



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.

We spend a lot of time trying not to become our parents.

There's even a name for it now — "Parentamorphosis" — coined by an insurance ad campaign featuring a life coach who helps young homeowners avoid inheriting their parents' most embarrassing habits. It's funny because it's painfully true. We absorb more than we choose. We inherit more than we realize. For better and worse, we become like the people we come from.

But what if the most important thing about you isn't which parent you resemble — it's that you were made in the image of God?

That's the claim Genesis makes in its very first chapter. Out of everything God created — stars and oceans and creatures of every kind — human beings alone were made to carry His image. To reflect who He is. To look, in some meaningful way, like the God who made them.

Today we close out *The Greatness of God* series with a question that has been building beneath the surface all along: if we were made to reflect God, what does that actually look like? We've spent four weeks looking at His greatness, His goodness, His communication, and His sacrificial love. Now the challenge is personal. Those aren't just qualities to admire — they are qualities we were made to carry.

Today we will also recognize our five elders who are continuing to serve and our two new elders who will join them in shepherding PACOC. This morning we welcome Todd Detro & Shane Haddock to our elder team joining Gary Calvert, Greg Clay, George Hatfield, David Kirkbride, and Blake Smith. We are blessed to have these men leading and watching over us as we strive to be the church God has called us to be. Please continue to be in prayer for them and PACOC.



Sunday, March 29th

Sunday, April 5th

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

Thank You

We cannot find adequate words to express the depth of appreciation that we have for all that you have done for our family—especially through the last few weeks. Your visits, cards, meals, phone calls, and words of encouragement supported us so well through the difficult loss of Linda. Thank you to those who provided a wonderful meal before Linda’s funeral. Thank you to all who helped with her service in some way. Special thanks to Todd for coordinating so many details and for his words of comfort at the graveside. The Park Avenue Church is a special church. We are so thankful for the many blessings we have received through all of you. With much love and many thanks, **The Henry Family**

Sunday AM Classes

At 9AM few have two classes for the Adults. One in the Ark called **"The World Turned Upside Down**. Another for new members and guests called **PACOC 101** in Room C. Sonshine hour is available for children of parents attending class.

Ladies Brunch

Women of all ages and stages of life are invited to join us for a brunch on **Saturday, April 4 from 10:00-11:30** in the Ark for a time of stories and sisterhood. This is a wonderful opportunity to connect with other women. There will be no childcare but children are welcome!

Ladies Retreat

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. You can register at one of the tables in the hallways today or online at pacoc.net/ladies

Men’s Celebrate Recovery Step Study

PACOC is currently hosting a men’s step study on Sundays **from 3-5 PM in classroom A**. Celebrate Recovery is a Biblical program that helps overcome

your hurts, habits, & hang-ups. For more info contact **Paul Waggoner** (903-821-0113) or come to the class.

Grief Share For Women

A new 13 week session of Grief Share for Women has begun on Saturdays **from 10:30-12:30** in Room D. Contact **Ashley Tharp** at (903) 647-8529

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**.

The Big Event—Saturday, March 28

Join the City of Denison as we help residents and businesses who may need a little assistance with outdoor projects (painting fences, yard clean up, gardening, repairs, etc.) PACOC is putting a group together again this year. Projects will all be done on **March 28, 2026!** Sign up today at pacoc.net/bigevent. **In addition to registration, please drop by the church office to fill out the group waiver form.**

Family Ministry

- **Casa Family Mission Trip 2026:** Registration is open for the family Mission Trip to the children’s home at CASA de la Esperanza in Mexico from **June 27- July 3**. The cost is \$375 per person. For questions, please see **Tyler Cope**. You can register online at pacoc.net/casa

Youth Ministry

- **Sunday, March 8:** Connect from 5:00-7:30 PM in the gym.
- **Monday, March 9:** Word Up from 7:00-8:30 PM at Sam & Maddie’s.
- **Saturday, March 14:** Guys Game Night from 6:00-9:00 PM in the Ark.
- **Sunday, March 15:** No Connect.
- **Saturday, March 21:** Girls Night at Maddie’s house from 6:00-9:00 PM.

Prayer List

Nancy Strobel, Matt Hogan, Bill Douglass, Tommy Todd, Dorothy Bankston, Harold Porter, Max Williams, Howard Veasley, Bob Corley, Patrick Mullins, Peggy Porter, Elizabeth Phillips, Floyd Clark, Lisa Cobble, Jannie Bellows, Nancy Richards, Woody Reding, Cynthia Thomas

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), Steven Schroeder (Nephew of TJ Atnip), Chris Mahaffey (son of Scott & Joyce Mahaffey), Dale Dreher (brother of Carri Wingard)

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



JOIN US WEDNESDAY EVENINGS FOR
Park Avenue Wednesday Supper (PAWS) 5:15-6:15
Disciple Making Communities for all ages 6:30-7:30

Join us this Wednesday at 5:15 PM for our PAWS meal. We are having **King Ranch Casserole, Queso & Chips, Veggies, Vegan/Vegetarian Option, Chicken Nuggets & PB&J for the kids, 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—March 1, 2026	
Worship	413 In Person/88 Online
Offering Goal	\$21,355
Received	\$23,478
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