



# 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 - worshipping together, sharing communion, and opening God's Word.

In the Crown Divided series, we've seen a relentless spiritual decline. So how do we stay faithful when everything is falling apart? The life of Elijah shows us the way.

Elijah lived during Ahab's reign—perhaps the darkest hour in the Northern Kingdom. The headlines were devastating: Baal temples built, prophets hunted, enemies advancing. Elijah felt the discouragement. He thought God had lost control.

But here's what the darkness couldn't hide: God was still pursuing His people relentlessly through prophet after prophet. This was the age of the prophets.

We see this in Elijah's own story. On Mount Carmel, one faithful voice connected to God shook an entire nation. Fire fell from heaven. The people declared, "The Lord is God!" Yet the kingdom didn't change. Evil continued. Faithfulness isn't measured by winning—it's measured by standing.

Then Elijah collapsed into discouragement in a cave, convinced he was alone. God showed him the truth: 7,000 others hadn't bowed to Baal. A faithful remnant existed that Elijah couldn't see.

God met Elijah not in the dramatic wind, earthquake, or fire—but in a still small voice. The crisis wasn't that God abandoned him; it was that Elijah stopped listening.

This is our story too. We face cultural pressure and discouragement. But God is still pursuing. A faithful remnant still exists. And God promises vindication—not worldly victory, but His "well done."

Dark worlds need bright lights. God sent Elijah to his world. He's sending us to ours.

## Church at the Park



We had a wonderful evening last Wednesday at Munson Park! Our elders grilled up delicious hamburgers and hot dogs while we all enjoyed great

fellowship, food, and games together. This Wednesday, we're back at the building for PAWS Lite and our DMC classes.



### Schedule

Sunday Adult Class: 9 AM in Worship Center  
*Sonshine Hour for 4 yr olds to 6th grade in gym.  
Nursery for under 4 in main building.*

Sunday Worship: 10 AM  
*Children dismissed to class at 10:45 AM*

Sunday Youth: 5:00-7:30

*Discipleship Making Communities throughout the week.  
Go to [pacoc.net/groups](http://pacoc.net/groups) for locations.*

Ministers: Todd Catteau, *Preaching Minister*; Sam Cannon, *Youth Minister*; Tyler Cope, *Family Minister*; Basil McClure, *Worship and Outreach Minister*; Rachel McClure, *Childrens Minister*

Elders: Gary Calvert (972-658.4970), Greg Clay (580.920.6648), Todd Detro (903.267.8285), Shane Haddock (580.775.1803), George Hatfield (903.357.3563), David Kirkbride (903.436.7283), Blake Smith (214.549.9577)

# News and Notes

## Baptism

We celebrate for the new life in Christ of **River Pasich** who was baptized on Sunday! Please pray for River as he does basic training in Georgia with the National Guard for the next 10 weeks. He is the son of Nic & Bianca Swayne.

## Wedding Shower — Skylar & Mason Perkins

Please join us as we honor Skylar and Mason Perkins with a wedding shower next **Sunday, June 14, from 1:30 to 3:00 PM** here at the church. The couple is registered at Amazon. There will also be a money tree available at the shower.

## Chef's Table

Many thanks to **Traci Russell** and her team (**Becky Russell, Sawyer Russell, Jace Mullins**) for leading our youth cooking classes last week! This innovative class was begun by Pat Emery many years ago, and we are grateful to Traci for continuing the tradition so that more and more students can learn skills that will ultimately bless others.

## Promotion Sunday

Today is promotion Sunday. School age children will promote to the next grade level.

## 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.

### Prayer List

Stewart Bolerjack, Kristi Porter-Francis, Mike Foltermann, 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, Bennie Smith, Wayne & Becky McLain

**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 Kirkbride), Steven Schroeder (Nephew of TJ Atnip), Chris Mahaffey (son of Scott & Joyce Mahaffey), Bruce Hailey (brother of David Hailey)

Please notify the church office at [office@parkavenuechurch.com](mailto:office@parkavenuechurch.com) for updates.

## SAMPACC

The senior adult ministry will meet tomorrow night, **June 8 at 5:30 PM in the Atrium** for a game night. Bring a finger food to share and a friend!

## Man Alive

Men, join us this coming **Saturday, June 13 at 8:00 AM** in the Ark for *breakfast, community, and challenge*.

## Baby Bottle Campaign

Please return by Father's Day on June 21.

## Father's Day

Join us on **Sunday, June 21** as we celebrate and honor our dads. We will have nachos and putt putt for their families in the courtyard from 11:30-12:30 PM. We hope that you will stick around and join us for some fun after worship. If you would be willing to help with the food or with the games, please contact Tyler or Rachel.

## PAWS Lite

Join us at 5:15 PM this Wednesday for our PAWS lite meal before classes. We are having **breakfast for supper - breakfast casserole, bacon, cinnamon rolls and fruit salad** prepared by **Tyler Cope** and **Rhonda McClure**.

## Youth Ministry

- **Sunday, June 7:** Summer 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](http://pacoc.net/summer)



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Offering Goal	\$21,355
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