



# The Messenger

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## Todd's Take

Good morning and welcome to our time of worship. It's always a blessing to be together as a church family. Welcome to our guests. We are glad you are here and welcome any questions you

have about Park Avenue and our mission. Track me down or email me and I'd be glad to talk with you.

This morning in our preaching time I will continue addressing our Parishioner's Picks and this week we will be looking at the prophet Elijah as he confronts the evil of his day personified in the evil king and queen of Israel, Ahab and Jezebel. Our text will be 1 Kings 18-19. As Elijah was bold in his faith, so are we called to boldness and courage in our world.

Remember to sign up to get your picture taken for our updated online directory. We've had a good response the first week but we are looking for 100% participation so we can have this tool updated and current for all our members. Sign up online or call Joan at the church office to set up your time.

We kicked off our fall Lady Jacket Breakfasts this Friday. Thanks to all our volunteers and the blessing you are to our DISD female athletes.

Men, mark your calendars for our annual Men's Conference December 1-2. More details will be coming soon.

Glad to have you all here today!

## Barnabas Center Expands Ministry to Help DISD Students



The Barnabas Center, a ministry supported by PACOC through our Grace Offering, has extended its ministry to providing backpacks of food for students of families who need help. The program is called **Barnabas Backpack Buddies**. The food is delivered to the campuses on Friday and then distributed to students to provide some

basic food items for the weekend.

Through a grant from the United Way much of the funds needed for food purchases are provided but we would gratefully accept individual pre-packed snack items: cereal bowls/cups, granola bars, peanut butter or cheese crackers, instant oatmeal, apple sauce, mac-n-cheese cups, canned meat-vienna sausage or pasta with meat, peanut butter to-go cups, fruit cups, veggie cups/bags, fruit snacks, cookies, chips—all must be pre-packaged single servings. We also need some more volunteers to pack up and deliver the food items to the school campuses. This does require some degree of lifting, so keep that in mind.

Marsha Foltermann is leading this ministry and is the one to contact if you want to donate items or help deliver. Call or text her at 903-821-6241.

### 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)**

Wednesday at 6:30 as well as various times and locations throughout the week.

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



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# NEWS & NOTES

## Parenting Workshop

Our annual parenting workshop is next Sunday, September 17th. **Kevin & Shelly Huddleston** will be our speakers sharing *The Rhythms of Life & Parenting*. Parents will meet with Kevin from 11:30a.m. to 2:45p.m. Lunch will be provided. This is a free event for parents of all ages, but we request that you sign up online so we know how many to prepare for. If you have any questions please contact Tyler.



Kevin and Shelly have been in ministry together for over 35 years. They spent 30 years in congregational ministry and now Kevin is the Director of Ministries for Arms of Hope, a Christian care organization that cares for children and single moms with families.

## Barnabas Thanksgiving Food Drive

This year our food drive will help provide Thanksgiving meals for the Barnabas Center. We have tabs in the atrium for different food items to provide for those in need. Grab a tab or two from the atrium and return your food items to the shelves by no later than **September 24**.



**Prayer List**—Linda Martindale, Gary Strobel, Patrick Mullins, Daisy Miller, Dave & Che Che Smith, June Washburn, Joyce Henshaw, Jannie Bellows, Neal Odom

**Ongoing Needs**—Chris Reinsch, Shawn Landrum, Corky Armstrong, Judy Odom, Sandra Aynes, Bobby & Peggy Slaughter, Jim Scroggins, Roy Galyon, Steve Black, Keith House, Tommy Todd, Kay Skelton

**Homebound**—Dewey & Joyce Martin, J.D. Huffman

**Missions**—Hammer & Dela Afakule (Togo), Mario "Pepe" Torre (Monterrey, Mexico), Jimenez family (Cartagena, Colombia), Cristian & Ana Corrales (Bucaramanga, Colombia), Jhon & Deisy Gonzalez (Bogota, Colombia), Adrian & Gabriela Galvan (Paraiso, Monterrey)

**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), Ray & Marsha Jones (former members), Sarah Thompson (daughter of Judy Black), Joe Setzer (friend of Joyce Milton)

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

## Youth Ministry

- **Sunday September 10th:** Connect in the Youth Suite from 5-7:30pm! Dinner will be provided!
- **Tuesday, September 12th:** High School Word-up at the Cope's from 7-8:15pm. Changed to Tuesday just for this week.
- **Sunday, September 17th:** Parenting Workshop! Register online!
- **Fall Retreat October 14th-15th!** Sign-up online today!

## Western Heights Pre-School

Western Heights Church of Christ is currently accepting applications for preschool enrollment for 2023-2024 year. It is open to ages 18 months to Pre-K. You can contact them at 903.815.6648.

## PAWS & DMC's Are Back!

Our PAWS meal and Disciple Making Communities are back in full swing. The groups are listed on the website and app. Join us on Wednesdays at 5:15 p.m. for supper followed by DMC's at 6:30 p.m.

## New Online Picture Directory

This Fall we are updating our member photos for our online Church Directory. It will be different from previous years as we are doing it ourselves. To encourage everyone to participate we will be giving every family a free 5x7 photo. Pictures will be taken from **September 17—October 15**. We need you to sign up for a time. You can find the link on the website or app or call the church office and Joan can set you up an appointment. If you want to help out, please contact the church office.



## Park Avenue Wednesday Supper

Join us this Wednesday for our PAWS meal at 5:15PM. We will be having **Mexican Beef Tacos, Taco Salad, Pinto Beans, Queso & Chips, Salad Bar & Dessert**. Kid Friendly Options will be available along with a vegetarian and gluten free option. The meal will be prepared by **Kathy Hitchcock** and her team.

## For The Record—September 3, 2023

Worship	436
Offering Goal	\$19,464
Received	\$19,441

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