



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.

This morning we will continue our survey of Paul's letters looking at **1 Corinthians**. Paul had a long and intimate relationship with this church and writes not only this letter but a second one as well. The church in Corinth apparently had written to Paul about several matters that Paul responds to in 1 Corinthians. In 1 Corinthians 7:1 Paul implies this previous correspondence—"Now concerning the matters about which you wrote ..." There are a lot of issues threatening this church and Paul makes every effort to set them straight. The foundational issue behind all these matters is the Corinthians being influenced by cultural values rather than allowing kingdom values to determine their worldview and behavior. Although the particular issues may differ in our world, the foundational question remains the same—**are we building our lives on cultural or kingdom values?**

Let me encourage everyone to join us tonight at Trinity Lighthouse Church here in Denison at 6:30 pm for our annual **Community Thanksgiving Service**. It's a great time of worship and fellowship as our city gathers together in Christ to thank him for all He has done for us.

The elders and ministers spent this weekend at our **annual retreat planning** for next year and the years to come. Our hope and prayer is that Park Avenue continues to be a vibrant and growing church shining the light of the good news to Texoma and beyond. When we look at the church in Corinth it becomes so obvious how quickly a church can become less than the ideal God has for them. We want to always make sure we are seeking God's will for us individually and as a church and that takes conscious and focused effort. Thank all of you for your dedicated and faithful service. Continue praying for our leadership that the Spirit of God may guide us in all our decisions.



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

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



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NEWS & NOTES

Sympathy

Our sympathy is with **Kathy Reinsch** after the passing of her father last Sunday, November 12. Services were held yesterday in Tom Bean.

New Members

We want to welcome **Rocky & Pam Gardner** to Park Avenue and we also want to welcome back **Randell & Nancy Conner**.

Thanksgiving Schedule

There will be **no church activities this Wednesday, November 22** due to the Thanksgiving holiday. Please also note that **the church office will be closed Thursday and Friday, November 23rd & 24th**. Our Park Avenue Wednesday Supper and Discipleship Communities will resume on Wednesday, November 29th.

Special Anniversary

Dorothy & Harold Armstrong will be celebrating their **70th wedding anniversary on November 26th**. Let's shower them with cards as they reach this very special anniversary.

Youth Ministry

- **Sunday, November 19th:** No Connect this week!
- **Wednesday, 22nd:** There will be no youth group class this coming Wednesday.
- **Sunday, November 26th:** Connect in the gym from 5-7:30pm.
- **Sunday, December 10th:** Park Avenue youth Christmas Party.
- **January 12-14th:** Winterfest! Get signed up online!

Prayer List—Daisy Miller, Waymon Hinson, Peggy Porter, Linda Martindale, Dave & Che Che Smith, Jannie Bellows

Ongoing Needs—Chris Reinsch, Corky Armstrong, Neal & Judy Odom, Sandra Aynes, 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 (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), 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.



Ladies Christmas Party

Ladies, join us for our Christmas Party on **Monday, December 4th from 5:30-7:30 p.m.** in the atrium. We are doing something new and exciting this year. We welcome a sneak peek with our 2024 retreat speaker, **Nika Maples**. You are not required to bring a gift this year but we will have a gift for you! **Childcare is being provided**. We can't wait to celebrate this joyful season with you! **Please bring a finger food to share and a friend!**

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!

Operation Christmas Child

Thank you to everyone who picked up a shoebox last week. We still have some shoeboxes available. The deadline to return your filled boxes is **TODAY**. **There will be a drop-off box outside the main church office entrance if you want to drop off your boxes later today.**

Community Thanksgiving Service

Join us **TODAY** 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.

Rise Up Men's Conference

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

For The Record—November 12, 2023

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Received	\$18,223

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