

# CHASE PARK MESSENGER

## *Casting Stones* *John 8:1-11*

She was a sinner, caught in the very act of adultery. There was no doubt concerning her guilt. Made a public spectacle as she was brought to Jesus, she was only a pawn in their game. She wasn't their true concern, He was. Their goal was to vilify, discredit, and accuse Jesus. What would He say? How would He respond? In all of their scheming, they never imagined that Jesus would react to them in the way He did. "He who is without sin among you, let him throw a stone at her first." It is not that Jesus was condoning her sin, for certainly He was not. His words to her, "go and sin no more," were a condemnation of her sinful actions, mingled with a compassionate call for her repentance. But Jesus knew the hearts of her accusers. He saw through the charade of their righteous indignation and understood their impure motives.

Jesus' lesson to them is one that we would all do well to learn from. It can become very easy for us to become righteously indignant toward the sins of others. We see their choices, their lives, and their attitudes toward God and recoil in anger and disdain at their ungodliness. Jesus' point is certainly not that we should condone or justify sin in the lives of others; rather He is reminding us that we must be very careful about condemning others while ignoring our own sinfulness. We must be ever mindful that Romans 3:23 applies to us as well. To judge others harshly and without compassion is to bring that same harshness of judgment against ourselves (Matt. 7:1-2). Our reaction to the sins of others must always be tempered by introspection and an awareness of our own sins.

So how should we respond to sin in the lives of others? As Jesus did—with love, compassion, and concern. We must not find joy or satisfaction in someone else's sinfulness, and likewise, we must not be filled with wrathful anger and unrighteous judgment. Sin, in our own lives and in the lives of others, is an occasion for sadness and sorrow. Our only desire should be to see the sinner restored and saved (Gal. 6:1). In that desire, we pray, we humble ourselves, and we act with compassion. As the old saying goes we "hate the sin, but love the sinner." May God help us to do so in a way that pleases Him.

*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 Savkovsky .....Ukraine  
Barton Kizer.....North Carolina  
Dewayne Tapscott..... Southwest

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## YOUTH NEWS

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

**Feb. 12** Vittles w/Friends  
3:00—6:00 p.m.

**Correction:**

**Feb. 16** CM Devo  
After p.m. service

### Bible Bowl

*(See Michelle Clements or Mindy Sims for details or information.)*

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

Every Monday @ 7:00 am **M4**

Every Wednesday **Hang Time**

**Feb. 9** Area-Wide Devo  
@ Owens Cross Roads

**Feb. 12** Vittles w/Friends  
3:00—6:00 p.m.

**Correction:**

**Feb. 23** Youth Devo  
After p.m. service

**Feb. 28-Mar 1** CYC!

### Lads to Leaders

Be watching and listening for  
practice days and times!

**Feb. 23** Written Bible Bowl Test  
3:30 p.m., 5th-6th grade room

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

*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

We had a wonderful men's retreat last week and I pray that the ladies' retreat was as well. January 2020 has been extremely busy and it looks like it is not slowing down any in February. I covet your prayers for multiple studies and relationships being built with the intent of leading to studies. I am so proud of the response from CP members in regards to being evangelistic as well as being warm and welcoming to visitors.

The Lord wants us to be living joy-filled lives. Part of being filled with joy is being enthusiastic about our relationship with Christ. I hear the phrase, "Do you know Jesus?", quite often. It is an important and good question to ask, but perhaps we should be digging a little deeper and asking this question, "Does Jesus know me?" We know that is crucial because Jesus said to a group of zealous active people, "Depart from Me...I never knew you." (Matthew 7:23) In order to be enthusiastically joy-filled, we must make sure Jesus knows us. Why? Because, if we are not sure, we face possible rejection from Him and are living in a dangerous, doubt-filled world.

The other reason we need to be enthusiastically joy-filled is that it is contagious! If we want others to be interested in Christianity, we need to be excited about it. Why would someone I work next to every day want to be what I am religiously if:

- I am lukewarm towards my faith.
- I am silent about my faith.
- I am critical of my fellow Christians.
- I do not show compassion and concern for others.

Perhaps some of the greatest evangelistic tools each of us has in our "spiritual toolbox" are a warm smile and a kind word. If my personality is not naturally warm and kind...now is the time for me to start working on it. My comfort level in relationships is not of greater importance than someone's else's eternal destiny. If it raises the probability of someone going to heaven (and it does), then I must work on my own faults before I help others with theirs.

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

Pat



**Think Souls First**

## News Of Interest

**Pantry Item:** Canned Fruit

**Sick**

**Home:** Glenda Hall (E ), Pat Clark (G), Tiny Corder (G) No visitors, Donell Parker (I), Anne Fults (I), Rhonda Atchley (G), Ruth King (G)

**Sympathy**

We express sympathy to Kay Sims, Cathy Peacock, Brian Peacock and Leslie Campbell in the death of their son, nephew, and cousin, Greg Sims.

## Today and Upcoming at Chase Park

**Family Care Groups Meeting**

Groups F and G will meet today for potluck lunch. Groups I and J are scheduled to meet next Sunday, February 16, for potluck lunch.

**Regency Retirement Service**

Today: 1:30 p.m.  
Speaker: Jerry Kilpatrick  
Song Leader: Gregg Crabtree

**Hospital Visitation**

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

**Balance Class**

Tuesday, Thursday, February 11, 13, 1:30 p.m.

**Super Seniors**

Wednesday, February 12, 10:00 a.m., no meal.

**Men's Breakfast**

Saturday, February 15, 8:00 a.m.

**Regency Retirement Village Singing**

Thursday, February 20, 6:00 p.m.

**OHM Meeting**

Saturday, February 22, 5:00 p.m. at the home of Andy and Debbie Phillips.

## Worship Participants

SUNDAY AM February 16, 2020	
READING .....	David Brothers
F PRAYER.....	Jerry Kilpatrick
LS PRAYER.....	Eric Corder
C PRAYER.....	Jared Brumlow

SUNDAY PM February 16, 2020	
READING .....	Brannon Emperley
F PRAYER.....	Wesley McDonald
C PRAYER.....	Don Champion



Saturday, February 15, 2020  
8:00 a.m.

# 2020 VISION



*Chase Park*  
CHURCH OF CHRIST

## Statistics

**Sunday, February 2, 2020**

AM Worship .....	370
Month Average .....	370
Bible Class .....	292
PM Worship .....	262
Wed., Feb. 5 Bible Classes.....	NC
Regency Ret. Worship .....	34
Offering.....	\$22,411.00
Budget.....	\$19,500
Average '20 .....	\$21,019
Over Budget for year .....	+\$7,597
<b>Building Fund .....</b>	<b>\$121.00</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.epcofc.org/home-bible-studies>

**(Lesson 1 Link)**

**The Bible—God's Holy Word**

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