

Spiritual Maturity

We live in a world where pride and arrogance are not only seen frequently in the media as desirable traits for us and our leaders, but these traits are almost demanded by those around us in order for us to be seen as “successful” in the world.

Proverbs 8:13 gives God’s view of these worldly traits.

“The fear of the LORD is to hate evil; pride and arrogance and the evil way and the perverse mouth I hate.”

The four examples of evil in Proverbs 8:13, which *always* end up doing harm, were manifested in Satan, and all of his children continue to exhibit them (see John 8:38, 41, 44). A progression is shown: Pride and arrogance are conditions of the heart, which is where it all starts. Where there is pride in the heart, it will come out in “the evil way,” that is in our *actions*.

Evil also emerges in words, though it may not always be obvious. Jesus cautions in Matthew 12:34, *“Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks.”* When evil resides in the heart, it will be exposed in evil, abusive speech, language contrary to the truth of God and to love. James 3:8 declares that *“no man can tame the tongue. It is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison.”* He also says, *“If anyone does not stumble in word, he is a perfect man”* (James 3:2). We can only reach that perfection, or maturity with God’s intervention and help, which, thankfully, we have.

The apostle Paul essentially says that the foundation of good works—particularly within the church of God—is humility (lowliness): *“I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called, with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love, endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace”* (Ephesians 4:1-3).

Let us all strive for the spiritual maturity that yields a peaceable and humble heart, and avoid the pride and arrogance of the world around us.

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.



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Lamications—*Andrew Lamica*

And just like that, August is coming to an end, as is the first month of school for our teens. You might have noticed a little bit of a slower schedule in August, that is by design. I generally slow things down some in August to give our teens time to adjust to their new schedules at school.

Now that August is just about behind us, it is time to ramp things back up! This article, will outline some of the events coming up for our CPYG. It is my hope that you will encourage them to be as active as possible. Here is the rundown:

M-4 Devo's. Every Monday morning (except when school is out) our teens are invited to the building for breakfast and a devotional period starting at 7:00 a.m. During M4, our teens are treated to a delicious breakfast (generally prepared by the

talented Terrell Suddarth), followed by a devotion and some fellowship time. M4 is a great way to start off the week. I hope many of our teens and parents will make it a regular part of their schedule!

Hang-Time. Every Wednesday at 4:30 p.m. the teens are invited to the building for time together. It is a great time to do homework (and get help from other CPYG members if needed), play video games, and just spend time together.

5th Quarters at Chase Park. On Friday, September 1, and Friday, September 15, we will host 5th quarters following the football games. This a great time for our teens to invite their friends for a safe and fun time after the games. We will play volleyball, corn hole, and maybe even some hockey. There will also be a

devotional period. The night will wrap up around 12 midnight! We need plenty of adult volunteers for this; please let me know if you can help!

Girl's Night with Candy. Saturday, September 9, each of our CPYG girls are invited to a girl's night with Candy. She has lots of fun planned for them. See her or myself for more details!

7th-12th Grade Devo. Sunday, September 10, in the youth room. Girls drinks and boys desserts please.

Well that only covers half of the September schedule and I am out of room! As you can see, September is going to be an active one. Please plan to be a part of it!

Evangelism Made Personal

Building Courage to Tell Others About Christ (Overcoming the Fear of Rejection)

As we continue our study on evangelism, consider this step in building courage to tell others about Christ. **STEP ONE** - Start out sharing Christ in a way which will not bring you face to face with people. Select some tract or tracts you feel are good and carry them in your pocket, purse, or car. When you go into a public restaurant, leave it on your table with your tip. When writing letters to friends, relatives, drop a tract in the envelope. Include one even in the bills you pay! Leave a tract in a phone booth, at a laundry mat, on the seat of a taxi or bus, in a restroom.

What happens to the tract may no longer be under your control; you've sown the seed and done what you are supposed to do. It may be thrown in the waste paper basket and someone else may fish it out and take it home and his neighbor may come over and read it. I know of a custodian who was cleaning a bathroom, saw a tract and read it, later obeying the gospel and is today a gospel preacher! Another case involved a woman who was visiting her daughter, saw a tract on the coffee table that had been sent through the mail, read it and contacted the person who sent it, later obeying the gospel (even though her daughter, the original recipient of the tract, had no interest in it!). This is one way that the written word lasts longer than the spoken word!

