



# 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.

Today we return to our sermon series *The Crown Divided* — the story of the northern kingdom of Israel and its nineteen kings. When we last left the palace we were standing in the shadow of Ahab. Then we took a week away from the kings to walk with the prophet Elijah.

This morning we're back. And we have some ground to cover.

Between Ahab and where we land today there are several kings — and they all get the same rating. He did evil in the eyes of the Lord. He walked in the ways of Jeroboam. Different names, same verdict, over and over again.

But there is one king in this era that stops you cold. A father looks at his newborn son and gives him a name. Not just any name — the name spoken in condemnation over every king the northern kingdom had ever produced.

He named him Jeroboam.

Nobody flinched. And that may be the most frightening moment in two hundred years of Israel's decline. Not the golden calves. Not the assassinations. The most frightening moment is the quiet morning when a culture had drifted so far, so gradually, that the wrong thing had simply stopped feeling wrong.

This morning we look at Jeroboam II — forty one years of prosperity so well documented that archaeologists have held the evidence in their hands. We will hear from a fig farmer named Amos who walked into that prosperity and saw something the palace couldn't see. And we will look at Jehu — the most zealous king the northern kingdom ever produced — who still got the same verdict as everyone else.

Today we will be reminded that zeal and prosperity are not the metrics that measure a life of faith. God wants more - our very hearts.



### 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

## Sympathy

Our sympathy is with Donna Harrelson, Mary Galyon and their family after the passing of **Margie Lowing** on June 13. Services were held at PACOC last Thursday.

## Baptism

**Mike Barnett** was baptized last Sunday by his brother-in-law, George Edwards, during worship. We rejoice with Mike and his family.

## Thank You's

What a beautiful thing for the senior generation to pour into the younger generation! That is exactly what was experienced during *Sewing for Kids* last week! Many thanks to **Aline Brigman, Betty Fulenchek, Ruth Ann Jones, Doris Hailey, Charla Hinson, Nancy Strobel, Jo Alexander, Judith Nevil, Kim Helm, Cynthia Thomas** for sharing skills and building relationships with young women who are eager to learn! You have blessed this church family!

Thank you all so much for your prayers, phone calls, text messages, and for those who helped drive me to visit Becky. Your kindness, encouragement, and support have meant more to me than words can express during this time. I am truly grateful to be part of such a loving and caring church family. Thank you for keeping Becky and me in your prayers. May God bless each of you for your thoughtfulness and generosity. With sincere appreciation, **Wayne McLain**

## Baby Bottle Campaign

Baby bottles are due back TODAY. Please return your baby bottle to the church office.



### 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, Vickie Sessions

**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.



## Praise Night & Ice Cream Social

Mark your calendar for a praise night on **Wednesday, July 1 at 6:30 PM** in the Worship Center followed by an Ice Cream Social in the Ark. Our kids will have classes at the usual time of 6:30 PM.

## PAWS Lite

Join us at 5:15 PM this Wednesday for our PAWS lite meal before classes. We are having **Pizza, Salad and Dessert** prepared by **Kenna Brandt** and **Michelle McAlister**.

## Father's Day

Join us TODAY as we celebrate and honor our dads. We will have nachos and putt putt for their families in the **courtyard/gym from 11:30-12:30 PM**. We hope that you will stick around and join us for some fun after worship.

## Christian Theater Workshop

You can pick up your script from the table in the gym in the Family Life Center. It is not too late to register for CTW camp at [pacoc.net/ctw](http://pacoc.net/ctw). CTW camp will run from **July 13-17**. Registration is open to students who have completed kindergarten through graduating seniors.

## Youth Ministry

- Sunday, June 21: No Connect tonight as students will be at Camp Horizon. Connect will resume next Sunday, June 28.



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## For the Record - June 14, 2026

Worship	332 in person/ 129 online
Offering Goal	\$21,355
Received	\$15,833

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