

CHASE PARK MESSENGER

Am I Okay?

Throughout my twenty years of full-time ministry, I have had the opportunity and blessing of sitting with many people to discuss some physical, emotional, or spiritual struggle that they are going through. They are typically looking for counsel, encouragement, prayer, or maybe just a sympathetic ear. One of the things that often comes up during these conversations is the question, “Am I okay?” What is meant by this question is, “Are the feelings or circumstances of my life causing me to sin and jeopardizing my relationship with God?” This is a beautiful question because it comes from a soft heart that sincerely and desperately desires to be faithful to God in every aspect of life. It is also a question that invites serious introspection into the thoughts, actions, and motives of a person’s life. It is a question that searches for ways to deal with those difficult circumstances of our lives and know that we are “okay” regarding our relationship with God. “Am I okay?” can be a very helpful question.

Beginning this morning, we are going to take a few weeks to consider a series of lessons with the theme, “Am I Okay?” These lessons will seek to explore some of the most common struggles that we face but rarely talk about.

I’m A Christian and I’m Depressed... Am I Okay?

I’m A Christian and I’m Angry... Am I Okay?

I’m A Christian and I Have A Fractured Relationship... Am I Okay?

I’m A Christian and I Have An Unfaithful Spouse or Child... Am I Okay?

I’m A Christian and I Can’t Stop Feeling Guilty... Am I Okay?

These are issues that I believe are a huge source of discouragement, doubt, and spiritual struggle. They can affect our faith, our worship, and our Christian lives in a myriad of negative ways. Yet, many of them seem to be subjects that we either do not want to talk about or are afraid to talk about for various reasons. I prayerfully hope that we can address “the elephant in the room” by having honest discussions and times of study on these difficult subjects in a way that will strengthen our faith, bring peace to our minds, and remind us of God’s abounding love and grace.

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

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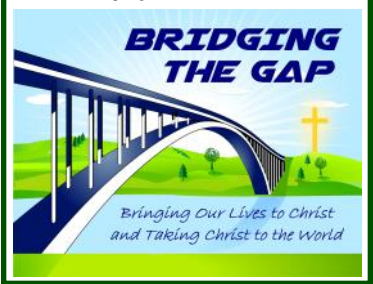
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2019 THEME



Youth News

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

Nov. 17**CM Devo**
After p.m. service

Youth Group (7th-12th Grade)

Every Monday morning**M4**
@ 7:00 a.m., dining room

Every Wednesday **Hang Time**
@ 5:30 p.m.

Nov. 13 **Vittles w/Friends**
..... 3: 00—6:00 p.m., dining room

Nov. 16**Girl’s Day**
..... 9:00 a.m.

Lads to Leaders

*If you are interested in being involved in **Year-round Puppets**, please see Andrea Blankenship.*

*If you are interested in being involved in **Bible Bowl**, please see Michelle Clements.*

*If you are interested in participating in **Mass Media**, please see Wes McDonald.*

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

Outreach—Pat Cowden

We had a great Friend’s Day last week! We had over 400 people in attendance and you made them feel at home. The lessons were excellent and the fellowship meal was as well. We have several people interested in CP as a church home and some who are interested in further Bible study. This does not happen by accident, but rather, by the intentional efforts of our members (you) inviting friends and family.

How would you answer if a sincere friend or family member asked you this question? “What is the difference between the church of Christ and other churches?” Would you be able to give a short, well thought out response? Thinking about these type of questions in advance will help you to respond in a clear, kind, and confident way. If you do not reply clearly, how can they know the Biblical answer to their spiritual question? And, if you do not reply kindly, why would they want to be like you when someone is sincerely looking for an answer to this important question. And, if you do not reply confidently, why would they want to believe something you yourself are not sure about? Answering sincere questions clearly, kindly, and confidently is not arrogant; it is an appropriate handling of spiritual matters.

Remember what Paul wrote in 2 Timothy 2:15, “*Study to show yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.*” The phrase “*rightly dividing*” is sometimes translated “*handling aright*” the word of truth. There is a right way and a wrong way to handle God’s Word and questions about God’s Word.

My response to this question has changed over the years. I now respond something like this: “That is a great question and I would love to sit down with our bibles open and see what the Bible says about that.” If that is not possible or a satisfactory answer, then you might consider a short response about Jesus building and buying His church (Matthew 16:18 & Acts 20:28) with His blood, which means He gets to decide what that church is like.

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

Pat



Think Souls First

News Of Interest

Pantry Item: Hot Cereal Mixes (Oatmeal, Cream of Wheat)

Sick

Huntsville Hospital

Valerie Arnold, John Powell's sister

Home: Lena Rosenblum (E), Ruth King (G), Judy Deck (C), Nancy Stockton (B), Billye Phillips**, Jim Gray (I) No visitors, Betty Jo Harris (G), Regina Brothers (I)

Sympathy

We express sympathy to Wes and Amy Bryan (the Champion's daughter and son-in-law) in the death of his paternal grandmother, Mamie Bryan, in Pulaski, TN.

Sympathy Continued

We express sympathy to the family of June Steelman in her death.

Regency Retirement Village Singing

Thursday, November 21, 6:00 p.m.

Thanks Singing

Wednesday, November 27. Everyone in the Auditorium for Bible Class.

Today and Upcoming at Chase Park

Regency Retirement Service

Today, 1:30 p.m.

Speaker: Gregg Crabtree

Song Leader: Ray Brown

Family Care Groups Meeting

Groups F and G are scheduled to meet Sunday, November 10 for potluck lunch.

Hospital Visitation

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

Balance Class is cancelled for November 5 and 7.

Ladies' Monthly Bible Study

Tuesday, November 5, 6:30 p.m., at Leigh Gates' Chapter 3 on Fear and Worry.

Super Seniors

Wednesday, November 6, 10:00 a.m. Cooks will prepare lunch.

Men's Breakfast

Saturday, November 9, 8:00 a.m., Speaker: Dale Pollard (Farley Church of Christ)

Worship Participants

SUNDAY AM NOVEMBER 10	
READING	Drew Blankenship
F PRAYER	Pat Cowden
LS PRAYER.....	Dennis Lawson
C PRAYER.....	Clay Blankenship

SUNDAY PM NOVEMBER 10	
READING	Tyler Hills
F PRAYER	Wayne Pinchon
C PRAYER.....	Mark Stiegler

Thank you

"Chase Park family, I'm home and getting better each day and hope I will be seeing you today. Angie and I appreciate all of the prayers, visits, food, cards, and calls we have received. Thanks to everyone for keeping us in your thoughts."

Ken McGee



Peace Girls Day 2019

Speakers:
Ana Cowden
Becky Kelly

November 16, 2019
9:00 a.m.
Lunch will be provided

Register at
www.cpcofc.org/girls-day

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Statistics

Week of October 27, 2019

AM Worship	407
Month Average	363
Bible Class	327
PM Worship.....	251
Wed., Bible Class (Oct. 30)	240
Regency Ret. Worship	37
Offering	\$20,558.65
Budget.....	\$19,000
Average '19	\$19,675
Over Budget for year	+\$29,019
Building Fund	\$0.00

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.cpcofc.org/home-bible-studies>
(Lesson 1 Link)
The Bible—God’s Holy Word