

CHASE PARK MESSENGER

Happy Father's Day

As I think back to the birth of my children, there are distinct moments that I remember when reality began to sink in and brought with it an overwhelming feeling of fear. With Tyler, our firstborn, it was the moment that we got home with him, laid him down in the bassinet, sat down beside him and thought, "Now what?" For the first time, Andrea and I were all alone with this newborn baby and the consciousness that we were solely responsible for him hit us like a ton of bricks. It was terrifying!

With the girls, that moment happened in the delivery room when the nurses handed me, not one, but both of these tiny little girls so that I could carry them, one in each arm, from the delivery room to the nursery. I remember thinking, "What are you doing? I can't handle both of them." Ironically, that's a thought that has run through my mind a million times since then.

It is hard to believe that those three babies that God blessed and entrusted us with are now teenagers. I look at them now and am so thankful for the young man or young lady that each of them is growing into. I am thankful that God gave them such a wonderful mother and that He allowed me to be their father. I fail, every day, to be the father that I ought to be, but I love them with all my heart and want only the best things for them. I still feel the enormous weight of the responsibility that has been entrusted to me by God to care for and guide their souls as they navigate this life and grow in their own faith and relationship with Him, but I am enormously thankful for that gift and opportunity.

Today is Father's Day and we are blessed here at Chase Park with a great number of men and fathers who are devoted to God and to their families. Each one of those fathers could tell stories, as I have, about his own experiences with his children. Each one is full of pride and joy because of the children that God has blessed him with. Each one is, no doubt, acutely aware of the great responsibility, entrusted to him by God, of being the physical and spiritual leader of his family. On this Father's Day, let the special men in your life know how much you love and appreciate them. Let them know how thankful you are for their presence in your life and for all that they do for your family. Happy Father's Day to all of our fathers. Thank you for your leadership!

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

Elders

Curtis Hill Dennis Lawson
Sam Kachelman Greg Parker
Barry Todd

Missionaries

Jaime Mendoza Chalco, Mexico
Liborio Encarnacion. Ecatepec, Mexico
Slava Savkovsky Ukraine
Barton Kizer Peru
Isai Cuamba Ensenada, Mexico
Dewayne Tapscott Southwest

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Lamifications—*Andrew Lamica*

The disciples spent much time together. When I think about their relationships I often wonder about the deep conversations they must have had as they traveled place to place on foot.

We know of one such conversation that took place on the way to Capernaum. As they came into Capernaum and met up with Jesus He asked them about what they were discussing. Interestingly, Jesus being all knowing knew what they were discussing, He was using this as an opportunity to teach. The disciples did not answer Jesus, instead choosing to remain quiet.

Jesus, knowing what had been discussed as they traveled the road toward Capernaum, called the twelve apostles to Him and said, “If anyone be first, he must be least of all and servant of all.” What Jesus says here is truly remarkable, it runs contrary to

how the rest of the world views greatness. In the eye of the world, greatness is found in things such as financial success, popularity, and even good looks.

Jesus taught that greatness comes by choosing to be the least and a servant. This is a difficult thing for us to strive for because it seems to be counterintuitive. It might also be difficult because of our understanding of what it means to be “least.” Being least does not mean you are at the bottom of the pile or back of the pack per se. It is not a matter of importance vs. unimportance.

The one who chooses to be least is one who has the kind and humble attitude desired of those in the kingdom of God. The one who is the least does not feel himself or herself too important for any task that requires doing in the church.

Being least in the kingdom is not

about being last on some sort of hierarchy. It is not about a lack of being important. Instead, being the least is about choosing to follow in the footsteps of Jesus Christ (Philippians 2:6-7).

It was Jesus who washed the feet of the Apostles to leave them (and us) an example (John 13:1-17), it was Jesus who associated with those considered “sinners” (Mark 2:15-17), it was Jesus who gave His life up, considered Himself least, because others needed Him.

When we seek to become great, let each of us pray to become least.



