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Come and See Jesus

Jesus—we know Him by many names and titles: Immanuel, Messiah, Christ, Lord, Savior, Redeemer, the Son of God, the Lamb of God, the Master Teacher, and the Great Physician, just to name a few. No other life has ever impacted the course of human history the way that His did, even to the extent that our years are numbered according to the time of His birth. But ultimately, it was not His life but His death and resurrection that had the greatest effect on the fate of humanity. Through the shedding of His blood and the sacrifice of His life, followed by His victorious resurrection from the grave, Jesus provided atonement, redemption, and hope to a lost and dying world.

Though we often bemoan the moral and spiritual condition of our world, it is still true that we, as a society, long for hope and value goodness. We need look no further than the silver screen to see the evidence of this fact. We flock to movies and spend our hard-earned money to cheer on our heroes as they battle the forces of evil and rescue the world from destruction. The fact of the matter is that we desperately need, and want, a hero. Unfortunately, superheroes only exist in movies and comic books and real-life heroes are few and far between and, well, real. They are human, imperfect, and all too often incapable of providing the help and hope that we need. Thus, our world is left with a sense of hopelessness and in a desperate search for someone to save them.

Do you see where this is going? You see, you and I, as Christians, know something that much of the world does not. We do not have to look to some fictional, caped superhero for help. We do not have to rest our hopes on flawed individuals who are limited in their strength and ability. We have a true hero, and His name is Jesus! He is the unique Son of God who took on flesh and lived a sinless life, allowing us to see the Father in Him and giving us a perfect example of obedience and submission to God. He selflessly laid down His life to save us from sin and defeated death in order to allow us to do the same. Our world is looking for a hero, and we have the blessing and advantage of already knowing Him. May we go into the world with lives that proclaim to all who will listen: **Come and see Jesus!**

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

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Slava Savkovsky Ukraine
Barton Kizer Peru
Dewayne Tapscott Southwest

Lamications—*Andrew Lamica*

How is your eyesight? Our eyes are very important parts of our body. It is important that we maintain the health of our eyes on both the physical and spiritual level.

On the physical side of things, we take certain steps to protect our eyes. To protect them from the Alabama sun we often will wear sunglasses to protect our eyes. If we are working in the woodshop or with heavy machinery, we don a pair of safety glasses or goggles.

The importance of protecting our eyes on the physical side of life is obvious. What about the spiritual? Do we take the same care in protecting our eyes from the spiritual dangers of this world?

If we are not careful, what we allow our eyes to become fixed upon can do great damage to our spiritual lives. Our eyes are very powerful

tools given to us by God, that we are to use according to His purpose. So, you might be wondering what are some things our eyes can do to help accomplish the will of God.

We can use our eyes to see those around us in need. Have we trained our eyes to see only what is on our busy daily agendas? There are people all around us that have needs which give us the opportunity to be the hands and feet of Jesus Christ. Obviously, the greatest need those around us have is to have a relationship with Jesus. Are we using our eyes to see those who have no relationship with the Savior or do we simply look the other way because it's easier? In addition to seeing the spiritual needs of others we ought to look to the physical needs of those around us as well. Christians, we are in the needs meeting business!

Consider what James says in James 2:15-16, *"If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, and one of you says to them, 'Go in peace, be warmed and filled,' without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that?"* Christians, are we willing to look outside of ourselves and our needs and to the needs of those around us? We live in a blessed nation and are a blessed people. Are we willing to use our eyes to see the opportunities around us to share those blessings with others?

The song that we sang as children remains true "Be careful little eyes what you see..." We have a Father up above, who is looking down in love and wants for us to use our eyes to see those around us who need the gospel and who need us to be the hands and feet of His Son while we are on earth.

All Things To All Men—To Save Some—*Nathan Adams*

My dad always told me to remember that "what hardens clay softens wax." This was a way of reminding me that every person is different and must be dealt with in a manner unique to them. So many failures in our society come from "cookie cutter" ways of doing things. The only problem is that using a singular way to do something with or for people will ultimately exclude people. In the world, the effects of such exclusion vary depending on what is being done. In the church, the effects of such exclusion can be spiritually destructive and eternal. We must always remember that the church has many different people, personalities, talents, and maturity levels.

Paul addressed this when he said to the Corinthians, *"I have become all things to all men, so that I may by all means save some"* (1 Corinthians 9:22). I encourage you to read the whole of that text in verses 19-23. In that text he speaks of how his approach is different with different

types of people. This difference was clearly seen in how Paul preached to the Jews in Acts 22 and how he preached to the Areopagite philosophers in Acts 17:22-31. The gospel message never changed, but certainly how it was presented changed with the audience. Paul considered where those he wanted to teach were and chose a path of teaching that would provide the best means for them to be saved.

