

CHASE PARK MESSENGER

Does It Really Matter?

“Does it really matter whether I attend all the services of the church? After all, Sunday (morning worship) is the only time that we are commanded to meet. Right? For so many Christians, this is the attitude and thought process concerning Bible studies and other meeting times of the church. But is this a valid argument? Are the other services (besides Sunday morning worship) really optional, and therefore unimportant?”

The simple answer to the original question is YES, it really does matter whether we faithfully attend the services of the church. First of all, consider what the bible says about when we should worship. Certainly, the church did meet on the first day of the week (Acts 20:7). This was the designated time to commemorate the Lord’s death with the Lord’s Supper that they worshipped together. But this was certainly not the only time that they gathered together. Both scripture (e.g. Acts 2:46) and historical accounts of the church tell us that early Christians met together for worship and fellowship very often. If we are truly to follow their example, we should desire to meet together whenever we have the opportunity.

Secondly, consider the benefits of gathering with the church. The services of the church provide opportunities for us, as Christians to worship God and become more knowledgeable concerning God’s Word, all while encouraging other Christians and being encouraged in our own lives. Any faithful Christian ought to have a great desire to do all of these things. Gaining maturity and growth as a child of God should be a primary concern for us, and taking advantage of opportunities to do those things should be a natural desire.

Finally, consider what is probably the greatest problem with the attitude described above—the condition of the heart. You see, if I understand what is taking place when the church meets (worship, Bible study, fellowship, etc.) and I regularly choose not to be a part of those things, I am saying to myself, my family, my fellow-Christians, and to God that I do not really want to worship God or grow as a Christian. I am saying that those things are not important to me and I would rather be doing other things. I am saying that I will only worship when I am required to. Remember the words of Jesus as He quoted from Isaiah the prophet in Matthew 15:8, “*These people draw near to Me with their mouths and honor me with their lips, but their heart is far from me.*” Surely we do not want to have that kind of attitude as Christians.

May we all be fully committed to faithful Christian lives and to serving God acceptably each day.

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

Elders

Curtis Hill Dennis Lawson
Sam Kachelman Greg Parker
Barry Todd

Missionaries

Jaime Mendoza Chalco, Mexico
Liborio Encarnacion. Ecatepec, Mexico
Slava SavkovskyUkraine
Barton Kizer.....North Carolina
Dewayne Tapscott..... Southwest

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"I have heard of You by the hearing of the ear. But now my eye sees You." (Job 42:5)

YOUTH NEWS

Children’s Ministry (Little Lights-6th Grade)	Youth Group (7th-12th Grade)	Lads to Leaders
Mar. 11 Vittles w/Friends <i>3:00—6:00 p.m.</i>	Every Monday @ 7:00 am M4	L2L Work Day Every Sunday <i>(See Event Coordinators for times.)</i>
Mar. 13 CM Service Project	Every Wednesday Hang Time	
Mar. 22 CM Devo <i>After p.m. service</i>	Mar. 8 Area-wide Devo <i>After p.m. service</i>	
Bible Bowl <i>(See Michelle Clements or Mindy Sims for details or information.)</i>	Mar. 11 Vittles w/Friends <i>3:00—6:00 p.m.</i>	Apr 10-12 2020 Convention <i>@ Opryland Hotel</i>
	Mar. 14 Golden Age Banquet	
	Mar. 15 Youth Devo <i>After 12:45 p.m. service</i>	

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

Outreach—Pat Cowden

“Talofa” again from Pago Pago, American Samoa. The church here sends their love and appreciation for allowing Maria and I to come teach them from God’s Word. We finished our gospel meeting last night and the experience was incredible. There was very good participation from the community and from two other congregations on island. Maria had some wonderful classes with the ladies, which I heard were much needed. They were very appreciative of her Bible knowledge and ability to make things understandable and show how they apply to everyday life. If you have been to any of her classes, I am sure you would agree.

The men of the congregation were equally appreciative of the 11 lessons shared during the 8-day meeting. The heat and humidity was an obstacle, but we managed to get through that. The climate is very similar to what we experienced in Saipan, but it has been 11 years since we were in the tropics in the summer. (American Samoa is on the other side of the equator.)