Outreach News—*Pat Cowden*

Today is Fathers Day, when we celebrate the men in our lives who have molded us and been there for us our whole lives. Fathers are intended to provide and protect and we are thankful when they do. Even more so, we have a heavenly Father who also has molded us, who has been there for us our whole lives. Who has provided for us and protected us. How much more worthy of celebration is our heavenly Father who is perfect, than our earthly fathers who, as much as we may love and care for them, are not.

If God were to tell us what it was that He would want us to celebrate about Him on Fathers Day, what would He say?

- Would He say to celebrate Him by worshipping Him in spirit and in truth (John 4:24)?
- Would He say to celebrate Him by loving the Lord God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind (Luke 10:27)?
- Would He say to celebrate Him by listening to His beloved Son, in Whom He is well pleased (Matthew 17:5)?
- Would He say to celebrate Him by sharing the gospel (His power) without being ashamed because it has the power to save men (Romans 1:16)?
- Would He say to celebrate Him by befriending His Son, by obeying His commands (John 14:15)?
- Would He say to celebrate Him by being unified in spiritual matters so that the world might believe that He sent His Son (John 17:21)?

I think we know that all of these questions would be answered, “Yes.” God would want to be celebrated through these means because of the relationship they establish between our heavenly Father and us, His children (Galatians 3:26-27).

Evangelism challenge:

- How comfortable are you with sharing your faith with others?
- Is it something that you consciously think about doing or does it happen naturally?

Risking our relationships by talking about God can be extremely uncomfortable, and I would say with some exceptions, most of us do not do it naturally. It is a habit and a desire that we must cultivate and put effort into establishing.

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



News Of Interest

Sick

Regency Skilled Nursing Home

Leo Johnson, (short visits)

Huntsville Hospital

Don Kimery

Home: Jerry Johnston

Sympathy

We express sympathy to Sandra Moore and all the families of **Watdell Bradford** in his death.

Balance Class

Tues., June 19; Thurs., June 21; 1:30 p.m.

Pantry Item: Canned tuna

No Family Care Meeting Today



Today and Upcoming at Chase Park

Regency Retirement Service

Today: 1:30 p.m.

Speaker: **Jerry Kilpatrick**

Song Leader: **Michael Sims**

Hospital Visitation

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

Super Seniors

Wednesday, June 20. No lunch.

Regency Retirement Village Singing

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

Youth Parent Meeting

Sunday, June 24, 4:15 p.m., small auditorium, to discuss plans for the Youth Program. Will schedule individual meetings after the group meeting for those who want to talk with the elders individually.

Children's Ministry Devotional

Sunday, June 24, after p.m. service.

Monday Night For The Master

Monday, June 25.

Worship Participants

SUNDAY AM JUNE 24, 2018	
READING	Andrew Corder
F PRAYER.....	Ray Brown
LS PRAYER.....	Jerry Kilpatrick
C PRAYER.....	Greg Parker

SUNDAY PM JUNE 24, 2018	
READING	Parker Clark
F PRAYER.....	Dave Clark
C PRAYER.....	John Denney

Thank You

“Thanks to all of you at Chase Park for the cards, thoughts and most of all for your prayers during this surgery and recovery. Don and Peggy are blessed to have you as a church family. In Christian love,”

Frances and Earl Champion

“Thank you to all who included my family in prayers, all who spoke words of condolences, and all who sent cards at the death of my brother, Larry King. You are all family to us, and we love you.”

Paul and Ruth King

Focus For
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of God's Blessings*

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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:

June 20	Curtis Hill	1 John 3:2
June 27	Eric Corder	Galatians 2:20
July 4	Andrew Lamica	2 Corinthians 6:16
July 11	Barry Todd	2 Timothy 1:12

Statistics

Sunday, June 10, 2018

AM Worship	342
Month Average	363
Bible Class	271
PM Worship	NC
Wed., June 13, Bible Classes	NC
Regency Ret. Worship	NC
Offering.....	\$18,854.50
Budget.....	\$18,000
Average '18	\$18,560
Over Budget for year	+\$12,884
Building Fund	\$160.00

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.epcofc.org/home-bible-studies>

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