

CHASE PARK MESSENGER

No Man Is an Island

English poet John Donne wrote the following poem in 1624.

*No man is an island entire of itself,
Every man is a piece of the continent, A part of the main.
If a clod be washed away by the sea, Europe is the less,
As well as if a promontory were,
As well as any manor of thy friend's, Or of thine own were.
Any man's death diminishes me, Because I am involved in mankind.
And therefore never send to know for whom the bell tolls; It tolls for thee.*

No doubt most of us are familiar with this poem because it speaks a truth that we understand with our mind, but deny with the way that we live our lives. We need each other. We are bound together in a Christian family that is headed toward the same eternal home. Yet too often we fight the daily battles as if we are alone against the tide. We are not alone, but we act like we are.

Paul discussed this principle many times, but perhaps his description of the church as a body is the description that best summarizes our need for one another. Paul was addressing the tendency of Christians in their mind to elevate the member who is prominent in the church to a level of greater worth than the member who is working quietly behind the scenes to serve. Paul explains that this is not God's view.

The eye, hand, foot are not more important than the other parts. All parts are essential and depend upon one another for the body to function. (1Cor 12:12-26)

"12 As a body is one though it has many parts, and all the parts of the body, though many, are one body, so also Christ. 18 But as it is, God placed the parts, each one of them, in the body as he intended."

When one celebrates, we all celebrate. When one hurts, we all hurt. If I don't know about the blessings in your life, how can I celebrate with you? If I don't know about your struggles, how can I hurt with you?

God doesn't want us to be a body part operating alone. In fact, it's not possible to do so. Be involved in the body, with the body, for the body. That's the only way that the body can thrive.

No man is an island; we are all a part of the main.

Your Elders

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

Elders

Curtis Hill Dennis Lawson

Sam Kachelman Greg Parker

Barry Todd

Missionaries

Jaime Mendoza Chalco, Mexico

Liborio Encarnacion. Ecatepec, Mexico

Slava SavkovskyUkraine

Barton Kizer.....North Carolina

Dewayne Tapscott..... Southwest

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YOUTH NEWS

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

Youth Group (7th-12th Grade)

Lads to Leaders

Bible Bowl

Jan. 26 BB Practice
3:30 p.m., dining room
Jan. 29 BB Practice
5:30 p.m., library
Feb. 2 TVBB
@ Owens Cross Roads
(See Michelle Clements or Mindy Sims for details or information.)

Every Monday @ 7:00 am M4

Every Wednesday Hang Time

Feb. 9 Area-wide Devo
@ Owens Cross Roads

Feb. 13 Vittles w/Friends
3:00—6:00 p.m.

Feb. 16 Youth Devo
After p.m. services

Feb. 28-Mar. 1 CYC!

Be watching and listening for
practice days and times!

Apr 10-12 2020 Convention
@ Opryland Hotel

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

Outreach—Pat Cowden

January has been a very busy month so far in outreach efforts. There are several bible studies going on and our prayer is that these folks will make a decision to obey the gospel in the near future. Our responsibility is to make the information available (scripturally this is part of planting and watering) and then allow God to give the increase. (1 Corinthians 3:6)

What a magnificent system God has put in place. We do what should naturally come to Christians: “let our lights shine” and share the good news of Jesus Christ, and then let God do His work on the hearts of those who hear. That way, God’s people have the pressure taken off of them for the visible response of the hearers. God’s expectation for us is to teach, not to baptize. Paul put it this way, “For Christ did not send me to baptize, but to preach the gospel, not with wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made of no effect.” (1 Corinthians 1:17)

Tomorrow, Lord willing, we will have our first meeting of the Chase Park “Think Souls First” Team during Monday Night for the Master. The goal of this team is to have a team of zealous workers who want to share the gospel with others. Some of the team members have many years of experience and some have none. We will work together to make sure that everyone who could be reached with the gospel is given the opportunity to hear it.

We will work toward being intentional about sharing our faith with every single opportunity that comes our way, so that no souls “fall through the cracks” by accident. This includes how we interact with visitors to our worship assemblies, as well as, the process from initial meeting through studying the bible with them, and bringing them to a decision point about Christ.

If you have an interest in improving your ability to share the gospel with others, please take the opportunity to participate in this team by attending Monday night from 6:30-8:00.

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

Pat



Think Souls First

News Of Interest

Pantry Item: Peanut Butter and Jelly

Sick

Crestwood Medical Center

Richard Lawson

Home: Pat Clark (G), Tiny Corder (G) No Visitors, Donell Parker (I), Anne Fults (I)

New Member Reception

Sunday, February 9, after p.m. services, dining room.

Library Addition

Mike Maples gave our library a copy of the book, *Signs From Signs: Lessons Learned from Church Signs*, written by his son, Chad Maples. It is a compilation of the messages from the Westlink Church of Christ in Witchita, KS, marquee sign with devotional lessons and thoughts from those messages. Each lesson ends with a “signing off” page of questions about the lesson that would be helpful for class discussion.

Thank You

“Dear Chase Park Family
Thank you so much for the prayers, kind thoughts, cards, and phone calls during my family’s time of need. Sincerely,”
Clay Craig and family

Today and Upcoming at Chase Park

Family Care Groups Meeting

Groups B, C, and E will meet today for soups, salads, desserts.

Regency Retirement Service

Today: 1:30 p.m.

Speaker: **Hollis Todd**

Song Leader: **Stephen Trammell**

Hospital Visitation

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

Monday Night for the Master

Tomorrow, 6:30—8:00 p.m. *Think Souls First* Team

Balance Class

Tuesday, Thursday, January 28, 30, 1:30 p.m.

Men’s Diggin’ Deep Monthly Bible Study

Tuesday, January 28, 7:00 p.m., dining room.

Super Seniors

Wednesday, January 29, 10:00 a.m., go out to eat.

Retreats

Men’s: Jan. 31-Feb. 1, \$38.00

Ladies’: Feb. 7-8, \$40. **Meeting tonight after services.**

Ladies’ February Bible Class

Tuesday, February 4, 6:30 p.m. Location: TBD.

Worship Participants

SUNDAY AM February 2, 2020	
READING	Brandon Karraker
F PRAYER.....	Greg Cothren
LS PRAYER.....	Bill Brothers
C PRAYER.....	Bob Baccus

SUNDAY PM February 2, 2020	
READING	Isaiah McCreless
F PRAYER.....	Clay Blankenship
C PRAYER.....	Greg McCreless

C.A.P.S. Class Fellowship

Sunday, February 2, 5:00 p.m.

Worship, Super Chili Bowl & Games Fellowship





Men's Retreat

Jan. 31-Feb. 1

Ladies' Retreat

February 7-8

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Statistics

Sunday, January 19, 2020

AM Worship	371
Month Average	386
Bible Class	292
PM Worship	248
Wed., Jan. 22 Bible Classes	230
Regency Ret. Worship	36
Offering.....	\$19,683.25
Budget.....	\$19,500
Average '20	\$21,206
Over Budget for year	+\$5,118
Building Fund	\$0.00

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