



The Messenger

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



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 fifth of six phrases we are working through as I preach through and we memorize Philippians 3:12-14. Last week Paul told us his one thing: forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead. Today's phrase tells us what he is straining toward. Philippians 3:14a:

"I press on toward the goal to win the prize."

It's easy to be busy and still be aimless. Our days fill up with worries, schedules, screens, and even good things, until we lose sight of what we're running for. Paul chose a word for "goal" that means the mark you fix your eyes on. Like looking through a scope, he chose to see less so he could see clearly.

Today we'll look at what it means to keep our eyes on the goal, and at the prize waiting at the end of the race. It isn't a participation trophy, and it isn't a merit badge. It's a gift from God that we run toward, and it's far greater than any applause this world can offer. There are many voices in the stands, but only one Judge makes the call, and his is the only opinion that counts.

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

24 Hour Prayer Vigil - October 2-3

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.

Pledge Sunday - October 25

On that Sunday, each family will be invited to make a three-year commitment to our Pressing On campaign and to bring a First Fruits Offering to help the work begin. Pledge cards will be provided, and every commitment will be prayed over together. Please be in prayer about what God is leading you to give.

New Disciple Making Communities Have Begun

New DMCs have begun on Wednesday nights at 6:30, and new adult Bible classes started this 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 and Sunshine Hour for kids is available on Sunday mornings.

For info and sign-up go to pacoc.net/groups

Schedule

Sunday Bible Classes: 9 AM

Meet the Bible - Rooms D

Everyday Evangelism - Youth Suite, The ARK
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

Baptism

Congratulations to **Leslie Crist** who was baptized into Christ last Sunday. We and the angels in heaven rejoice with you!

New Members

Dennis & Connie Deckard are placing membership with us today. Please make them feel welcome. Their contact address is: 39 Campbell Road, Sadler, TX 76264.

Sympathy

Our sympathy is with **Debbie Nelson** after the loss of her father, Wayne Dwight Weger, last Sunday.

Thank You's

Thank you for your thoughts & prayers. Thank you for the beautiful flowers. We love our Park Avenue family and are grateful for your love and support! Love, **The Kirkbride's**

Thank you for your support over the last nine months of cancer treatment. My experience of your prayers was truly moving and important to the healing. The scans indicate the cancer is gone and I am on the road to recovery. **Bill Douglass**

Many thanks for the countless ways you have reached out to our family upon the death of our precious mom. The cards, texts, posts, and hugs communicated your deep love for her and for us in a time of grief. Our family was blessed by the delicious lunch after the funeral, prepared by caring sisters in Christ. The Lord's good plan for Believers to live in community was vividly evident in the recent months as you supported and blessed us. **The family of Verzella Rainwater**

Lady Jacket Breakfasts

We will be hosting 3 more lady jacket breakfasts this year. The dates are **October 8 & 23, November 6**. You can volunteer 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.

Barnabas Food Drive

Today is the last day to bring your food for the Barnabas Center. Thank you to everyone who brought food.

Trunk 'n Treat

Our annual Trunk 'n Treat is **Sunday, October 25 from 5-7:00 PM**. Sign up to host a trunk at pacoc.net/tnt. We are also in need of Candy. Candy donations can be placed in the baskets in the hallways.

Park Avenue Wednesday Supper

Join us Wednesday at 5:15 PM for PAWS& a DMC at 6:30 PM. **Barbara Hardy** and team are preparing **Manwich Sandwiches, Chips, Salad, & Dessert**.

Ladies Day

Women of all ages and stages of life are invited to join us for a Ladies Day on **Sat. October 24 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

Showers

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 & baby Charlotte Mae** will be 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 27:** **Rooted** will meet in the gym from **5:00-7:30 PM**.



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

For the Record - September 20, 2026

Worship	365 in person/ 181 online
Offering Goal	\$21,355
Received	\$26,300
YTD AVG	\$22,108

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