

# CHASE PARK MESSENGER

## Grabbing the Wheel

In 2004, a traffic accident in Vernon, British Columbia, resulted from the actions of the front seat passenger. It's an odd story, but essentially, the vehicle crashed as a result of the passenger grabbing the wheel and turning the vehicle to avoid something in the road. As it turns out, there was nothing actually in the road to avoid; the drunk passenger was hallucinating. If the passenger had not taken control of the vehicle, no crash would have occurred.

This incident calls to mind how we as servants of Christ have given over control of our lives to Christ, but sometimes grab the wheel to avoid something in the road of our lives. There are many examples of great people of faith doing exactly this. Abraham did it several times: Genesis 12:11-13, Genesis 16:1-3, Genesis 20:2.

Why do we do it? We believe that God is not seeing what we are seeing, or is not taking care of us so we try to "help". Abraham caused himself and others trouble on the two occasions of lying about Sarah being his sister. You might say, "Oh she was his half-sister, so it's not really lying." But Abraham's purpose was to deceive. This was sin, but so was his lack of faith in God at this moment, and also when he took Hagar as a wife to "help" God keep His promise of a son.

If we are good students of God's word, we know that God does not require my "help" to keep His promises. He does not require that I lie to people to keep from hurting their feelings. He does not need me to go along with sin so that the path in life that He is leading me on will not be detoured. He does not need for me to cheat on my taxes to be able to pay my bills.

Solomon wrote, "There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death." Proverbs 14:12. He repeated those words in Proverbs 16:25. The psalmist wrote, "Your word is a lamp to my feet, and a light to my path." Psalm 119:105. Jeremiah wrote, "O Lord, I know the way of man is not in himself; it is not in man who walks to direct his own steps." Jeremiah 10:23.

Do you see this recurring theme in scripture that we are not capable of making good decisions for our lives without God's help? That's what we're talking about isn't it? When I think that I need to "help" God to direct my life, I am actually more apt to wreck it. Let God direct your path, and don't grab the wheel.

*Your Elders*

## 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

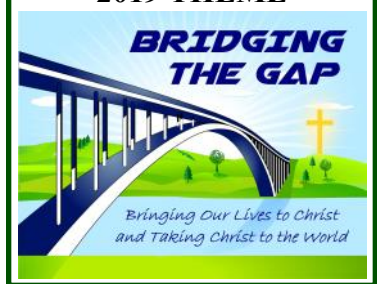
### Missionaries

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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### 2019 THEME



## Youth News

### Children's Ministry (Little Lights-6th Grade)

Feb. 24

**CM Devotional**  
(after p.m. service)

### Youth Group (7th-12th Grade)

Every Wednesday Hang Time  
(5:30)

Every Monday M4 (7:00)

**Feb. 22-24** **CYC**  
(@ Pigeon Forge, TN)

**Mar. 9** **Golden Age Banquet**  
(in fellowship hall)

**Horizons Registration is Open**  
[fhu.edu/horizons](http://fhu.edu/horizons)

### Lads to Leaders

Feb. 24

**L2L Work Day**  
(3:30)

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—Pat Cowden

We had another great OHM team meeting with Team #8 on Saturday the 16<sup>th</sup>. I really appreciated Steve Watson leading singing and especially his heartfelt comments. Lord willing, we will have had the fourth meeting last night with Team #5. I would love for everyone to involve themselves in these ministries, you will enjoy it and it will be a blessing to you, the congregation, and those we are trying to reach with the gospel. The more folks we can have in attendance when visitors are present the better. This is a wonderful opportunity to increase our sphere of influence and let our light shine to the friends, family, and acquaintances of our fellow members of Chase Park.

I have included two excerpts from Neil Richey's book, *Church Growth: Growing the Church God Loves*. Another excerpt is included here. The Apostle Paul, in the book of Ephesians, gives an outline of God's purpose for the church, resulting in the growth of the body (Ephesians 4:11-16):

The church is to be completely fit together (v. 16)

It is to equip the saints (v. 12)

The church is to build up the body (v. 12)

It is to promote Christ-likeness (vs. 13, 15)

It is to strive to prevent apostasy (v. 14)

It will speak the truth in love (v. 15)

It is always the right thing to do the right thing. Why? Because "to him who knows to do good and does not do it, to him it is sin." (James 4:17)

Evangelism challenge:

