



# Park Avenue Christian Church NEWS

## June 15, 2026

### Why and How Are We Supposed to Worship?

One of my best friends in ministry is Rev. Dr. Bill Thomas, and he talks about how when he was in seminary in the 1980s, one of the hot topics of discussion was the “worship wars.” This was a flippant way to describe the changing music styles of the time, and to describe the disagreements that were happening in churches all around the country. Individual churches always had a wide breadth of music styles and instruments that they used in worship; especially in different cultures and locations. While one church may use their horns to get together and accompany the Hallelujah chorus around Christmas, another may use horns to play jazzy versions or fiddles to play the bluegrass versions of popular hymns. “The worship wars,” weren’t about that nuance, they were about the idea of modern music vs traditional music, and if you really break that down, it was about style. Do we want to hear an organ or do we want to see an electric piano? But we all know, worship is more than the songs we sing or the instruments we use! Worship has been a lot of different things over the churches long life, and some of those things don’t even take place in a church! I think those binary terms do worship a disservice, God a disservice, and when we focus on them we do ourselves a disservice.

This Sunday, our sermon is about worship, specifically why should worship of God be a part of our lives to begin with? We are talking about, to steal a popular phrase from a well known worship song, the heart of worship. What does scripture say, what have believers done for centuries, and what have we experienced that makes worship important for us?

Love and Peace,

Pastor Zach

## F.A.Q.

Faith Questions. Answered Together.

*Why and How Are We Supposed to Worship?*

*Mark 7: 5-8*

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# Many Prayers to be said:

- Linda Chamberlin has been diagnosed with Breast Cancer in the ducts. She is scheduled for surgery on the 23rd of June and will receive radiation afterwards. Please join all of us at Park Avenue in praying for our all-around music pro who keeps us singing each Sunday.
  - Lois Birmingham as she recovers from surgery.
  - Kim Renoe while she cares for her father and mother after her father's successful kidney transplant.
  - Nate Schiltz, who sustained an injury at work during a fire.
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## Our Life Together

### Thursday, June 18

Disciple Men's Fellowship 6:00-8:00pm



### Monday, June 15

Stewardship 6:30-7:30 pm

### Sunday, June 21

Worship 10:30AM

Father's Day

Holy Buckets

Baby Dedication

### Tuesday, June 23

Worship Band Rehearsal 6:00pm - (in Sanctuary)







## Coffee Fellowship

Sundays 10-10:30 AM

Please sign up to make coffee for this Fellowship time for future Sundays.

Thank you!

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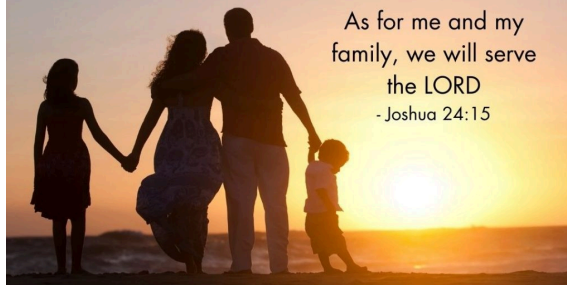
## Baby Dedication *This Sunday*



Join us as at Park Avenue Christian Church  
as we honor Lane Richard Hannan  
during worship on Sunday.

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## Happy FATHER'S DAY



As for me and my family, we will serve the LORD  
- Joshua 24:15



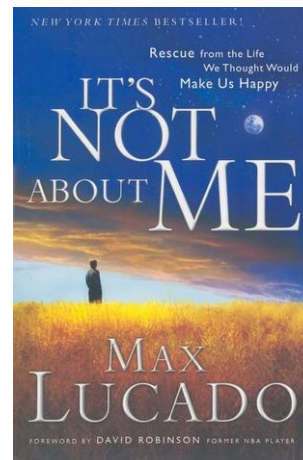
# Sunday Prayer Group at 8 pm



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**Adult Book Study:  
Meet in the Library  
Sundays 9:30 am**

**In depth look and  
discussion on Max  
Lucado's "It's Not  
About Me".**



**Facebook: PACCC Family**



**Help show our campers your support by sending them a letter! You can mail it directly to the camp (or email: [office@uppermidwest.org](mailto:office@uppermidwest.org)) or give it to the church, and we will send it along!**

**Christian Conference Center  
5064 Lincoln St.  
Newton, Iowa 50208**

- Kendall Ford-Conway (July 5th-10th)
- Uriah Ford (July 26th-31st)
- Alannah Burch (June 14th-19th)
- Samuel Burch (July 26th-31st)
- Graydon Tolzmann (August 2nd-7th)
- Mylie Beaty (July 12th-17th)
- Naomi Pederson (July 19th-24th)
- Kaylee Wilson (July 19th-24th)
- Nathan Johnson (August 2nd-7th)
- Silas Chaser (Dates TBD)



## 2026 Christian Conference Center Camp Dates.

# Day Camps @ the CCC

Open to all kids who have  
completed grades K-5th!

\$50/per kid, per session

Sessions run from 7:45a-3p.

Each session must have a minimum of 8 kids  
Guardians will be given the option to move  
the child to a different session of their choice



**More information available at:**

<https://www.newtonccc.org/summer-day-camp>



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# Micro Food Pantry & Little Library



Please help us keep it filled for those in need. Please leave non-perishable food items in the grocery cart located in the narthex.

If you have any questions, please see:

Lori Durrett 515-971-2020

Jan Stribling 515-979-2645

Our little free library is in need of some books. If you have some spare, please share!

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## Cashless Giving One Time or Recurring

To submit Prayers, Celebrations, Announcements or Calendar items, please email reply to this email.



### **Park Avenue Christian Church**

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