

# MESSINGER

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## Welcome, Friends

Aren't you thankful for your friends? Friendship is certainly one of the greatest blessings that God has provided us with in this world. The ability to have relationships, to share and enjoy the experiences of life with those people who occupy a very special place in our hearts, is an important and highly valued aspect of our lives. Loyalty, dependability, trust, and, of course, love – these are among the most sought-after traits in our relationships with others and attributes necessary for successful friendships. What a blessing it is to have friends that we can laugh with, cry with, depend on, and share life with!

Today is a special day for us here at Chase Park. As always, it is a special day because it is the Lord's Day, which gives us the wonderful opportunity to be together as a spiritual family and give our thanks, praise, and worship to God. But today is doubly special because of you, our friends. If you are with us today because someone invited you to attend our Friends Day, then you are blessed with a friend or friends that care very much about you and want to share with you the most important thing in their lives – their relationship with Jesus Christ. We hope that you also find here a whole congregation of people who are anxious to be your friends. We want to welcome you, get to know you, and make you feel at home here at Chase Park.

As we think about friendship on this Friends Day, listen to just a few things that the Bible says about friendship:

*"A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for adversity." (Prov. 17:17)*

*"A man who has friends must himself be friendly, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother." (Prov. 18:24)*

*"As iron sharpens iron, so a man sharpens the countenance of his friend." (Prov. 27:17)*

Certainly, God understands the beauty and value of friendship, and Jesus came that He might make Himself a friend to mankind. In John 15:13-14, He says to His disciples: *"Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends. You are my friends if you do whatever I command you."* In the sacrifice of His life, Jesus proved His love and devotion to us as the greatest friend that we can have, and He teaches us how we might consummate that friendship through our devotion and obedience to Him. Oh, how blessed we are to have a Savior who offers us His love and friendship in such an amazing way! As the words of the song so truly state: "What a friend we have in Jesus."

We are glad that you are here today and we hope that you will find many friends here, the greatest of which being Jesus Christ Himself!

*Rusty*

## To Our Guests

We are so pleased and honored that you have chosen to visit with us today! Chase Park is a wonderful Christian family, devoted to serving God through our lives and work. We are excited to share our love for Christ with others and we are thankful to have the opportunity to meet you and to have you join us for worship.

As we worship together today, our desire is to worship God according to the New Testament pattern and in a way that is pleasing and acceptable to Him. It is also our prayer that our time together is uplifting to those who are here including you, our guest. If you have any questions about anything that you see or hear today, please ask us. We would love to speak with you about those things and help you in any way that we can.



## Chase Park Church of Christ

### Ministers

Rusty Hills ..... Pulpit  
Nathan Adams ..... Outreach  
John Denney ..... Education  
Andrew Lamica ..... Youth Minister

### Elders

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Curtis Hill  
Sam Kachelman  
Dennis Lawson  
Greg Parker  
Barry Todd

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Jaime Mendoza .... Chalco, Mexico  
Liborio Encarnacion. Ecatepec, Mexico  
Slava Savkovsky ..... Ukraine  
Barton Kizer ..... Peru  
Dewayne Tapscott ..... Southwest

## Lamications—*Andrew Lamica*

The weather is heating up and so is the calendar for the Chase Park teens. April promises to be a flurry of activity for our young people and I hope each of them are planning to be a part of it! In this week's Messenger article I am going to hit some of the highlights of the upcoming schedule.

First up, today at 5:00 p.m. is the monthly area wide youth devo at the West Huntsville congregation. We will leave from Chase Park at 4:15 p.m. I hope all of our teens can plan to be a part of the area wide as it is a great way to meet Christian young people in the area.

Every Monday morning at 7:00 a.m. is our weekly M4 Devotionals. These are a great time of fellowship for our teens and others who would like to attend. We eat breakfast together, and study together! I hope

you will consider starting your week off with our M4 Devotionals this coming Monday morning.

Next up, Makin' Music at Freed-Hardeman is this Friday night at 7:30 p.m. Makin' Music is a competition, so to speak, put on by the student social clubs at Freed. It is a great time! We need to leave as soon as possible after school to make it in time. We have 10 tickets reserved. Please check with Andrew if you want to go and have not previously told him, we might be able to squeeze you in!

Lads 2 Leaders Convention in Nashville, TN, is April 14-16 at the Opryland Hotel. Lads 2 Leaders is a great way for our young people to become equipped to be better servants in the Lord's church. I hope your family is gearing up for the Lads 2 Leaders convention; my

family certainly is!

One of the events I am most excited about is coming in the month of April. April 21-23 is our Spring Retreat for our CPYG teens. I am so excited for our first retreat at Camp Ney-A-Ti. Ney-A-Ti is a wonderful place that I know has a special place in many of your hearts. I am looking for some time away from the world with some of the best teenagers this world has to offer.

As you can see, April will be very busy for our teens. I want to invite all of our parents and adults to be as involved as you would like to be as well. Looking forward to a great April!

