

NEWS & NOTES

Thank You's

Over the long years of Terry's illness, this church has never failed to lift her up in prayer, visit her at home and in the hospital, send cards with words of encouragement, and at times feed her family. The thoughtfulness of individuals and groups from the church was precious to her. She especially cherished the groups who came to the house and sang for her. During the past week my family and I were enfolded in the arms of our God, our family and our church. There is no better balm for a wounded soul than the love of God as demonstrated by His children. Thank you so much for standing by our side through our grief and sharing our joy in her release from suffering. You are very much loved and appreciated,

Paul Waggoner, Maddison, & family

Thank you for the 20 plus years of worshipping, teaching, and serving Luke and I. I have moved to Claremore, OK to be close to my daughter. I shall miss y'all but will return for a visit now and then. May God continue to bless each of you as you serve our risen Lord. My address is 8558 E. Amber Drive, Claremore, OK 74019. My house is always open for visits. In His love,

Cherry Nail

Park Avenue Wednesday Supper—October 6

This coming Wednesday we are having **Pizza, Salad, & Desserts**. Sign up on your communication card to let us know how many to prepare for.

Needs of Children's Homes

We are collecting items for some of the children's homes that we support. If you can bring any of the items below please place them on the cart in the atrium by **Oct. 31**.

High Plains Children's Home

Toiletries & Small Luggage (Duffel Bags)

Medina Children's Home

Twin Sheets, Twin Comforters, Car Seats, Pots & Pans, Towels, Waterproof Mattress Covers (Twin & Full Size), Diapers (size 5 & 6), Pull Ups (any size)

Prayer List

Mike Hardy, Mike Morgan, Stewart Bolerjack, Mike Martin, Jesse Sims, Roy Galyon, Shawn Landrum, Kim Pendergrass, Peggy Clark, Vicki Ard, Linda Paschal

Ongoing Needs

Larry Long, Jim & Jane Scroggins, Corky Armstrong, Dewey Martin, Bob Corley, Sandra Aynes, Bobby & Peggy Slaughter, Kaile Williams (Norris)

Homebound

Ray & Marsha Jones, Chris Keene, JD Huffman

Expectant Mothers

Alissa Cope, Breanna Menifee, Abigail Brooks

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), Maxine Fulenckek (mother of Joe Fulenckek), Jane Bearden (sister of June Washburn)

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

Upcoming Men's Events:

- **Man Alive, Saturday, October 9** at 7:30 AM. **James Bird** will be sharing his testimony.
- **Rise Up Men's Conference, December 3 & 4**. We are in a season that men need to rise up and hold fast to the teachings of Jesus Christ and stand together in the war that is taking place. Mark your calendars now for this special event featuring our guest speaker and former Navy Seal **Garrett Unclebach**. Special entertainment will be provided by musician **TQ Moore** & comedian **Benjamin Neely**.

Youth Ministry

- **Connect:** will meet tonight, Sunday, October 3, from 5:30-7:30 PM in the Ark.
- **Fall Retreat, October 9 & 10:** Register online at: <https://pacoc.elvanto.net/form/9645959d-bcab-4148-89f7-33f5793aa6ec/> Volunteers needed! Contact **Tyler Cope**.



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Sign up on the church app to volunteer your trunk or contact **Rachel McClure**.

We are also accepting **candy donations**. Please place your donations in the boxes in the main hallways by **Oct. 27**.

For The Record - September 26, 2021

Worship	365
Offering Goal	\$18,974
Received	\$20,534

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Todd's Take

Good morning and welcome to our time of worship.

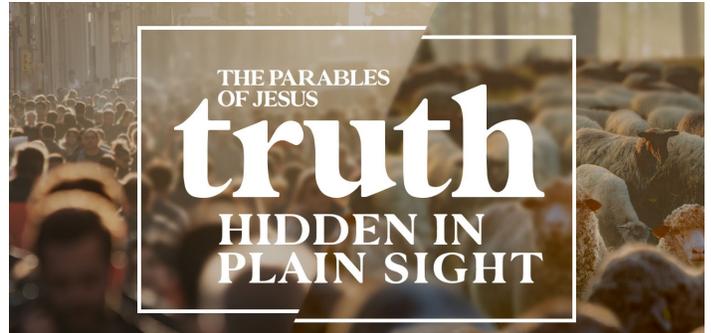
In our sermon time we will continue our discussion of the parables of Jesus, today focusing in on one of the most

loved parable of them all—the Prodigal Son.

To many people this parable is about one person—the prodigal. But actually there are three primary characters—the younger son, the father, and the older son. All three are critical to understanding the message Jesus is trying to convey. This emotive story has inspired more art, music, and literature than perhaps any other of Jesus' teachings. Even those unfamiliar with Jesus and the Bible are familiar with the concept of the prodigal son.

As we read and contemplate this parable I know Jesus has a message for you.

It is so good for us to be together to worship. Today we are reminded of the critical truths of our resistance to God, our deep need for Him, and His unfailing love for all of us. His love brings us joy. Having a home with him brings us peace. His mercy gives us hope. May we ever appreciate the good, good Father we have in Him.



Today's parable is The Prodigal Son

- ⇒ Only Luke records this parable
- ⇒ It's the longest of Jesus' 30+ parables and contains the most discourse of any parable
- ⇒ This parable is part of a triad of parables in Luke 15 about lost things
- ⇒ Although this parable is often known as The Prodigal Son there are actually two sons in the story
- ⇒ As with most of Jesus' parables the characters are left unnamed
- ⇒ There are many elements of this parable that would have been shocking to the original hearers such as the younger son's request, the father's acquiescence, the son's association with Gentiles and pigs, and the father running
- ⇒ The parable's ending is left unresolved inviting the hearers to personally respond

Sunday Schedule

Adult Bible Class

9AM Ark

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)

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.



Return your filled shoebox by October 24. You can place your shoebox by the wall opposite

the Welcome Centers in the main hallways.