



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 conclude our study of 1 John. We've journeyed through this powerful letter as the apostle—once a simple fisherman—encourages believers navigating difficult times. Surrounded by false teaching and a culture hostile to authentic Christianity, John speaks life-giving truth to these early Christians. Two foundational truths stand out: God is Light and God is Love. As these truths take deeper root in our hearts, they produce the same kind of transformation John himself experienced. His greatest desire is for us to live with absolute confidence—confident that we are loved, forgiven, and called children of God.

In these closing verses, John doubles down on that theme of confidence. We can know with certainty that we are saved. We can know that forgiveness extends not only to us but to all who walk in the light. And we can know that God hears our prayers and is actively working out His purposes. Let's dive into these final verses together.

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

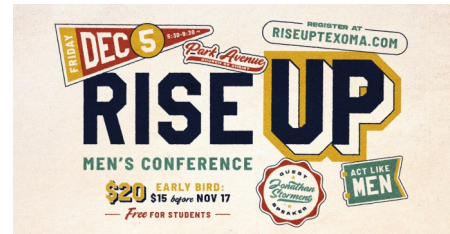
Wednesday Discipleship Making Communities (DMCs)

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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Attention Men

Register today for our annual Rise Up Men's Conference! Join us Friday, December 5, for a challenging message from Jonathan Stormont, minister of the Pleasant Valley Church of Christ in Little Rock, Arkansas. Jonathan is a sought-after speaker at events around the country and will boldly and clearly encourage us to Act Like Men. In addition to the messages, this is a great time to connect with other Christian men and, of course, enjoy a great meal. Register before tomorrow and save \$5 off registration. Students, we want you there to begin a lifetime of godly manhood, so we are covering the expense for you. The event will begin at 5:30 and go to about 10. Spread the word, invite a friend, and register today at RiseUpTexoma.com.

A Vision for Our Future

Last Sunday, George Hatfield shared an exciting ten-year vision for PACOC. For more than a century, God has faithfully used this church to share His truth and love throughout our community—and His work continues today. We're confident He's calling us to keep growing and reaching the next generation with the gospel. If you weren't able to be here, visit pacoc.net/vision or speak with one of our elders to learn more. Together, let's honor the faithful legacy of those who came before us by building boldly into the future God has for us.

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NEWS & NOTES

Operation Christmas Child

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

Chili/Soup Supper



Join us this **this coming Wednesday, November 19 at 6:00 PM** in the Ark for our Chili/Soup Supper. This is always a great time of fellowship and thanksgiving as we welcome in the holiday season together. Register online at pacoc.net/chili to

bring a **soup, chili** or **dessert**. There will be no Bible classes that evening.

Community Thanksgiving Service

Make plans to join us for the community Thanksgiving Service at Trinity Lighthouse Church next **Sunday, November 23 at 6:30 PM**. PACOC's praise team 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
- **New Year Celebration, Dec. 31** from 6:00-9:00 PM in the Ark! More details to come!
- **Marriage Retreat, Jan. 23-25th.** Register at pacoc.net/family

Youth Ministry

- **Sunday, Nov. 16:** Friendsgiving from 5:00-7:30 PM.
- **Monday, Nov. 17:** Word Up from 7-8:30 PM at Sam & Maddie's House.

Prayer List

Matt Hogan, Sonia Heironimus, Jim Scroggins, Larry Watson, 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, Margaret Atnip

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 (Paraiso, 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.

Upcoming Events

Chili/Soup Supper

Wednesday, November 19 at 6:00 PM

Community Thanksgiving Service

Sunday, November 23, 6:30 PM

Trinity Lighthouse Church

Ladies Christmas Party

Monday, December 1, 6:00-7:30 PM

Rise Up Men's Conference

Friday, December 5, 5:30-9:30 PM

Fortify Family Retreat

Friday, Dec. 13- Saturday, Dec. 14

Intergenerational Christmas Activity

Wednesday, December 17 at 6:30 PM

Candlelight Service

Christmas Eve, 6:00 PM

Budget Time

It's time to start planning for our 2025 budget. If you coordinate a ministry that requires funding please submit any requests to **Blake Smith** or the church office by no later than **Sunday, December 7.**

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, blankets, sleeping bags and other winter items. New and gently used items are welcome. This drive benefits the work of Turning Point, an outreach ministry in Durant.

This Week's Daily Bible Readings:

November 16: Romans 1-2

November 17: Romans 3-4

November 18: Romans 5-6

November 19: Romans 7-8

November 20: Romans 9-11

November 21: Romans 12-13

November 22: Romans 14-16

November 23: 1 Corinthians 1-4

For The Record—November 9, 2025

Worship	445 in person/100 online
Offering Goal	\$21,444
Received	\$29,308

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