In the church, we need to consider each person and their abilities. After such consideration, we need to find the best ways to incorporate those people and their talents into the work of the congregation. Too often we ask people to do what they do not have the talent or the training to accomplish. This causes discouragement and can lead to a person falling away from Christ. Paul made clear in his writings that we are different parts that do different things so that the body as whole works for the cause of Christ (Romans 12:4-8; 1 Corinthians 12:14-31). Being a strong

church will always require that we find ways for each member to bring their strengths to bear for the work of God and His kingdom.

In our efforts to reach out to the lost of this world, we must remember these same principles. There is no one "cookie cutter" way to approach the lost. If we use only one method, we will surely save a few, but we will neglect many others who could have been saved. Some people will never be interested in the gospel until they have a real relationship with the person who might lead them to Christ. There are people that at first, only want to just have general discussions about God and the Bible. Some want you to just have a conversation with them and others require a more direct approach. There are people that will decide in a day and those that will take years. It is eternally important that we consider the individual and then determine the best course to lead them to salvation.

News Of Interest

Sick

Huntsville Hospital

Edith Buchanan

Regency Healthcare and Rehab

Robert Nance

Big Spring Manor

Juanez Tanner

Home: Leo Johnston, Don Cox, and Bob Trammell.

Sympathy

We express sympathy to the family of Louise Merryman in her death.

Sympathy (Continued)

We express sympathy to Mabel Albright in the death of her sister, Margaret.

We express sympathy to Carolyn Trammell in the death of her aunt, Clovis Doster.

Balance Class

Tues, Feb 7; Thur., Feb 9; 1:30 p.m.

Pantry Item

Chef Boy-Ar-Dee (ravioli, SpaghettiOs, mac n beef, etc.)

Today and Upcoming at Chase Park

Regency Retirement Service

Today: 1:30 p.m.

Speaker: Curtis Hill

Song Leader: Jon Rosenblum

Hospital Visitation

Team #1 (Toney Atchley), please pick up your assignments following afternoon worship.

Financial Peace Class

Financial Peace Class Preview tomorrow, February 6, 6:00—7:30 p.m., small auditorium. Sign up at Hospitality Desk. This will be the last day to sign up; payment is due at that time.

Super Seniors

Wednesday, February 8. Cooks will do lunch.

Ladies Retreat

February 10—11, Camp Ney-A-Ti. \$35.00 per person. Today is the last day to sign up. Money is due Wednesday, February 8.

Area-Wide Devotional

Sunday, February 12, 5:00 p.m. service followed by a fellowship. If you have signed to bring any of the items, they may be left in the kitchen beginning Wednesday, February 8. Items will need to be dropped off before Sunday, February 12, 2:00 p.m.

Lunch Assignments

Set Out Food

Ladies Class/Small Auditorium

Drinks

Keepers

Clean up (Kitchen, Dining Room,

Fellowship Hall)

Gospel; Life; Family Ties

Tables and chairs will remain up for Area-Wide Devotional.

Ukraine Church Food Bank

Total Amount Collected for Ukraine

January 22	\$2,282.00
January 29	<u>2,566.00</u>
TOTAL	\$4,848.00

Collection Total	\$4,848.00
Church Donation	<u>2,500.00</u>
TOTAL SENT	\$7,348.00

Special Emphasis Day
Sunday, February 5th



Guest Speaker:
Denny Petrillo
President & Instructor
Bear Valley Bible Institute
Denver, Colorado

Come & See **JESUS**

9:00 AM	Worship	"Come and See Jesus In Prophecy"
10:15 AM	Bible Class	"Come and See Jesus In His Miracles" <i>7th grade through all adult classes combined in auditorium</i>
11:00 AM	Fellowship Meal	
12:30 PM *	Worship	"Come and See Jesus In His Claims" <i>* Starting time for PM worship is approximate</i>

Statistics

Sunday, January 29, 2017

AM Worship	344
Month Average	363
Bible Class	295
PM Worship	248
Wed., Feb. 1 Bible Classes.....	279
Regency Ret. Worship	34
Offering.....	\$16,305.79
Budget.....	\$18,000
Average '17	\$17,393
Under Budget for year.....	-\$3,037
Building Fund	\$75.00

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

<http://bible.us/e/Hdj>
(Lesson 1 Link)
The Bible—God's Holy Word

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