

# NEWS & NOTES

## New Members/Baptism

Welcome **Matthew & Amanda Johnson** and their sons, **Waylon & Evan**. Congratulations to Matthew & Waylon who were baptized into Christ last Sunday. Their contact information is: 605 Edwards Drive, Denison, TX 75020, (903) 815-6772

## 80th Birthday Invitation

Jim Scroggins is having a birthday party at Golden Corral on Saturday, November 5 from 2-5PM. You are invited to drop by to wish Jim a happy birthday. Cake and drinks will be served.



## Trunk 'n Treat

Join us next **Sunday, October 30** from 5-7 PM for a Trunk 'n Treat. We still need lots of candy! Please place wrapped candy in

the bins at the front entrances. We are also still looking for 2 more trunks! If you would like to participate please sign up at [pacoc.net/tnt](http://pacoc.net/tnt)

## Men's Conference, December 2-3

Register now for the early bird price of \$35. Offer expires **October 30**. Online registration is at [riseuptexoma.com](http://riseuptexoma.com)

## Operation Christmas Child

Thank you to everyone who has picked up a shoebox. Please return your filled shoebox to the main hallways by no later than **November 6**.

### Prayer List—Debbie Black

**Ongoing Needs**—Chris Reinsch, Shawn Landrum, Larry Long, Corky & Linda Armstrong, Sandra Aynes, Bobby & Peggy Slaughter, Kaile Williams (Norris), Jim Scroggins, Roy Galyon, Ernie & Kathy Sturch, Patrick Mullins, Vicki Ard, Joyce Henshaw

**Homebound**—JD Huffman, Dewey & Joyce Martin

**Expectant Mothers**—Brittini Calvert, Alissa Cope, Lauren Claborn

**Missions**—Hammer & Dela Afakule (Togo), Mario "Pepe" Torre (Monterrey, Mexico), Jimenez family (Cartagena, Colombia), Cristian & Ana Corrales (Bucaramanga, Colombia)

**Friends of Park Avenue**—Rebekah Taylor (great niece of the Russell's), Becky Sanchez (wife of Gil Sanchez, Director of orphanage in Mexico), Greg Oliver (father of Karee Earnhart), Nan Farmer (friend of Joyce Merworth)

Please notify the church office at [office@parkavenuechurch.com](mailto:office@parkavenuechurch.com) for updates to the prayer list.

## Coffee & Donut Fellowship

Come early on Sunday mornings to enjoy coffee, donuts, and fellowship, starting at 9:15 AM in the Atrium.

## Ark Use

The Ark is a busy place and sometimes we find the kitchen or gym double-booked. We encourage use of the Ark but ask that you please schedule any use of the Ark through the Church office in order to avoid any conflict. Thank you.

## Youth Ministry

- **Sunday October 23rd:** Connect will meet in the gym from 5:30-7:30pm! Dinner is provided!
- **November 5th:** Family night at the Cope's house! We will have dinner and an outdoor movie!
- **March 13-17th:** Park Avenue Youth Ski Trip! Please let Tyler know if you or your family are interested.

## Fortify Family Retreat

Families with kids of all ages: come have a fun weekend with our



weekend with our Park Avenue family! Enjoy family worship time, bonfire, s'mores, devotionals, family walk and talk, and parent rap sessions at a beautiful camp on Lake Texoma. The

retreat will be **November 12 and 13**. The cost is \$5 per person or \$20 per family. We will begin at 10:00 AM on Saturday, stay overnight, and conclude on Sunday afternoon. Register now at [pacoc.net/fortify](http://pacoc.net/fortify).

This week we are having **Breakfast for Supper**. The meal will be prepared by **Rhonda McClure & Christine Kirkbride** and their team.



Sign up on your communication card Sunday morning to let us know if you plan to attend so we can plan accordingly!

## For The Record—October 16, 2022

Worship	466
Offering Goal	\$19,461
Received	\$12,246

You can give online at [pacoc.net/give](http://pacoc.net/give)  
Thanks for your ongoing financial support



# The Messenger

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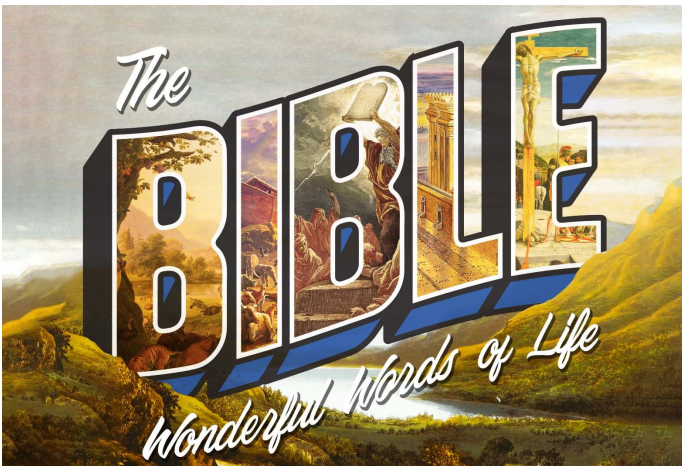


## Todd's Take

Good morning and welcome to our worship service. A special welcome to our guests. If you have any questions about Park Avenue or Christianity in general, feel

free to track one of our ministers or elders down or contact us any time.

This morning we will continue the series, **The Bible—Wonderful Words of Life**. One goal of this series is to help us all fall in love with the Word of God and make reading it a daily discipline in our lives. In the Bible we have the words of life from the very One who created us!



### Sunday Schedule

#### Adult Bible Class

9AM Room D

#### 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.



## Obstacles or Opportunities

This past week the ministry staff attended a short conference conducted by leaders from Lubbock Christian University. The theme was obstacles. Each church staff was assigned to identify obstacles at their congregation. For all of us that was not much of a challenge. Each church had a different set of circumstances but it came to light that every church faces obstacles of some sort.

That exercise wasn't all that encouraging. Who wants to dwell on problems and hurdles? I was hoping that the facilitators in all their wisdom would give us some magic formula to make all those obstacles go away, but they didn't. Problems don't just go away. Hurdles don't just vanish. I was wondering if I was wasting my time.

Then they led us into a discussion of seeing beyond those obstacles and discovering ways to find opportunities for growth that those obstacles could provide. How can these problems bring hope instead of despair? How can obstacles make us stronger rather than weaker? How can hurdles uncover avenues of growth that we never really saw? All these questions were leading us to see problems we face not just as obstacles but as opportunities.

Like all churches, PACOC has had, is having, and will have obstacles to overcome. A problem-free existence is not a reality this side of heaven. The question we have to ask ourselves is whether we will allow these obstacles to stunt growth or see in these challenges opportunities to learn and to grow and for God to take us places we never thought of.

Obstacles are inevitable. Reframing them as opportunities is optional. Let's choose the latter.

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