



The Messenger

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Todd's Take

Welcome to our worship service. We are glad to have you here, whether you're a longtime member or a first-time visitor. If you have any questions about Park Avenue or need to know more about the Lord, please seek us out.

Today in the sermon time we take on the second of six phrases we are working through as I preach through and we memorize Philippians 3:12-14. Paul has just admitted that he hasn't yet obtained what he's after — he hasn't already reached the goal. And it's out of that honest admission that today's phrase comes, Philippians 3:12b:

"But I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me."

How we react when we fall short of a goal reveals a lot about us. We can simply give up. We can quietly lower the standard. We can slide into guilt and despair. Paul does none of these. He presses on.

Today we will dig into the how and why of Paul's continued pursuit, and find our own motivation to press on. Life can be disheartening. Goals can be elusive. The energy to keep moving forward is sometimes hard to find. But giving up cannot be an option — and knowing He has not given up on us may be the greatest motivation of all.

I'm glad you are here today as we press on together — to worship, to fellowship, to remember the Lord's sacrifice, and to reflect on Paul's words to the church in Philippi.

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.*

PRESSING ON CAMPAIGN

TWO IMPORTANT EVENTS

Two important events are upon us as we continue our Pressing On campaign, and we want everyone to be part of both.

God's Economy: Stewardship Training

This two-session training explores how obedience to Christ opens the door to abundant blessing, and how debt, dishonest gain, and distraction can quietly erode our walk with Him. It's not transactional — it's transformational.

- Wednesdays, 6:30 pm — 9/9 & 9/16 (Atrium or Room D)
- Sundays, 9:00 am — 9/13 & 9/20 (Classroom D or Classroom C)
- Sundays, 5:30 pm — 9/13 & 9/20 (Atrium)

Informational Gatherings

Join us for a small-group evening to ask questions, get clarification on the campaign and scope of improvements, and share prayer requests — which will be lifted up during our 24-hour prayer vigil on October 2-3.

Three consecutive Saturday evenings (9/12, 9/19, 9/26), 6:00-7:30 pm, in homes and at the church.

Please sign up on the board in the Atrium, or online at pacoc.net/312.

Questions? Contact the church office.

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

Baptisms

Last Sunday we were honored to witness **Olivia Crist** put on Christ in baptism. And then on Monday **Baker Allison** did the same! We rejoice with Olivia and Baker and their families. **August was a great month here at PACOC as we welcomed 10 new souls into the family of God.**

Memorial Services

A service for **Harold Armstrong**, husband of Dorothy Armstrong and father of Kristy Beam, will be held at Park Avenue Church on **Saturday, September 12 at 1:00 PM.** A memorial service for **Verzella Rainwater**, mother of Rachel McClure, will be held on **Monday, September 21 at 10 AM** also at Park Avenue Church.

Barnabas Food Drive

Our food drive begins today and will run through **September 27.** Grab a tab or two in the Atrium to help the **Barnabas Center** fill their pantry for Thanksgiving.

Park Avenue Wednesday Supper

Join us this Wednesday at 5:15 PM for our PAWS meal before our DMC's at 6:30 PM. **Amanda Johnson** and her team are preparing **Spaghetti & Meatballs, Green Beans, Garlic Bread, Salad Bar & Dessert.**

40 Days of Prayer and Fasting

We are in the midst of our 40 Days of Prayer and Fasting, and although we have at least one person signed up for each day, you're still welcome to join in — we would love to have multiple people dedicated to praying and fasting for PACOC each day. The sign-up board is in the Atrium, along with devotional guides, journals, and bracelets.

Prayer List

Kelly Thomas, 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

Expectant Mothers—Cina Strickland, Preslee Powell, Shelby Russell, Maddie Cannon

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 Sharp), 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.

Baby Shower

Join us for a baby shower for **Cina Strickland** and baby **Kiran** in the Atrium on **Sunday, September 20 from 1:30-3:00 PM.** Registry is at babylist.com

Ladies Day

Women of all ages and stages of life are invited to join us for a Ladies Day on **Saturday, October 24** in the Family Life Center from **9:00 AM to 3:00 PM.** Our theme will be "Abide." Come and be inspired by our speaker, **LuAnn Nystrom**, daughter of Kathy Sturch and the late Ernie Sturch. We will enjoy coffee, lunch, and fellowship together. Childcare will be provided. Register now at pacoc.net/ladies

Lady Jacket Breakfasts

We will be hosting 4 lady jacket breakfasts this year for the female athletes in the Denison school district. The dates are **September 25, October 8 & 23, November 6.** You can volunteer to **cook, serve or clean up** at pacoc.net/ladyjackets

Trunk 'n Treat

Mark your calendar for our annual Trunk 'n Treat on **Sunday, October 25 from 5:00 PM- 7:00 PM.**

Family Ministry Dates

- **Sunday, September 13:** Parent and Church Commitment Sunday (for new babies).
- **Saturday, October 17:** Marriage Date Night from 6-9PM. Cost is \$30 per couple. Register at pacoc.net/marriage
- **Sunday, October 18:** Parent Workshop
- **Saturday/Sunday, November 7 & 8:** Fortify Family Retreat!

Youth Ministry

- **Sunday, September 6:** **Rooted** will meet at Sam & Maddie's home from 5:00-7:30 PM.



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Wifi Password: [pacocguest](http://pacoc.net)
email: office@parkavenuechurch.com
web: pacoc.net

For the Record - August 30, 2026

Worship	475 in person/ 131 online
Offering Goal	\$21,355
Received	\$19,993

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Thanks for your ongoing financial support.