



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.

As we prepare for Thanksgiving, we'll look at a text from **Luke 17:11-19** that will give us insight into what gratitude really looks like.

This morning in our sermon time we will look at the story of the healing of the ten lepers as Jesus makes his final journey to Jerusalem. All ten received the same miracle. All ten were made whole, their bodies completely restored. But only one came back to say thank you—and he was a Samaritan, the least likely person anyone would have expected to return.

What made this man different? What set him apart from the other nine who received the exact same blessing? And what does his response teach us about real, transforming gratitude?

This Thanksgiving, we'll discover three powerful lessons from this grateful leper about how to be truly thankful: be humble, be quick, and be loud. We'll learn how gratitude isn't just about acknowledging our blessings—it's about recognizing the Blesser and letting that

recognition transform our lives. Because the greatest gift isn't what God gives us. It's God Himself. And when we truly understand that, everything changes.

We had a great time Wednesday night and a great crowd at our annual **Chili/Soup Supper**. Thanks to everyone who brought food and to everyone who helped with setup and cleanup. We will be off this Wednesday night for the Thanksgiving holiday but will be back December 3 with PAWS and classes.

Just a reminder—if you haven't had a chance to hear George Hatfield's announcement about our **ten-year vision go to pacoc.net/vision** to see where the leadership sees God leading us in the next decade. As 2026 rolls around you will hear more details.

This next year (2026) marks the three-year cycle of **elder selection**. In January we will lay out the process to the congregation, but even now we urge you to be in prayer for this process and to begin giving consideration of who you believe could serve PACOC as an elder.



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 The Heironimus family after the passing of **Sonia Heironimus** on Monday, November 17. Services were held yesterday at PACOC.

Community Thanksgiving Service

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

Winter Clothing Drive

Our winter clothing drive starts today and will run through **December 3**. We are accepting donations for both **adult and children sizes of coats, sweaters, hats, gloves, blankets, sleeping bags and other winter items**. Boxes are available in the hallways for your donations. New and gently used items are welcome. This drive benefits the work of Turning Point, an outreach ministry in Durant.

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!

Budget Time

It's time to start planning for our 2026 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**.

Rise Up Men's Conference

Register today for our annual Rise Up Men's Conference on **Friday, December 5 from 5:30-9:30 PM** for a challenging message from **Jonathan Stornment**, minister of the Pleasant Valley Church of Christ in Little Rock, Arkansas.

Wrap It Up!

The ladies ministry is providing a **free Christmas gift wrapping service**. You can drop off your gift (**all gifts must be in a box**) on **December 10 between 9:00AM-1:00PM**. Wrapping paper will be provided but you can also bring your own.

Prayer List

Matt Hogan, Jim Scroggins, Larry Watson, Linda Henry, Bob Corley, 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), Oliver Bush (father of Amyee McAlister & Ashley Tharp)

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

New Members

Please welcome our new members **Roger & Beverly Crow**. Their contact information is: 1420 E. King St., Sherman, TX 75090, (940) 867-6836.

Also placing membership today is **Matthew & Crystal Carruth** and their children, **Joelle, Adrielle, Sarah, Matthew Jr., Nathan** and **Noah**. Their contact information is 3015 Preston Club Drive, Sherman, TX 75092

Christmas Devotionals for Kids & Adults

Pick up your adult devotional/kids advent activity from the atrium today! **One per family please!** We are asking the adults for a \$5 donation to offset the cost of the books.

Thanksgiving Schedule

There will be **No Church Activities** this **Wednesday, November 26**, nor will there be Sunday morning class or Sonshine Hour on Sunday, November 30.

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. 23:** No Connect. We will be going to the Community Thanksgiving Service at Trinity Lighthouse at 6:30 PM.
- **Sunday, Dec. 14:** Christmas Party at Sam & Maddie's house from 5-8 PM.

This Week's Daily Bible Readings:

November 23: 1 Corinthians 1-4
November 24: 1 Corinthians 5-8
November 25: 1 Corinthians 9-11
November 26: 1 Corinthians 12-14
November 27: 1 Corinthians 15-16
November 28: 2 Corinthians 1-4
November 29: 2 Corinthians 5-9
November 30: 2 Corinthians 10-13

For The Record—November 16, 2025

Worship	452 in person/94 online
Offering Goal	\$21,444
Received	\$14,787

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