



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.

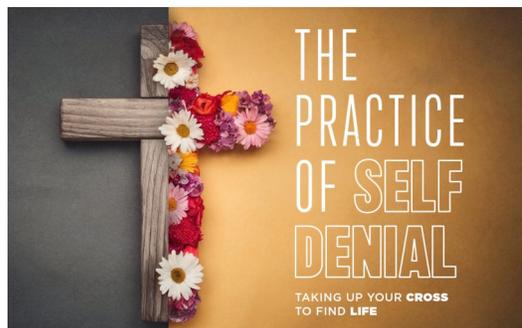
Three weeks from today we celebrate Easter — and everything we believe hinges on it. The resurrection of Jesus is not a footnote to our faith. It is the foundation.

But getting to Easter requires walking through something first.

There is an ancient season of the church calendar called Lent — forty days of fasting, prayer, and preparation leading up to the celebration of the resurrection. We don't observe Lent here, and that's all right. But the idea at the heart of it is not something we can ignore, because it comes straight from the mouth of Jesus himself.

"Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will save it." — Luke 9:23-24

That word daily changes everything. Jesus is not describing a religious season or a one-time



spiritual experience. He is describing a way of life — the way of life, actually, for anyone who wants to follow him.

Over the next four weeks, leading right up to Easter Sunday, we are going to dig into what self-denial really means, what it costs, and — more importantly — where it leads. Because Jesus does not call us to self-denial to make our lives smaller. He calls us to it because he can see something we cannot yet see: that the road through surrender is the road to the life we were actually made for.

This morning we lay the foundation with three ground rules. Think of them as the non-negotiables before we go any further.

Take a moment before worship and focus your hearts and minds on God. Allow this time to speak to you and empower you to live the life of discipleship you have committed to.

Schedule

Sunday Adult Bible Classes

Truth Rising—9AM in Worship Center
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

Congratulations

Baby **Redmond Catteau** was born Friday, March 13 to **Shen & Maggie Catteau**. Congratulations to his parents, grandparents, **Todd & Henriann Catteau**, & **Uncle Pu**.

Sunday AM Classes

At 9AM we have two classes for the Adults. One in the Worship Center 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.

This Wednesday

Our DMC's will meet at the regular time of 6:30 PM this Wednesday (unless your DMC leader has informed you otherwise). **There will be NO PAWS meal**. PAWS will resume the following Wednesday.

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 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** at 903-821-0113.

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, Margie Lowing

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.



Sunday, March 29th



Sunday, April 5th

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. **We will have two services that day; one at 8AM and one at 10AM**. Kids, be filling up your cans for Daisy's Little Red Wagon on **Sunday, March 29**.

Grief Share For Women

A new 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 for more details.

The Big Event—Saturday, March 28

It is not too late to register to join PACOC's group to help residents and businesses in the City of Denison with outdoor projects (painting fences, yard clean up, gardening, repairs, etc.) It is past the deadline to get a T-shirt but you can still sign up today for the event at pacoc.net/bigevent

Family Ministry

- **Saturday, April 11:** Family Cookout, Fun & Worship Night at the Cope's House from 5:30-7:30PM for all families!
- **Casa Mission Trip June 27-July 3:** We only have a limited number of seats left. Please register as soon as possible to guarantee your spot! Cost is \$375 per person.

Youth Ministry

- **Sunday, March 15:** No Connect.
- **Saturday, March 21:** Girls Night at Maddie's house from 6:00-9:00 PM.
- **Saturday, April 18:** Intern Meet & Greet. More details coming soon!
- **Sunday, May 3-Senior Sunday:** Here are the Seniors we have so far: **Seth Banks, Susannah Banks, Eliza Fernandez, Brady Harrelson, Henry Mullins, Aubrie Slaughter, Londyn Slaughter, Kayla Taisler, Alissa Thompson**. If we have missed someone, please let Sam know as soon as possible.

For The Record—March 8, 2026

Worship	380 In Person/120 Online
Offering Goal	\$21,355
Received	\$16,986

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