

CHASE PARK MESSENGER

Does What God Says Matter?

There are many links that appear from a search on the Internet about “What does the Bible say about (*a given subject*), such as abortion, marriage, homosexuality, etc.” We can easily, with a little work, find what God’s Word has to say on a given topic. But, that is an entirely different question than the one posed for our consideration.

We live in a cultural time where many want to marginalize the Word of God. To many, it has become unimportant or powerless within our society. In many ways we have chosen to elevate ourselves to the same level, or above, that of God. When we take a position based upon “I think” or “I feel”, to the exclusion of what God has said in His inspired word, we set God, and what He has said, aside and promote ourselves above Him.

A Christian’s perspective cannot be that of the world, especially regarding the Word of God. We must have our entire lives (our thoughts, our words, our actions) based on what God has said. We are His bond servants, His ministers, His ambassadors. We are His (period). We are to reflect Him and His perfect will. For a Christian to think or act in a way that proposes that what God says regarding a particular subject does not matter, or is superseded by what one thinks, is in essence a revolt against God.

What God says does matter. Consider the following passages, to which many more could be added:

John 12:47-48 – *“And if any man hears My sayings, and keep them not, I judge him not: for I came not to judge the world, but to save the world. He that rejecteth Me, and receiveth not My sayings, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I spake, the same shall judge him in the last day.”*

Isaiah 1:18-20 – *“Come now, and let us reason together, saith Jehovah: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool. If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land: but if ye refuse and rebel, ye shall be devoured with the sword; for the mouth of Jehovah hath spoken it.”*

May we live every aspect of our lives in submission to God’s Word, because it does matter!

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
Andrew Lamica Youth

Elders

John Denney Dennis Lawson
Curtis Hill Greg Parker
Sam Kachelman 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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Lamications—*Andrew Lamica*

It is not hard to look around Chase Park and see the bright future which exists here. This congregation has so many things going for it; God is truly blessing us.

One of our greatest blessings is our children. On any given Sunday you will find our church building abuzz with the sounds of young people laughing and playing. As amazing as it sounds, approximately 25% of our Sunday morning attendance (which is very close to 400) are young people 18 years and younger! That's right, one out of every four people here at Chase Park are age 18 and under.

While realizing we have such a great number of young people is a wonderful thing to do, it is not enough. We must invest in them, each one of us. If we are not willing to invest in our young people, there is a great risk of them investing

themselves into the world! That is not a chance we can be willing to take. We must invest our time, our energy, our talents, and, yes, even our money in the young people of this congregation. This is not something that can be done by a handful of people alone. It must be accomplished by a conscientious effort from each member of this congregation.

You might be thinking, "But what can I do?" I am glad you asked. Let me offer some suggestions how each of us can invest in our young people:

1. **Get to know them.** Be willing to take the time to get to know as many of our young people as possible. Find out their names, what they like/don't like, who their family is, etc.
2. **Find common ground.** Find something that you as an individual and some of our teens

have in common and share that with them.

3. **Encourage them.** Being a young person today is tough. Satan is persistent in trying to trip them up and ensnare them in sin. When you see or hear of them doing something good, tell them, congratulate them! When you know they are struggling, lift them up. Be involved in their lives.

We have some really great young people here at Chase Park who look to us for encouragement, example, and escape from the difficulties of life. It is my prayer that you will be an encourager to one of the most valuable mission fields we have, our young people here at Chase Park Church of Christ.

Outreach News—*Pat Cowden*

This past weekend was wonderful! Rusty's lesson reminding us to "Keep Our Eyes On The Prize" was a great reminder of the fact that doing the right thing by being faithful to God is worth whatever it costs. Then we had another great lesson from Andrew about being "Out Of This World" directed mainly to our young folks but also applicable to us all. Followed by the Senior recognition including slideshows of pictures of each of our seven graduates which was encouraging and emotional. What great futures our young people have who have been raised in godly homes!

Also, last weekend, we had a clothes give away which was extremely successful with about 40 people from 16 families being served. From those we have a list of potential prospects for the gospel, a few of which expressed interest in following up with Bible study. Between services we had our 5th New Convert Class for those who have been baptized in 2017 or 2018 and were able to discuss the topic of Instrumental Music in services. Anything we can do to help new babes in Christ understand why and what we do in the Lord's church is time well spent.

