



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 fourth of six phrases we are working through as I preach through and we memorize Philippians 3:12-14. Last week Paul told us honestly that he has not yet made the prize his own. Today's phrase is his answer to that honesty — not despair, but direction. Philippians 3:13b:

"But one thing I do: forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead."

We all carry something behind us — a failure we can't quite let go of, or maybe a success we've quietly settled into. Either one can hold us in place. Paul refuses both. With one open hand behind him and one hand reaching forward, he presses toward what's next.

Today we'll look at what it means to truly let go of the past — the good and the bad — and to strain with everything we have toward what God has set in front of us. Complacency doesn't always look like giving up. Sometimes it looks like resting a little too long in yesterday's victory. But the Christian life was never meant to be a stroll — it's a race, run one faithful step at a time, always facing forward.

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.

PRESSING ON

FORWARD IN FAITH

UPCOMING EVENTS

Informational Gatherings

We have one more Saturday left for you to join in on a small-group 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.

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

24 Hour Prayer Vigil

Our 40 days of prayer will culminate with a 24 hour prayer vigil here at the building from 6 PM Friday, October 2 to 6 pm Saturday, October 3. No sign up required, just show up any time on the hour and join in with prayer leaders to lift up PACOC. Plan to stay for an entire hour.

New Classes and Disciple Making Communities Beginning Wednesday & Sunday

New DMCs begin this Wednesday night at 6:30, and new Bible classes begin next Sunday at 9 AM. We also offer DMCs on Sunday nights. See all the offerings on the information sheet at the welcome center. Children's classes for all ages are offered on Wednesday nights as well.

Schedule

Sunday Bible Classes: 9 AM

God's Economy, Session Two - Rooms C & D

Open Adult Class - 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

Sympathy's

Our sympathy is with **Garland & Judith Nevil** after the passing of their son-in-law, **Ronny Grubb**, last Sunday. Services are pending at this time.

Our sympathy is also with **Kyle Fleming** and his family after the passing of his father, **Doyn Fleming** last Tuesday. Family night is tomorrow, **Monday, September 21 from 5-7PM** and a funeral service on **Tuesday, September 22 at 10 AM**, at Fisher Funeral Home.

Memorial Service

A memorial service for **Verzella Rainwater**, mother of Rachel McClure, will be held tomorrow, **Monday, September 21 at 10 AM** at Park Avenue Church.

Thank You's

Thank you so much for your prayers and support over the past 10 years of Steve's health issues. Thank you for every hug and every kind word along the way. Through every challenge my Park Avenue family has prayed for Steve, our family, and for me as caregiver. "It is God, who arms us with strength and keeps my way secure." Psalm 18:32. Blessings, **Judy Black**

Thank you for participating in this year's baby bottle campaign. Your total raised was \$1315.81. Because of you, lives are being changed. Thank you for standing for life alongside us! **True Options Pregnancy Center**

Barnabas Food Drive

Our food drive ends next **Sunday, September 27**. Grab a tab or two in the Atrium to help the **Barnabas Center** fill their pantry for Thanksgiving.

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

Prayer List

Kelly Thomas, Matt Hogan, Jane Elmore, Kathy Sturch, Elizabeth Phillips, Stewart Bolerjack, Hazel Winkle, Kristi Porter-Francis, Mike Foltermann, Floyd & Peggy Clark, Patrick Mullins, Dee Stone, Tommy Todd, Harold Porter, Lisa Cobble, Bob Corley, Bennie Smith, Wayne & Becky McLain, Che Che Smith, Brenda Huff, Ronda Bigham

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 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), Jerry Coulston (friend of Eddie & Belinda Eads)

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

Ladies Day

Women of all ages and stages of life are invited to join us for a Ladies Day on **Sat. October 24** in the Family Life Center from **9:00AM-3:00PM**. 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

Park Avenue Wednesday Supper

Join us this Wednesday at 5:15 PM for our PAWS meal followed by one of our DMC's at 6:30 PM. **Susie Hilton** and her team are preparing **Baked Potato Bar, Salad Bar & Dessert**.

Trunk 'n Treat

Mark your calendar for our annual Trunk 'n Treat on **Sunday, October 25 from 5-7:00 PM**. Sign up to host a trunk at pacoc.net/tnt

Showers

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

Join us for a wedding shower for **Ryan Wilson & Megan Douglas** on **Sunday, October 4** in the Atrium from **1:00-2:30 PM**. They are registered at Amazon and Target.

A baby shower for **Shelby Russell and baby Charlotte Mae** will be held at the home of Kathy Pryor, 1310 W. Main Street, Denison on **Sunday, October 11 from 1:30-3:00 PM**. Registered at Amazon. Search Charlotte Mae G.

Family Ministry Dates

- October 17:** Marriage Date Night from 6-9PM in the ARK. Cost is \$30 per couple. This is an opportunity to laugh, connect and grow together. Register at pacoc.net/marriage
- October 18:** Front Porch Parenting (more details coming soon)
- November 7-8:** Fortify Family Retreat. Registration opens next Sunday, September 27.

Youth Ministry

- Sunday, September 20:** **Rooted** will meet at the home of Jim & Rhonda McClure from **5:00-7:30 PM**.



Scan the QR code for links to the communication card, news, and giving.
Wifi Password: pacocguest
email: office@parkavenuechurch.com
web: pacoc.net

For the Record - September 13, 2026

Worship	400 in person/ 142 online
Offering Goal	\$21,355
Received	\$14,921
YTD AVG	\$22,031

You can give online at pacoc.net/give.
Thanks for your ongoing financial support.