We will consider additional steps in our next article. Please pray for courage in sharing the gospel with those who are in desperate need of salvation. Are there ways we might be able to use this simple method to make an eternal impact on someone's spiritual life?

Your Elders

News Of Interest

Sick

Regency Rehab

Morris Bridges, room 204

Home: Sarah Irwin and Mary Bradford

Sympathy

We express sympathy to **Michelle Heady** and family in the death of her mother, Ruby Richards.

Balance Class

No Balance Class Tuesday, August 29, and no Balance Class Thursday, August 31.

Offices Closed

Church offices closed Monday, September 4, in observance of Labor Day holiday.

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.

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.

Pantry Item

Self-rising cornmeal and flour.

Today and Upcoming at Chase Park

Regency Retirement Services

Today: 1:30 p.m.

Speaker: **Jerry Kilpatrick**

Song Leader: **Ray Brown**

Hospital Visitation

Team #4 (McCall), Please pick up your assignments following evening worship.

Children's Ministry Devotional

Today, after 5:00 p.m. service, dining room/fellowship hall.

Family Care Meeting

Due to Friends Day activities, Family Care Team **H** and **J** will meet in the small auditorium today following evening worship service. Cookies and ice-cream will be provided. Team **H** Leaders: **Randal Jennings, Mark Lambrecht, Ron McCall**; Team **J** Leaders: **Greg Cothren, Ben Hand**.

Ladies Night Out

Tomorrow, 6:00 p.m., Chase Park, hosted by **Rhonda Atchley**. Sign-up sheet at Hospitality Desk.

Super Seniors

Wednesday, August 30. Will go out to eat.

Family Care Meeting

Teams **B** and **C** will have potluck lunch Sunday, September 3, dining room. Team **B** Leaders: **Gregg Crabtree, Fred Wells**; Team **C** Leaders: **Don Champion, Mac Landman**.

Ladies Breakfast

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

Friends Day

Today
Potluck Lunch after class.
Will meet at
our regular 5:00 p.m.
service.

September Birthdays

2	Anderson Todd	18	Cheryl Goode
3	Glenn Carmack	19	Michael Sims
	Sara Trammell		John Johnston
	Zach Partlow	20	Andrew Corder
4	Kaycee Rosenblum	21	Farrah Clark
7	Ben Milam	23	Tiny Corder
8	Ann Hopkins		Melissa Hill
	Deborah Dalton		Jim Denny
	Kip Adams	24	Heather-Lynn Burton
9	Michelle Williams	25	Bobby Hall
12	Gina Davis	26	Juanez Tanner
15	Jim Newton		Jeff Husband
	Cari Beth Walker	28	Glenda Hall
16	Hudson Cothren		Blaine McCarver
	Bill Zlatovich	29	Bill Lewter
17	Wanell Kruft		Eric Corder
	Zeke Burton	30	Brett Todd
	Lee Wales		Pam MacLean

Questions from the Master Teacher

2017 Midweek Summer Series

August 30

“Do you love Me?”

John 21:15-17

A question about our commitment to Christ

Guest Speaker:
Aubrey Johnson



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This question, asked three times of Peter in this text, is one that delves much deeper than just a simple look into Peter’s emotions. It is one that gets to the very heart of the relationship between Peter and His Lord—a relationship that had been mightily tested by Peter’s denials on the night before Jesus’ death. It seems that, as Jesus looked into the heart of Peter, He understood that Peter was at a crossroads in His life. Would he continue to follow and serve Christ or would he walk away in discouragement and frustration? The questions, “Do you love Me?” and the conversation surrounding them were designed to express Jesus’ love and forgiveness for Peter as well as to help Peter to consider his own commitment to Christ. The same question comes forward through the ages to us. How deep is our love for Christ? How strong is our commitment? Are we willing to accept His love and serve Him faithfully regardless of the circumstances or consequences? I hope that you will be here on Wednesday night as Aubrey Johnson concludes our Summer Series with a study of this text and its application to our lives.

Statistics

Sunday, August 20, 2017

AM Worship	361
Month Average	385
Bible Class	316
PM Worship	245
Wed., Aug 23 Bible Classes	249
Regency Ret. Worship	51
Offering	\$16,484.49
Budget	\$18,000
Average ‘17	\$17,867
Under Budget for year	-\$4,529
Building Fund	\$1,190.00

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)

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