



# 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. Whether this is your first Sunday with us or you have been coming for years, welcome. We are glad you are here.

In our sermon time this morning we are going to continue our series *The Crown Divided* — our journey through the northern kingdom of Israel and its nineteen kings.

We are approaching the end of this series — though I will have one more sermon to wrap things up. Today we reach the end of the kings themselves. Six stand between us and the fall of Samaria.

But here is what we want you to know. While they were tearing each other apart inside the palace, something was rising in the east that had been mowing down nations for decades. The Assyrian Empire. The most terrifying military machine the ancient world had ever produced. Damascus had fallen. Galilee had been emptied. The shadow was not on the horizon. It was at the door.

And when the pressure came, these kings ran. To their money. To their allies and coalitions and networks of influence. Back to the very things that had already failed them. Not one of them ran to God.

Then we cross the border into Judah. Same shadow. Same army. One king who did something none of the northern kids thought of — he walked into the temple and prayed. And that changed everything!



Have you ever come across a Scripture passage you just can't get out of your head? I want to hear from you! Submit any passage — a single verse or up to a full chapter — and I'll preach a sermon from it. Share why it matters to you, and I'll take it from there. Submit at [pacoc.net/p2p](http://pacoc.net/p2p) or through the church app.

### 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 **Brett Newton** after the passing of his father, **Van Newton**. Services are pending at this time.

## Congratulations

Congratulations to **Lucas & Allie Dollar** on the birth of their baby girl, **Alexandra Blythe Dollar** born on June 25.

## Baptisms

**Kate Ervin, Elizha Fernandez, Takoby Hilliard** and **Riley Mundine** were baptized into Christ at Camp Horizon last week. We rejoice with each one of them and their families.

## Thank You's

Thanks to all the volunteers who helped honor fathers at the Nacho Average Dad Bash last Sunday! **Andy Russell** cracked us up with his original dad jokes, and **Randy Truxal, Terri and Landry Laird** helped everyone tee off in putt putt golf. Hats off to **Melesa & Mike Stewart** and **Dennis & Connie Deckard** for the yummy nachos, and **Shannon Haynes** and **Abby Laird** for the wooden craft fun!

Words cannot express the love felt by our family from our Park Avenue Church family for the funeral service of our mom, Margie Lowing. The luncheon was amazing. The singing was beautiful and the words spoken were perfect. I also want to thank you for the plant. The many cards she received during her illness cheered her greatly. You all are forever in our hearts. Love, **Donna Harrelson**

## Christian Theater Workshop

You can pick up your script from the table in the gym in the Family Life Center. Limited spots are available at [pacoc.net/ctw](http://pacoc.net/ctw). CTW camp will run from **July 13-17**. Registration is for students who have completed kindergarten through graduating seniors. **Performances will be on Saturday July 18, noon and 6:00 PM and Sunday, July 19 at 4:00 PM.**

### 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, Nancy Richard

**Expectant Mothers**—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 McAllister & 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), Bailey Woodall (relative of Tracy Woodall)

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

## Contact Update

**Nancy Richard** is now at Room 512, c/o Homestead in Denison, 1101 Reba McEntire Lane, Denison, TX 75020. She would enjoy receiving cards.

## Praise Night & Ice Cream Social

Join us this **Wednesday, July 1 at 6:30 PM** in the Worship Center for a Praise Night followed by an Ice Cream Social in the Ark. Our kids will have classes at the usual time of 6:30 PM. There will be no PAWS meal this Wednesday.

## Youth Ministry

- **Sun. June 28:** Connect in the gym from 5:00-7:30 PM.
- **Wed. July 1:** Praise Night & Ice Cream at 6:30 PM.
- **Thurs. July 2:** Youth Hang Out from 1:00-4:00 PM.

## Summer Camps

Summer camps are a blessing for the spiritual and social growth of our students! Camp Learning to Lead for children and Camp Horizon for teens hosted approximately 60 participants from Park Avenue this June.



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## For the Record - June 21, 2026

Worship	470 in person/ 80 online
Offering Goal	\$21,355
Received	\$19,363

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