



# The Messenger

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## Todd's Take

Good morning and welcome to our worship service. 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.

Today in the sermon time I will take on another Parishioner's Pick. Today's request was to preach on the doctrine of grace especially using the teaching of J.I. Packer in his book *Knowing God*. Grace is one of my favorite topics and *Knowing God* is one of my favorite books. It's one of those books that I would recommend for every Christian. In fact, I have an extra copy left over from a recent Sunday morning class, so if you are interested and serious about reading it, let me know. First come, first serve. It's by no means a technical book but you will find yourself swimming in deeper waters. In addition to Scripture, I have found it most helpful to read some of these classic books on theology, apologetics, spiritual disciplines, and Christian living. I would urge you to make it a habit to read at least one type of book each year in addition to your Bible reading.



We are glad to have Dr. Barry Stephens with us from the Siburt Institute

of Abilene Christian University. He will speak to us briefly this morning during the announcement time. Before joining the Siburt Institute, Barry served local churches for 40 years. For the past 23 he had been the Senior Minister with the Monterey church in Lubbock, Texas. In addition to his local ministry, Barry has taught church leadership and conflict management for the past two decades and currently teaches at Lubbock Christian University. We have been working with Barry over the past several months as we plan and vision for the future. The elders and ministers met with him yesterday to review the results of the focus groups and church health assessment survey many of you participated in. Next month the elders and ministers will be gathering for our annual leadership retreat to further discuss this data and continue planning for the future of Park Avenue. We ask your prayers for all of us as we seek God's vision for the church.

*Philippians 3:12-14 (NIV)*

*Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me.*

### 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

## New Members

Please welcome to Park Avenue, **Carl & Jessica Myhre** and their children **Boaz, Tabitha, Naomi** and **Ezra**. Their contact information is 2610 Brookhollow Drive, Denison, TX 75020.

## Wedding Shower

Join us for a wedding shower honoring **Caroline Farish & Easton Kirkbride today, August 4 from 1:30-3:00 p.m.** in the atrium. Easton and Caroline are registered at Amazon, Target, Anthropologie, Williams Sonoma, Crate & Barrell.

## Youth Ministry

- **Sunday, Aug. 4th:** Summer Connect from 5:30-7:30 in the gym. Dinner will be provided.
- **Wednesday, Aug. 7th:** Park Avenue Youth Parents Meeting from 5:45-6:20pm in the youth Suite.
- **Sunday, Aug. 11th:** Back to School Party at McClure's pool from 3:30-6pm and **Back to School Community Prayer** at 7pm.

## Bridges To Life Ministry (Prison Ministry)

Bridges to Life, a ministry for healing crime victims and rehabilitating offenders, will begin the next session at the Buster Cole and Choice Moore units in Bonham on August 13th. More information regarding the ministry is available at [www.bridgestolife.org/](http://www.bridgestolife.org/). If you are interested in participating in this ministry please contact **Paul Waggoner** (903) 821-0113.

## Park Avenue Wednesday Suppers

We are still in need of leaders and helpers to prepare our Park Avenue Wednesday Suppers. If you can help and are willing to serve in this way contact **Shelly Calvert**.

## Let's Get Acquainted Lunch

If you are a new member or have been visiting with us we would like to invite you to join us for a home made lunch after worship free of charge on **Sunday, August 18th** immediately after worship service in the Family Life Center. This is a great way for you to get to know our elders, ministers and their families.

**Prayer List**—Debbie Black, Gary Strobel, Daisy Miller, Che Che Smith, Waymon Hinson, Patrick Mullins, Neal & Judy Odom, Kathy Hitchcock, Arlene Joines

**Ongoing Needs**—Chris Reinsch, Elizabeth Phillips, Floyd Clark, Lisa Cobble

**Homebound**—Dewey & Joyce Martin

**Missions**—Hammer & Dela Afakule (Togo), Mario "Pepé" 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, Nicholas Taylor (great niece & nephew of the Russell's), Becky Sanchez (wife of Gil Sanchez, Director of orphanage in Mexico), Greg Oliver (father of Karee Earnhart), Marsha Jones (former member), Charlotte Harris (great niece of Steve & Donna Hodge, Misty Pryor (sister-in-law of David Pryor)

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

## Back to School Prayers

It's getting close to school time again and we want to lift up our schools and students in prayer. There will be two opportunities to do this. There will be a **community prayer gathering** on Sunday, August 11 at 7:00 pm beginning at Heritage Park in downtown Denison and then dispersing to the individual school campuses. Then our **Wednesday night August 14** meeting at 6:30 PM here at PACOC will be dedicated to offering prayers for our schools and students. Join us for either or both of these events.

## SAMPACC Game Night

You are invited to join the senior adult ministry on **Monday, August 19th at 6:00 p.m.** in the Atrium for a game night. **Bring a finger food to share** and come enjoy some fellowship and fun! Please sign up ahead of time on the app or at [pacoc.net](http://pacoc.net) so we know how many to prepare for.

## Wednesday Nights in August

Join us the next 4 Wednesday nights in August for our PAWS meal at 5:15pm followed by our Praise Night on August 7, Back to School Prayer on August 14, a Movie Night on August 21 and our Minister's Cook Off on August 28th (no PAWS). All events begin at 6:30m except our Minister's Cook Off that will begin at 6:00pm.



## PAWS This Wednesday

Join us for our PAWS meal at 5:15 PM. We are having a **Light Breakfast for Supper**, prepared by **Gary & Shelly Calvert** and their team.

Serving starts at 5:15 PM and stops promptly at 6:15 PM.

## For The Record—July 28, 2024

Worship	397 in person / 96 online
Offering Goal	\$19,762
Received	\$20,781

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