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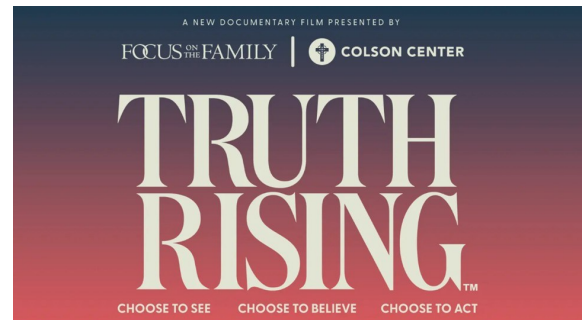


Todd's Take

Welcome to worship! What a joy it is to gather together as a church family. To our guests joining us today, we'd love the opportunity to connect with you.

In our sermon time we will continue our journey through **1 John**. In 1 John 2:3-11, John addresses false teachers who denied Jesus' humanity and separated knowledge from obedience. He presents three tests of genuine faith: the Obedience Test (knowing God produces obedience), the Imitation Test (abiding in Christ transforms us to walk like Him), and the Love Test (being in the light means loving others). These tests remain relevant today, warning against reducing faith to mere knowledge, attendance, or public performance. True salvation produces transformation—not legalistic obligation, but natural change flowing from encountering Jesus. When we truly know Christ, obedience, Christlike living, and genuine love become our authentic response to His grace.

Thanks to everyone who helped out with **Barnabas Food Pantry** drive! The shelves are stocked and ready to serve. Your generosity will help provide Thanksgiving meals to many local families. Once again, well done PACOC!



New Sunday Morning Bible Class

Beginning **Sunday October 19**, we will be offering a 7-week study based on the new documentary Truth Rising from Focus on the Family and the Colson Center. Truth Rising isn't just a documentary—it's a call to action at a critical time in our culture. As faith, identity, and morality are being redefined, this documentary exposes the civilizational moment we are living in. Through powerful stories and expert insights, it reveals how ordinary people can make an extraordinary impact—by boldly choosing courage over fear. As the world redefines truth, Truth Rising offers clarity, courage, and a Christ-centered path forward. The Study is built around four key themes—**Hope, Truth, Identity, and Calling**—this study equips you to understand the times, ground yourselves in God's truth, and step boldly into your role in history. It will meet at **9 AM**.

Sunday Schedule

Adult Bible Classes

9AM Room D & Youth Suite
9AM Sonshine Hour in ARK for kids 4 years-6th grade (for parents attending Bible Class)

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)

Wednesday at 6:30 as well as various times and locations throughout the week.

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



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NEWS & NOTES

Thank You's

Thank you for all of the cards, visits and prayers during my recent stay at rehab. Continued prayers for my recovery are appreciated. **Tommy Todd**

Thank you to the hostesses and my church family for the beautiful wedding shower thrown for us! We have been so blessed by your prayers, support, and love on our upcoming new journey. Love, **Suellen Long & Canaan Farley**

New Members

Luke & Allie Dollar are placing membership today. They have been regular attenders for sometime and want to make it official. Their contact information is: 1201 W. Woodard Street, Denison, TX 75020.

We also want to welcome **Dylan Easley** who was baptized into Christ last Sunday. His contact information is: 1830 S. Park Avenue, Denison, TX 75020.

Family Ministry

Mark your calendar for upcoming events:

- **Fortify Family Retreat, Dec. 13-14** at Texoma Christian Camp. Registration opens today.
- **Marriage Retreat, Jan. 23-25th**

90th Birthday Party

Join us in the Atrium this coming **Saturday, October 11** from 10am-1pm to celebrate **Bettye Henry's** 90th birthday. Cards in lieu of gifts please.

Trunk 'n Treat

Mark your calendar for our annual Trunk 'n Treat on **Sunday, October 26** from **5-7 PM**. Register your trunk at pacoc.net/tnt

Candy Donations

We are in need of candy donations for Trunk 'n Treat. You can bring your donations and leave them in the baskets at either side of the hallways.

Prayer List

June Washburn, Linda Henry, Linda Chapman, Kyle McAlister, Howard Veasley, Carol Coburn, Max Williams, Tom Coble, Patrick Mullins, Kathy Reinsch, Chris Reinsch, Peggy Porter, Elizabeth Phillips, Waymon Hinson, Floyd Clark, Lisa Cobble, Brian Karguth, Mike Foltermann

Homebound—Joyce Martin, Daisy Miller, Bobby & Peggy Slaughter, Jim Scroggins, Arlene Joines, Tommy Todd

Missions—Hammer & Dela Afakule (Togo), Mario "Pepe" Torre (Monterrey, Mexico), Jimenez family (Cartagena, Colombia), Cristian & Ana Corrales (Bucaramanga, Colombia), Adrian & Gabriela Galvan (Paraiso, Monterrey), Rio Branco (Brazil)

Friends of Park Avenue—Rebekah Taylor, Nicholas Taylor (great niece & nephew of the Russell's), Becky Sanchez (wife of Gil Sanchez, former Director of orphanage in Mexico), Grady Cobble (father of Mickey Cobble)

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

Pickleball

A group of mainly women play pickleball Monday mornings 9-12 and Friday mornings 9-12. We would love for anyone to join us. We have extra paddles for you to try it out! Please contact **Shelly Calvert**, 972-989-7025 or **Kathy Pryor**, 903-821-4606 for more details.

Food Handler's Course

There will be a Food Handler's course on **Monday October 20 at 5:30 PM** in the Youth Suite. This is for anyone that uses the kitchen. If you would like to attend please contact **Shelly Calvert** by **October 13**.

Man Alive

Men, join us this coming **Saturday, October 11** in the Ark at 8 AM for breakfast, community and challenge.

Youth Ministry

- **Sunday, October 5:** No Connect due to Fall Retreat.
- **Saturday, October 25:** Haunted Forest @ The Ervin's Land.

Operation Christmas Child

Christmas Shoeboxes for Samaritan's Purse will be available starting next week. The drive will run between **October 12-November 9**.



JOIN US WEDNESDAY EVENINGS FOR

Park Avenue Wednesday
Supper (PAWS) 5:15-6:15
Disciple Making Communities
for all ages 6:30-7:30

Join us this Wednesday at 5:15 PM for our PAWS meal. We are having **Enchilada Casserole, Pinto Beans, Spanish Rice, PB&J Sandwiches, Salad Bar, & Dessert**. The meal will be prepared by **Kathy Hitchcock and her Team**. Serving starts at 5:15 PM and stops promptly at 6:15 PM.

For The Record—September 28, 2025

Worship	400 in person/95 online
Offering Goal	\$21,444
Received	\$16,464

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