

NEWS & NOTES

Sympathy

Our sympathy is with Patti Morgan and the Morgan family after the passing of **Mike Morgan** on November 25. Services were held yesterday here at the Church.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Darrian and Breanna Menifee on the birth of their baby daughter, **Adalae Sophia Menifee**, born on December 1. Proud grandparents are Blake & Devry Smith.

Poinsettias

The poinsettias at the front of the auditorium are presented by Tanya Tesseyman in memory of her parents, **Gerald & Barbara Locke**.

Ladies Gift Exchange

Join us in the atrium tomorrow evening, Monday, December 6 at 6 PM. Bring a **wrapped \$10 gift, a finger food to share** and **a friend!**

Toys for Tots

Please submit requests to **Joan in the Church Office** by **no later than December 6**. Information required is the **gender** and **age** of each child.

Blue Christmas

For many, the Christmas holiday season does not bring with it joy and happiness. **Waples Methodist Church** will host a **Blue Christmas Worship Service on Tuesday, December 21 at 6PM**. This will be a very different Christmas service. It will be a quiet, reflective service focusing on the comfort and light God offers to us in dark and difficult times.

Youth Ministry

- **Sunday, December 5:** Connect from 5:30-7:30 in the Gym.
- **Sunday, December 12:** Park Avenue Youth Christmas Party!
- **January 14-16:** Register online for Winterfest.

Prayer List

Mike Hardy, Jesse Sims, Kim Pendergrass, Linda Bell

Ongoing Needs

Shawn Landrum, Larry Long, Jim & Jane Scroggins, Corky Armstrong, Dewey Martin, Sandra Aynes, Bobby & Peggy Slaughter, Kaile Williams (Norris), Roy Galyon, Vicki Ard, Judy Odom, Mike Foltermann

Homebound

Ray & Marsha Jones, Chris Keene, JD Huffman

Expectant Mothers

Alissa Cope, Abigail Brooks, Jordan Honeycutt, Gabby Waller

Missions

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

Friends of Park Avenue

Rebekah Taylor (great niece of the Russell's), Becky Sanchez (wife of Gil Sanchez, Director of orphanage in Mexico), Kathy Hill (friend of Chris & Candis Slaughter), Maxine Fulencheck (mother of Joe Fulencheck), Jane Bearden (sister of June Washburn), Jackie Cline (friend of Joyce Merworth)

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

Park Avenue Authors
BOOK SIGNING
DEC 5 AFTER WORSHIP



The Amazing Power of a Woman
by Thana Furr

The Most Important Thing
by Greg Clay

PARK AVENUE
Ladies'
GIFT EXCHANGE

Monday
DECEMBER
6
6 PM



Bring
A \$10
WRAPPED GIFT
& a friend!

Christmas Holiday Schedule

Wednesdays, December 22 & 29
No Classes

Thursday, December 23
Church Office Closed PM

Friday, December 24
Candlelight Service 6 PM
Church Office Closed

Sunday, December 26
No Childrens' Classes
Adult Bible Class will meet

Monday, December 27
Church Office Closed

Thursday, December 30
Church Office Closed PM

Friday, December 31
Church Office Closed

For The Record - November 28, 2021

Worship	399
Offering Goal	\$18,974
Received	\$16, 999

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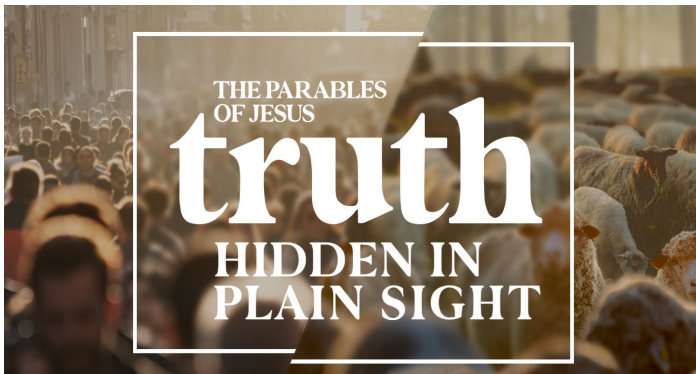
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Todd's Take

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.



Today we will wrap up our study of the parables. I'm inviting Basil, Tyler, and Lantz to join me this morning during the sermon time and share some of their thoughts on this meaningful and effective teaching style of Jesus.

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

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.



I love fall. I love the cooler weather. I love the changing colors. I love football. I love fall with this exception—raking leaves.

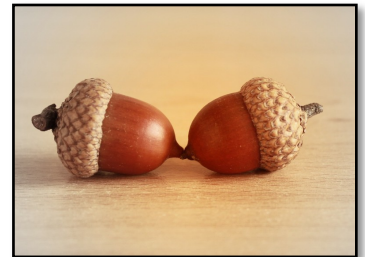
I have a big oak tree out in my front yard and it is amazing how many leaves that tree can produce. I was out raking the other day and not only was I amazed at all the leaves but also amazed at all the acorns. So not only do I bag up tons of leaves but also hundreds of acorns. Within each acorn is the potential for another oak tree and as beautiful as the tree is, the last thing I need is more oak trees in my front yard. Every year I scoop up the acorns and for the ones that don't get scooped up in the fall I find myself pulling up the tiny saplings that begin to burst through the ground in the spring.

This fall as I was picking up all those potential oak trees I thought to myself, "That poor tree. All it wants to do is make more oak trees and here I am foiling its plan." If trees had feelings I suppose it would be sad.

But you know what? Year after year the oak tree keeps making acorns. In spite of its failure to reproduce it doesn't give up. Each fall there will be acorns because that is what an oak tree does, whether or not it makes more oak trees. Oak trees make acorns!

Does it sometimes seem to you that all your good deeds, all your invitations to people to come to church, all your love to others—that all of it often produces nothing? Keep on doing those things because that is what we do, regardless of the results. Christians plant seeds!

Even though that old oak tree has never made another oak tree in all these years I do know this—the squirrels love the acorns! I guess those acorns have more than one purpose. Who knows what squirrels in your life are being blessed?



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