



The Messenger

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Todd's Take

Good Morning and welcome to our worship services today. Today's sermon will come from Genesis 11—the Tower of Babel.

This story marks the end of the Genesis record of the early history of our world. Genesis 12 begins the story of Abraham and although he is not mentioned by name outside of the Bible his time seems to correspond with other recorded historical events. In other words, we can verify with more confidence the places and events of his day.

Yet, when it comes to Genesis 1-11 very little is known about these times. There are only a few documents and archaeological remnants from this era, sometimes referred to as pre-history. Because of this, there remains so many unanswered questions about the spread of humanity, the nature of our world geologically, and the development of civilizations. Other fields of study like anthropology and paleontology continue to uncover the mysteries of these prehistoric times. Genesis

gives us some information, but as we study these chapters it's important for us to know that Genesis is neither an anthropological or paleontological textbook. Genesis, as is the rest of the Bible, is a theological book. Not to say that it doesn't speak to other disciplines or that it is in contradiction to those disciplines, but simply to say that the Genesis record is to give us insight into who God is and what our relationship is with Him.

I enjoy delving in to these prehistoric mysteries and I would encourage you to as well. But I also encourage you not to get too caught up in all the unanswered questions regarding the scientific and anthropological mysteries. I would also advise that you be aware that much of the secular research needs to be taken for what is is—a secular, non-theistic explanation of our origins. Much of what we read is speculation, granted educated speculation, but the fact remains that many of these questions will go unanswered.

Yet one thing remains for sure. God created the heavens and the earth. He loves us fiercely and he has a plan for this planet that no one can thwart.

Some Changes on Sunday Mornings

Our in-person adult Bible class has resumed at 9 AM in the Atrium. We will continue our discussion of the One Year Bible. Also, as the weather is changing we have moved our 8 AM service from the Prayer Garden to the Ark. That service will conclude at 8:45. Children's classes PreK-6th grade are open.

Children will be dismissed before the sermon time and dismiss at 11:30 AM

North Texas Food Bank



North Texas Food Bank Mobile Pantry

Park Avenue Church of Christ
Monday, October 19; 9-11 am

We need 15 volunteers

Sign up on your communication card or call the church office

The North Texas Food Bank is looking to extend its reach into specific communities in the North Texas area with their Mobile Pantry, one of which is Denison. Like a market on wheels, the North Texas Food Bank's Mobile Pantry program is a traveling pantry that delivers nutritious food, including fresh produce and refrigerated items, directly to communities with high need. We have been asked to partner with them and have arranged to do so on Monday, October 19 from 9-11 am. The Mobile Pantry will be distributing food from our West parking lot. We need 15 volunteers to help. Some lifting of boxes will be required for some volunteers. We'll also need some to coordinate. Let us know on your communication card if you can help or call the church office. Another way we are For Texoma!

NEWS & NOTES

Sympathy

Our sympathy is with **Marilyn Landrum** after the passing of her mother, Clara Hagen, on October 2. Services were held in Lennox, South Dakota last Tuesday.

Thank You's

Thank you for all the prayers, concerns, phone calls, and cards. It means so much to know I have a Christian army rooting for me. Love you all, **June Washburn**

Thanks for all the prayers. They are much needed and appreciated. Love to all, **Joyce Henshaw**



Operation Christmas Child

Today we launch Operation Christmas Child. Students of Flight 56 will once again lead the congregation in this project.

Trunk 'n Treat

We will need an abundance of candy for the **Trunk 'n Treat!** Please place donations of individually wrapped candy in the marked tub in the Atrium under the TV monitor by **Oct. 18**. To sign up to volunteer your trunk go to pacoc.com/trunktreat



Men's Conference—December 4 -5

Registration for the Men's Conference is now open. Go to RiseUpTexoma.com for information and registration.

Prayer List

Darrell & Lisa Allen, Ty Paschal, Kathy Pryor, Peggy Parkey, Dewey Martin, Sandra Aynes, Gene Stogner, Kimberly Pendergrass, June Washburn, Arlene Joines & Family, Jack & Janet Gott, Vicki Holley

Ongoing Needs

Melissa Pool, Jim & Jane Scroggins, Terry Waggoner, Pat Ardis, Kay Skelton, Lisa Cobble, Bobby & Peggy Slaughter, Nancy Richard, Sandra Thomas, Jannie Bellows, Larry Long, Corky Armstrong, Judy Shelton, Mary Pope, Kaile Williams (Norris)

Homebound

Barbara Corbett, Ray & Marsha Jones, Chris Keene, JD Huffman

Missions

Hammer & Dela Afakule (Togo), Mario "Pepe" Torre (Monterrey, Mexico)

Friends of Park Avenue

AJ Atherton (friend of Linda Tollison), Rebekah Taylor (great niece of the Russels), Horace Robertson (father of Tonya Emery), Haley Wight, Becky Sanchez (wife of Gil Sanchez, Director of orphanage in Mexico), Dorothy Davis (mother of Jennifer Thompson), Dela Afakule (wife of Hammer Afakule) Farrah Barton (relative of Kevin & Dianna Dale), Cindy Medlin (aunt of Rachel Sims & Andrew Cassidy)



Baby Shower

Join us for a baby shower honoring **Melanie Truxal** on Sunday, October 18 from 1:30-3 PM in the atrium. Matt & Melanie are having a baby girl. **We are requesting that everyone wear a mask.** They are registered at Amazon, Pottery Barn Kids & Sandi's Boutique in Kelly Square.

Civilian Response & Casualty Care Seminar

There will be a CRCC seminar this Saturday, October 17 from 9-3 at Parkside Baptist Church in the main sanctuary. The seminar will deal with a response as a congregation to an active shooter situation. It will also cover the use of tourniquets to stop blood loss due to potential injury. There is no cost for the seminar. If you wish to attend please contact **Jim Russell**.

Youth Ministry

- **Sunday October 11:** Park Avenue Youth Sunday Night from 5:30-7:30 pm in the Gym!
- **October 17-18:** Park Avenue Youth Fall Retreat! Last chance to sign up. Talk to Tyler ASAP! We will leave Park Avenue Saturday morning at 8:45 am. Please arrive by 8:30 am. Parents we will have a short meeting Wednesday, October 14 at 7:30 pm to go over last minute retreat details.



For The Record - October 4, 2020

Worship	361
Giving Goal	\$18,785
Received	\$25,693

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