

# CHASE PARK MESSENGER

## How Much Are You Worth?

Worth is something that is highly valued in our world. Whether it's a parcel of land, a prized possession, a rare antique, or even a human life, we often hear the question asked: "How much is it worth?" According to one person's research, the average human body, if broken down into its raw elements would be worth just over 160 dollars. If that number doesn't make you feel very valuable, then consider that it has been estimated that, by attaching a monetary value to the individual components of the body (skin, bone marrow, major organs, etc.), the human body could be worth as much as 45 million dollars. Of course, we understand that our worth is not usually determined by the monetary value of our bodies but, rather, by the unique qualities that the person possesses: abilities, education, accomplishments, wealth, fame, or popularity, just to name a few. According to our world's thinking, these are the things that determine a person's worth.

The problem with these valuations of a human life is that they all ignore the most important component of the human life—the soul. It is your eternal soul, made in the image of God, that sets you apart from the rest of God's creation. While everything else that you are and have is only temporary and is limited to the short time that you exist in this physical world, your soul will live on through eternity. It is, in reality, that soul that determines your true worth. In the eyes and heart of God, your soul is priceless. When it came to the redeeming of your soul, there was no price that God was not willing to pay—even to the extent of allowing His only Son to suffer and die in order to save you. If you were to ask God what you are worth, I imagine that He would look lovingly from you to His Son and then back to you and simply respond, "Everything."

If only we could see ourselves through God's eyes and understand the immense value of our souls. Maybe then, we would understand that our souls are worth far more than all of the worldly possessions and accomplishments that the world places so much value on. May God open our eyes to what is truly important.

*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

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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### 2018 THEME:

## I AM THE CHURCH



## Lamications—*Andrew Lamica*

Have you ever found yourself becoming impatient after having to wait for five minutes in the fast food drive through? That makes two of us.

We live in what I have heard called a “microwave society.” We want what we want, and we want it now. Day by day, patience is becoming a thing of the past. Technology has sped up the way we do business and interact with one another as well. We can send a message or make a call across the globe in a matter of seconds.

As a result of our high paced lifestyle, have we become impatient with one another? Has our willingness to forgive or be longsuffering toward others become impeded due to our lack of patience?

When I look over my life I am

thankful for the longsuffering nature of God. It is through God’s patience that each of us have the opportunity to obtain the mercy found in the blood of His Son.

Saul, who would become the Apostle Paul, understood the great blessing of God’s longsuffering. In writing to the young preacher, Timothy, Paul credits the patience of God as being paramount to his receiving mercy for his sins against Christ and His church (1 Timothy 1:12-16).

God being longsuffering toward Paul, the chief sinner by his own admission, was done in part to give us an example of how God feels about sinners. God does not desire any sinner to stay in a lost state but that every single one come to repentance (2 Peter 3:9).

When I consider how patient God has been and continues to be with me, it should cause me to burst out with joy and praise toward Him as Paul did (1 Timothy 1:17). What a wonderful blessing it is for God to give me a little more time to draw nearer to Him!

Though God is patient, we must never take for granted His patience. God’s patience should cause us to love Him deeper and create within us a desire to obey Him.

There will come a time when God’s longsuffering will end and each one of us will have to give an account for how we spent our time on earth (Romans 2:4-5). May each of us spend our time not taking for granted God’s longsuffering but using it as a way to grow closer to Him!

## Outreach News—*Pat Cowden*

This morning we continue our discussion about reaching out to those we come in contact with on a regular basis.

James says, “*So then, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath...*” (1:19)

Everyone wants to be heard, and most will appreciate a listening ear. Intentional listening is a key to gaining important information that will help in developing an approach that will be successful in reaching a person for Christ. Honing this skill in all our interactions will improve all aspects of communication, whether we are evangelizing or not.

When we connect with someone, an intentional personal evangelist will do a lot of listening, and then ask questions showing interest in the prospect. We can ask questions

about their hobbies, what they enjoy, their family (people like to talk about their kids and grandchildren). This is a great opportunity to find common ground and interests and has the potential to develop lasting friendships and trust.

