

Rest From Your Labor

Tomorrow is Labor Day—a day that is often devoted to cookouts, outdoor activities, and family get-togethers as a celebration of the waning days of summer. Originally, however, Labor Day was a day devoted to honoring the American workforce and the great effort that went into making America such a prosperous and successful nation. According to the U.S. Department of Labor, Labor Day was originally organized in 1882 by the Central Labor Union and celebrated in New York City. Over the next decade, this annual day of observance spread to other cities and industrial centers around the country until, in 1894, it was finally made an official federal holiday. Certainly, one of the truths that we glean from a holiday such as this is that success and achievement require a great deal of effort. Whether it be a nation or an individual, one must work and labor diligently in order to be successful.

Ironically, we honor and celebrate the “laborers” of our past and present by taking a day off to rest from our labor. In this, we are also reminded of the truth that labor is tiresome and there is the occasional need for reprieve from our effort. What is true of our physical lives is also certainly true in our spiritual striving for success. Our struggle against temptation and sin is laborious and tiresome and often difficult. Satan is relentless in his attacks, and the burden of our own weakness is often too great for us to bear. Thankfully, we have a Savior who offers us rest from our labor. *“Come unto Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light”* (Matthew 11:28-30). In stark contrast to the difficult and heavy burden of sin, Jesus offers us a yoke conceived in love and given with grace and mercy. His invitation is not one to heartless control and merciless servitude, but rather to a relationship of love and humble submission to His benevolent will that offers rest to the sin-sick soul. What a beautiful invitation that is! As you enjoy the Labor Day holiday tomorrow, take a moment to remember and give thanks for the spiritual reprieve that is yours because of the loving sacrifice of Christ.

Rusty

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.



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Dewayne Tapscott..... Southwest

Lamifications—*Andrew Lamica*

Examine, reconsider, reevaluate, and scrutinize. You might be wondering why I chose to start a bulletin article with those words, let me explain.

Sometimes taking a fresh look at things is a good idea. We, as humans, can become creatures of habit in many areas of our lives. We can find ourselves being satisfied with what has “always worked” instead of searching out new and better ways. More than that, we can become complacent in certain areas.

This is my seventh year serving as the Youth Minister to the congregation. That being said, I am beginning the process of looking at the program as a whole with a fresh set of eyes. What I am not saying is that I plan to scrub the entire program from top to bottom and start fresh. What I am saying is over the next few weeks and months, every aspect of the

Youth Ministry here at Chase Park will be getting a thorough “once-over.” The effectiveness of each activity is going to be evaluated to see if it can be tweaked to improve it in some way, if it is good like it is, or if it needs to be scrapped all together and replaced with something fresh.

Additionally, I am looking for new ways to engage our parents. I want you involved in the youth program! I want you to know I am available at any time to discuss ideas or concerns you might have about the program or more specifically, your child. Please allow me to be an asset when it comes to helping to build up your child’s spiritual life.

One of the greatest areas I feel needs improvement is the communication and visibility of the youth program. One of the changes I have already put in place is a weekly youth newsletter. This will be

available on the inside of the Messenger each week. I feel like this is a good way to be sure information about our youth is getting into the hands of ALL of our Chase Park members. Please be looking out for it! In addition to the upcoming schedule, it will also have pictures of our teens! Additionally, I am going to try to be more diligent to get announcements in Newline and scrolling on the screen before services.

Examine, reconsider, reevaluate and scrutinize. These are good things to do for a youth program from time to time but also can be helpful for our own spiritual lives. Be sure to take a spiritual health evaluation on a regular basis to continue walking in the light!

Evangelism Made Personal

Principles for Teaching in Evangelism (Tips to Remember When Trying to Teach Others)

Should you decide you are ready to begin teaching others, having an idea of what material and method (multi-lesson, one-lesson, etc.) you plan to use, there are several principles to keep in mind that can increase the likelihood of success. For example:

BE "CLASS" CONSCIOUS. Rather than getting into religious discussions when it is not convenient (such as at work), always think in terms of turning religious inquiries into an opportunity to set up a class or home study with the person. There are several advantages of doing this:

- Those who are not seriously interested in spiritual matters will not consent to a study; therefore this will distinguish between the truth seekers and those who are not.
- It gives you time to carefully prepare your lesson(s).
- A discussion of religious matters is more productive when there is ample time, and the Bible is open to answer any questions.
- There will be fewer hindrances should the person decide to obey the gospel at that time.

