

CHASE PARK MESSENGER

If the Lord Wills...

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. Instead you ought to say, "If the Lord wills, we shall live and do this or that." James 4:13-15

As we near the end of 2019, much planning, thinking, discussing, and praying has been done concerning Chase Park's work in 2020. Throughout the day today, you will learn of some of those plans regarding themes, special events, calendars, and budgets. All of those things that you will hear about today, and everything that has been discussed and planned, has been done with an attitude of "If the Lord wills...," as should all of our plans and activities in life. When we precede some statement with, "If the Lord wills," what are we saying? Think with me about some of the implications of this statement:

- It acknowledges that life is uncertain but that God is not, and that He holds and sustains our lives in His mighty hand.
- It recognizes the sovereignty of God's perfect will and His infinite power to accomplish that will.
- It reminds us of our own weakness and reliance upon God to care for us in His perfect way and in His perfect time.
- It voices our trust in and submission to God's plan—His wisdom, His care, and His power.

You see, "If the Lord wills..." is a powerful attitude and mindset that each Christian should have but that must not be taken lightly. We serve a great and loving God who blesses and cares for us in more ways that we know or can imagine. May we ever place our lives into His loving hands and always approach our lives with an attitude of "If the Lord wills..."

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.



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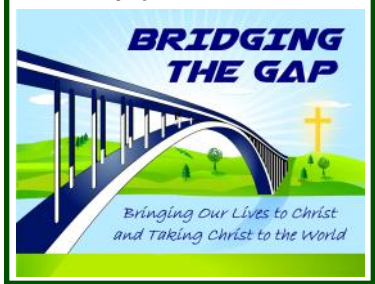
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2019 THEME



Youth News

Children’s Ministry (Little Lights-6th Grade)

- Dec. 11** **Vittles w/Friends**
- Dec. 14** **Holiday Party**
- Dec. 15** **CM Devo**
After p.m. service
- Dec. 20** **Caroling**

Bible Bowl

- Dec. 15** **Practice**
3:30 p.m., dining room
 - Dec. 18** **Practice**
5:30 p.m., library
 - Jan. 5** **TVBB**
@ Meridianville CofC
- (See Michelle Clements for information.)*

Youth Group (7th-12th Grade)

- Every Monday morning**M4**
@ 7:00 a.m., dining room
- Every Wednesday **Hang Time**
@ 5:30 p.m.
- Dec. 8** **Area-Wide Devo**
@ Broadstreet CofC
- Dec. 11** **Vittles w/Friends**
..... 3:00—6:30 p.m., dining room
- Dec. 15** **Youth Devo**
- Dec. 20** **Caroling**
- Dec. 21** **Holiday Party**
- Dec. 27-30** **Exposure Y. C.**

Lads to Leaders

- Dec. 8** **L2L Work Day**
- Dec. 15** **L2L Registration Forms Due**

- Apr. 10-12 2020 Convention**
@ Opryland Hotel

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

Outreach—Pat Cowden

I want to let you in on some very encouraging news. One of the new converts from the last few weeks is actively engaged with sharing his faith. In fact, over the last few weeks, he has studied with 10 of his friends every Sunday night, sharing his new-found faith and telling them about the Lord’s church. What an encouragement to all of us to be willing and ready to share what we believe with others.

Today, I want to announce a new initiative for local evangelism in 2020. I want to call it, “Every Family Wins One”. What I mean by that is this; it is my prayer and our goal for every family unit at Chase Park to be involved in the conversion of one person this year. Obviously, if you convert more than one, that would be wonderful! Paul reminds us what this looks like in 1 Corinthians 3:6, “*I (Paul) planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the increase.*” If we keep God’s system in mind, realizing that there really is no pressure on us, it is God’s doing when someone obeys the gospel, then we will be more passionate about trying to win souls.

The last thing we need to do is to get discouraged when someone turns us down, or rejects our efforts to share Jesus with them. Jesus had the same response with many folks as well. Do we expect to do better at it than Him??? The other thing we need to avoid is to become complacent and think that it is someone else’s job to share their faith. It is every Christian’s responsibility and privilege to share their faith with others (Matthew 10:32-33).

