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God Is In Your Corner

"In your corner." It is a phrase that, I assume, is derived from the world of boxing. Those who are in the corner of a boxer are the ones who are his biggest supporters. They have trained with him, advised him, and helped him to be successful in any way that they can. During matches, they are constantly shouting encouragements and instructions to him; between rounds they are helping to refresh and revive him for the next round. Thus, the phrase "in your corner" has come to refer to those in our lives who have a vested interest in our success and who become our greatest supporters and encouragers.

Do you realize that God is in your corner? I think that we sometimes see God as simply the omnipotent Creator, sovereign Ruler, and impartial Judge of humanity. This view of God often leads us to live our lives in uncertainty, fear, and frustration, feeling as if we are fighting against sin and Satan all by ourselves. We must understand that God is not a casual and uninvolved bystander, just waiting for the day when He will be our Judge. He is our greatest ally in the fight for our souls; our Father and Savior. While, as a Judge, God is certainly righteous and perfectly just, He is anything but impartial. He is very partial to us as His children. So much so, in fact, that He sent His own Son to pay the price for our transgressions so that He could declare us to be innocent and spare us from the penalty of sin. He wants us to succeed and is constantly working to strengthen, encourage, protect, and forgive us so that we can be successful. Consider this quote that I ran across the other day: "The God of our fathers is our Father as well, and He hasn't brought us this far just to let us fail." Now listen to a few things that God tells us in His word about being in our corner:

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." (John 3:16)

"But God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape." (1 Cor. 10:13)

"And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose." (Rom. 8:28)

"The Lord is...not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance." (2 Pet. 3:9)

"There is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents." (Luke 15:10)

As you live your life today and every day, live with joy, confidence, courage, and gratitude, knowing that Jehovah, the great God of the heavens and the earth, your heavenly Father is in your corner!

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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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*

“Slow down,” is a phrase we as parents know all too well. At first, we say it to our children when they run through the house at lightning speed! Then again, as we realize they are growing up before our very eyes faster than we desire them to. And we might also say it when they are learning to drive.

“Slow down” is good advice. It is good advice for our children and it is good advice for the children of God. We live in a world full of things that can keep us busy. Satan would love to be permitted to fill our lives and hearts with things to keep us busy and distracted.

God in His omniscience knew the value of taking the time to slow down. Each of us would do well to remember the words of the psalmist in Psalm 46:10, “*Be still and know that I am God.*”

We would do well to take time out

of our busy schedules, our agendas to simply be still. When is the last time you took time out of your day to meditate on the words of our Lord? Reading the Bible is good, and helpful, at the same time we would also do well to meditate on God’s word. Meditating on God’s word causes us to take time to consider what it is that God is telling us. In meditation, the word of God is implanted into our heart and allowed to grow to its life changing potential.

Another area of our lives that we would do well to “slow down,” is in our interpersonal relationships. We live in a fast paced, schedule driven, social media frenzied society. At the expense of a society such as ours is often our relationships with others. Our lives become so busy that we are unable or maybe even unwilling at times to invest in the lives of others.

As Christians we have an

obligation to be invested in the lives of those around us. The reason this obligation to those around us exists is simple, they are souls, souls that God loves dearly which He created in His image. Philippians 2:4 says, “*Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.*” Paul, by inspiration, is telling us that we are to be invested in the lives of others. It is difficult to look to the interest of others if we are not engaged in their lives. We cannot meet needs if we do not know what needs exist. Christians, we must slow down. We must slow down and know that God is, and we must slow down and invest in the lives of those around us.



Jesus Knows You—What Does He See?—*Nathan Adams*

John told us that Jesus “knew all men” and “did not need anyone to testify concerning man, for He Himself knew what was in man” (John 2:24-25). Jesus never had to ask who someone was or what kind of person they were. Jesus knew that Nathaniel was an “Israelite indeed, in whom there is no deceit!” and earlier had been under a fig tree (John 1:47-48). Jesus answered Nicodemus’ question before he even had a chance to ask it (John 3:3). He told the Samaritan woman at the well all that she had done (John 4:17, 29). These are just a few examples. In your daily study of your Bible, I would challenge you to make a list where this knowledge of men is seen during the life of our Lord.

Jesus knew Judas and spoke concerning his future betrayal (John 6:64). It is amazing to see that Jesus knew the heart of Judas and that he would betray Him more than two

years later. What would our heart tell Jesus about us? Where will our current heart take us in two years? I do not believe that Judas was planning at this point to betray Jesus, but there was a problem with his belief and his heart even that early in his following of Jesus. Jesus saw it and knew what it would bring about in Judas’ life. The entirety of what Jesus saw is not revealed to us, but we can certainly consider greed to be a problem that existed. We see that as a clear part of Judas’ heart in John 12:6 when John records that Judas was stealing from the money that Jesus and the disciples had. Greed is something that too many Christians (especially in our country) see as a small thing. It was probably a small thing in John 6, but I don’t think we would consider it a small thing in John 13 when Judas left the upper room to betray Jesus. His greed led him to do something so terrible that it would have been better for him not

to even have been born (Matthew 26:24).

