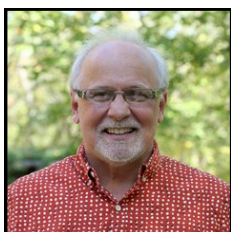




The Messenger

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Todd's Take

Good morning and welcome to our worship service. What a blessing to gather together to worship and fellowship. If you are a guest with us this morning we welcome you and invite you to join in with us as we honor our creator and savior. If you are looking for a church home, please feel free to let us know if you have any questions about Park Avenue.

It's so good for Henriann and me to be back home after our trip to Thailand to get our son Purich. It was a wonderful and exhausting trip and we felt all of your love, support, and encouragement. Thank you so much for all your emails, texts, posts and other expressions of love. And what a blessing to come home to the gift tree! Your concern, prayers, and generosity are overwhelming to us. We are settling in slowly but surely.

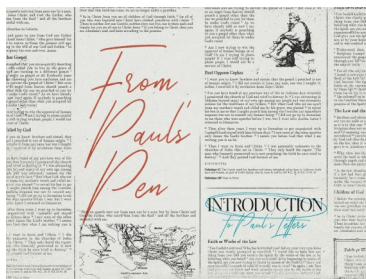
Thanks also to Basil and Tyler for filling in for me while I was gone. Thanks also to many others that covered my responsibilities while I was away. We are blessed with a dedicated and qualified church staff.

Also thanks to everyone who participated in our Fall Festival. How fun to see so many of you volunteer your "trunks" and help out in other ways to provide this event for our community. The Ark was absolutely packed! Your servant hearts are making a difference.

We continue to answer God's call to serve and bless our world through Operation Christmas Child. If you

haven't already, pick up a box and provide a child with Christmas love and an opportunity to hear the good news of God's love. If you're not able to fill a box may you send some special prayers to God to bless children around the world who don't have what so many of us have and especially pray that they can know the peace and hope that comes from knowing God.

This morning we have about 50 of our church family at our annual Fortify Family Retreat at Lake Texoma. This morning they are worshipping together and enjoying the blessing of church family.



I'm excited to bring you the message from God's word this morning. I'll be starting a series of sermons on the letters of the apostle Paul. Outside of Jesus, Paul is the most influential figure in what we believe as Christians and how we

practice our faith both personally and corporately. One thing that rings true in Paul's letters is his concern for the health of the local church. These letters offer encouragement, correction and instruction to these young churches as they seek to carry on the work of Jesus in their local communities. Today I will spend time introducing Paul's letters. As we survey these letters it is my hope that we may grow individually and as a church.

So glad you are here!

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

Operation Christmas Child



Thank you to everyone who picked up a shoebox last week. We still have some shoeboxes at the front of the auditorium. Please return your filled boxes by no later than **November 19**.

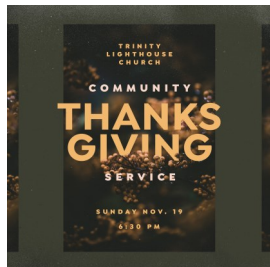
Online Picture Directory

If you recently got your picture taken for the online directory, we have a free 5x7 photo for you in the baskets on the glass table in the atrium. Please pick that up this morning!

Let's Get Acquainted Luncheon

We will have a luncheon for new members and visitors next **Sunday, November 12** immediately after worship. This is a great opportunity to meet our Elders and Ministers and their families.

Community Thanksgiving Service



Join us on **Sunday, November 19th at 6:30 p.m.** for our annual thanksgiving service at Trinity Lighthouse church. This is a great time of worship and fellowship as several of our Denison churches unite to give thanks. Our worship team will be among those who will be leading us in worship.

Prayer List—Peggy Porter, Linda Martindale, Dave & Che Che Smith, Jannie Bellows

Ongoing Needs—Chris Reinsch, Corky Armstrong, Neal & Judy Odom, Sandra Aynes, Waymon Hinson, Bobby & Peggy Slaughter, Jim Scroggins, Roy Galyon, Steve Black, Keith House, Tommy Todd, Kay Skelton, Peggy Parkey, Patrick Mullins, Tina Harvey

Homebound—Dewey & Joyce Martin, Joyce Henshaw

Expectant Mothers—Alissa Cope, Breanna Menifee

Missions—Hammer & Dela Afakule (Togo), Mario "Pepe" Torre (Monterrey, Mexico), Jimenez family (Cartagena, Colombia), Cristian & Ana Corrales (Bucaramanga, Colombia), Jhon & Deisy Gonzalez (Bogata, Colombia), Adrian & Gabriela Galvan (Paraíso, 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), Penny White (daughter of Bob & Bonnie White), Charlotte Harris (great niece of Steve & Donna Hodge), Pam Gardner (visitor), Karla Kennedy (neighbor of Dorothy Bankston)

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

Rise Up Men's Conference

The **Rise Up Men's Conference** is on **Friday, December 1st!** This year will be a one-night only event with **guest speaker Chris Seidman**, author and lead minister of the Branch Church in Farmer's Branch. Register online today!



Chili/Soup Supper



Mark your calendar for our annual chili/soup supper on **Wednesday, November 15 at 6 p.m.** We are asking you to bring **chili, soup** or **dessert** to share. Sign up online so we know what you are bringing.

Youth Ministry

- Sunday, Nov. 5th:** Connect in the gym from 5:00—7:30 pm. Dinner will be provided.
- Wednesday, Nov. 8th:** Come for dinner from 5:15—6:15 pm. Youth room opens at 6pm and class starts at 6:30pm. We will have an OC admission counselor visiting with us!
- Saturday, Nov. 11th:** Park Avenue Youth Family night at the Cope's house from 6-8pm. Come for dinner, campfires, smore's, games, and more!



Park Avenue Wednesday Supper

Join us this Wednesday for our PAWS meal at 5:15PM. We will be having **Ham & Potato AuGratin, Mixed Vegetables, Salad Bar, Fresh Fruit, Kids Option & Dessert.** The meal will be prepared by **Kathy Hitchcock** and her team.



For The Record—October 29, 2023

Worship	496
Offering Goal	\$19,464
Received	\$16,849

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