



The Messenger

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Todd's Take

Good morning, church family. Today is Launch Sunday for Pressing On: Forward in Faith — our capital campaign here at Park Avenue Church of Christ. In the sermon time, we're going to walk through the vision God has given our leadership as we step into what's next for this church.

Before we get there, two quick things.

First — tomorrow begins our 40 Days of Prayer and Fasting. If you haven't signed up for a day yet, I want to personally urge you to do that today. We are entering a critical season in the life of this church, and we need God's guidance and strength more than we need our own plans. Prayer isn't the warm-up act to this campaign — it's the main event.

Second — because we want every person in this building, young and old, to hear this vision together, we won't be holding Bible classes this morning for children ages 4 and up. Classes for children 3 and under will run as usual. For our older kids, we've set out books and activity sheets in the back of the worship center that they can access during the service.

Our theme passage for these 40 days is Philippians 3:12-14, and over the coming weeks I'll be preaching straight through it — Paul's words to one of his



favorite churches, the church at Philippi. I want to challenge every one of us to memorize these three verses right along with me. To help with that, we've put together a daily devotional guide for every member of this church, to help you press on in your own walk with the Lord, one day at a time. Pick up a hard copy in the atrium on your way out, or find the digital version anytime at pacoc.net/312.

This is a significant day for Park Avenue. We stand today in a long line of faithful people — the ones who planted this church, the ones who built this building, the ones who kept the doors open and the gospel preached for generations before us. Today, we step forward into what God has next for us. Today, we commit — together — to press on.

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 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

PAWS Lite/Praise Night & Ice Cream Social

Join us at 5:15 PM this Wednesday for our meal followed by our **Praise Night & Ice Cream Social** at 6:30 PM in the Worship Center. **Shelly Calvert** and her team will be preparing **Chicken Salad Croissant Sandwiches, Salad Bar, Veggie Option and PBJ for the kids.**

New Members

Today we welcome new members, **Cory & Sherry Wynn.** Their contact information is: 2622 Flora Lane, Denison, TX 75020.

Thank You's

Thank you to everyone for your prayers, cards, and calls while I was sick. **Gay Nix**

I want to thank each person who lead a **PAWS LITE** team this summer and everyone who helped cook, serve and clean up. Each and every one of you is appreciated. Thank you! **Shelly Calvert**

Baptisms

Congratulations to **Chris Bibbs** and **Matthew Carruth Jr.** who were baptized into Christ last Sunday.

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.

Barnabas Food Drive

We will have a food drive **Sept. 6-Sept.27** to help the **Barnabas Center** fill their pantry.

90th Birthday Celebration

You are invited to a come and go event to celebrate the birthday of **Jane Smith-Williams** at her home at 2100 Flora Lane, Denison on **Saturday, September 5 from 1:00-3:00 PM.** No gifts, please.

Prayer List

Verzella Rainwater, Jane Elmore, Kathy Sturch, Elizabeth Phillips, Stewart Bolerjack, Hazel Winkle, Kristi Porter-Francis, Mike Foltermann, Floyd & Peggy Clark, Bill Douglass, Tommy Todd, Harold Porter, Lisa Cobble, 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

Currently Serving in the Military—Carter Hayes, Jackson Brandt, River Pasich, Christian Morris (grandson of Kathy & Chris Reinsch), William O'Neal (nephew of Jeff & Katie Thompson)

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), 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.

Pressing On - Forward in Faith

Today, August 23, we launch our Pressing On Forward in Faith Campaign. Our first step is our **40 Days of Prayer**, please sign up on our calendar in the atrium. You can also sign up online through the app or website. **Today, Bible classes for children will be offered for Babies and Toddlers up to 3 years only.** The rest of the children will remain in the worship center to hear about the exciting plans for their future through prayer and giving! Children's books and color sheets and crayons are available at the rear of the worship center to take back to their seats with parents. Kid-friendly sermon notetaking activity sheets are available for older students. Rachel will be at the back to provide guidance.

Ministers Cook Off

Mark your calendars for **Wednesday, September 2 at 6:00 PM** in the Courtyard. We will enjoy some good food and fellowship. Bring a lawn chair!

Area Events

- **August 23, 24, 25:** Gospel Meeting at MLK Church of Christ in Denison.
- **August 29:** Men's Day at Northside Church of Christ in Bonham at 8:00 AM.
- **September 26:** Ladies Day at Northside Church of Christ in Bonham at 8:30 AM. Call the church office for more details.

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

- **Sunday, August 23: Rooted** will meet at the Clements' house from 5:00-7:30 PM.



Scan the QR code for links to the communication card, news, and giving.
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For the Record - August 16, 2026

Worship	475 in person/ 111 online
Offering Goal	\$21,355
Received	\$17,197

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