Every cancer begins with a single cell and every lost soul begins with a sinful desire. In both cases, if something is not done, it will result in death. Jesus knows you right now, what does He see? Does He see something in your heart that will ultimately lead to your leaving Him? Maybe not tomorrow, next week, or next year—but it will lead you away from Him in time. Is it greed, selfishness, pride, lust, or some other unchecked weakness. You may say that it is a small problem—that is the best time to destroy it. You may say that it could be worse—it will be if you continue with that attitude.

Jesus knows you and you need to know yourself through His eyes before those small things cause you to lose your soul. If you lose your soul, like Judas, it would have been better for you not to have been born.

News Of Interest

Sick

Regency Rehab

Jim Dalton

Don Cox

Home: Freida Sadler, Leo Johnson, Glenn and Billie Carmack.

Directory Information

Please remove **Debra Darkow** and **Robbie Norman**; they are attending elsewhere.

Church Offices Closed

Tomorrow, in observance of President's Day.

Balance Class

Tues., Feb. 21; Thurs., Feb 23; 1:30 p.m.

Pantry Item

Vegetable Soups such as Campbell's Chunky Soups (but all kinds accepted).



Today and Upcoming at Chase Park

Regency Retirement Service

Today: 1:30 p.m.

Speaker: **Andrew Lamica**

Song Leader: **Stephen Trammell**

Hospital Visitation

Team #3 (**Suddarth**), please pick up your assignments following evening worship.

Super Seniors

Wednesday, February 22. No lunch.

Financial Peace Class

Class begins Monday, February 27, 6:00 p.m., small auditorium. Nursery provided if necessary.

Ladies Bible Class

Tuesday, February 28, 10:00 a.m.

Quarterly Meal

Wednesday, March 1, 5:00 p.m.. Menu: enchiladas, sides, desserts. \$4.00 per adult; \$1.00 per child. Sign up in the foyer.

Golden Age Banquet



You are invited to
Golden Age Banquet
Friday, March 3, 6:00 p.m.
Fellowship Hall

Hosted by
The Youth Group

Theme
"The Golden Age Of..."

You are asked to dress in Sunday best. It is going to be a "glitzy" affair.

Sign-up sheet
at Hospitality Desk.



March 2017 Birthdays

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| 2 Mike Crawford | 21 Barbara Newton |
| Elbert Peters | Tom Hogan |
| Aimee Trammell-Hurt | Barry Maples |
| 3 Mary Jo Franklin | 22 Jim Putnam |
| Pat Lamica | 23 Marilyn Holzheimer |
| 4 Fred King | 25 Bert Edwards |
| Shirley Jackson | Rick Davidson |
| 7 Gail Jackson | Idova Lewis |
| 8 Brian Peacock | 26 Max Horst |
| 10 Georgi Emerson | Doris Campbell |
| 11 Barbara Riddick | Angel Fulks |
| 12 Stan Whitehead | 27 Michael Weeks |
| 14 John Fulks | Mark Rowe |
| 15 Andrew Lamica | 28 Justin Gransky |
| 16 Sarah Irwin | 30 Dian Smith |
| Sharita Whitehead | |

Letter of Appreciation

February 13, 2017

Dear Brothers and Sisters at Chase Park Church of Christ:

Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ from Cherkassy, Ukraine!

We have recently received the money that was sent by your congregation to make a food reserve in the Cherkassy congregation and also to provide for medical needs of Cherkassy congregation members and possibly visitors.

Thank you for your continued support of the cause of Christ in Ukraine and for your concern for the well-being of Christians in this country at this difficult time. We pray to God with thanksgiving for you and all members of your congregation, asking Him to bless all of you abundantly in your service unto Him!

"For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, which ye have shewed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister." Hebrews 6:10

May God bless you, your families and the Chase Park church family with everything that you need to serve Him!

In Christian love,
Slava Savkovsky

on behalf of
the Cherkassy Church of Christ
Cherkassy, Ukraine

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Statistics

Sunday, February 12, 2017

AM Worship 390
Month Average 385
Bible Class 323
PM Worship 362
Wed., Feb 15 Bible Classes 279
Regency Ret. Worship 42
Offering \$19,922.52
Budget \$18,000
Average '17 \$17,912
Under Budget for year -\$619
Building Fund \$0

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