Please pray for our mission team going to the Ukraine. By the time you are reading this they should be there and working. Also pray for some new studies that have recently started, that they might have open hearts and minds and might obey the gospel.

Evangelism challenge:

- Consider asking the person who lives immediately next door to you over for dinner or dessert with the intent of getting to know them better. No pressure about spiritual matters unless they bring it up. Building relationships are the foundation of "permission evangelism".

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



Think Souls First

News Of Interest

Sick

Huntsville Hospital, Madison Betty Meadows

Regency Skilled Nursing Rehab Leo Johnson

Home

Janet Lawson, Freida Sadler, Jerry Smelser, Mabel Albright.

Sympathy

We express sympathy to **Barbara Riddick** in the death of her brother-in-law, Jerry Wiekamp.

Church Offices Closed

Tomorrow, in observance of Memorial Day.

Children's Ministry Devotional

Monday, May 28. See **Wes** and **Tara McDonald**.

Monday Night For The Master

Saturday, June 2, 10:00—12 noon. We will canvass the neighborhood inviting neighbors to the VBS.

VBS

June 3—5, Sunday through Tuesday each evening, 6—7:30 p.m. Register at Hospitality Desk.

Pantry Item

Jell-O and canned fruit.

Today and Upcoming at Chase Park

Family Care Meeting

F and H meet today for potluck lunch. F Leaders: **Gransky, Heady, McCreless, Olbricht**; H Leaders: **Jennings, Lambrecht, McCall**. A and I meet Sunday, June 3. A Leaders: **Lamica, McDonald, Row, Trammell**; I Leaders: **Adams, Peacock, Pond**.

Regency Retirement Service

Today: 1:30 p.m.

Speaker: **Gregg Crabtree**

Song Leader: **Jeff Husband**

LTL Leadership Day

Today, 2:00—4:30 p.m. Will work on Mass Media, Art Says It, and other events. Parents please come with your children.

Hospital Visitation

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

Super Seniors

Wednesday, May 30. Will go out to eat.

Father And Daughter Banquet

Saturday, June 2, 5—7:00 p.m.

Quarterly Meal

Wednesday, June 6, 5:00 p.m. Adults—\$4.00; children— \$1.00. Menu: taco salad for adults, cheese quesadilla for kids. Dessert: strawberry ice box cake and sopapilla cheese cake bars.

Worship Participants

| SUNDAY AM JUNE 3, 2018 | |
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| READING | Tommy Christopher |
| F PRAYER..... | Darren Crowden |
| LS PRAYER..... | Randal Jennings |
| C PRAYER..... | Keith Griffin |

| SUNDAY PM JUNE 3, 2018 | |
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| READING | Seth Davis |
| F PRAYER..... | Kip Adams |
| C PRAYER..... | Jared Olbricht |

Thank You

“We would like to thank you for your support during our time of loss. Robert ‘Tiny’ Nance had friends here and they didn’t let him down or us. We appreciated the kind words, the flowers, cards, and donations that were given in his name. There isn’t anything better than the Lord and Christian love to get you through sad times.”

Robert and Joan Nance

Focus For
MAY - JUNE

*I Am A Steward
of God's Blessings*

I AM THE CHURCH



Chase Park
CHURCH of CHRIST

Summer Series begins Wednesday, June 6

"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 for June:

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| June 6 | Steve Watson | 2 Corinthians 2:15-16 |
| June 13 | Pat Cowden | 2 Corinthians 5:20 |
| June 20 | Curtis Hill | 1 John 3:2 |
| June 27 | Eric Corder | Galatians 2:20 |

Statistics

Sunday, May 20, 2018

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| AM Worship | 357 |
| Month Average | 379 |
| Bible Class | 302 |
| PM Worship | NC |
| Wed., May 23, Bible Classes | 250 |
| Regency Ret. Worship | NC |
| Offering..... | \$17,918.60 |
| Budget..... | \$18,000 |
| Average '18 | \$18,548 |
| Over Budget for year | +\$10,954 |
| Building Fund | \$260.00 |

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>

(Lesson 1 Link)

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