

Brother to Brother

Peace and unity are precious to our Lord, and essential for us to accomplish His work. Christ gives us clear directions, yes even commands, of how we are to relate to our brothers and sisters in Christ when there is something wrong between us.

Whether I am aware that I have done something wrong against my brother, or if I am aware that my brother has done something wrong against me, I have a command and responsibility to go directly to my brother and work things out. Christ addresses both situations in Matthew.

Matthew 5:23-24: “So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift.”

Matthew 18:15: “If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother.”

If a brother sins, we, as Christians, have a responsibility to hold that brother accountable for his sins until he repents. To “forgive”, or cease to hold accountable, only allows the brother to continue in sin and be in danger of eternity in hell. **Luke 17:3:** “Pay attention to yourselves! If your brother sins, rebuke him, and if he repents, forgive him.”

Our basis for following through with these and other commands from the Lord are based upon our love for God, and demonstrated in our love for each other... **1 John 4:20:** “If anyone says, ‘I love God,’ and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen.”

Lest we grow tired of having to deal with such matters with our brother, the Lord also addressed that point of weakness we too often demonstrate. **Matthew 18:21-22:** “Then Peter came up and said to him, ‘Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?’ Jesus said to him, ‘I do not say to you seven times, but seventy-seven times.’”

To go to someone else and talk about this brother and what he has done is a violation of God’s teachings. Satan, through our culture or societal norms, wants to lead us away from faithfulness to Christ. We must resist the temptation to go to someone else; rather, go to our brother.

Your Elders

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.



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

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- John Denney
- 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

Lamifications—*Andrew Lamica*

“Come now, you who say, ‘Today or tomorrow we will go to such and such a city, spend a year there, buy and sell and make a profit;’ whereas you do not know what will happen tomorrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away.” (James 4:13-14)

In this passage James is drawing some beautiful word pictures about the life we live. We love to make big plans for our future. Our plans include dream jobs, bigger houses, more land, moving to a different location, and on and on it goes. There is absolutely nothing wrong with living a life with a plan. As a matter of fact, we should live a purposeful life. As we live our lives we must do a very difficult thing, remember it is a temporary one. As

we plan and purpose for our lives, we must remember to include God in those plans. We are not promised tomorrow and since we are not promised tomorrow our plans must always include seeking the will of God.

What an amazing word picture James paints by comparing our life to a vapor. When you think about a vapor mist you likely do not think of something that is long lasting, something that will be around for a lengthy period of time. A vapor is something that has a very short existence, it is gone in a moment.

Whether we live 40, 50, 60, or 100 years, on the timeline of eternity our life on earth is very small. Isn't it interesting how much time we spend planning and preparing for the “vapor” that is our life yet sometimes we fail to plan

for the life to come—the eternal life. No doubt, we want to live life in such a way that we maximize our time here. We want to spend time with friends and family and we want to accomplish some of the goals we have set for ourselves.

What about eternity? What kind of preparations are we making for the home that will never go away? Jesus has gone to prepare a place for us and to get to that home we must be a prepared people. Are you being as zealous about making plans for eternity as you have been about your upcoming job change or vacation?

Let each of us take time to realize the brevity of life and consider the plans God would have us to make—plans to be with Him!

Going Into The Synagogues And Market Places—*Nathan Adams*

Proclaiming the gospel has always involved going to where the people could be found. We see Jesus teaching in the synagogues in Capernaum (John 6:59), Nazareth (Luke 4:16), and throughout all of Galilee (Matthew 4:23). Many were healed by Jesus in the market places (Mark 6:56). When Jesus was in Jerusalem, He would often be found teaching in the temple. In Acts 2, the apostles preached the first gospel sermon from one of the rooms that surrounded the courtyard inside the temple. The second recorded sermon in Acts 3 also takes place within the temple. As Paul sets out on his missionary journeys we read repeatedly of him entering a city (Salamis, Antioch, Iconium, Thessalonica, Corinth, etc.) and going straight to the synagogue to preach. In the city of Athens Paul was teaching in the market place daily (Acts 17:17). When Paul returned to Jerusalem before his arrest, he also preached Jesus in the temple to a very hostile crowd (Acts 22).

The reason that Jesus, the apostles, and Paul went to the synagogues, the temple, and the market places was that this is where people were. Over 8,000 people were baptized from the first two gospel sermons recorded in the temple. These incredible numbers were probably only a small percentage of the people present for those sermons. Paul went to the synagogues because it was the center of Jewish daily life and would always be a place to

find a group of people. The market places in the Gentile world were locations where many people passed through and discussed a variety of topics. In the market places of Athens, Paul had opportunity to reason with the great philosophers of that time (Acts 17:18). It was his teaching in the market places that opened the door for his preaching on Mars Hill.

Today, we must find the modern equivalent of the synagogues and market places. We must find where the people are and preach Jesus to them. Just like those first two sermons, we will only influence a small percentage of the people gathered in such locations. Yet, our primary motive is not the final numbers (we cannot control this), it is the opportunities that we provide people to know and respond to the Lord Jesus.

