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A REQUEST FROM YOUR ELDERS

Can you imagine a shepherd watching over 400 sheep and being concerned about one of them just as much as the other 399? As your elders, we have a great responsibility of feeding the flock (Acts 20:28) and for every member of the congregation to grow in his or her faith. As we read the New Testament, many who were once faithful Christians, left the Lord and His church. As elders, our number one desire is for every member at Chase Park to go to heaven. But in desiring that to happen, every member needs to realize his or her personal responsibility as well to live a faithful Christian life making it a great joy for the elders watching over their soul. Notice this verse, *“Obey those who rule over you and be submissive, for they watch out for your souls, as those who must give account. Let them do so with joy and not with grief, for that would be unprofitable for you”* (Heb. 13:17).

Satan uses opportunities when we are discouraged or when we have sinned to get us to forsake the assembly. But that is the time when, more than any other, we need to have that fellowship with one another and the strength of God who loves us.

As your elders, we want to encourage every member to sign an attendance card at all three services. Again, with around 400 in attendance, it is sometimes difficult to see and speak to everyone and even to know who is present or who is not present. If you haven't been filling out attendance cards, we are asking you to do so. We are concerned about every member—often we can determine by attendance or nonattendance, that there may be sickness, personal problems, or family difficulties or struggles and we want to do what we can to help. The writer of Hebrews encourages each of us by stating these words, *“Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as ye see the day approaching”* (Heb. 10:25) and by attending it *“stirs up love and good works”* (v.24).

By filling out attendance cards, you are showing how glad you are to be among those in the House of the Lord (Psa. 122:1) and to be counted among other believers. As your overseers, one of the first things we do on Sundays in our meetings is to go over the attendance cards and see those who were absent from our assemblies—checking and wanting to find out if everything is okay with those who were not present in worship or attended Bible classes. So, we need your cooperation and help in marking your attendance. Thanks!

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

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Rusty Hills Pulpit

Pat Cowden ...Evangelism Minister

Andrew Lamica..... Youth Minister

Elders

John Denney

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Sam Kachelman

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Jaime Mendoza Chalco, Mexico

Liborio Encarnacion. Ecatepec, Mexico

Slava SavkovskyUkraine

Barton Kizer..... Peru

Dewayne Tapscott..... Southwest

Lamications—*Andrew Lamica*

The kind of company we keep can and will have a big impact on our spiritual lives. Scripture speaks of the dangers of evil companionship in 1 Corinthians 15:33. We must always be careful that those with whom we spend the most time are not having a negative impact on our relationship with God.

On the positive side of that, if we keep good company, it can and will help our relationship with God. The relationships we have with those of a like-mind in spiritual matters will build us up and help us on our journey to heaven. One of the reasons God allowed us to have relationships with Christians is to help each other along the way.

When thinking about good examples of Christian relationships I am reminded of the relationship between the apostle Paul and Timothy. Before Timothy met Paul, he was

given a strong spiritual base at home by his mother and grandmother (2 Timothy 3:15). That base which was instilled at home, helped him be ready to form a great spiritual friendship with Paul.

Paul converted Timothy to Christianity, evidenced by Paul referring to him as his “true son in the faith” (1 Timothy 1:2; 2 Timothy 1:2). After his conversion, Timothy spent much time with Paul and built a wonderful relationship with him. Timothy was with Paul when he wrote several epistles including Romans, 2 Corinthians, Philippians, Colossians, and others! Without question Paul and Timothy spent a lot of time together, including during the first missionary journey.

What was the result of this relationship? Did Paul’s relationship with Timothy bear any fruit for the kingdom? Absolutely! Because of

the great foundation laid at home and his relationship with Paul, Timothy would become a gospel preacher and minister to the church at Ephesus. Paul’s positive relationship with Timothy would have lasting effects on his life.

As we consider the relationship between Paul and Timothy, it should cause us to consider the company we keep on a regular basis. Are those we spend the majority of our time with going to help us get to heaven or be a hindrance to us getting there? Do our current friendships cause us to want to be a better Christian or damage our Christianity?

May each of us be vigilant in keeping those close to us who help us want to be better tomorrow than we are today.

Outreach News—*Pat Cowden*

Today is the first Lord’s Day after the Thanksgiving holiday. My prayer is that you and your family were able to spend some time together and truly be thankful for all that the Lord has blessed you with. The single most important thing to be thankful for is the salvation of your soul which Jesus made possible through His death and resurrection. The magnitude of this gift is beyond our comprehension, but, in our own way we need to show our deep appreciation to our Lord in some way. What might that way be?

