

NEWS & NOTES

Congratulations

Congratulations to **Tyler & Alyssa Cope** on the birth of their baby boy, **Nehemiah Windle Cope** born Monday, December 20 at 10:56 AM, weighing 8lbs 10oz and 20 1/2 inches long.

Thank You's

Thank you for your support and comforting words. We gratefully appreciate and thank you for the cards, flowers, visits, and kind expressions of sympathy during this very difficult time. Our hearts were touched and will always be remembered.
Patti Morgan & Family

A simple thank you does not seem enough to express our gratitude for the love and kindness that has been shown to us during this difficult time. A special thank you to Todd and Basil for the beautiful service for Jane and for the ladies who prepared a lovely meal. Thank you.
The Family of Jane Scroggins

We wish to express our gratitude to Tyler Cope and the youth group who surprised us with a visit, singing Christmas carols and brought us a beautiful poinsettia. We are so thankful for your thoughtfulness and remembrance of us at this busy time of year. Your visit was more uplifting than you will ever know.
Ray & Marsha Jones

Youth Ministry

December 26, & 29: No Park Avenue youth events.

Bridal Shower

Join us for a bridal shower for **Lindsee Pryor** on Sunday, January 9 from 1:30-3 PM in the Atrium. Lindsee and Caleb are registered at *Target, Bed, Bath & Beyond*, and *Amazon*.

Service Opportunity

A group from the Western Heights Church of Christ in Sherman will be traveling to Mayfield, Kentucky to work with the Churches of Christ Disaster Relief Team in providing aid to those affected by the recent tornados. The trip will be **December 30-January 2**. To sign up, or find out more about it, email Joe Brown at: jdbrownda17@gmail.com

Prayer List

Mike Hardy, Jesse Sims, Kim Pendergrass, Linda Bell

Ongoing Needs

Shawn Landrum, Larry Long, Jim Scroggins, Corky Armstrong, Dewey Martin, Sandra Aynes, Bobby & Peggy Slaughter, Kaile Williams (Norris), Roy Galyon, Vicki Ard, Judy Odom, Mike Foltermann, Karen Brode

Homebound

Ray & Marsha Jones, Chris Keene, JD Huffman

Expectant Mothers

Abigail Brooks, Jordan Honeycutt, Gabby Waller

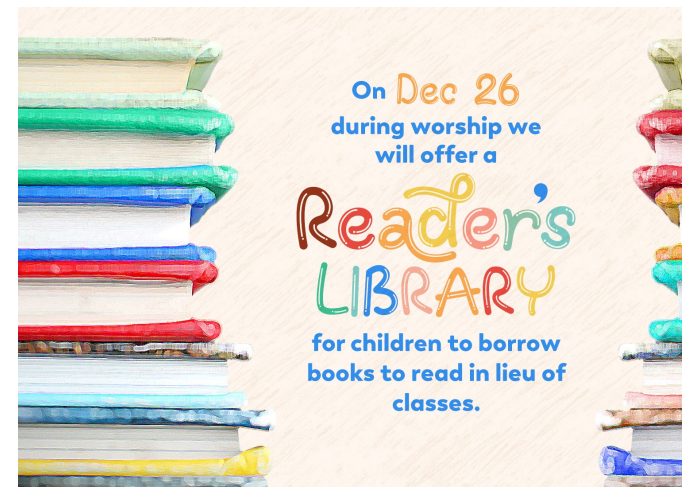
Missions

Hammer & Dela Afakule (Togo), Mario "Pepe" Torre (Monterrey, Mexico), Jimenez family (Cartagena, Colombia)

Friends of Park Avenue

Rebekah Taylor (great niece of the Russell's), Becky Sanchez (wife of Gil Sanchez, Director of orphanage in Mexico), Kathy Hill (friend of Chris & Candis Slaughter), Maxine Fulechek (mother of Joe Fulechek), Jane Bearden (sister of June Washburn), Jackie Cline (friend of Joyce Merworth), Minnie Gonzales (friend of PACOC), Melba Ballou (former member)

Please notify the church office at office@parkavenuechurch.com for updates to the prayer list.



Holiday Schedule

Sunday, December 26

No Childrens' Classes

(Readers' Library)

Adult Bible Class will meet

Monday, December 27

Church Office Closed

Wednesday, December 29

No Classes

Thursday, December 30

Church Office Closed PM

Friday, December 31

Church Office Closed

Sunday, January 2

Normal Schedule Resumes

For The Record—December 19, 2021

Worship	348
Offering Goal	\$18,974
Received	\$15,077

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Todd's Take

As we say goodbye to 2021 and say hello to 2022 it's smart to have a plan to make the coming year better than the previous one. To do that we all need wisdom and, when it comes to wisdom, the biblical book of

Proverbs is the place to go. I've scoured through the wisdom of Solomon and leave these Top Ten Proverbs with you to help you make the most of the coming year:

Proverbs 4:25

Let your eyes look straight ahead, fix your gaze directly before you.

Be thankful for your past and learn from your past but don't live in your past. Focus on the future. 2021 is over and 2022 is here. Spend more time looking to the future than rehashing the past. There's a reason why your car's windshield is a lot bigger than the rearview mirror.

Proverbs 11:13

A gossip betrays a confidence, but a trustworthy man keeps a secret.

You don't have to let everyone know everything you know. As tempting as it is to share those juicy secrets about someone, be a person who has the strength to keep things confidential. Too many

people are slandered and too many relationships are destroyed by gossip. Loose lips do sink ships!

Proverbs 11:27

He who seeks good finds goodwill, but evil comes to him who searches for it.

What do you look for in people? If you look for faults, you will find them. If you look for strengths, you will find them. Be a person who looks for the good in people rather than the bad. Remember, what you look for in others will be what others look for in you!

Proverbs 17:14

Starting a quarrel is like breaching a dam; so drop the matter before a dispute breaks out.

How often do we escalate conflict by picking a fight? So many arguments are over insignificant matters. Say it aloud, "It's not that big a deal." Drop it and move on!

(continued next week)

Sunday Schedule

Adult Bible Class

9AM Atrium

Worship

10:00 AM

Children Dismissed to Bible Classes at

10:45-11:30AM

0 - 3 Year Olds—Nursery Area
 Pre K-6th Grade—Family Life Center

Youth Group Activities

5:30-7:30PM

Discipleship Making Communities (DMC's)

Meet at various times and locations. Contact Lantz Howard for more information.

Scan the QR code below for links to the communication card, news, and giving.



Not pictured: Mark Ewig and Mike Chapman

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the staff of PACOC. We're blessed to work with you in our little corner of the Kingdom!

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