



The Messenger

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Todd's Take

Welcome to Worship.

Good morning and welcome! We're so glad to be together as a church family today. If you're visiting with us, thank you for being here—we'd love to get to know you.

This morning's sermon continues our journey through 1 John, where the apostle returns again and again to one essential theme: love one another. True followers of Jesus are marked by love—not just love as a nice idea, but love expressed through concrete actions and genuine care for others.

John takes us back to one of humanity's earliest and darkest moments to show us what happens when hatred takes root in the human heart. When the world was young, Cain murdered his brother Abel. While murder itself is obviously the sin, both John and Jesus point out something deeper: murder begins with hate. This destructive emotion must be rooted out of our hearts. John's remedy? He points us to the ultimate example—the sacrificial love of Jesus. When we truly experience His love, hatred loses its grip on us.

May the love of God dwell richly among us! Let's embrace that today as we worship.

Focus Ministry—Greeters

This month we're spotlighting our hospitality ministry and the incredible greeters who welcome us each Sunday. With warm smiles and a Messenger in hand, they create an atmosphere where everyone feels valued and expected from the moment they walk through our doors.



Our greeters are especially important for first-time guests. We all remember what it's like to walk into an unfamiliar place—feeling uncertain, maybe even a bit out of place. Our greeters ensure that no one experiences that discomfort here. Instead, guests are met with genuine warmth and a sense of belonging.

If you have a gift for hospitality and would like to serve as a greeter, we'd love to have you on the team! Contact our ministry leader Joyce Henshaw at (903) 327-9383 or complete a volunteer form at pacoc.net/serve.

We're also updating our Sunday servant roster for other roles including prayer leaders, ushers, and more. If you're interested in serving on Sunday mornings, visit pacoc.net/serve or stop by the church office to learn about the opportunities available.

Schedule

Sunday Adult Bible Classes

Truth Rising—9AM in the Ark
Sonshine Hour for 4 yrs old to 6th grade in the gym. Under 4 yrs old in the nursery of main building.

Sunday Worship

10:00 AM

Children Dismissed to Classes at

10:45-11:30AM

0 - 3 Year Olds—Nursery Area
Pre K-6th Grade—Family Life Center

Sunday Youth Group Activities

5:00-7:30PM

Wednesday Discipleship Making Communities (DMCs)

Wednesday at 6:30 for all ages. Other DMCs meet at various times and locations throughout the week. Go to pacoc.net/groups

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



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NEWS & NOTES

Sympathy

Our sympathy is with Ken Washburn after the passing of **June Washburn** who passed away peacefully last Monday, October 27th. Her services will be Saturday, November 8 at 2 PM at Waldo Funeral Home in Sherman. Family visitation is at 1 PM.

Thank You



Thank you to the many, many volunteers who contributed in various ways to shine the light of Jesus to our community through Trunk 'N' Treat! Those who hosted trunks,

contributed candy, fed hot dogs to the hungry, teens and their mentors who greeted guests, kept children safe on the inflatables, and made them happy distributing mountains of treats, all worked together for the success of a beautiful evening! There are so many small details to pull off an event such as this and the people who work the background prep work are rock stars! Special thanks to those "background" folks: **Jeff Thompson, Charles Gaddis, Seth & Julia McLaughlin, Greg & Terri Laird, Tyler Cope, and Basil McClure.**

Wedding Shower

Join us for a wedding shower honoring **Josh Wilson & Kimberly McDaniel** today, **Sunday, November 2** from **1:30-3:00 PM** in the atrium. They are registered at Amazon and Target.

Rise Up Men's Conference

Men, mark your calendars for **Friday, December 5** for our annual Men's Conference. More details will be announced today.

Center Cross Chili Fund Raiser

On **Friday, November 14 at 6:00 PM** we will host a chili supper fundraiser in the ARK. Tickets are \$30 at the door or you can contact Alan Bernard at 903-814-4587.

Operation Christmas Child

There are still some shoeboxes at the front of the worship center. Pick up a box, fill, & return by **Nov. 16**.

Prayer List

Matt Hogan, Larry Watson, Mike Martin, Linda Henry, Bob Corley, 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), John Tillias (father in law of David Thomas), Steve Walters (brother of Donna Harrelson)

Winter Clothing Drive

Our winter clothing drive will run from **November 23-December 3**. During that time we will be accepting donations for both adult and children sizes of coats, sweaters, hats, gloves and other winter items. New and gently used items are welcome.

Chili/Soup Supper

We will have our own traditional Chili/Soup Supper in the Ark on **Wednesday, November 19 at 6:00 PM**. Register online at pacoc.net/chili to bring a soup, chili or dessert. There will be no Bible classes that evening.

Family Ministry

- **Fortify Family Retreat, Dec. 13-14** at Texoma Christian Camp. Register at pacoc.net/family
- **Marriage Retreat, Jan. 23-25th**. Register at pacoc.net/family

Youth Ministry

- **Sunday, Nov. 2:** Connect will meet from 5:00-7:30.
- **Monday, Nov. 3:** Word Up for High School students at Sam & Maddie's house from 7:00-8:30.
- **Saturday, Nov. 8:** Game Night in the Ark
- **Sunday, Nov. 16:** Friendsgiving from 5:00-7:30.

This Week's Daily Bible Readings:

November 2: John 9-10
November 3: John 11-13
November 4: John 14-16
November 5: John 17-19
November 6: John 20-21
November 7: Acts 1-3
November 8: Acts 4-6
November 9: Acts 7-9

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 **Chicken Casserole, Green Beans, Rolls, Salad Bar, & Dessert. Corn Dogs for kids and Vegetarian Option.** The meal will be prepared by **Shelly Calvert and her Team**. **Serving starts at 5:15 PM and stops promptly at 6:15**

For The Record—October 26, 2025

Worship	470 in person/86 online
Offering Goal	\$21,444
Received	\$22,483

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