



The Messenger

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Todd's Take

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

Over the next few weeks, we're beginning a new series focused on one of the most vital spiritual disciplines we can practice: contemplating the greatness of God.

If we're honest, most of us don't do this nearly enough. Our attention gets consumed by daily life—the news cycle, urgent tasks, personal struggles. Before we know it, our world shrinks down to just our small corner of existence, and

we lose sight of God's awesomeness. But intentionally pondering the Being who exists far beyond our little universe brings us hope, confidence, and courage. Without this discipline, we become vulnerable to despair and hopelessness.

This week, we're starting where Scripture starts—Genesis 1:1. It's a verse we all know, but we tend to rush right past it, eager to get to the fascinating details of creation. Today, we're slowing down. Right here at the very beginning of the Bible, we'll discover profound truths about who God is: His eternality, His creative power, and the vastness of what He has made.

We'll explore what modern science tells us about the universe's beginning, why an eternal universe is impossible, and most importantly, what it means that this great God loves you personally. Join us as we learn to contemplate the One who makes something from nothing.

REMINDERS

Elder nominations close today. Submit your nominations at pacoc.net/elder.

New Wednesday DMC's begin this Wednesday. Find a group for you at pacoc.net/dmc.



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

Sunday AM Class

Join us on Sunday mornings at 9AM for the Adult Bible Class called **"The World Turned Upside Down.** Sonshine hour is available for children of parents attending class.

Wedding Showers

Join us for a wedding shower to honor **Paislee Powell & Aiden Pittman** on **Sunday, February 8 from 1:30-3:00 PM in the Atrium.** They are registered at Amazon, Anthropologie and www.theknot.com

Join us for a shower honoring **Luke Kirkbride & Kaitlyn Lueb** on **Sunday, February 22 from 1:30-3:00 PM** in the Atrium. They are registered at Amazon, Crate & Barrell, and Target.

Sweetheart Banquet

Anyone over 60 is invited to the Sweetheart Banquet in the Ark immediately after worship on **Sunday, February 8** for a meal prepared by our youth group. Sign up at pacoc.net/sweetheart or on your communication card this morning.

2026 Budget

Copies of the 2026 budget are available at the welcome centers. If you have any questions, contact Blake Smith. Continued thanks for your generosity!

Celebration of Marriage

If you were married in a year ending in a '1' or a '6' we would like to honor you during our worship service on **Sunday, February 15. Please submit one wedding picture and one current picture** to the church office or email **Tyler** at tyler@parkavenuechurch.com by **no later than February 8.**

Prayer List

Matt Hogan, Bill Douglass, Tommy Todd, Dorothy Bankston, Harold Porter, Max Williams, Howard Veasley, Linda Henry, Bob Corley, Patrick Mullins, Kathy Reinsch, Chris Reinsch, Peggy Porter, Elizabeth Phillips, Floyd Clark, Lisa Cobble, Brian Karguth, Nancy Richards

Homebound—Joyce Martin, Daisy Miller, Bobby & Peggy Slaughter, Arlene Joines

Expectant Mothers—Allie Dollar

Missions—Hammer & Dela Afakule (Togo), Mario "Pepe" Torre (Monterrey, Mexico), Jimenez family (Cartagena, Colombia), Cristian & Ana Corrales (Bucaramanga, Colombia), 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), Oliver Bush (father of Amyee McAlister & Ashley Tharp), Melanie Hill (sister-in-law of David & Christine Kirkbride)

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

"Developing Inner Beauty" Luncheon

The Mary Martha Ladies Class invites our **5th-8th grade young ladies and their moms** to a luncheon on **Saturday, February 28 at 12 noon in the Atrium.** RSVP: 903-819-4950 by **Feb. 15.**

90th Birthday Celebration

You are invited to **Enola Newland's** come and go birthday celebration on **Saturday, February 14 from 2-4 PM in the Atrium.** In lieu of gifts please bring a card.

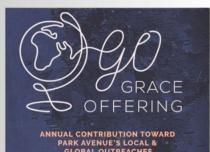
Grace Offering

Mark your calendar for our Grace Offering on **Sunday, April 5.** This is our annual contribution toward Park Avenue's local and global

outreaches. Kids, be filling up your cans for Daisy's Little Red Wagon!



Sunday, March 29th



Sunday, April 5th

Kids, be filling up your cans for Daisy's Little Red Wagon on **Sunday, March 29.** We do have some cans available at the welcome centers today if you need one.

Family Ministry

- Casa Family Mission Trip:** June 27th-July 3rd. Registration will be opening up soon!

Youth Ministry

- Sunday, February 1:** Connect is tonight from 5:00-7:30 PM.
- Monday, February 2:** Word Up at Sam & Maddie's house from 7:00-8:30 PM.
- Sunday, February 8:** Mark your calendar for the Sweetheart Banquet.



Join us this Wednesday at 5:15 PM for our PAWS meal. We are having **Taco Soup, Potato Soup, Cornbread, Salad Bar, & Dessert, Corndogs for Kids.** The meal will be prepared by **Shelly Calvert and her Team.** Serving starts at 5:15 PM and stops promptly at 6:15 PM.

For The Record—January 25, 2026

Worship	246 (online only)
Offering Goal	\$21,355
Received	\$7,823

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