

# CHASE PARK MESSENGER

## How's Your Light?

"Let your light shine" has become somewhat of an unofficial and unintentional mantra for Chase Park, as we consider our spiritual lives and influence in the world. That encouragement comes, of course, from Jesus' teaching in Matthew 5:14-16. In another of Jesus' teachings, the parable of the wise and foolish versions, recorded in Matthew 25, Jesus uses lamps (lights) as a sort of visual aid to teach us about the importance of our lights and maintaining them constantly. As you know, this parable tells the story of ten women attending a wedding. While they waited late into the night for the bridegroom's arrival, five of them ran out of oil in their lamps because they had not prepared properly. The lesson of this story is clear: it is vital that we are properly prepared for the coming of the bridegroom, that is Christ, and that, while we wait for His return, we are constantly monitoring and maintaining our lights. Consider some important application points from this parable:

- **My light is my responsibility.** I cannot depend on anyone else to prepare me for the Lord's return. There will (hopefully) be those who will encourage me, teach me, support me, and otherwise help me along the way, but I, alone, am responsible for my own decisions, choices, and path through life.
- **I must plan ahead concerning my light.** So often, we like the five foolish virgins, only think about the here and now. We pursue paths in life that are enjoyable, beneficial, or profitable for now but that jeopardize our spiritual well-being and salvation. As we live our lives, we must constantly consider our relationship with God and readiness for Christ's return.
- **I must constantly attend to my light.** It can often become easy to reduce our Christian responsibility to occasional moments or occasions while, the rest of the time, we give very little thought to the spiritual implications of our choices and actions. Like the foolish virgins, we "fall asleep" and neglect our spiritual lives. We must be diligent in tending to our lights every day and in every way, lest we wake up to find our Lord returning and our lives unprepared.

*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  
Ben Stanley ..... Youth

### Elders

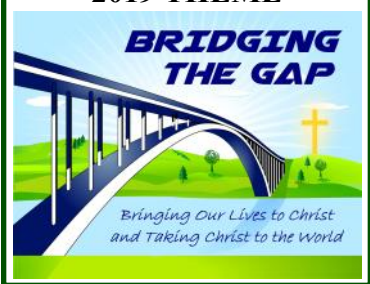
Curtis Hill ..... Dennis Lawson  
Sam Kachelman ..... Greg Parker  
Barry Todd

### Missionaries

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

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### 2019 THEME



## Youth News

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

**May 26**      **CM Devo**

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

Every Wednesday      Hang Time  
(5:30)

Every Monday      M4 (7:00)

**May 5**      **Area wide Devo**  
@ East Huntsville

**May 8**      **Vittles w/Friends**

**May 11**      **Youth Devo**  
@ Trammell's

**May 19**      **Senior Reception**

**May 24**      **Youth Lock-in**

### Lads to Leaders

*Thank you to everyone who  
helped to make this year's  
program and convention a great  
success!*

*See Page 4 for partial list of  
participants and awards.*

**Coming Soon:**  
**L2L 2020**  
**Theme: LOST!**

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

## Outreach—Pat Cowden

Lord willing, we will have had our 9<sup>th</sup> OHM meeting last night with Team #11. I have been very pleased with the participation in this program and want to encourage you to come when your team is meeting. Before last night we have had over 150 people in our home enjoying fellowship and a time of spiritual emphasis so far this year. It has been a wonderful blessing to get to know our brothers and sisters better and to be given an avenue to invite friends to “come and see” what Christian fellowship can and should be like.

In the book, *Everyday Evangelism*, Randy Becton talks about being intentional in looking for opportunities to bring up spiritual topics with folks. He quotes Dr. Frank Pittman, former president of the American Association of Marriage and Family Therapists, in reference to reaching out to folks who are experiencing some kind of crisis in their life. He describes a crisis as “a state of things in which a decisive change one way or another is pending.”

Although it is possible to have a crisis that does not result in change, it is far more likely that people will be open to discuss truly important topics during this time of disequilibrium. Events like sudden death of loved ones, house burning down, child seriously injured, major illness or disease can cause people to think about their spiritual condition. New marriages, the birth of a child, children leaving home for work or college can be times of transition as well. Families dealing with alcohol or drug addiction, violence, adultery, or job loss can be open to a change of worldviews.

The American family, on average, experiences moderate to severe crises once every four years. If we are intentional about our evangelistic efforts, we will be prepared to minister when they happen to our friends, coworkers, and family in such a way as to increase their desire to know more about God, His Son, and the church. The key is to be “intentional” lookers and listeners, if we are, God will bless us with opportunities to say, “come and see” and “we care”.

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

Pat



## News Of Interest

**Pantry Item:** Cereal

### Sick

**Diversicare of Big Springs**

Juanez Tanner

**Home:** Pam Almo, Caroline Black, Mac Landman

### Sympathy

We express sympathy to **Alice Whittle** in the death of her husband, **George**, in Bradyville, TN. They were former members at Memorial Parkway and former teachers at Madison Academy.

### Member Updates/Directory Changes

**Sharon McLaughlin** has a new address.

Remove **Sandra Dee Hall** from your directory. She has moved back to Texas. We wish her well.

### Buckhorn High School AP Testing

Buckhorn High School students will be AP testing in our fellowship hall, **Monday-Friday, May 6-10**, and **Monday-Thursday, May 13-16, 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.**

### Bridal Shower

Ladies you are invited to a bridal shower for **Rebecca Brothers**, bride-elect of T. C. Lowery, Tuesday, May 14, 6:00—8:00 p.m., in the dining room. She is registered at Bed, Bath, & Beyond, Target, and Belk.

