



# 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.

Last week we explored the greatness of God—His eternal nature, His creative power, and the vast universe He spoke into existence with just a word. We joined Paul in declaring, "Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen."

But recognizing God's greatness isn't enough. We also need to know that God is not only great, but profoundly good.



Not everyone sees God as good, even if they acknowledge His power. Yet a God who is great but not good doesn't inspire devotion or trust—He only produces fear and anxiety. That's not the God we worship. That's not the God revealed in Scripture.

Today we'll return to Genesis 1 and discover the Hebrew word tov—appearing seven times as God evaluates His creation. This word means more than just "good" in our English sense. It means beautiful, excellent, complete, perfectly suited to its purpose. When God calls His creation tov, He reveals something essential about His own character.

We'll explore how Scripture demonstrates God's goodness through His character, His provision, and His presence. We'll see it in the stories of Joseph and the prodigal son. We'll discover it in psalms that invite us to "taste and see that the Lord is good."

But we'll also wrestle with the hard questions: Where is God's goodness when we're suffering? Can we trust Him when life is hard? And how should we respond to a God who is this good?

Join us as we learn to taste and see that the Lord is indeed good—all the time.

### 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

## Baptisms

Congratulations to **Seth McLaughlin** and **Aiden Elam** who were baptized into Christ this past week. We rejoice Seth and Aiden and their families.

## Sunday AM Class

Join us on Sunday mornings at 9AM for the Adult Bible Class called **"The World Turned Upside Down. This Sunday we will meet in the worship center at 9 AM due to the sweetheart banquet.** Sonshine hour is available for children of parents attending class.

## Yellow Roses

The single roses at the welcome centers are presented by **Mark & Evelyn Ewig** in honor of their daughter, **Katherine Ewig.**

## Sweetheart Banquet



Anyone over 60 is invited to the Sweetheart Banquet in the Ark immediately after worship **today** for a meal prepared by our youth group.

## Ladies Retreat

Online registration is open for our annual Ladies Retreat at the Prothro Center on Lake Texoma from **April 24-26.** The cost is \$150 for overnight retreaters and \$75 for day only retreaters. Register today at [pacoc.net/ladies](http://pacoc.net/ladies)

## Wedding Showers

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

Join us also 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.

## 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](mailto:office@parkavenuechurch.com) for updates.

## 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](mailto:tyler@parkavenuechurch.com) by **no later than today, February 8.**

## "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 **February 15.**

## 90th Birthday Celebration

You are invited to **Enola Newland's** come and go birthday celebration this coming **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 on **Sunday, March 29.**



## Children's Ministry

Children's Ministry is seeking an assistant for 3rd/4th grade class on Wednesday nights during the Spring quarter. Please contact **Rachel McClure** to volunteer.

## Family Ministry

- Casa Family Mission Trip 2026:** We will have an information meeting next **Sunday, February 15th at 11:45am in the gym.** Lunch will be provided. Registration will open up on February 15th as well! For questions please see **Tyler Cope.**

## Youth Ministry

- Sunday, February 8:** Connect will not meet tonight due to the Sweetheart Banquet.



Join us this Wednesday at 5:15 PM for our PAWS meal. We are having **Spaghetti and Meatballs, Gluten free and Vegetarian/Vegan options available, Veggies, Garlic Bread, PB&J sandwiches, Salad Bar & 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—February 1, 2026

Worship	350 In Person/181 Online
Offering Goal	\$21,355
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