

CHASE PARK MESSENGER

Are You Blessed?

Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning.

James 1:17

The question above is a rhetorical one that requires no answer. Of course you are blessed. We all are, far above what we need or deserve. From physical provision to spiritual redemption, God has supplied all of our needs and has gone far above and beyond those needs by filling our lives with His love and grace in unimaginable ways. Truly, our cup runneth over! Even in our darkest days and amid our deepest valleys, God's blessings abound. Yet, we are human and, in our humanity, we often dwell on what we want and need more than on what we have. We fret over what we don't have and worry about the future instead of simply trusting God to be the good giver of every perfect gift.

Thankfully, we have a High Priest in Christ who understands our weaknesses and struggles (Heb. 4:15). Instead of simply condemning our worries, God tells us to assuage those worries by bringing them to Him in prayer along with our requests, allowing His perfect peace to comfort and guard our hearts and minds (Phil. 4:6-7). Amazingly, even in our self-made struggles with stress and worry, God continues to bless us with His paternal care. What a wonderful Father He is to us!

May I suggest a challenge for all of us to consider? This week, let's make an earnest attempt to focus more on our blessings by doing these things:

- At least once a day, say a prayer of thanksgiving in which you don't ask for anything but simply give God thanks for His blessings.
- Whenever a worry or need comes to mind, make a point to also acknowledge a blessing.
- Make an ongoing written list of your blessings this week in order to be reminded of God's goodness.

Rejoice in God's goodness and have a great week full of His blessings!

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
 Andrew Lamica Youth

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 Sam Kachelman Greg Parker
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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!

Outreach News—*Pat Cowden*

It was sure good to have the Hills family (and others) back from Horizons. From the looks of the pictures and the comments on Facebook, it seems like it was a wonderful week with a lot of building up and educating of the Lord's church. It is my belief that things like: Horizons, Lectureships, and Polishing the Pulpit do a great service for the kingdom. I spoke about two of these reasons at the Taft church of Christ for their Summer Series last Sunday evening. My overall topic was “Personal Evangelism” (big surprise- huh), but I wanted to impress upon them the importance of these two points:

- Two keys to being successful individually and congregationally are found in two passages:
 - John 17:20, 21, “I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe (future Christians) in Me through their word; that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You, **that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me.**”
 - John 13:34, 35, “A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this **all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.**”
 - If we want people to believe that the Father sent the Son, and
 - If we want the world to know that we are Jesus' disciples, then
 - We must be united with the Father, Son (and by implication-the Holy Spirit) and we must show true love for one another.
 - It is as simple and as difficult as that.

Evangelism challenge:

- How are you doing on these two main points? Is your life reflective of someone who is united with God? Do others know you belong to God because of your actions and interactions with others? Do others see the love of God in those actions? If not, or if you are not sure if your life is helping others see Christ living in you, make a commitment to being intentional with your decisions with the end in mind that others will glorify God through your influence!

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



Think Souls First

News Of Interest

Sick

Regency Healthcare and Rehab

Don Kimery

New Baby

Congratulations to Brock and Brittney Bennett on the birth of their son, Cooper Brock Bennett, 8 lbs., 14 oz., 20 inches. **Dot Kelley** is the proud Great Grandma.

Girls' Day Project

Today, 1:00—4:00 p.m. dining room. Ladies, if you would like to help with sewing, please come.

Big Sister Little Sisters Meeting

Tuesday, July 17, 11:30 a.m., dining room for a service project and ice cream sundaes.

Pantry Item: Minute Rice.

Special Contribution

The Elders have scheduled July 29 as our second planned Special contribution for 2018. It will be for the “Chase Servants United Appeal Fund,” which supports all of our benevolence work. Goal: \$25,000.00. There will be two collections that Sunday, one for our regular weekly contribution and a separate one for benevolence. Checks should be made out to “Chase Servants United Appeal Fund.” For those who use the envelope system, please use your envelopes (different one for each) for both contributions.

Today and Upcoming at Chase Park

Family Care Meeting

B and **C** meet today for potluck lunch. **B Leaders: Crabtree, Wells; C Leaders: Champion, Landman.** Visitors are invited.

D and **E will not meet** Sunday, July 22, because of the Ice Cream Fellowship in p.m.

Regency Retirement Service

Today: 1:30 p.m.

Speaker: **Barry Todd**

Song Leader: **Michael Sims**

Hospital Visitation

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

Balance Class: Tues., Jul. 17; Thurs., Jul 19; 1:30 p.m.

Super Seniors: Wednesday, July 18. No lunch.

Regency Retirement Village Singing

Thursday, July 19, 6:00 p.m.

Landscape Work Day at Chase Park

Saturday, July 21, 8:00 a.m. If you can help, see Don Champion.

Ice Cream Fellowship

Honoring **Andrew and Candy Lamica family**, Sunday, July 22, after p.m. service. Please bring homemade ice cream and homemade cookies.

Ladies Night Out

Tuesday, July 24, 6:30 p.m., dining room. Hosted by **Pat Steele** and **Judy Upton**. Menu: Taco Salad. Sign-up sheet at Hospitality Desk.

Worship Participants

SUNDAY AM JULY 22, 2018	
READING	Dylan Suddarth
F PRAYER.....	Jon Rosenblum
LS PRAYER.....	Terrell Suddarth
C PRAYER.....	John Johnston

SUNDAY PM JULY 22, 2018	
READING	Blake Gustin
F PRAYER.....	Tom Pond
C PRAYER.....	Jerry Dugan

Thank You

“Dear church family,

Leo and I are so appreciative of your many expressions of kindness and care during the last weeks. Christian loved ones are better than medicine for our minds and bodies. Our prayer is for God’s tender mercies and blessings to continue for each of you. Love,”

Leo and Dorothy Johnson

“Thank you for all the prayers, cards, calls, visits and food. It is wonderful to be a part of such a loving caring family of God’s people. So many of you have called and offered your services. I love you and appreciate you, and I am improving daily. In Christian love,”

Barbara Riddick

“Thank you all for your kind acknowledgements during the sickness and loss of our loved one Watdell Bradford. Your love has not gone unnoticed. We are so grateful and blessed to have such loving Christians to depend on. Much love to you all.”

Sandra Moore and family

Focus For
JULY - AUGUST

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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:

July 18	Ron McCall	2 Corinthians 12:10
July 25	Dennis Lawson	1 Corinthians 12:27
August 1	Wes McDonald	Romans 1:16
August 8	Cody Gothart	Matthew 5:14-16

Statistics

Sunday, July 8, 2018

AM Worship	392
Month Average	377
Bible Class	311
PM Worship	264
Wed., July 11, Bible Classes	280
Regency Ret. Worship	41
Offering	\$19,572.49
Budget	\$18,000
Average ‘18	\$18,652
Over Budget for year	+\$17,614
Building Fund	\$152.00

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 Class6:30 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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