



The Messenger

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Todd's Take

Happy Sunday! This morning we will wrap up our journey through Hebrews 12 as we discuss the final verses of this great chapter, verses 18-29. This section is a vivid

reminder of what we are a part of and what we are running towards – an unshakable kingdom! There is no destination greater than heaven and there is no other race, regardless of how easy and appealing it may be, that holds the promise that the Christian race holds. So, wherever you are in your journey, don't give up. The destination will be more than worth any effort or sacrifice.

On the home front, Henriann and I have begun another round of remodeling in our house. We live in a home built in 1927 and, although it's holding together well, over time things just decay and unravel. So, it's time for a fresh coat of paint and a few minor updates.

Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe, for our God is a consuming fire.

Hebrews 12:28-29

As I think about that I also think that what is true for homes is probably also true for our souls. Over time we tend to spiritually decay and unravel. Almost unnoticeably we develop cracks in our walls, paint starts to peel, and flooring begins to deteriorate. As with our homes, we need to care for our souls and give them a much-needed touchup every once and a while.

What have you done recently to remodel your soul? What dedicated activity have you participated in to bring back the beauty and splendor your soul once enjoyed? You know you need it!

Maybe a weekend away with your spouse at our Marriage Getaway weekend is just what you need. Perhaps a hiking trip with other brothers in Christ will add some luster to your soul. How about a mission trip to Mexico to repair your spiritual foundation? Imagine the benefits of joining a Disciple Making Community. Could it be you need to pick up a good devotional book and dive into that?

These may all sound like a lot of effort, but so is remodeling. Despite that, Henriann and I are ready to put in the work to make our home a little more beautiful. We think it's worth the effort.

Isn't your soul worth it?



NEWS & NOTES

New Members

Congratulations to **Tracy Woodall** who was baptized into Christ last Sunday by Todd Catteau. Please welcome **Tracy** and his wife, **Alicia** to Park Avenue. Their contact information is as follows:

5217 Ambergate Lane,
Sherman, TX 75092,
(903) 816-1890

Thank You

Thanks to all who were concerned about us while I was going through my hospital stays. We appreciate your prayers, cards and kind words. We enjoyed the food that was brought to us also. It helps to know there are those who care. Thanks again Park Avenue!

TJ & Margaret Atnip

Youth Ministry

- **Sunday February 7:** Park Avenue Youth Will meet in the Gym from 5pm-9ish to watch the Super Bowl and have a devotional.
- **Sunday February 14:** Park Avenue Youth will be meeting earlier on this Sunday. Tyler will send out more details later this week.

Celebration of Marriage

On Sunday, February 14 during worship we will honor those couples who celebrate a wedding anniversary ending in years with a "1" or "6". If you would like to participate please submit a wedding picture and a more recent picture to the church office as soon as possible.

Prayer List

Ken Washburn, Daisy Miller, Kimberly Pendergrass, Peggy Clark, Keith House, Corky Armstrong, Betty Clark, Dewey Martin, Bob Corley, Sandra Aynes, June Washburn, Nancy Richard, Greg Oliver

Ongoing Needs

Jim & Jane Scroggins, Terry Waggoner, Kay Skelton, Lisa Cobble, Bobby & Peggy Slaughter, Nancy Richard, Sandra Thomas, Larry Long, Judy Shelton, Mary Pope, Gene Stogner, Peggy Parkey, James Hawk, Kaile Williams (Norris)

Homebound

Barbara Corbett, Ray & Marsha Jones, Chris Keene, JD Huffman

Missions

Hammer & Dela Afakule (Togo), Mario "Pepe" Torre (Monterrey, Mexico)

Friends of Park Avenue

Rebekah Taylor (great niece of the Russells), Becky Sanchez (wife of Gil Sanchez, Director of orphanage in Mexico), Kathy Hill (friend of Chris & Candsis Slaughter)



Spiritual Practice Challenge

As a follow up to Covenant Sunday consider participating in the monthly spiritual practice challenges. Go to www.pacoc.net/eyesonJesus or contact **Lantz Howard** for more information.

Save the Dates

- **Men's Hiking Trip: March 26-28**
- **CASA Family Mission Trip: July 2-10**
- **Christian Theater Workshop: July 19-25**

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Worship	373
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