There are several people visiting our services who are searching for the truth and/or for a church home. It is our responsibility to make them feel welcome and to foster their interest in spiritual matters. Every time we see someone new to our gatherings, we should intentionally make a purposeful attempt at doing so. #ThinkSoulsFirst

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

Pat



## News Of Interest

### Sick

**Huntsville Hospital-Madison**  
**Jim McLaughlin, No Visitors.**

**Regency Healthcare & Rehab**  
**Bea Moore**

**Home:** Margaret Norman, Mary Bradford, Glen and Donell Parker, Dena Hutchison, Susan Vinson

### Quarterly Meal

Sunday, March 3, after p.m. services. Menu: Soups, grilled cheese, desserts. Cost: \$4 for adults, \$1 for children. Janet Jenkins will be in the foyer today for your payment.

### Golden Age Banquet

Saturday, March 9, 5:00 p.m., in the fellowship hall. Sign up at Hospitality Desk and indicate if you will need a ride. See Sheila Emperley with any questions.

## Today and Upcoming at Chase Park

### Regency Retirement Service

Today, 1:30 p.m.  
 Speaker: **Hollis Todd**  
 Song Leader: **Rick Rosenblum**

### Family Care Group Meeting

No groups will meet today. Groups **B, C, and E** will meet with Groups **A, D, and H** on Sunday, **March 3**, for potluck lunch.

### Wedding Shower

You are invited to a Come-and-Go wedding shower for **Mallory Crawford** and **Matthew Smith**, today from 1:30—3:30 p.m., in the dining room. They are registered at Target, Pottery Barn, and Anthropologie.

### Welcome

We are blessed with two more families placing membership today. **Bobbie Breeden** comes to us from Mayfair. She is a realtor with Zeriss Realty and Laura's mother-in-law.

**Thom** and **Maddie Watkins** are also joining us today. They return home from Nashville. They will open The Moon Bakeshop. Maddie is the daughter of Greg and Gayle Cothren.

**Pantry Item:** Pasta and pasta sauce

### Hospital Visitation

Team **(4) McCall** please pick up your assignments today after p.m. service.

### Monday Night for the Master

Tomorrow night, 6:30—8:00 p.m.

### Ladies' Bible Class

Tuesday, February 26, 10:00 a.m., ladies' classroom.

### Balance Class

Tuesday, Thursday, February 26, 28, 1:30 p.m.

### Super Seniors

Wednesday, February 27, 10:00 a.m., no meal.

## Worship Participants

SUNDAY AM MARCH 3	
READING .....	JonMichael Williams
F PRAYER.....	Pat Cowden
LS PRAYER.....	Steve Watson
C PRAYER.....	Clay Blankenship

SUNDAY PM MARCH 3	
READING .....	Anderson Todd
F PRAYER.....	Gary Holzheimer
C PRAYER.....	Jerry Dugan

MARCH BIRTHDAYS	
2 - Mike Crawford Elbert Peters Aimee Trammell-Hurt	21-Barbara Newton Tom Hogan Barry Maples
3 -Mary Jo Franklin Pat Lamica	22-Jim Putnam 23-Marilyn Holzheimer
4 -Fred King Shirley Jackson	25-Bert Edwards Rick Davidson
7 -Gail Jackson	Idova Lewis
8 -Brian Peacock Susie Henry	26-Max Horst Doris Campbell
10-Georgi Emerson 11-Barbara Riddick	Angel Fulks
14-John Fults 15-Ashlynn Chrisco	27-Michael Weeks Mark Rowe
	28-Justin Gransky Maria Cowden
	30-Jennifer Crowden



*Peru Medical Mission Campaign  
March 1—10, 2019*

Our team (**Aimee & Cary Hurt, Leigh Todd, Brett Todd, Derek Horst**) will join other teams to provide physical and spiritual care to the residents of Cusco and the surrounding area. They will be providing eye glasses, medications, physical exams and physical therapy. They will be working with the local church members conducting Bible studies. Pray for the safety and success of this campaign.

**Statistics**

**Sunday, February 17, 2019**

AM Worship .....	378
Month Average .....	374
Bible Class .....	293
PM Worship .....	223
Wed., Feb. 20 Bible Classes.....	226
Regency Ret. Worship .....	37
Offering.....	\$18,515.69
Budget.....	\$19,000
Average '19 .....	\$19,781
Over Budget for year .....	+\$5,119
<b>Building Fund .....</b>	<b>\$85.00</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.epeofc.org/home-bible-studies>

**(Lesson 1 Link)**

**The Bible—God's Holy Word**

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