Lastly, please do not be intimidated by the actual study part of the conversion process. We have men and women who are capable of handling that part. What we need is every member taking advantage of every opportunity to let his or her faith be known (thank you Leigh Gates). Even if the one you are talking to today does not agree to have a bible study, you are developing the habit of sharing your faith, which is a victory in God’s eyes. The more we share, the more we will teach. The more we teach, the more who will obey.

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

Pat



Think Souls First

News Of Interest

Pantry Item: Rolled oats

2020 Volunteer Sign-up Sheets at Hospitality Desk.

Sick

Huntsville Hospital Main

Ann Fults (I)

Jim Gray (I), No visitors.

Home: Dena Hutchison (G), Donnie Sharp (H) No visitors, Regina Brothers (I) No visitors

Ladies' Night Out

Holiday Party—Tuesday, December 17, 6:30 p.m. at the home of Debbie Phillips. Menu: Favorite Non-Sweet Finger Foods. Desserts and drinks will be provided. Bring a \$10 Christmas item or ornament to play Dirty Santa.

Regency Retirement Village Singing

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

OHM Meeting Team 1-Parker

Saturday, December 21, 6:00 p.m. at the home of Pat and Maria Cowden. Members age 20-29, names A-Z.

Church Offices Closed

The church offices will be closed Tuesday, Wednesday, December 24 and 25 in observance of the Christmas Holidays.

Mid-Week Classes/Devotion—Christmas Week

Mid-Week classes/devotion will take place on Thursday, December 26. All classes will meet as usual.

Today and Upcoming at Chase Park

Regency Retirement Service

Today, 1:30 p.m.

Speaker: **Michael Sims**

Song Leader: **Joel Heady**

Hospital Visitation

Team (2), **Crowden** please pick up your assignments tonight after p.m. service.

Ladies' Bible Class

Tuesday, December 10, 10:00 a.m., elder's conference room.

Balance Class

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

Super Seniors

Wednesday, December 11, 10:00 a.m.

Worship Participants

SUNDAY AM DECEMBER 15	
READING	Brannon Emperley
F PRAYER	Sam Kachelman
LS PRAYER.....	John Denney
C PRAYER.....	Darren Crowden

SUNDAY PM DECEMBER 15	
READING	Isaiah McCreless
F PRAYER	Jon Rosenblum
C PRAYER.....	Russ Davis

Library Additions

We now have a digital library version of **Polishing The Pulpit (PTP365)**. Lessons can be searched by speaker, topic, or Bible book, and you can even download lessons to your mobile device. Please take advantage of this great resource! Sign in at 365.polishingthepulpit.com. The username is **cpcofcLIB** and the password is **CPmember**.

The book, THE THINGS THAT WERE, THE THINGS THAT ARE, THE THINGS THAT WILL BE: Allowing the Bible to Interpret the Book of Revelation—Volume 1 & 2, has been donated to our Chase Park library by the A.C.T.S. class in memory of Pat Steele.

Looking Ahead...



Today will be a great day as we look ahead to the exciting opportunities that 2020 will offer us in doing the Lord's work and bringing glory to Him in this community and in our lives. Plan to get involved and be a part of making 2020 a great year for Chase Park.

A.M. Worship

Presentation of 2020 Theme

Bible Class

Presentation of 2020 Budget
(Curtis Hill & Greg Cothren)

P.M. Worship

Presentation of 2020 Calendar
(Pat Cowden & Rusty Hills)

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Statistics

Week of December 1, 2019

AM Worship	406
Month Average	406
Bible Class	327
PM Worship.....	300
Wed., Bible Class (Dec. 4)	241
Regency Ret. Worship	34
Offering	\$20,714.65
Budget.....	\$19,000
Average '19	\$19,699
Over Budget for year	+\$33,533
Special Mortgage Fund .	\$1,460

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.cpcofc.org/home-bible-studies>

(Lesson 1 Link)

The Bible—God's Holy Word