

# NEWS & NOTES

## New Members

Welcome back to **Dawson & Dana Stafford**. Their contact information is 9151 Preston Road, Denison, TX 75020, (903) 819-5605.

## Thank You's

Thank you for the cards, calls, food, well wishes, and the acts of love shown to me after my recent fall. Words cannot adequately express the love I have in my heart for y'all. Your love and support have meant so much to me. In Christian love,  
**Vicki Ard**

Thanks for all the prayers, cards, and well wishes. My procedure has not been rescheduled at this time. Please continue to pray for me. I love my church family.  
**June Washburn**

## Bridal Shower Brunch

Join us in celebrating **Katy Goodwyn**, bride elect of **Wilson Kirkbride** this Saturday, October 30 at 10 AM in the Atrium. They are registered at Target, Amazon, and Bed, Bath & Beyond.

## Baby Shower

Join us for a baby shower honoring **Tyler & Alissa Cope** on Sunday, November 14 from 1:30-3PM in the atrium. They are registered at Amazon, Target, and Crate & Kids.

## Youth Ministry

- **Sunday October 24:** Connect from 5:30-7:30PM in the Gym! We will have Pizza for dinner.
- **Wednesday November 10:** Fields of Faith at Denison High School at 6PM.
- **Saturday November 13:** Youth and Family night at the Cope's House 6:30-8:30PM.

## Mary Martha Class

This Wednesday, October 27 is a **Brown Bag Wednesday** Bring a lunch and share some fellowship.

## Needs of Children's Homes

Items for the children's homes are due back by next Sunday, **October 31**.

### Prayer List

Mike Hardy, Mike Morgan, Stewart Bolerjack, Jesse Sims, Shawn Landrum, Kim Pendergrass, Peggy Clark, Patrick Mullins, June Washburn, Judy Odom

### Ongoing Needs

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

### 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 Fulechek (mother of Joe Fulechek), Jane Bearden (sister of June Washburn)

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



**Filled Boxes Are Due Back Today!**



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**.



**Register online or in the app for these upcoming events.**

## Park Avenue Wednesday Supper October 27



This coming Wednesday we are having **Hamburgers, Hotdogs, Chips, Fruit, & Dessert**. Sign up on your communication card to let us know how many to prepare for.

### For The Record - October 17, 2021

Worship	406
Offering Goal	\$18,974
Received	\$22,111

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# The Messenger

October 24, 2021, Number 42

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## Todd's Take

Good morning and welcome to our time of worship. A special welcome to our guests. Please scan the QR code below and complete a communication card so we can get to know you. In addition, you can submit prayer requests or any questions you might have about Park Avenue.

This morning we will be back in the parables, this week in Matthew 18:23-35—The Parable of the Unmerciful Servant. As with all the parables Jesus reveals “truth hidden in plain sight” using everyday objects and situations to teach us about the kingdom. In today’s parable he uses an experience we probably all are familiar with—debt. Did you know that the average debt of the American consumer is \$92,727? That’s a lot of money, but, as we will see, the man in this story is way over his credit limit. He is hopelessly indebted to his creditor and when the loan is called due he desperately pleads for mercy and patience. We’ll see what happens and how this possibly relates to us.

Let’s align our minds and hearts as we gather to worship!

## Fifth Sunday Debt Reduction Sunday, October 31

Two Sundays ago was 10/10/21. That Sunday I couldn't help but remember another 10/10 that seemed not so long ago—10/10/10. That was the Sunday we dedicated the Family Life Center that has come to be known as “The Ark.” Over the past 11 years that building has been such a blessing as we continue to carry out our mission of the body of Christ. We often joke around the office, “What did we do without the Ark?”

To make “The Ark” a reality so many people made financial commitments, but even so we were faced with a daunting mortgage. But over the years, with your generosity, we have whittled away at that loan and by the end of this year we plan on retiring that debt, more than 12 years ahead of schedule!

Part of the plan has always been to challenge you to give a little extra on Fifth Sundays. Next Sunday is one of those Fifth Sundays and once again we are asking you to give generously. Please prayerfully consider what you will be able to give next Sunday.

### 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.



### THE PLAN FOR

## PAYING OFF THE ARK IN 2021