As expected, the Samoan people were welcoming and kind. We love the hearts of most of the people we have met in our travels to the Pacific and these were no exception. They were very generous of their meager means, there is not much work here except a tuna canning factory. There were three major storms that came through in the two weeks before we came “on-island”. That meant no work, which means no pay. It also meant seven days per week production until they made up for lost time. Considering they were working very hard labor for very long hours for several days in a row, I was extremely pleased with their attendance and interest in spiritual matters.

Please pray for open hearts and free course for the gospel here. And don’t forget, there are folks we are studying and working with in Huntsville that need our prayers as well. Please encourage our visitors, and let your lights shine brightly this week and every week.

(Lord willing, when you are reading this, we should be home, and you should see us in “our seats.”)

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



Think Souls First

News Of Interest

Pantry Item: Pasta and pasta sauce

Sick

Huntsville Hospital

Dorothy Johnson (C), No visitors

Bea Moore**, No visitors

George Coffell, brother-in-law of Randy Jenkins, room 590

Regency Retirement & Rehab

Nancy Harton, mother of Janet Jenkins.

Home: **Richard Lawson** (Dennis’ brother), **Frances Counselman (J)**, **Carol Layne (J)**

Sympathys

We express sympathy to **Cody Gothart** in the death of his grandfather, MacArthur Sanders.

To **Nicole Olbricht** and family in the death of her great grandmother, Marge Dickerson, in Iowa.

To the family of **Michael Stone** (Northwest Church) in his death.

Friend’s Day

Sunday, March 15, 2020, 9:00 a.m. worship, bible classes, potluck meal, 12:45 p.m. worship. See Newline for class assignments.

Today and Upcoming at Chase Park

Family Care Groups Meeting

Group **F** will meet today for potluck lunch in the dining room.

Group **G** will meet today for lunch at Oh! Bryans.

Regency Retirement Service

Today: 1:30 p.m.

Speaker: **Gregg Crabtree**

Song Leader: **Jeff Husband**

Hospital Visitation

Team **#2 (Crowden)**, please pick up your assignments tonight following evening worship.

Balance Class

Tuesday, Thursday, March 10, 12, 1:30 p.m.

Super Seniors

Wednesday, March 11, 10:00 a.m., cooks will prepare meal.

Golden Age Banquet

Saturday, March 14. Doors open at 4:30 p.m., meal will be served at 5:00 p.m. Theme: Life is an Adventure! Let’s Go on a Hike.

Set-up: Please help set up tables and chairs in the fellowship hall on Wednesday, March 11, after the Devotional.

Worship Participants

SUNDAY AM March 15, 2020	
READING	Parker Clark
F PRAYER.....	Jerry Johnston
LS PRAYER.....	Curtis Hill
C PRAYER.....	Jamie Clark

SUNDAY PM March 15, 2020	
READING	Seth Davis
F PRAYER.....	Randal Jennings
C PRAYER.....	Micah Matheny

Thank you

“Thanks to everyone for so many well wishes, cards, calls, food and especially the many prayers offered for me during my recent surgery and recovery. Please continue to pray that this surgery will be successful. Nothing like a wonderful church family, especially in times like this. It was so good to be back this past Sunday after being out for a month. Having the Live Stream service on Facebook was really nice. A special thanks to Rusty for getting out so early in the morning and sitting with Bobby during my surgery. Meant a lot to him. Love to all,”

Glenda Hall

“To the members of Chase Park,
Thank you for your thoughtful gift of flowers for our mother’s funeral. Helen would be so honored by your kind gift. Sincerely,”

Ann Johnson and Janet Baker (daughters of Helen Barker)

“Chase Park,
Thank you so much for the pretty plant, cards, thoughts, and prayers during mom’s illness and passing. We appreciate your kindness. In Christian love,”

Beth Hollingsworth, Megan Ennis, and the Betty Sanders family

Friends Day

*Sunday,
March 15th*

Statistics

Sunday, March 1, 2020

AM Worship	367
Month Average	367
Bible Class	269
PM Worship	225
Wed., Mar. 4 Bible Classes	240
Regency Ret. Worship	36
Offering	\$23,229.00
Budget	\$19,500
Average '20	\$21,432
Over Budget for year	+\$17,387
Building Fund	\$55.00

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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 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