



The Messenger

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3000 S. Park Avenue, Denison, TX 75020, 903-465-1288



Todd's Take

We're so glad you're here this morning. Whether you're a longtime member or joining us for the first time, we hope you feel right at home as we worship together.

As we kick off August, we're exploring a tension every believer knows well: how do we live as citizens of heaven while still living in the kingdom of this world? Drawing from Philippians, Micah, and the words of Jesus in John 17, we'll see that Scripture calls us not to withdraw from the world, but to engage it wisely — the same way a traveler learns the language and customs of a foreign land.

Our guide for the morning is the Old Testament prophet Daniel, exiled to Babylon yet unwavering in his devotion to God. We'll look at three marks of his life that can shape ours: he resolved his convictions before the pressure came, he prayed as a steady, unshakable habit, and he lived with a clear vision of God's eternal kingdom that shaped his everyday choices. Remarkably, Daniel didn't just survive Babylon — he blessed it, becoming salt and light right where God had placed him.

As C.S. Lewis put it, "Aim at Heaven and you will get Earth thrown in. Aim at Earth and you will get neither." Come ready to consider what it looks like to aim at heaven, right where you are.

PRESSING ON

FORWARD IN FAITH

3 weeks

UNTIL

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

LAUNCH

SUNDAY,
AUGUST 23



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 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 Detto (903.267.8285), Shane Haddock (580.775.1803), George Hatfield (903.357.3563), David Kirkbride (903.436.7283), Blake Smith (214.549.9577)

News

New Members

Dennis & Linda Swayne are placing membership today. They are the parents of **Nicodemus Swayne**. Their contact information is: 77 Fellowship Lane, Sherman, TX 75090.

Thank You

Thank you for being our church away from our home in Thailand, for welcoming us, supporting and praying for us through this journey of breast cancer. So happy to report that after 12 rounds of chemo, 16 sessions of radiation, and continued targeted therapy, I will be in remission in January 2027! Woohoo! We love you, **Chip & Melanie Hill, family of the Kirkbride's**.

Let's Get Acquainted Luncheon

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 today. This is a great opportunity to meet our Elders, Ministry staff and their families and enjoy a delicious home cooked meal.

PAWS Lite

Join us at 5:15 PM this Wednesday for our meal followed by one of our DMC's. **Shelly Calvert** and her team will be preparing **Hot Sandwiches, Chips, Salad Bar & Dessert**.

Back to School Prayer

Join us for this community event next **Sunday, August 9** to pray for our students and teachers this new school year. We will meet at **Parkside Baptist Church at 7:00 PM** and then disperse to the different campuses at 7:30 PM.

Man Alive

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

Prayer List

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

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

Expectant Mothers—Cina Strickland, Preslee Powell, Shelby Russell

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 Tharp), Melanie Hill (sister-in-law of David & Christine Kirkbride), Chris Mahaffey (son of Scott & Joyce Mahaffey), Sharon Scroggins (aunt of Ronda Bigham), Judy Allen (friend of Ronda Bigham), Carl Epsy (father of Erin Sexton)

Please notify the church office at office@parkavenuechurch.com for updates.

College Age Ministry

Our CAM (collage age ministry) is looking for someone to lead this ministry at Grayson College. If you would be interested in this role please contact **Gary Calvert**.

Volunteer Opportunity

A great opportunity will open this Winter for a **teacher and two assistants in the Wednesday night Toddler Bible class this winter (Dec-Feb) 6:30-7:30**. Lessons, supplies, and support are ready to make serving this class a blessing! See **Rachel McClure** to volunteer.

Women's Bible Study

Parkside Baptist Church is hosting a 6 week women's Bible study on **Fridays from 2:00 PM-3:30 PM beginning on August 7 through September 11. The topic is Heaven**. Please register by emailing Elizabeth Meeks at memeeks0330@gmail.com or text 903-624-3693.

Ladies Brunch

Women of all ages and stages of life are invited to join us for a brunch on **Saturday, August 15 from 10:00-11:30 AM in the ARK**. Come and enjoy stories, sisterhood and good food. Bring a friend! Childcare will not be provided but children are welcome.

Family Ministry Dates

- **October 17:** Marriage Night Out - an opportunity to laugh, connect and grow together (more details coming soon).
- **October 18:** Front Porch Parenting (more details coming soon).
- **November 7-8:** Fortify Family Retreat.

Youth Ministry

- **Sun. August 2:** Connect tonight from 5:00-7:30 PM in the gym.
- **Wed. August 5:** Bible class at 6:30 PM.



Scan the QR code for links to the communication card, news, and giving.
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web: pacoc.net

For the Record - July 26, 2026

Worship	385 in person/ 113 online
Offering Goal	\$21,355
Received	\$19,046

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