NEWS & NOTES

Communion

Pick up a **communion packet & ziplock bag** from the tall tables in the auditorium or from the information centers in the main hallways before worship service begins.

New Member

Please welcome **Jessie Bryant Sarno** to Park Avenue. Her contact information is 2200 Juanita Drive, Denison, TX 75020, (575) 361-4395.

Congratulations

Congratulations to **Cody & Shayna Scott** on the birth of their baby boy, Shiloh Scott, born July 26. Proud grand-parents are **John & Cathy Scott**.

Special Wedding Anniversary

Ray & Marsha Jones will celebrate their 65th wedding anniversary on August 31. Ray & Marsha have been homebound for sometime and we would like to shower them with cards to help them celebrate! If you would like to send a card, their address is 7 Ambassador Court, Denison, TX 75020

Automatic Doors

We ask for your patience whilst we finish up the process of completing our automatic doors. Thank you!

Family Promise

We will host Family Promise the week of August 15-22. If you would like to volunteer please contact **Basil McClure**.

Flight 56 Swim Night

Flight 56 swim night has been rescheduled for August 15, from 5-7 PM at the Banks' house.

Youth Ministry

- Sunday, August 8: Park Avenue Youth Swim Party at the Trotters from 5:30-8PM.
- Sunday, August 22: Connect kicks off for the Fall from 5:30-7:30PM.

Praver List

Jesse Sims, Roy Galyon, Tyler McAlister, Shawn Landrum, Terry Waggoner, Mike Hardy, Mike Morgan, Kim Pendergrass, Peggy Clark

Ongoing Needs

Neal Odom, Larry Long, Garland Nevil, Jim & Jane Scroggins, Corky Armstrong, Dewey Martin, Bob Corley, Sandra Aynes, Lisa Cobble, Bobby & Peggy Slaughter, Sandra Thomas, Gene Stogner, James Hawk, Nancy Richards, Bob Tollison, Kaile Williams (Norris)

Homebound

Ray & Marsha Jones, Chris Keene, JD Huffman

Expectant Mothers

Alissa Cope, Breanna Menifee

Missions

Hammer & Dela Afakule (Togo), Mario "Pepe" Torre (Monterrey, Mexico), Jimenez family (Cartagena, Colombia)

Friends of Park Avenue

Jason Morgan (son of Mike & Patti Morgan), Rebekah Taylor (great niece of the Russell's), Becky Sanchez (wife of Gil Sanchez, Director of orphanage in Mexico), Kathy Hill (friend of Chris & Candsis Slaughter), Mike Lauffer (friend of Sue Lain Harrington), Woody Crump (brother of Janet Gott & Peggy Porter), Wanda Evans, Sue Roberts, Patsy Russel (aunts of Candsis Slaughter), Lois Thomas (mother of Candsis Slaughter, Reba & Jack Sims (sister and brother-in-law of Betty Clark)









For The Record - August 1, 2021	
Worship	383
Offering Goal	\$18,974
Received	\$21,924

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The Messenger

August 8, 2021, Number 31

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Todd's Take

Good morning and welcome to our special time of worship. We do this every week but what a blessing it is to be able to gather together and affirm

God's love for us and his calling on our lives.

Habits, like Sunday worship, can so many times become ritualistic and meaningless. We can't let that happen. And it doesn't have to happen

Last week I was reminded of how powerful spiritual songs, prayer, communion, and the Word can be as God spoke to me as we worshipped in Lubbock. It was a pretty ordinary service, as services go—nothing extraordinary—but God met me there on the South Plains of Northwest Texas.

Today I pray that God meets you here in Texoma. I pray that he speaks his love to you. I pray that you hear his claim on your life. I pray that his promises are renewed in your heart.

Today may be just another ordinary service, but is anything really ordinary when God is present? May your heart be open to what God has in store for you today!

Sunday Schedule
Adult Bible Class
9AM Atrium
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
Disciploship Making

Discipleship Making Communities (DMC's)

Meet at various times and locations. Contact Lantz Howard for more information.

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





Over the past few decades church attendance has been dropping off across the country. The Pandemic only exacerbated that trend. Can anything be done to reverse this?

The churches of Denison have targeted Sunday, September 19 as a call to all of Denison to come Back to Church! So many people grew up going to church but don't attend any longer. Some have never attended church outside of a special holiday service or a wedding or a funeral. Some have gotten out of the habit when churches closed down last year. Back to Church Sunday is our plea to those who have wandered off to come back or to those who never connected to a church to give church a try.

The Bible teaches that a person thrives when in spiritual community. Jesus himself lived in community. Paul urged believers to connect to their local church for personal spiritual growth and opportunities to continue in carrying out the redemptive work of God. We all know that and are blessed by that, and we want to share that invitation with everyone.

So what can you do?

- Connect with someone who has wandered off and invite them back.
- Ask a friend who doesn't go to church to come Sunday, September 19.
- Grab a yard sign to advertise the day.
- Attend the community event that Sunday at Forest Park and the Community Worship at Munson Stadium.
- Pray that God can use you and this special day to connect someone with the life giving Gospel.