



# 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.

This morning we bring our series *The Crown Divided* to a close. For the past several weeks we have been living in one of the most sobering stretches of Scripture in the entire Old Testament — the story of the northern kingdom of Israel and its nineteen kings. One after another, each king was given the same opportunity: walk with God, lead the people in faithfulness, and watch something lasting be built. And one after another, each king made the same choice. The phrase became a refrain: "He walked in the ways of Jeroboam." Twenty times. It never got easier to hear.

Today we arrive at the verdict.

In 2 Kings 17, the author does something remarkable. He stops the narrative and lets God

explain in his own words why it all happened. The northern kingdom fell not because Assyria was powerful, but because the people refused to run to God, refused to listen to the prophets he kept sending, and kept trusting alliances with the world instead of the God who had delivered them. The verdict is devastating — and sobering — because it could describe so many of us.

But here is what we don't want you to miss: this story was never really about the kings. It was always about God. A God who held their hands when they were learning to walk. Who sent prophet after prophet because he could not bear to let them go without one more warning. Whose own heart broke — "How can I give you up, Ephraim?" — even as the consequences finally arrived.

That same God is in this room today. He is a God who wants to bless. A God who invites us to join him in bringing life into the world. A God who forgives when we fail. And he is calling you — not to the tragedy of the northern kingdom, but to something far better.

*The northern kingdom's story ended in exile. Yours doesn't have to.*

### 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

## Thank You

Thank you so much for all the cards, calls and texts during the passing of my dad. The kindness and compassion you showed me and my family during that time was such a blessing. There will be a Celebration of Life Reception from **2:00 pm to 4:00 pm, today, Sunday, July 12th**, in the Finley Cultural Center Community Room for anyone who would like to attend. Thank you again for everything, **Andrew Cassady & Family**.

## Sonshine Hour

**This Sunday, July 12 and next Sunday, July 19** there will be no 9AM Sonshine Hour for kids aged 4 and above. Childcare for children aged 3 and under will still be provided in the main building.

## No Church Activities

There will be **no church activities this Wednesday, July 15 due to CTW**. PAWS lite will resume the following Wednesday, July 22.

## Parishioner's Pick

This is your chance to choose the Scripture — a single verse or up to a full chapter — and Todd will preach a sermon from it. When you submit, share a little about why you chose that passage: what it means to you, or why you think our congregation needs to hear it. You can even let him know if there are dates you'll be away so you don't miss your sermon when it comes!



## Ladies Symposium

Howe Church of Christ is having a **Ladies Symposium on Friday, July 24 & 25**. On Friday the registration is 7-7:30 PM. The speakers will begin at 7:30 PM. On Saturday, registration begins at 8:30-9:00 AM. The speakers will begin at 9:00 AM.

## Let's Get Acquainted Lunch

If you are a new member or have been visiting with us we would like to invite you to join us for a luncheon in the Ark immediately after services on **Sunday, August 2**. This is a great opportunity to meet our Elders, Ministers and their wives and enjoy some good food together.

## Youth Ministry

- **Sun. July 12:** No Connect tonight. CTW Meeting for High School Students in the Ark from 4:00-6:00 PM.
- **Wed. July 15:** No Church due to CTW.
- **July 22 & 23:** Mystery Trip.



## Christian Theater Workshop

CTW Day Camp begins tomorrow! **Performances will be on Saturday July 18, noon and 6:00 PM and Sunday, July 19 at 4:00 PM.**

## Prayer List

Stewart Bolerjack, Hazel Winkle, Kristi Porter-Francis, Mike Foltermann, Floyd & Peggy Clark, Bill Douglass, Tommy Todd, Harold & Peggy Porter, Bob Corley, Elizabeth Phillips, Bennie Smith, Wayne & Becky McLain, Che Che Smith

**Homebound**—Joyce Martin, Daisy Miller, Bobby & Peggy Slaughter, Arlene Joines, Nancy Richard, Verzella Rainwater

**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**—Becky Sanchez (wife of Gil Sanchez, former Director of orphanage in Mexico), Oliver Bush (father of Amyee McAlister & Ashley Sharp), Melanie Hill (sister-in-law of David & Christine Kirkbride), Chris Mahaffey (son of Scott & Joyce Mahaffey), Bailey Woodall (relative of Tracy Woodall), Sharon Scroggins (aunt of Ronda Bigham)

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Worship	380 in person/ 79 online
Offering Goal	\$21,355
Received	\$21,808
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