

# MESSINGER

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## Do You Know What You Are Going to Do Tomorrow?

One hundred and five years ago on the fifteenth of this month a disaster that continues to be remembered occurred. The RMS Titanic sank taking the lives of over 1500 people out of the 2224 that were aboard. The passengers and crew of the Titanic fully expected to reach their destination in New York when they left Southampton England, after all wasn't this ship advertised as unsinkable? It would be good for each of us to remember Christ's words in Matthew 24:42, "*Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come.*"

As we look back on this disaster we will probably never know how many of these 1500 souls were not saved, in the spiritual sense. How many of these might have been saved had someone reached out to them and told them about Christ? As Christians, we are all ministers of the Gospel and have the ability to talk to others about Christ. It is not just the job of Rusty, Andrew, Nathan, John or the elders to teach others. In the Great Commission we are all given instruction by Christ to go out and teach. Matthew 28:19-20, "*Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you;*"

Think about family members that you love, neighbors, or those with whom you work. If they did not wake up tomorrow, would you feel bad because you had not taken the time to share the Gospel with them? If we remember that we are instructed to go out into the world and teach the words of Christ, and also remember that we are not guaranteed tomorrow, we might look at each one of the lost souls around us a little differently.

## Your Elders

## To Our Guests

We are so pleased and honored that you have chosen to visit with us today! Chase Park is a wonderful Christian family, devoted to serving God through our lives and work. We are excited to share our love for Christ with others and we are thankful to have the opportunity to meet you and to have you join us for worship.

As we worship together today, our desire is to worship God according to the New Testament pattern and in a way that is pleasing and acceptable to Him. It is also our prayer that our time together is uplifting to those who are here including you, our guest. If you have any questions about anything that you see or hear today, please ask us. We would love to speak with you about those things and help you in any way that we can.



## Chase Park Church of Christ

### Ministers

Rusty Hills ..... Pulpit  
Nathan Adams..... Outreach  
John Denney ..... Education  
Andrew Lamica..... Youth Minister

### Elders

John Denney  
Curtis Hill  
Sam Kachelman  
Dennis Lawson  
Greg Parker  
Barry Todd

### Missionaries

Jaime Mendoza .... Chalco, Mexico  
Liborio Encarnacion. Ecatepec, Mexico  
Slava Savkovsky ..... Ukraine  
Barton Kizer..... Peru  
Dewayne Tapscott..... Southwest

## Lamications—*Andrew Lamica*

Video cameras were developed in the early part of the 1900's and John Logie Baird is generally credited for their creation.

Video cameras have been woven into virtually every aspect of our society. Most of us carry a video camera in our pocket, on our smart phones! There are surveillance cameras on almost every corner of big cities and in most businesses. We have actually grown to expect and count on video cameras. When we find ourselves in a not so great area we likely look to be sure there is some sort of security camera keeping an eye on things.

No amount of security or other types of cameras can document every single second of our lives. There are many times in our lives where there is not a camera to be

found.

That does not mean, however, that we are not being kept up with. Even if we find ourselves in a place where there are no cameras and nobody else is around, God is still there and is able to see us. Matthew 10:27-31 tells us just how attentive God is to the things that are going on in this world. If His eye is on the sparrow, we can know with certainty that He is also keeping an eye on us. Contrary to what some might think, God is not watching us to see when we do wrong. He is looking for those who are trying to do right! God is rooting for you and me! Psalm 14:2 says "*The LORD looks down from heaven on the children of man, to see if there are any who understand, who seek after God.*" God desires to find

those who are diligently seeking after Him.

Often times we give God a bad rap, considering Him to be similar to "big brother" looking for those that He can condemn! That is not who God is or what He is about. It is true that God is righteous and He will mediate justice to those who reject Him, but that is not what He WANTS to do. The Bible tells us that God does not desire that any should perish but all should come to repentance (2 Peter 3:9).

To sum it up, God is all knowing and all seeing. What He desires to see is His people diligently seeking after Him and living out His will on a daily basis. So, let me ask you, what does God see in you when there is nobody and no camera around?

