



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 we return to the apostle John's letter as he encourages the early church. Our text today is 1 John 4:7-21, and you'll notice something remarkable right away: the word "love" appears 27 times in just 15 verses. To put that in perspective, only John's Gospel uses the word more frequently—56 times, the highest count in the New Testament. Altogether, this short letter includes "love" 45 times. John clearly has something important to say to us. Let's explore his message together this morning.

We have many exciting things happening at PACOC right now. Check out the messenger to see what's going on and find ways to get involved. If you have questions about any of our ministries or activities, don't hesitate to reach out to the church office—we're here to help.

Also, George Hatfield, one of our elders, will be sharing an update from our recent leadership retreat. He'll present the vision we've developed for Park Avenue's next decade. This is an exciting time for our church family.

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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Financial Update

As we come to the close of 2025, we wanted to take a moment to share where we stand financially as a church family.

Through October, our weekly general contributions have averaged \$20,574—just slightly below our budgeted goal of \$21,444 per week. While our weekly giving has been a bit lower than projected, God has blessed us through other avenues. The church generates income from several other sources, but the most noteworthy are our Christian Theater Workshop, retreat fees, and Grace Offering. These and other income streams have generated \$248,094 through October, already surpassing our annual budget projection of \$223,800 by more than \$24,000. Combined with slightly lower expenses than anticipated, we're looking at a budget surplus of \$50,218 for the year.

What does this mean? It means that your faithful generosity and wise stewardship have allowed us to fully carry out every ministry God has called us to this year. We've been able to serve our community, support our missions, care for one another, and advance the Kingdom—all because you have given faithfully and sacrificially.

As we look toward 2026 and beyond, we do so with hearts full of gratitude and confidence in God's continued provision through this congregation. Thank you for your partnership in the gospel and for making our shared ministry possible.

If you'd like more details about our church finances, you can access our complete annual budget at pacoc.net/budget or speak with any of our elders.

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NEWS & NOTES

Thank You

Thank you so much for the prayers, cards, calls, texts, messages, and visits after my car accident. I am so grateful to my church family for their love and support. A special thanks to the Sewing Ministry for the pillow. We appreciate you all more than you will know. Love, **Kyle McAlister**

New Members

Please welcome **Bill & Christy Williams** to PACOC. Their contact information is: 202 Chrissa Drive, Pottsboro, TX 75076.

Rise Up Men's Conference

Our annual Rise Up Men's Conference is on **Friday, December 5 from 5:30-9:30 PM in the Ark**. Register now at www.pacoc.net/riseup



Center Cross Chili Fund Raiser

This **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.

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.

Operation Christmas Child

Remember to return your filled shoeboxes by **next Sunday, Nov. 16**.

Prayer List

Matt Hogan, Jim Scroggins, 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, 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 (Paisao, Monterrey), Rio Branco (Brazil)

Friends of Park Avenue—Rebekah Taylor, (great niece 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)

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

Community Thanksgiving Service



Make plans to join us for the community Thanksgiving Service at Trinity Lighthouse Church on **Sunday, November 23 at 6:30 PM**. PACOC will be participating in the service.

Ladies Christmas Party

Women of all ages are invited to our Christmas Party in the Ark on Monday, **December 1 from 6:00 -7:30 PM**. Bring a \$10 wrapped gift, a finger food to share, and a friend!

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. 9:** Connect will meet from 5:00-7:30 PM.
- **Sunday, Nov. 16:** Friendsgiving from 5:00-7:30 PM.

This Week's Daily Bible Readings:

November 9: Acts 7-9
November 10: Acts 10-12
November 11: Acts 13-15
November 12: Acts 16-18
November 13: Acts 19-21
November 14: Acts 22-25
November 15: Acts 26-28
November 16: Romans 1-2



Join us this Wednesday at 5:15 PM for our PAWS meal. We are having **Mexican Casserole, Beans, Rice, Queso and Chips, Salad Bar, PB&J Sandwiches & 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—November 2, 2025

Worship	440 in person/97 online
Offering Goal	\$21,444
Received	\$24,923

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