



The Messenger

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Todd's Take

What a joy it is to have you with us this morning. We are so glad you chose to spend part of your day here — worshiping together, sharing communion, and opening God's Word.

For the past two weeks we have been living in Psalm 110, and this Sunday we bring the series to a close. It has been quite a journey through what many scholars consider the most remarkable seven verses in the entire Old Testament — a psalm so powerful that the early church couldn't stop quoting it. From the lips of Jesus to the letters of Paul to the final pages of Revelation, this ancient song echoes throughout the entire New Testament.

Psalm 110 is, at its heart, a conversation David overhears from heaven. The Father is speaking to the Son. And what David hears is stunning news: Jesus reigns. He is seated on the throne. He is King.

Week One we camped on that great truth — Christ is on the throne, even when the world feels like it's coming apart at the seams. Week Two we responded to it — if Jesus is King and he wins, the only reasonable response is to align ourselves with him.

This week we turn to verse 4, and the psalm introduces us to a second and equally important role that Jesus plays. Being King is not enough. We also need a Priest — someone who can bridge the gap between a holy God and sinful people. Someone who can not only win the kingdom but make us fit to live in it.

To answer that need, the psalm points us to one of the most mysterious figures in all of Scripture — a man who appears in Genesis, says almost nothing, and vanishes just as quickly as he came. His name is Melchizedek. This morning we will discover why this mysterious priest-king holds the key to understanding Jesus — and why the gospel is not just good news about a King who wins, but about a Priest who makes us worthy of the victory.



Several of our women are away this weekend at the Ladies Retreat on Lake Texoma. We are praying they have a wonderful time in fellowship and in the Word as they explore what it means to be the light. We are deeply grateful to all those who invested so many hours planning and preparing for this retreat.

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

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NEWS & NOTES

Senior Sunday

Everyone is invited to join us next **Sunday, May 3** for a banquet to honor our high school seniors after worship services in the Ark. We will have baskets for each senior in the atrium that Sunday for cards and gifts.



National Day of Prayer

The Denison Ministerial Alliance invites you to join Christians from across our community for the National Day of Prayer Lunch at **12:00 PM on Thursday, May 7 at Parkside Baptist Church**. This year's theme is "Glorify God Among the Nations — Seeking Him in All Generations." Come unite with fellow believers for a time of prayer and fellowship as we lift up our nation and our community together. All are welcome!

Christian Theater Workshop



Register now at pacoc.net/ctw for CTW camp that will run from **July 13-17**. Registration is open to students who have completed kindergarten through

graduating seniors.

Prayer List

Brandon Powell, Floyd & Peggy Clark, Jane Smith-Williams, Matt Hogan, Bill Douglass, Tommy Todd, Harold & Peggy Porter, Max Williams, Howard Veasley, Bob Corley, Patrick Mullins, Elizabeth Phillips, Lisa Cobble, Jannie Bellows, Woody Reding, 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.

Sonshine Hour

We are looking for 4 to 6 volunteers (can be a couple) for *Sonshine Hour* during Bible class time on Sunday mornings. We need people who can teach 4 year olds through sixth grade and also folks that can assist with students to ensure that the students remain engaged. Lessons will be provided. Contact **Becky Russell** or **Gary Calvert** if you can help or for more details.

Mother's Day

Join us for worship on Mother's Day, **Sunday, May 10**. We will have a photo booth in the atrium for pictures that Sunday.

Family Ministry

- **Casa Family Mission Trip: June 27-July 3**. The cost is \$375 per person. Register now at pacoc.net/casa as **spots are limited**. For more details please see **Tyler Cope**.

Youth Ministry

- **Sunday, April 26**: Connect tonight in the gym from 5:00-7:30 PM.
- **Sunday, May 3-Senior Sunday**: We have 9 High School Seniors this year: **Seth Banks, Susannah 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 **Lasagna, Green Beans, Chicken Nuggets, Salad Bar, & Dessert**. The meal will be prepared by **The Hardy Team**.

Serving starts at 5:15 PM and stops promptly at 6:15 PM.

For The Record—April 19, 2026

Worship	430 In Person/105 Online
Offering Goal	\$21,355
Received	\$13,826

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