## Would You Like A Drink?—*Nathan Adams*

Many years ago I heard a speaker tell about a man who attended his congregation. The man was not mentally capable of doing many things, but he did love to water the flower beds around the church building. There were some local boys who would come by and tease him. He never seemed to mind and always asked them as he extended the water hose toward them, "Would you like a drink?" They would laugh at him and be cruel. This was repeated time and again over the course of more than a year. Then one day, those boys saw that someone else was watering the flower beds. They asked where the young man was and why he was not doing the watering? The man answered that he had died from his many physical difficulties that limited him in so many ways. This news devastated the young men. They remembered how they had treated him and he had only shown them kindness by offering them a drink. They asked if they could take over the job of

watering at the church. They did and in time three of those boys became children of God and it all began because a kind young man endured unkindness and offered love.

Every Christian has different abilities. The Bible clearly teaches that every Christian is not expected to do every thing that can be done within the church. Paul's metaphor of the body clearly distinguishes individual Christians with specific roles and capabilities within the church. Ephesians 4:11-12 tells us that there are different roles, yet those roles all work toward one end—serving and building up the body of Christ. All that might be done in this endeavor is established in the scriptures. Yet, the scriptures do provide for various means to carry out this endeavor. For example, "Go into all the world" is a generic command. There are many ways to "go". One can use a train, plane, car, boat, phone, internet, snail mail, and many others to accomplish this. A Christian can use a Bible

study system like OBS, simply have a Biblical conversation, or tell people about the love of Jesus in some other way. The rest of Mark 16:15 says, "and preach the gospel." That is a specific command meaning that there is no variation to what we teach—it must be the gospel of our Lord Jesus. So the gospel must be the message, but how that message is delivered can vary. The teaching of the gospel had its beginnings with those three boys in the simple and loving act of a child of God. He taught the gospel by allowing it to be clearly seen in him. This is never an excuse for laziness by those who can do something more substantive. We should always be looking to multiply our talents. Yet, there was a one talent man who the master did not expect as much from as the five talent man. Know what you can do for the Lord and His church—then do it. Grow through your action—then do more. It can begin as simple as, "Would you like a drink?"

## News Of Interest

### Sick Home

Gladys Parker, Aleta Davidson, and Juanez Tanner.

### Regency Healthcare and Rehab

Anne Fults

### Sympathy

We express sympathy to **Carolyn Trammell** in the death of her brother-in-law, Kenneth Ware.

### Balance Class

Tues., Apr 25; Thurs., Apr. 27; 1:30 p.m.

### Baby Shower

The congregation is invited to a baby shower Sunday, April 30, 1:30—3:30 p.m., fellowship hall, honoring **Chad** and **Megan Ennis** who are expecting a girl, **Maddie Elizabeth**. They are registered at Babies R Us, Target, and Amazon.

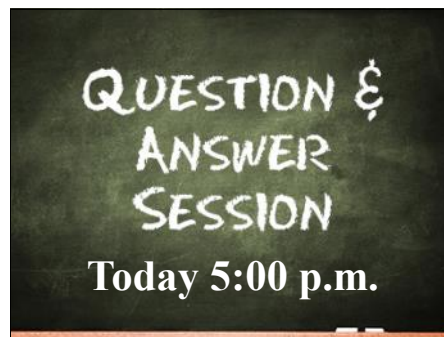
Pantry Item: Peanut Butter.

### Family Care Team Leader Meeting

Today, 4:00 p.m., Small Auditorium.

### Lads to Leaders/Leaderettes

2017 Recognition Banquet, today, after p.m. service.



## Today and Upcoming at Chase Park

### Regency Retirement Service

Today: 1:30 p.m.

Speaker: **Ron McCall**

Song Leader: **Michael Sims**

### Hospital Visitation

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

### \$Financial Peace Class\$

Tomorrow, 6:00—7:30 p.m.

### Ladies Bible Class

Tuesday, April 25, 10:00 a.m.

### Ladies Night Out

Tuesday, April 25, 6:00 p.m., dining room. Menu: sandwiches, salads, desserts. Sign-up sheet at Hospitality Desk.