Setting up a class is easy, just ask! If the person says no, then just leave them with an open invitation to a class anytime in the future.

SEEK FIRST TO UNDERSTAND, THEN TO BE UNDERSTOOD. This principle is key to any effective communication, whether it occurs in business, family relationships, or religious discussions. Applied to teaching others, it would involve:

- Asking questions, then listening carefully to what the other person is saying.
- Occasionally repeating what they say, to make sure you properly understand them.
- Endeavoring to know their own doctrine as well if not better than they do themselves.
- Trying to put yourself in their place, imagining what they must feel like to have their cherished beliefs challenged.

This will not only improve your ability to effectively communicate with them, but will also increase the likelihood they will reciprocate by carefully listening to you!

News Of Interest

Sick

Home

Morris Bridges, Jennie Belles, Sarah Irwin, Dian Smith, Jean Hindman, and Mary Bradford.

Offices Closed

Church offices closed tomorrow in observance of Labor Day Holiday.

Balance Class

No Balance Class, Tuesday, Sept. 5; no Balance Class Thursday, Sept. 7.

Diana Singing

Friday, Saturday, September 8, 9; 7:00 p.m.

Fall Financial Peace University (FPU)

Tuesday nights, 6:00 p.m., starting September 12. cost: \$95.00 for the 9-week course. Sign up at Hospitality Desk.

Library Book

Michael Whitworth's newest book, *How to Lose a Kingdom in 400 years*, has been placed in our library. This is a commentary on 1 and 2 Kings written with Michael's gift for easy to understand writing and his knowledge of the Bible. It gives the history of Israel from the beginning of Solomon's reign to the destruction of Jerusalem and the Babylonian Exile giving the readers an insight as to how Israel went from a superpower under Solomon to a laughingstock four centuries later.

Pantry Item:

Peanut butter.

Today and Upcoming at Chase Park

Family Care Meeting

Teams **B** and **C** will have potluck lunch today, dining room. Team **B** Leaders: **Gregg Crabtree, Fred Wells**; Team **C** Leaders: **Don Champion, Mac Landman.**

Teams **D** and **E** will meet Sunday, September 10, potluck lunch. Team **D** Leaders: **Ray Brown, Michael Sims**; Team **E** Leaders: **Eric Corder, Barry Maples, Bob Williams.**

Regency Retirement Service

Today: 1:30 p.m.

Speaker: **Hollis Todd**

Song Leader: **Rick Rosenblum**

Hospital Visitation

Team **#1 (Atchley)**, please pick up your assignments following evening worship.

Super Seniors

Will meet Wednesday, September 6, but will not have a meal. Cooks will prepare a meal Wednesday, September 13.

Quarterly Meal

Wednesday, September 6. Menu: Grilled hamburgers and hot dogs, sides, dessert. Cost: \$4.00, adults; \$1.00 kids. You may pay in foyer.

Grandparents Day

Sunday, September 10.

Ladies Breakfast

Saturday, September 16, 9:00 a.m. Theme: How Beautiful Heaven Must be. Speaker: **Carolyn Trammell.** Sign-up sheet at Hospitality Desk.

Thank You

“To the caring, compassionate congregation of Chase Park Church of Christ—

“We would like to thank the very kind and thoughtful members of Chase Park Church of Christ for honoring the family of George Dallas Landman, father of Mac Landman, by serving to us a delicious meal after the funeral and burial on Saturday. It was a special time for us to relax, and visit, and be reminded of the legacy we share as well as enjoy great food. We appreciate this most gracious kindness to our family and want you to know that we are truly grateful. God bless you all,”

Larry and Sue Landman

IT'S ALMOST TIME!



Sign-Ups Begin
SEPTEMBER 24
(after PM service)

Convention Dates:
March 30 - April 1, 2018

2018 Theme:
“In Remembrance of Me”
(from 1 Corinthians 11:24-25)

Statistics

Sunday, August 27, 2017

AM Worship	438
Month Average	398
Bible Class	340
PM Worship	NC
Wed., Aug 30 Bible Classes	229
Regency Ret. Worship	55
Offering	\$18,136.02
Budget	\$18,000
Average '17	\$17,874
Under Budget for year	-\$4,393
Building Fund	\$100.00

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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