

NEWS & NOTES

Sympathy

Our sympathy is with **Bill Crabtree** and his family after the passing of his brother, Clayton Crabtree. Services were held last Friday at Parkview Church of Christ in Sherman.

Church Office

The church office will be closed on **Monday, July 4** to observe independence day.

Youth Ministry

- **Sunday July 3:** You are invited to the Cope's house 2926 village Cir Denison from 12-3 for a cookout, devotional, and games. Bring clothes that can get wet. No Sunday evening Connect.
- **Thursday July 7:** Summer Thursday in the gym from 12-3PM!
- **July 8-9—Mystery trip!** Sign up online. Cost is \$70

Christian Theatre Workshop

Registration is still open for CTW. **Day camp is July 18-22** from 9AM-3PM. The cost is \$50. Performances will be on Saturday, July 23 at 12 noon and 7 PM and Sunday, July 24 at 4 PM. Register at pacoc.net/ctw

Christian Theatre Workshop—Volunteers Needed

Any adults wanting to volunteer during the week of CTW, please contact **Janaga Trotter** 903-624-4466 or **Kathy Pryor** 903-821-4606. Volunteer areas are—**Crafts, Games, Kitchen, Sewing, Nightly Dinners for HS students,** and **Backstage Help During Performances.** Come and be a blessing and be blessed all at the same time!

Prayer List—Mike & Barbara Hardy, Roy Galyon, Debbie Black, Kim Pendergrass, Peggy Clark, Kathy & Ernie Sturch, Sylvia Batts

Ongoing Needs—Chris Reinsch, Shawn Landrum, Larry Long, Corky & Linda Armstrong, Sandra Aynes, Bobby & Peggy Slaughter, Kaile Williams (Norris), Neal Odom, Karen Brode, Bob Gower, Jim Scroggins, Ernest Sturch, Patrick Mullins, Ken Bell, Kathy Sturch

Homebound—Ray & Marsha Jones, JD Huffman, Dewey & Joyce Martin

Expectant Mothers—Ashley Briscoe, Brittni Calvert

Missions—Hammer & Dela Afakule (Togo), Mario "Pepe" Torre (Monterrey, Mexico), Jimenez family (Cartagena, Colombia), Cristian & Ana Corrales (Bucaramanga, Colombia)

Friends of Park Avenue—Craig Dennis (former member), Rebekah Taylor (great niece of the Russell's), Becky Sanchez (wife of Gil Sanchez, Director of orphanage in Mexico), Melba Ballou (former member), Greg Oliver (father of Karee Earnhart), Bill & Wanda Young (friends of Corky & Linda Armstrong)

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

The Chosen

Join us during the summer on Wednesday nights for Season 2 episodes of "The Chosen." We will meet in the Atrium at **6:30 PM**. All ages are welcome, and desserts will be served.

Mission Trip

Please keep the group that is currently in Anahauc, Mexico in your prayers!

Handcrafted Items From Togo

In the Atrium there are more handcrafted items **made by Christian women in Togo**. Dela Afakule brought them to sell and the proceeds will go back into her ministry to women. Prices are marked on the item.

Children Learn to be Cheerful Givers!

There will be an opportunity for children to give an offering each Sunday as they exit for Bible class. A receptacle will be standing by the **East Atrium Doors**.

Children's Clothing Drive

Park Avenue is gathering donations of children's clothing for families in need at **Turning Point** in Durant. This is a wonderful opportunity to clear out your closets in time for the new school year. Drop boxes will be located in the atrium and ARK. Please spread the word and bring clean items in good condition by Friday, July 29th.



For The Record—June 26, 2022

Worship	409
Offering Goal	\$19,461
Received	\$19,645

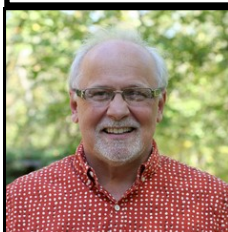
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Thanks for your ongoing financial support



The Messenger

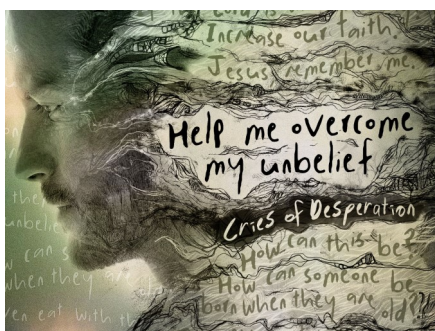
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Todd's Take

Good morning and welcome to our worship. To all our guests, we are glad to have you with us. Members and guests, please complete a digital communication card that can be accessed on the church app or by scanning the QR code below.



Today I will get back to our series "**Cries of Desperation**" looking at an episode in the ministry of Jesus recorded in Mark 9:14-29. In this passage we see a

combination of pain, failure, and frustration that very often leads to doubt and dissension.

There are actually several cries in this section. The father of the boy who is demon-possessed cries out – twice. The apostles who are unable to exorcise this demon cry out. And Jesus himself cries out. The life of faith is often very difficult when we witness the suffering of innocent people,

especially those whom we love deeply, and then feel betrayed by those who should be able to help. The life of faith is often very difficult when we find ourselves unable to accomplish the good that we think we ought to be able to accomplish. The life of faith is often very difficult when we live with people who express their doubts about Jesus. This section speaks to all those struggles and hopefully you can identify with at least one of the characters in this story.

Let's keep in prayer our group ministering in Mexico at **Casa de la Esperanza**. I'm always blessed by the stories of service and faith they bring back with them.

It was good to have **Hammer and Dela** from Togo with us last Sunday. It's always encouraging to put faces with the names we see weekly in the Messenger. Pray for the kingdom work all around the world.

Here's an update on the **Pray. People. Purpose.** survey we recently completed. We were pleased with 195 responses, just 5 shy of our initial goal of 200. We were also pleased with the congregation's desire to grow in each area expressed through the thoughtful comments made. We were also pleased with the honest comments in the doctrinal section. The ministers and elders are now processing the data to determine strengths and weakness of the church that were revealed through the survey. The raw data will be made available to the church soon and the ministers and elders are planning meetings on how to address the needs of the church. May we all be in constant self-examination so that we can continue to grow more and more individually and as a church. Thank you all for your participation.

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.



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