

CHASE PARK MESSENGER

What Do You Want?

In you participate in the gift-giving tradition of the holiday season, and especially if you have children at home, you have probably recently asked the question: “What do you want?” Typically, that question is asked with certain understood parameters in place—budgetary restrictions, certain types of gifts, or consideration of space or time limitations, just to name a few. But what if those parameters weren’t there? What if you were truly invited to ask for whatever you wanted? What would it be? Unfathomable riches? Unparalleled success? Unending health and vitality? Our minds are bogged by the possibilities of such a situation, though we know that it only exists theoretically. But, what if...?

In 1 Kings 3:5, it is recorded that the Lord appeared to King Solomon in a dream and said to him, “*Ask! What shall I give you?*” No restrictions, no limitations, only the omnipotent God of the universe saying, “Ask!” Presumably, Solomon could have asked for anything that his heart desired but, amazingly, his request, as recorded in verse 9, was: “*Therefore give to Your servant an understanding heart to judge Your people, that I may discern between good and evil. For who is able to judge this great people of Yours?*” More than riches, power, fame, or any of the physical enticements that this world had to offer, Solomon’s desire was to have the wisdom to rule over God’s people in a way that was pleasing to God. While Solomon did not always adhere to that mindset or take heed to that wisdom in his life, his heart and attitude on this occasion certainly stands as a powerful lesson to us.

There are many things in this world that we can yearn for and lust after. Satan continuously uses those things to entice us and draw our attention away from God. But, may we always have, as our greatest desire, the wisdom to discern God’s will and to live lives that are pleasing in His sight.

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 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)		Youth Group (7th-12th Grade)		Lads to Leaders
Dec 9	CM Devo <i>after p.m. service</i>	Every Wednesday	Hang Time (5:30)	Registration forms and fees were due at the end of November. If you have not turned them in, please see Stephen Trammell.
Dec 15	CM Holiday Party	Every Monday	M4 (7:00)	
		Dec 7	YG Holiday Party <i>@ Blankenships'</i>	
		Dec 27-30	Exposure Youth Camp	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 News—Pat Cowden

The interaction with Jesus and the Samaritan woman at the well (John 4:3-42) is a wonderful example of how a normal event can result in eternal benefits. This was a day like many other days, a woman going to a well to draw water and a man, Jesus, asks her for a drink. She has no idea who he is, except that he is a Jew and she is a Samaritan who normally would have nothing to do with each other.

At this point Jesus brings up a spiritual topic, the living water that He had to offer. She was not real sure what Jesus was talking about confusing what Jesus was saying with physical water, rather than words that would lead to everlasting life.

Once she knows that Jesus is talking about spiritual things, she asks for some and Jesus brings up her husband. The Samaritan woman acknowledges that she has no husband and Jesus proves to her that He was different because He knew things about her He could not have known. At this point, the conversation becomes overtly religious talking about worshipping God in spirit and truth (v. 24).

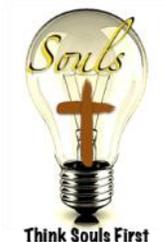
This is a wonderful example of how our every day conversations can be turned into an opportunity to reach people for Christ. In this case, not just the woman was reached but eventually many of the Samaritans believed in and came to know that He was indeed the Christ, the Savior of the world (v. 42).

Evangelism challenge:

The Holiday season is a time when many people are lonely and in need of some companionship. This is also a time when those who are outside of Christ might be thinking about Him. Now is a great time to reach out to someone with the one thing that will truly last, the word of God that is able to save their souls.

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

Pat



News Of Interest

Sick

Crestwood Medical Center

Juanez Tanner. Short visits.

Millennium Nursing Care

Susan Vinson

Home: **Michael Baran** (Mike’s father), **Margaret Norman**, **Betty Meadows**, **Carolyn Trammell**, **John Powell**, **Glen and Donell Parker**

Sympathy

We express sympathy to **Greg Cothren** and family in the death of his mother, **Doris Cothren**.

To **Colene Horst**, **Claudette Rives**, and **Malcolm Rives**, and their families in the death of **Madolyn Rives**.

Directory Updates

Gladys Parker** is now on the Homebound List. New address and phone number for **Waldean Dugan**.

Ladies’ Digging Deeper Bible Study

Thursday, December 13, 10:00 a.m.—noon.

Thursday, December 13, 7:00 p.m.

Pantry Item:

Saltine Crackers

Today and Upcoming at Chase Park

Regency Retirement Service

Today: 1:30 p.m.

Speaker: **Michael Sims**

Song Leader: **Rick Rosenblum**

Hospital Visitation

Team (1) **Atchley** please pick up your assignments today after p.m. service.

Grief Class

Today, 3:00—4:30 p.m., room 218. **Ron Williams**

Ladies’ Night Out

Tuesday, December 4, 6:30 p.m., dining room. Bring sweet or non-sweet finger food and an ornament for Dirty Santa.

Super Seniors

Wednesday, December 5. No meal, just birthdays. This will be your last meeting for 2018.

Worship Participants

SUNDAY AM DECEMBER 9, 2018	
READING	Jack Rosenblum
F PRAYER.....	Randal Jennings
LS PRAYER.....	Mark Lambrecht
C PRAYER.....	Stephen Trammell

SUNDAY PM DECEMBER 9, 2018	
READING	Joel Heady
F PRAYER.....	Ben Boggess
C PRAYER.....	Gary Holzheimer



Focus For
NOVEMBER - DECEMBER

I Am An Heir of Heaven

I AM THE CHURCH



Chase Park
CHURCH of CHRIST

Mark Your Calendars!

On December 16th, following our p.m. worship service, you are invited to have dinner with the Hills'.

As a small token of our love and appreciation for the Chase Park family, we would like to invite everyone to stay and enjoy a period of fellowship and a homemade barbecue dinner on us. We look forward to spending that time with you and hope to see you there!
Rusty & Andrea

Also, by popular demand, Christmas card bags will once again be provided for each family of the congregation. So, save on postage and bring your holiday cards with you.

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Statistics

Sunday, November 25, 2018	
AM Worship	375
Month Average	378
Bible Class	296
PM Worship	219
Wed., Nov. 28, Bible Classes....	255
Regency Ret. Worship	38
Offering.....	\$18,566.97
Budget.....	\$18,000
Average '18	\$18,598
Over Budget for year	+\$28,108
Building Fund	\$2,000.00

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)

The Bible—God's Holy Word