## Deep Faith In A Shallow World—Daniel 4—*Nathan Adams*

When we go to the doctor, we want them to tell us the truth about what is happening with our health. It is only through truthfulness that we can seek the appropriate treatment or cure. Too often, Christians do not provide the truth when the world seeks it. In Daniel 4 (READ), we see how Daniel's deep faith responded to the world's call for truth. Daniel shows us four necessary traits we must possess in order to effectively provide the truth to the world.

First, we must have CREDIBILITY. Daniel had established credibility by the manner in which he had served Nebuchadnezzar. Verse 8 tells us that the king recognized Daniel's unique abilities from God. Unlike the dream of Chapter 2, the king did not threaten to kill all the wise men, instead he looked to Daniel for the truth. Our credibility is established by the life we live and the things we say long before the world comes asking us for truth. Our credibility must also have a strong foundation in the word of God because

it is the truth that the world needs to hear.

Second, we must have CONCERN. You have heard the saying, "they don't care how much you know until they know how much you care." In verse 19, it is clear that Daniel was concerned for Nebuchadnezzar's future. He could have reasoned that the pagan king was going to finally get what he deserved. While that may have been true, Daniel cared. In the same way, God cared about us when we deserved to be lost because of our sinful ways. We will never be effective truth-givers until we care about those who need truth.

Third, a Christian must have CANDOR. Candor is forthright honesty. When there is a need for truth, there will be those who are not living according to it. It is hard to tell people that the manner in which they are living needs to change. Yet, if we are to help them with their greatest need—they must be told. The message Daniel gave the king was a hard one. Likewise, our truth telling will

sometimes be hard for the world to hear.

Fourth, the truth-teller must offer CORRECTION. It is not enough to simply tell someone that they are living wrong, we need to tell them how to live right. Daniel told the king, "*Break away now from your sins and do righteousness*" (v. 27). The correcting of those who need truth is a product of our concern for their souls. Truth without change is worthless to a person. Anytime we tell someone the truth from God, it must be with the motivation of seeing that person conform to that truth.

There was a deadly train crash caused because a red flag that would have made it clear to stop had faded to yellow. Since it looked yellow, the train did not stop and it cost many people their lives. The message was unclear. When the world calls for truth, our message must be clear. It must be presented with concern, candor, and accompanied by correction. Anything else will cost people their souls.

## News Of Interest

### Sick

#### Huntsville Hospital

**Mark Henry** (former member), short visits.

### Sympathy

We express sympathy to **Jared Brumlow** in the death of his uncle, George Ferrell.

### Membership

We are excited to welcome **Steve and Debbie Parker** to our Chase Park family. Many of you know them from their time at Memorial Parkway. They come to us from Hampton Cove Church of Christ. Steve recently resigned as their minister and is now self-employed. Due to her MS, Debbie is confined to home some of the time which limits her ability to regularly attend services. We are happy to have them with us at Chase Park.



### Balance Class

Tues. Apr. 4; Thurs. Apr 6; 1:30 p.m.

### Pantry Item

Boxed Saltine Crackers

## Today and Upcoming at Chase Park

### Regency Retirement Service

Today: 1:30 p.m.

Speaker: **John Denney**

Song Leader: **Jerry Johnston**

### Hospital Visitation

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

### Lads to Leaders Girl's Speech

Practice today 3:30 p.m.

### \$Financial Peace Class\$

Tomorrow, 6:00—7:30 p.m.

### Super Seniors

Wednesday, April 5. Cooks will prepare lunch.

### Big Sisters/Little Sisters

Sunday, April 9, after Bible Class, 1:00 p.m.

Dining room/fellowship hall.

### Question-And-Answer Session

Sunday p.m., April 23. Please submit questions.

### Ladies Night Out

Will resume meeting Monday, April 24, 6:00 p.m.

More information later.

### 5th Sunday Singing

Sunday p.m., April 30.

## Thank You

"Thank you more than we can say. Thank you so much for the prayers, calls, flowers, and cards during the sickness and passing of our dad. We appreciate it all very much. Love,"

*Cathy Peacock  
Kay Sims and family*

## Library Information

*Bind Us Together: a Guide for Developing Lasting Bonds*, written by Doritta McDaniel has been added to our library collection. It is a book written for Christian Women and teaches how to develop meaningful relationships among church members. The lessons focus on the fact that no matter how different we are, there is no such thing as an unneeded Christian. There are very good discussion questions in each chapter that would be suitable for group or class discussions.



# FRIENDS

# Day

**Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>**

*Welcome, Friends!  
We're glad  
you're here.*

*Chase Park*  
CHURCH of CHRIST

## Statistics

**Sunday, March 26 2017**

AM Worship .....	367
Month Average .....	362
Bible Class .....	317
PM Worship .....	248
Wed., Mar. 22 Bible Classes .....	261
Regency Ret. Worship .....	44
Offering .....	\$17,679.34
Budget .....	\$18,000
Average '17 .....	\$17,965
Under Budget for year .....	-\$450.00
<b>Building Fund .....</b>	<b>\$190.00</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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