYER.....	Naaman Goode
LS PRAYER.....	Gregg Crabtree
C PRAYER.....	Darren Crowden

SUNDAY PM AUGUST 19, 2018	
READING .....	Joel Heady
F PRAYER.....	Curtis Hill
C PRAYER.....	Zeke Burton

## Thank You

“To all at Chase Park,

Thanks so much for all the thoughts, prayers and cards. They mean so much when one cannot be with you. Hopefully, soon I'll be strong enough to attend services. Miss it so much. In Christian love,”

*Mabel Albright*

### Library News

The book, THREAT ASSESSMENT, written by B.B. Luther has been placed in the library by Jo McMahan. It is a very informative book filled with “Threats” against God's church here on earth. Some of the threats the author has searched and presented in the book include, Moral Decay in our Society, Government, Imploding church (divisions, splits, change agents, apostasy and a declining influence). With the last threat, Islam, the author gives a history of the Islam beliefs and its serious and most aggressive threats to Christians all over the world. A list of sources used is included at the end of the book.

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:

<b>August 15</b>	<b>Jerry Wilhoite</b>	<b>Ephesians 2:10</b>
<b>August 22</b>	<b>Rusty Hills</b>	<b>1 Peter 2:9-10</b>
<b>August 29</b>	<b>Michael Sims</b>	<b>Romans 8:37</b>

### Statistics

Sunday, August 5, 2018

AM Worship .....	375
Month Average .....	375
Bible Class .....	315
PM Worship .....	259
Wed., Aug 8, Bible Classes .....	318
Regency Ret. Worship .....	40
Offering .....	\$19,803.88
Budget .....	\$18,000
Average ‘18 .....	\$18,648
Over Budget for year .....	+20,097
<b>Building Fund .....</b>	<b>\$169.00</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

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