### High School Senior Reception

Sunday, May 19, after p.m. service. Bring non-sweet finger foods. Our graduating seniors are all from Buckhorn High School: **Abby Rosenblum, Shelby Sliz, Dylan Suddarth, and Cari Beth Walker.**

## Today and Upcoming at Chase Park

### Regency Retirement Service

Today, 1:30 p.m.

Speaker: **Michael Sims**

Song Leader: **Jeff Husband**

### Family Care Group Meeting

Groups **A, D, and H** will meet today for potluck lunch.

### Hospital Visitation

Team (1) **Atchley** please pick up your assignments today after p.m. service.

### Balance Class—Cancelled

**Balance Class** will not meet May 7 and May 9.

### Super Seniors—Room Change

Wednesday, May 8, 10:00 a.m., auditorium, no meal.

### LifeSouth Community Blood Drive

The LifeSouth Bloodmobile will be parked in the northeast corner of the Chase Park parking lot on Wednesday, May 8, 3:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m.. There is a sign-up sheet at the Hospitality Desk for members who wish to make an appointment to donate.

### Area Wide Singing at Chase Park

Friday, May 10, 7:00—9:00 p.m., with refreshments following. There are sign-up sheets at the Hospitality desk for registration, greeters, and food. Menu: sandwiches, chips and dips, vegetable and fruit trays, and desserts.

## Worship Participants

### SUNDAY AM MAY 12

READING .....	Justin Gransky
F PRAYER.....	Curtis Hill
LS PRAYER.....	John Denney
C PRAYER.....	Steve Watson

### SUNDAY PM MAY 12

READING .....	Parker Clark
F PRAYER.....	Tom Pond
C PRAYER.....	Sam Kachelman



**Sunday, May 12, 2019**

# 2019 Lads To Leaders Participants and Awards

## Warner Adams

Song Leading (K-2)

## Hayden Headly

ASI—Painting

Debate

Know the Books

Good Samaritan

MM—Storyline

Y-R Puppet Theater

WC Group Scrapbook

Songs of Praise

Speech

Keepers

Level 2, Gold

Bronze

3rd Place

Bronze

1st Place

3rd Place

## Ally Hills

ASI—Painting

ASI—Photography

Debate (Team)

Debate (Individual)

Good Samaritan

MM—Audio Presentation

MM—Storyline

Y-R Puppet Theater

WC Group Scrapbook

WC Songs of Praise

WC Speech

3rd Place

3rd Place

2nd Place

Silver

1st Place

Bronze

1st Place

3rd Place

2nd Place

## Ashley Hills

ASI—Painting

Debate

Good Samaritan

MM—Audio Presentation

MM—Storyline

Y-R Puppet Theater

WC Group Scrapbook

Songs of Praise

WC Speech

Silver

Bronze

1st Place

## Tyler Hills

Debate (Team)

Debate (Individual)

Good Samaritan

MM—Audio Presentation

MM—Storyline

Y-R Puppet Theater

WC Group Scrapbook

WC Song Leading

WC Speech

Y-R Song Leading

Y-R Speech

3rd Place

2nd Place

Silver

2nd Place

Bronze

1st Place

3rd Place

Gold

Bronze

## Hadley Husband

ASI—Painting

Debate Team

MM—Audio Presentation

MM—Storyline

Y-R Puppet Theater

WC Group Scrapbook

Songs of Praise

Speech

Keepers (Horticulture)

2nd Place

3rd Place

Bronze

1st Place

1st Place

## Harden Husband

Know the Books

MM—Audio Presentation

Y-R Puppet Theater

WC Group Scrapbook

Song Leading

Speech

Level 2, Gold

2nd Place

Bronze

1st Place

## Hudson Husband

Know the Books

Song Leading (K-2)

Level 1, Gold

## Kristyn Karraker

ASI—Painting (K-2)

Know the Books

Good Samaritan

Level 1, Bronze

Bronze

## Kaleb Karraker

Bible Bowl Test

Bible Bowl Team

Good Samaritan

Oral Bible Reading

MM—Audio Presentation

MM—Storyline

MM—Powerpoint

Pearls Test

WC Group Scrapbook

2nd Place

Bronze

3rd Place

1st Place

## Celia Kizer

ASI—Drawing/Sketching (K-2)

## Cole Kizer

Know the Books

Second Language (Spanish)

Level 2, Gold

Bronze

## Elias Kizer

ASI—Drawing/Sketching (K-2)

## Katie Lawrence

ASI—Photography

Debate (Team)

MM—Storyline

Second Language (Spanish)

Second Language (ASL)

3rd Place

2nd Place

Bronze

Bronze

## Gracelynn McCreless

ASI—Painting (K-2)

Bible Bowl Test

Songs of Praise

To be continued in next  
week's Messenger...

## Statistics

Sunday, April 28, 2019

AM Worship .....	347
Month Average .....	378
Bible Class .....	256
PM Worship .....	228
Wed., May 1 Bible Classes .....	235
Regency Ret. Worship .....	43
Offering .....	\$16,839.65
Budget .....	\$19,000
Average '19 .....	\$19,526
Over Budget for year .....	+\$8,937
Building Fund .....	\$145.00

## 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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