



# The Messenger

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## Todd's Take



Welcome to Park Avenue Church of Christ! Whether you have been worshipping with us for decades or this is your very first Sunday, we are glad you are here and we hope you leave today encouraged.

This Sunday we pause to honor the mothers in our lives — women who have given so much of themselves in love, sacrifice, and faithfulness. Whether you are a mother, a grandmother, or someone who has served as a mothering presence in the life of another, we are grateful for you. The world is a better place because of what you do.

We also recognize that Mother's Day is not the same experience for everyone. For some, this day carries grief — the loss of a mother, the longing for a child, or a relationship that has been painful. If that is your experience, please know that you are seen and that this community cares for you deeply.

This Sunday, our sermon will take a slightly different approach to Mother's Day. Rather

than focusing only on the mothers in our lives, we will explore a biblical idea that may be new to some of you — the Church as Mother.

The language comes straight from Scripture. In Galatians 4, the Apostle Paul describes the true church as our mother — a community that gives birth to new life, nourishes those in her care, and forms people into maturity. This idea was so central to the early church that the North African bishop Cyprian gave it a name that echoed for centuries: Mater Ecclesia — Mother Church.

We will walk through three things a good mother does and ask honestly whether we, as Park Avenue, are doing them. It is a message about who we are called to be — not just for ourselves, but for every person who walks through our doors looking for life, nourishment, and a place to belong.



### 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](http://pacoc.net/groups)

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### MINISTERS

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# NEWS & NOTES

## Memorial Service

A memorial service for **Betty Clark** will be held here at Park Avenue this **Friday, May 15** at 11:00 AM.

## Baptism

Congratulations to **Clint Blackshear** who was baptized into Christ by Barry Chapman last Sunday. We rejoice with Clint and his family.

## New Members

**Erin & Doug Sexton** are placing membership today. They have two sons, **Doug** and **Zeke** and two daughters, **Skylar** and **River**. Please welcome them to PACOC. Their mailing address is 1011 Western Hills Drive, Sherman, TX 75092.

## Thank You's

A huge thank you to **Henriann & Todd Catteau, Tyler Cope, Jennifer Knott, Erin & Skylar & River Sexton, Kathy Pryor, Naomi Detro, Christine Kirkbride, Cina Strickland, Amanda Johnson, Michelle McAlister, Rhonda McClure**, and everyone else who helped set up for the Senior Banquet and worked in the kitchen to prepare the meal!

Thank you for your support during Waymon's hospitalization and his ultimate death. Thank you for the beautiful potted plant to honor him at our family gathering. **Charla Hinson**

## Christian Theater Workshop

Register now at [pacoc.net/ctw](http://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.

## New Wednesday Night DMC's

We have two new Disciples Making Communities on Wednesday nights from 6:30-7:30 PM. **Todd** has begun a book study of CS Lewis' **Mere Christianity** in Room B.

### Prayer List

*Brandon Powell, Floyd & Peggy Clark, Matt Hogan, Bill Douglass, Tommy Todd, Harold & Peggy Porter, Max Williams, Howard Veasley, Bob Corley, Patrick Mullins, Elizabeth Phillips, Lisa Cobble, Kristi Porter-Francis, Ralene Lewis*

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

This coming Wednesday, May 13, **Tyler** will begin a video series from RightNow Media on the **Gospel of Mark** in the High School Room of the Ark. If you are not in a DMC yet, this is a great time to join one & grow with others!

## Baby Bottle Campaign

Next Sunday, May 17, we will begin a baby bottle drive to help support **True Options Pregnancy Center** in Sherman **where local women choose LIFE for their babies**. Bottles will be available in the hallways to pick up next Sunday. The drive will run through **June 21**.

## 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 they remain engaged. Lessons will be provided. Contact **Becky Russell** or **Gary Calvert** if you can help or for more details.

## Mother's Day

Happy Mother's day to all of our moms! We hope that you will take advantage of our **photo booth in the atrium** this morning. We also have a **special gift for our moms**. Women who are present today are welcome to pick up a Mother's Day gift in the Atrium before or after worship. Come early as gifts are limited!

## Family Ministry

- **Family Game Night: Sunday, May 31**—Everyone is invited to join us for a game night in the Atrium from 5:00-7:00 PM. Bring a board game and a snack to share.
- **Casa Family Mission Trip: June 27-July 3**. The cost is \$375 per person. Register now at [pacoc.net/casa](http://pacoc.net/casa) as **spots are limited**. For more details please see **Tyler Cope**.

## Youth Ministry

- **Sunday, May 10**: No Connect tonight due to Mother's Day.



**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 **Spaghetti & Meatballs, Garlic Bread, Salad Bar, & Dessert, Vegetarian Option, PB&J Sandwiches for the Kids**. The meal will be prepared by **Kathy Hitchcock & Her Team**. *Serving starts at 5:15 PM and stops promptly at 6:15 PM.*

## For The Record—May 3, 2026

Worship	440 In Person/111 Online
Offering Goal	\$21,355
Received	\$22,457

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