



The Messenger

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Todd's Take

If you are a guest with us today, we are so glad you chose to spend Easter Sunday with us. Whether this is your first time through our doors or you have been away for a while, you are warmly welcome here. Please introduce yourself to anyone around you — we would love to get to know you.

Today we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ — the single most important event in human history. Everything we believe as followers of Jesus hinges on this morning. The cross was not the end. The tomb is empty. And that changes everything.

This Easter also marks the conclusion of our four-week series on self-denial. We have been working through one of Jesus' most counterintuitive teachings — that the path to life runs directly through surrender. Today we arrive at the destination: the resurrection as



the ultimate proof that self-denial leads to life. What looks like loss to the world is, in the hands of God, the seed of something far greater.

It is fitting that we land here on Easter. The cross and the empty tomb are not just the center of our faith — they are the living demonstration of the very principle Jesus taught. He gave everything. And God raised him from the dead.

We are so glad you are here. Come expecting something real today.

He is risen!

Grace Offering

Today is our Grace Offering — a special Sunday when every dollar contributed goes directly to the outreach efforts of Park Avenue Church. From helping our community through organizations like HEAT and the Texoma Family Shelter, to providing food through the Barnabas Center, to printing Bibles for Eastern European Mission, to supporting missionaries in South America and Africa — every penny goes toward bringing healing and hope to those close by and those around the world. We have been so richly blessed. For a full list of supported works visit pacoc.net/go. May we give generously in return.

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

Daisy's Little Red Wagon

Thank you to our children who donated their coins to Daisy's Little Red Wagon last Sunday for our annual Grace Offering. Our total was **\$2,612.03**. A special thank you to **Roger Batts** for loading the coins in his truck and taking them to the bank to deposit them.

Thank You's

Your thoughtfulness, concern, calls, prayers, and cards were so appreciated during my surgery and recovery. Not to leave out all the wonderful food that was such a blessing to us at this time. We are so blessed to be a part of the Park Avenue family. God is so good, all the time! Love and blessings to all. **Stan & Cynthia Thomas**.

Thank you for all the sweet thoughts, hugs, cards, and prayers to cover our hearts during the recent passing of my mom in December and my dad in February. Also, the peace lily plant sent to us was beautiful, as well. We're thankful for each of you! In Christian love, **Amy & Shelby Sumpter**

Ladies Retreat

Register now at pacoc.net/ladies 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. **Registration will close on Friday, April 10. Final payments are also due on April 10.**

Bridal Shower

Join us for a bridal shower in celebration of **Abby Davis** and her upcoming marriage to **Landry Laird** in the atrium on **Sunday, April 12** from 1:30-3:00 PM. Abby and Landry are registered at www.zola.com

Baby Shower

Join us for a baby shower honoring **Allie Dollar** and **baby Alexandra** on **Sunday, April 19** from 1:30-3:00 PM in the atrium. Allie is registered at babylist.com

Prayer List

Jane Smith-Williams, 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, Woody Reding, Cynthia Thomas, Kristi Porter-Francis

Homebound—Joyce Martin, Daisy Miller, Bobby & Peggy Slaughter, Arlene Joines, Margie Lowing, Nancy Richard

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.

PAWS Lite Volunteers

Summer is just around the corner. We would like to offer a **PAWS Lite** meal on Wednesday evenings during the summer. In order to do that we need volunteers to **lead a team, set up, cook, serve and clean up**. This will allow our regular teams to take a break. Please contact **Shelly Calvert** at 972-979-7025 to volunteer or to get more details.

Pickleball

For anyone that is interested in playing pickleball, there is a group of mainly women that play Mondays and Friday mornings 9-12 in the ARK. If you have wanted to learn, or already play, feel free to join us. Be prepared for a lot of laughter. Contact **Shelly Calvert** or **Sylvia Olds** for more information.

Host Family Needed

PACOC Youth Ministry is looking for a host family for our female summer intern. Contact **Sam Cannon** if you are interested.

Family Ministry

- **Saturday, April 11th:** Family Cookout at the Cope's House (2926 Village Cir. Denison) This is for all families not just families with children. Sign up at pacoc.net/family and bring a lawn chair.
- **Casa Family Mission Trip: June 27-July 3.** The cost is \$375 per person. Register at pacoc.net/casa For more details please see **Tyler Cope**.

Youth Ministry

- **Sunday, April 5:** No Connect tonight.
- **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, Elizha Fernandez, Brady Harrelson, Henry Mullins, Aubrie Slaughter, Londyn Slaughter, Kayla Taisler, Alissa Thompson**. If there are any updates please let Sam know as soon as possible.



Join us this Wednesday at 5:15 PM for our PAWS meal. We are having **Homemade Lasagna, Veggies, Garlic Bread, Salad Bar & Dessert. Vegetarian/Vegan Options and PBJ for the kids**. 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 29, 2026

Worship	456 In Person/91 Online
Daisy's Wagon	\$2,612.03
General Offering	\$16,214

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