During these initial conversations, we should be especially attuned to statements that indicate religious background, where (if anywhere) they attend services. Do the things they say of a spiritual nature give any clues to their knowledge and interest level in spiritual matters?

One thing that I have learned over the years is the ability to deflect a conversation if difficult spiritual questions come up too soon. We need to remember that we are building relationships at this stage not rebutting or refuting what they believe. It is ok to answer some of

the questions that come up at this stage, but it is better to use their interest as an opportunity to set up a formal Bible study. Perhaps we could respond like this: “That is a very interesting question, I would love to set up a time with you to study what the Bible has to say about that.”

Remember, if you are not ready to hold a study yourself, we have others (like me) who would love to help conduct a study. If you have a chance to set up a concrete time to set up a study, do so, and we will adjust our schedule to be available. There is nothing else we are involved with that is more important than sharing the gospel with someone who is interested in hearing it!

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

## *News Of Interest*

### Sick

#### Regency Healthcare and Rehab

Mark Henry

#### Redstone Village

Jerry Smelser

**Home:** Aleya Maples, Carl Harris, Carol Zlatovich, Paul King, Martha Norris, Bert Edwards.

### Directory Updates

Remove Bill, Pansy, Dylan, and Blake Herndon. They have moved back to Florida to be closer to Bill's family. They loved Chase Park and worshipping here, but feel that they needed to move back "home."

Remove Brett Todd; he is living in Atlanta.

### Membership

**Regina Hill** has been visiting Chase Park for a while and is placing membership with us. She comes to us from the Huntsville Park Church of Christ. She is a Procurement Analyst with the U.S. Army Contracting Command—RSA. Be sure to meet Regina and welcome her to our Chase Park family!

### Pantry Item

Peanut Butter

## *Today and Upcoming at Chase Park*

### Regency Retirement Service

Today: 1:30 p.m.

Speaker: **Michael Sims**

Song Leader: **Michael Sims**

### Hospital Visitation

Team #2 (**Mike Emerson**), please pick up your assignments after p.m. service.

### Balance Class

Tues., Feb. 13; Thur., Feb. 15; 1:30 p.m.

### Super Seniors

Wednesday, February 14. No lunch.

### Regency Retirement Village Singing

Thursday, February 15, 6:00 p.m.

### Big Sister/Little Sister Service Project

Sunday, February 18, 11:30 a.m.—1:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall.

### Church Offices Closed

Monday, February 19, for President's Day.

### Family Care Information

No Family Care Meeting today. Teams **C** and **H** meet Sunday, February 18. **C Leaders:** **Champion, Landman;** **H Leaders:** **Jennings, Lambrecht, McCall.**

## *Worship Participants*

SUNDAY AM FEBRUARY 18, 2018	
READING .....	Philip Williams
F PRAYER.....	Barry Todd
LS PRAYER.....	Gregg Crabtree
C PRAYER.....	Robb Walker

SUNDAY PM FEBRUARY 18, 2018	
READING .....	Payton Corder
F PRAYER.....	Kip Adams
C PRAYER.....	Ray Brown

## *Bible Class*

**Combined Adult Bible Class  
today in the auditorium.**

Michael Whitworth will be  
speaking on  
"The Goals of an Education Program."

Focus For  
JANUARY - FEBRUARY

*I Am A Child of God*

**I AM THE CHURCH**



*Chase Park*  
CHURCH of CHRIST

# ***AREA WIDE YOUTH DEVO***

*at*

## **Chase Park**

**Next Sunday,  
February 18th**

**Theme:**

## ***“Who Is Jesus?”***

### **Statistics**

**Sunday, February 4, 2018**

AM Worship .....	340
Month Average .....	340
Bible Class .....	NC
PM Worship .....	225
Wed., Feb. 7 Bible Classes.....	NC
Regency Ret. Worship .....	34
Offering.....	\$19,033.91
Budget.....	\$18,000
Average '18 .....	\$17,799
Under Budget for year.....	-\$1,007
<b>Building Fund .....</b>	<b>\$70.00</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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