

# CHASE PARK MESSENGER

## Immigrants Arrive At Border

For several months we have heard about a caravan of immigrants from Central America traveling to the United States. Such a trek has to be a difficult journey, plagued with many challenges and hardships. It appears that those on this journey are on a quest to gain citizenship, peace and safety. Regardless of their individual cases, they each are yearning to enter into a great country.

As we consider this particular caravan of wanderers, perhaps there are a few important points that we can observe in relation to the journey we are on. Each of us have a desire to enter into a “greater country”, heaven. (Philippians 3:20 – For our citizenship is in heaven...) We have, or perhaps long for, true citizenship in this country. As this human caravan reaches the border of the United States, there will be a time of reckoning, where questions will be asked by those in authority. In order to lawfully gain admission into the United States each individual must have properly prepared themselves in order to meet the requirements for admission.

When we reflect upon God’s plan for us to obtain an eternal home in heaven, we realize He has laid down a similar scenario for us to observe from the spiritual perspective. Before entry will be granted into this eternal home, we must have taken the necessary, commanded steps to prepare ourselves for lawful admission. (Matthew 19:17 – “...but if you would enter into life, keep the commandments.”) Without having taken those steps, in the prescribed manner, we will not receive those welcoming words, (Matthew 25:34 – “Come you blessed...”).

What a shame it is for so many to be led on a hopeless journey when they have been deceived into thinking they would receive entry. How disappointing it must be to reach the place that you have been striving for, only to be turned away because you did not go about things in the correct manner. For those on the journey through Central America, that will be a terrible end to their physical travels. For those engaged in the spiritual quest for heaven, it would be a tragic failure. We must continually ask ourselves if we are “lawful” in the sight of God, and therefore will be welcomed when we reach the border and desire to enter into that glorious home.

*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

### 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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### 2018 THEME:

## I AM THE CHURCH



## YOUTH NEWS

<b>Children's Ministry (Little Lights-6th Grade)</b>		<b>Youth Group (7th-12th Grade)</b>	<b>Lads to Leaders</b>
<b>Dec 9</b>	<b>CM Devo</b> <i>after p.m. service</i>	Every Wednesday Hang Time (5:30)	Sign-ups continue until end of November. Registration fees due then.
<b>Dec 15</b>	<b>CM Holiday Party</b>	Every Monday M4 (7:00)	
		<b>Dec 7</b> <b>YG Holiday Party</b> <i>@ Blankenship's</i>	<b>Nov 25</b> <b>L2L Work Day</b> <i>(2:30-4:30)</i>
		<b>Dec 27-30</b> <b>Exposure Youth Camp</b>	Theme for 2019: <b>I AM</b> (Exodus 3:14)

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

## Outreach News—Pat Cowden

When contemplating evangelizing people who attend denominations often times the question is asked, “Why?” Why are you reaching out to those who are already attending a place of “worship”. It is a legitimate question, one that we need to be prepared to answer, especially if you have people in your lives that attend denominations. So, how do you answer this sincere question?

The first place I would, and do, start is by asking this question: “To what denomination were the 3,000 or so added to on the Day of Pentecost?” Those who “gladly received the word and were baptized”, (Acts 2:41) whom “the Lord added to His church” (v. 47). Was it the organization that Boniface established in 606 A.D. in Rome? Or was it the church that Jesus came to live and die for, and to purchase with His own blood? (Matthew 16:18 & Acts 20:28)

The answer should be obvious, one of those options is almost 600 years too late, and all other denominations arrive hundreds of years even later. The church that Jesus came and established was “His” church, the “church of Christ” (Romans 16:16)

There is a term that is used in denominational circles that is intended to try to tap into this understanding, perhaps you have heard it or used it. It is the phenomenon known as, non-denominational churches. In concept, the theory is correct and good because neither Jesus (John 17:21) nor Paul (1 Corinthians 1:10-13) desired division. However, the term is inaccurate related to the church of Christ. A more correct description Biblically would be that the “church of Christ” was **pre-denominational** rather than **non-denominational**. On the Day of Pentecost, nobody would have thought to ask, “Which denomination have I just become a part of?” because there were none.

Evangelism challenge:

Someone near you is in need. How can you help their need and move them closer to a decision about Christ? Benevolence is compassion with intention to bring about spiritual benefit. Think on these things...

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

Pat



## *News Of Interest*

### Sick

#### Huntsville Hospital Main

Susan Vinson

Home: Betty Meadows

### Sympathy

We express sympathy to **Joy Wharton** in the death of her mother.

### Family Care/Congregation Holiday Party

Sunday, December 2, after p.m. services. Bring a sweet and non-sweet finger food.

### Ladies' Night Out

Tuesday, December 4, 6:30 p.m., dining room. Bring sweet or non-sweet finger food and an ornament for Dirty Santa.

### 2019 Budget/Calendar Presentation

December 9, 2018, **Curtis Hill** and **Greg Cothren** will be presenting the 2019 Budget during the bible class hour. All adults will remain in the Auditorium.

**Rusty** will present the Calendar for 2019 with his lesson during the p.m. service.

### Pantry Item:

Canned corn

## *Today and Upcoming at Chase Park*

### Family Care Meeting

No family care groups will meet till mid January 2019.

### Regency Retirement Service

Today: 1:30 p.m.

Speaker: **Dennis Lawson**

Song Leader: **Jared Olbricht**

### Hospital Visitation

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

### Monday Night for the Master

Monday, November 26, 6:30—8:00 p.m.

### Super Seniors

Wednesday, November 28, 10:00 a.m., no meal.

### Big Sister/L'il Sister Day

Saturday, December 1, 2018, kitchen/dining room/fellowship hall, 10:00 a.m.—10:00 p.m.

## *Worship Participants*

SUNDAY AM DECEMBER 2, 2018	
READING .....	<b>John Adams</b>
F PRAYER.....	<b>Bill Brothers</b>
LS PRAYER.....	<b>Eric Corder</b>
C PRAYER.....	<b>Kip Adams</b>

SUNDAY PM DECEMBER 2, 2018	
READING .....	<b>David Brothers</b>
F PRAYER.....	<b>Toney Atchley</b>
C PRAYER.....	<b>Ellie Brake</b>

## *Thank you*

“Dear Elders and members at Chase Park,  
Our family thanks you so much for the beautiful flowers for Mickey. We will never forget how kind everyone was to us when we moved to Huntsville in 1965. J.C. came to our house before we had unloaded the moving truck. J.C. baptized Mickey and Scott. We have so many happy memories from Memorial Parkway. In Christian love,”

*Nina, little Mickey, and Scott Payer*

Focus For  
NOVEMBER - DECEMBER

*I Am An Heir of Heaven*

# I AM THE CHURCH



*Chase Park*  
CHURCH of CHRIST

**Next Sunday, December 2nd,**  
We are excited to have with us,

## **Ben Stanley**

Candidate for Youth Minister position,

along with his fiancé,

## **Abby Seesengood**

*Ben will be teaching a combined class for teens and parents during the AM Bible class hour and will be preaching at the PM service.*



Be sure to greet Ben and Abby, and make them feel welcome.

### Statistics

**Sunday, November 18, 2018**

AM Worship .....	398
Month Average .....	378
Bible Class .....	286
PM Worship .....	236
Wed., Nov. 21, Bible Classes....	NC
Regency Ret. Worship .....	42
Offering.....	\$18,152.10
Budget.....	\$18,000
Average '18 .....	\$18,599
Over Budget for year ....	+\$27,541
<b>Building Fund .....</b>	<b>\$29,818.90</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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