### Super Seniors

Wednesday, April 26. No lunch.

### 5th Sunday Singing

Sunday, April 30, 5:00 p.m.

### Children's Ministry Devotional

Sunday, April 30, after p.m. worship. Fellowship hall/dining room.

## Special Contribution

Sunday, April 30 (5th Sunday)

First 2017 Planned Special Contribution

For

The "Chase Servants United Appeal Fund"

This fund supports all of our benevolence work.

Goal

\$25,000.00

There will be two collections, one for our regular weekly contribution and a separate one for benevolence. Checks should be made out to "Chase Servants United Appeal Fund."

## May 2017 Birthdays

2	Corey Griffin	15	Mary Milam
3	Alisa Watson		Jan Rowe
4	Dorothy Johnson	16	Kaye Hill
5	Paula Putnam		Mary Wells
	Nathan Adams		Miranda Adams
6	Carol Zlatovich		Mark Lambrecht
7	Keith Griffin	18	Robb Walker
	Laura Brake		Amy Lambrecht
	Meg Griffin	20	Curtis Hill
8	Haileigh Stiegler		Philip Williams
	Ben Blankenship	21	Richard Franklin
10	Susan Vinson	22	Randy Davidson
	Janet Jenkins	29	Lynn Ann Marsh
	Greg McCreless	31	Jim McLaughlin
12	Jennie Belles		
	Kecia Duncan		
	Doris Adams		

# Congratulations to all of our Lads to Leaders Participants!

## Bible Bowl

### **5th-6th Grade Team—3rd Place**

Erin Sims, Kaelee Clark,  
Caleb Sims, Drew Blankenship

### **9th-10th Grade Team—1st Place**

Anna Sims, Trenton Benson,  
Parker Clark, Ben Blankenship

### **11th-12th Grade Team**

Austin Benson, Blake Gustin,  
Cari Beth Walker, Kaylee Weeks

## Debate

### **Boys Team A—1st Place**

Ben Blankenship—2nd Place Individual  
Parker Clark

### **Boys Team B—2nd Place**

Austin Benson  
Tyler Hills—1st Place Individual

### **Girls Team A—2nd Place**

Anna Sims—3rd Place Individual  
Katie Lawrence

## Debate (continued)

### **Girls Team B—1st Place**

Cari Beth Walker—1st Place Individual  
Kaylee Weeks—2nd Place Individual

## Speech (Boys)

Jack Rosenblum  
Parker Clark—2nd Place  
Seth Davis  
Tyler Hills—2nd Place (Winner's Circle)

## Song Leading (Boys)

Weston Adams  
Rossin Lamica  
Harden Husband  
Silas Lamica  
Gregory McCreless  
Drew Blankenship  
Austin Boudreaux  
Caleb Sims—1st Place (Winner's Circle)  
Jack Rosenblum—3rd Place  
Tyler Hills  
Ben Blankenship

## Speech (Girls)

Erin Sims  
Kaelee Clark  
JaneClaire Lamica  
Hayden Heady—Finalist  
Hadley Husband  
Ally Hills  
Ashley Hills  
Anna Sims—2nd Place  
Katie Lawrence  
Abby Rosenblum—2nd Place

## Songs of Praise (Girls)

Claire McDonald  
Addyson Benson  
Erin Sims—3rd Place  
Caroline Weeks  
JaneClaire Lamica  
Hayden Heady  
Hadley Husband  
Ally Hills—2nd Place (Winner's Circle)  
Ashley Hills—2nd Place  
Abby Rosenblum—2nd Place

*More events will be listed next week!*

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## Statistics

**Sunday, April 16, 2017**

AM Worship .....	376
Month Average .....	392
Bible Class .....	240
PM Worship .....	239
Wed., Apr. 19 Bible Classes .....	232
Regency Ret. Worship .....	27
Offering .....	\$16,532.76
Budget .....	\$18,000
Average '17 .....	\$18,040
Over Budget for year .....	+\$643
<b>Building Fund .....</b>	<b>\$40.00</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.cpcofc.org/home-bible-studies>

**(Lesson 1 Link)**

**The Bible—God's Holy Word**