



The Messenger

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Todd's Take



Good morning and welcome to our worship service. It is always a joy to see our church family. We are also happy to have you as a guest this morning, and if we can help you in any way along your spiritual journey, please let us know.

Today in the sermon time we begin our fourth year together in a series we have simply called *The Crown*. Year one: Saul — chosen by God, undone by fear. Year two: David — faithful and flawed, a man who fell and returned. Year three: Solomon — the wisest man who ever lived, who watched wisdom without faithfulness slowly collapse. Three kings. Three lessons. And now — season four.

This year we are calling the series *The Crown Divided*. The kingdom splits in two, and the man who becomes first king of the north — Jeroboam — will set the tone for everything that follows over the next two hundred years.

His story is a study in what fear does to a person when left unchecked. Jeroboam was nobody — no royal blood, no political connections, no inherited advantages. And then God chose him, promoted him, and handed him a kingdom with a remarkable promise attached: obey me and I will build you a dynasty as enduring as David's. And Jeroboam looked at what God had given him — and didn't trust it was enough.

Over the next eight weeks we will look at the story of nineteen kings — all of whom fail to embrace the promises of God, and all of whom lead the northern kingdom further from him rather than closer.

We are studying these kings because Paul tells us these stories were written down as warnings for us. They are not ancient history. They are a mirror. And the question this series will keep asking is the same question that haunts Jeroboam's story from beginning to end — will I trust God's promise, or will I let fear make my decisions for me?

It is a question worth sitting with. We are glad you are here this morning.

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

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NEWS & NOTES

New Members

Welcome *Skylar & Mason Perkins* to Park Avenue. Their address is 601 Graham Drive, Box 134, Apt. 6212 Sherman TX 75092

Wedding Shower — Skylar & Mason Perkins

Please join us as we honor Skylar and Mason Perkins with a wedding shower on Sunday, June 14, 2026 from 1:30 to 3:00 PM here at the church. The couple is registered at Amazon.

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.

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 and **Tyler** is leading 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

Today we begin a baby bottle drive to help support **True Options Pregnancy Center** in Sherman **where local women choose LIFE for their babies**. Pick up a bottle from the tables in the hallways today. The drive will run through **June 21**.

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, Cina Strickland*

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*

Church at the Park

Join us at Munson Park on **Wednesday, June 3 at 6:00 PM** for our annual hamburgers and hotdogs prepared by our Elders. Bring a lawn chair and come enjoy some food, fun, fellowship and outdoor games.

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.

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 as **spots are limited**. For more details please see **Tyler Cope**.

Youth Ministry

- **Sunday, May 17**: Connect will meet in the gym tonight from 5:00-7:30 PM.
- Links to all summer camp sign-ups can be found at pacoc.net/summer
- Today we welcome our summer youth interns to PACOC—Cannon Poore & Brylee Jeffrey.



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 **Hamburgers, Hotdogs & Veggie Burgers, Salad Bar, & Dessert**. The meal will be prepared by **Amyee McAlister & Her Team**. *Serving starts*

For The Record—May 10, 2026

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