In our world, people are gathered in some new and different kinds of places. A good number of those are online in places like video, picture, blog, and social media sites. If we want to be effective in reaching out, we must find ways to reach into these places and show Jesus to the masses gathered there. To ignore this reality is to ignore great opportunities for the gospel to be preached near and far. May we all find ways to reach the many lost souls where they are with the gospel opportunity to choose Jesus.

News Of Interest

Sick

Redstone Village Rehab

Robert Nance

Big Spring Manor

Libby Lewter

Louise Merryman

Home: Donell Parker.

Congratulations

To **Slava and Sveta Savkovsky** on the birth of Timothy Jaroslavych born Sunday, September 8. He weighed 6 lbs., 7 ozs. Slava is our missionary in Cherkassy, Ukraine.

Balance Class

Tues., Sep 27; Thurs., Sep. 29; 1:30 p.m.

Ladies Night Out

Monday, September 26, at home of **Elaine Russell Gotvald**. Sign-up sheet at Hospitality Desk.

Wedding Invitation

The congregation is invited to the wedding of **Heather-Lynn Griffin** and **Zeke Burton**, Saturday, October 1, 2016, 11:00 a.m., Chase Park building. Reception to follow ceremony.

Pantry Item: Canned Tuna.



Friday, October 7, 7:00—9:00 p.m., Chase Park. Please bring sandwiches, chips, fruit trays, or desserts.

Today and Upcoming at Chase Park

Regency Retirement Service

Today: 1:30 p.m.

Speaker: **Larry Waller**

Song Leader: **Rick Rosenblum**

Hospital Visitation

Team #4 (**McCall**), please pick up your assignments today following evening worship.

Big Sister/Little Sister

Today, fellowship hall after class. Bring \$5.00 for lunch.

Lads to Leaders Kick-Off

Tonight, fellowship hall, after p.m. service. Please bring sweet and non-sweet finger foods.

Ladies Bible Class

Tuesday Morning, Sept. 27, 10:00 a.m.

Super Seniors

Wednesday, Sept 28. No lunch.

We Care Meeting

A.C.T.S. Class/Ladies Class, potluck lunch Sunday, October 2, fellowship hall/dining room.

Little Lights

Tuesday, October 4, 10:00 a.m.—12:00 noon; dining room/fellowship hall.

Thank You

“We would like to thank everyone at our family church for all the cards, prayers, phone calls, and food provided for us in the beginning of Dwight’s chemo treatments. I could not believe how much love has been shown to us. We are very proud to call Chase Park our family. Please keep us in your prayers as Dwight continues treatments. Love,”

Pat and Dwight Steele

“Chase Park Family. There are no words to express our appreciation to you for all the many cards, phone calls, encouragement, words of comfort, and most of all your prayers. Thank you for the food that was provided at Northwest after the services. Also all the people who helped serve. We really appreciate everything that was done to make this a little bit easier. We love you.”

*The family of Myrtle Douglas
Janet and Leon Clayborn
Sandra Moore
Wayne Pinchon
Jimmy Strong
Idova Lewis*

October 2016 Birthdays

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| 1 | Evan Davis | 22 | Jim Steelman |
| 2 | Mark Stiegler | | Frankie Davis |
| | Mike Emerson | | Tom Vajentic |
| | Jeff Chrisco | 23 | Beth Husband |
| 4 | Mallory Crawford | 24 | Gary Holzheimer |
| 5 | Sarah Black | 25 | Ophelia Nance |
| | Carol Layne | 26 | Rusty Hills |
| 6 | Jo McMahan | 28 | Timothy Marsh |
| 7 | Austin Maples | 30 | Andrea Blankenship |
| 8 | Margaret Norman | | Lane Corder |
| 10 | Mary Bradford | 31 | Carrie Jennings |
| | Don Cox | | |
| 11 | Russ Davis | | |
| 15 | Jerry Kilpatrick | | |
| | Scarlett Maples | | |
| 16 | Kristy Cothren | | |
| | Blake Gustin | | |
| 17 | Colene Webster | | |
| | Virginia Hardy | | |



Weekly Bible Reading

Reading for September 25 – October 1: 2 Timothy 1-4

Paul's second letter to Timothy is the last writing of Paul that we have a record of. It is a personal letter of encouragement and exhortation from an experienced preacher at the end of his career and life to a younger preacher still struggling to make a difference for Christ in the world. It is filled with words that speak to the harsh environment that existed in their world and the great challenge of faithfulness that they struggled with. Within these inspired words of Paul we also find instruction, encouragement, and exhortation as we strive to be faithful to God. As you read, consider:

- *The concepts of being strong, standing firm, enduring, and fighting are all used to encourage Timothy. What do those concepts mean for our lives today?*

VERSES TO REMEMBER:

2 Timothy 3:16-17

“All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.”

Statistics

Sunday, September 18, 2016

AM Worship	423
Month Average	368
Bible Class	NC
PM Worship	227
Wed., Sep. 21 Bible Classes.....	278
Regency Ret. Worship	NC
Offering.....	\$15,642.32
Budget.....	\$18,300
Average '16	\$18,036
Under Budget for year.....	-\$10,043
Building Fund	\$85.00

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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 Class6:30 p.m.

Web Site Home Bible Studies

<http://bible.us/e/Hdj>
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