- We could be nice to a neighbor or stranger (Matthew 7:12).
- We could comfort someone who is in need (1 Thessalonians 5:14).
- We could apologize to someone we have wronged (Luke 15:18).
- We could care for those truly in need (James 1:27).
- Husbands could love our wives like Christ loved the church (Ephesians 5:25).
- Wives could submit to their husbands like the church submits to Christ (Ephesians 5:22-24).
- Children could obey their parents in the Lord (Ephesians 6:1).
- We could strive to be holy as God is holy (1 Peter 1:16).
- We could love our neighbors as ourselves (Mark 12:31).
- We could love the Lord our God with all our heart, soul, strength, and mind (Luke 10:27).
- We could share the gospel and our faith with others (Matthew 28:18-20; Mark 16:15, 16; Luke 19:9, 10; John 6:45; Acts 8:4; Romans 10:15; 1 Corinthians 1:17; 2 Corinthians 2:12; Galatians 2:2; Ephesians 6:19; Philippians 1:7; Colossians 1:23; 1 Thessalonians 2:2; 2 Thessalonians 2:14; 1 Timothy 1:11; 2 Timothy 2:8; Titus 1:3; Philemon 13; Hebrews 4:2, 12; James 5:19, 20; 1 Peter 1:12; 2 Peter 1:3, 14; 1 John 1:1-3; 2 John 4-6; 3 John 7, 8; Jude 3; Revelation 1:2)

May we all prove to our Lord how much we love and appreciate Him by offering up our sacrifice of praise (Hebrews 13:15) giving thanks in His name. Showing our faith through our loving deeds offered up in His name (James 2:18).

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

News Of Interest

Sick

Home: Peggy Champion, Gabie Luna and Jerry Dugan.

Membership

Will and Pansy Herndon and two of their boys, Dylan and Blake are placing membership with us today. They moved to Alabama from Orange Park, Florida, where they were members of the Lakeside Church of Christ. They have four adopted grandchildren: Dylan, 16-years-old; Blake, 14-years-old; Caleb, 10-years-old; and Ashtyn, 7-years-old. Pansy is the sister of our Pam Almo. They are both retired and stay busy with the children. Be sure to meet this family and welcome them to Chase Park!

Balance Class

Tues., Nov. 28; Thurs., Nov 30; 1:30 p.m.

Ladies Night Out

Monday, December 4, 6:00 p.m., at home of **Judy Deck**. Menu: Potluck. Will play Dirty Santa, so bring a Christmas ornament (no more than \$10.00). Sign-up sheet at Hospitality Desk. This is the last Ladies Night out until spring.

Pantry Item

Boxed Instant Mash Potatoes.

Today and Upcoming at Chase Park

Family Care Meeting

E and I meet today, potluck. E Leaders: **Corder, Maples, Williams**. I Leaders: **Adams, Peacock, Pond**. F and J meet Sunday, December 3. F Leaders: **Gransky, Heady, McCreless, Olbricht**; J Leader: **Cothren**.

Regency Retirement Service

Today: 1:30 p.m.

Speaker: **Jerry Kilpatrick**

Song leader: **Rick Rosenblum**

Hospital Visitation

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

Super Seniors

Wednesday, November 29. Will go out to eat.

Keepers

Wednesday, November 29, 4—6:00 p.m., dining room.

Chase Park Holiday Party

Sunday, December 3, after p.m. service. More info later. Please bring “heavy” finger foods.

Worship Participants

SUNDAY AM December 3, 2017

READING	Grayson Stiegler
F PRAYER.....	Bill Brothers
LS PRAYER.....	Clay Blankenship
C PRAYER.....	Bob Williams

SUNDAY PM December 3, 2017

READING	Tommy Christopher
F PRAYER.....	Pat Cowden
C PRAYER.....	John Adams

December Birthdays

1 Shonika McCreless	19 Barbara Edwards
2 Greg Cothren	Jack Lambrecht
Mary Anne Smith	20 Tommy Christopher
4 Danny Benson	Megan Ennis
5 Gayle Cothren	21 Matt Cantrell
6 Glen Parker	Joy Wharton
7 Dena Hutchison	22 Claudette Rives
9 Connie Hendrixson	David Jones
Janet Lawson	23 Aidan Lambrecht
10 Jessica Peacock	24 Pat Clark
11 Hollye Corder	26 Billie Carmack
12 Christina Johnston	27 Dennis Lawson
13 Jerry Wilhoite	Candis McCall
15 Peggy Champion	Debby Christopher
Brayden McCarver	28 Jeff Fults
Alicia Steele	Deborah Adams
16 Sara-Olivia Johnston	29 Marie Bishop
17 Joyce Gray	31 Jim MacLean
18 Paul Brumlow	

Join us
Next Sunday, December 3
 as we
Look Ahead To A New Year

AM Worship:

Presentation of 2018 Theme

AM Bible Study:

Presentation of 2018 Budget

(all adult classes combined in auditorium)

PM Worship:

Presentation of 2018 Calendar



Statistics

Sunday, November 19, 2017

AM Worship	352
Month Average	360
Bible Class	296
PM Worship	256
Wed., Nov. 22 Bible Classes.....	NC
Regency Ret. Worship	44
Offering.....	\$16,639.00
Budget.....	\$18,000
Average '17	\$17,819
Under Budget for year.....	-\$8,500
Building Fund	\$520.00

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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