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SuperStart is the annual overnight conference we attend with our 4th and 5th graders. This message throughout the weekend will be centered around II Corinthians 9:11 which reads, “You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God”. Everything we have belongs to God. As the youth are challenged to be more generous, as adults, let’s also be challenged!!

“I did not enjoy going to church last Sunday” was the first sentence in an article entitled, “A painful apology to a kid at church” that I found on Fox News last week. Obviously the article caught my attention.

The author began by explaining that he had taken his three kids to church by himself because his wife was ill. He faced more than the usual struggles to get everyone to church, and while trying to find a parking place found himself thinking, “I shouldn’t have tried to come.” When he got there a half an hour late, almost on time for CCC I should probably note, he was asking himself, “Why am I even here?”

At the sign-in table he noticed a little girl clinging to her mother, afraid to go to Sunday School, and told his daughter to say hello. She responded, “I don’t want to.” He explained the importance of doing so, and said, “Do it!” She again responded, “I don’t want to, Daddy.” He was determined to win the battle, so kept ordering her to do it until she had tears in her eyes. He then sent her off to class with a stranger she didn’t know.

During the worship service his baby needed a bottle, so he went to get it. As he passed his daughter’s class he saw her, and started feeling ashamed for what he had done. He knew he had to do something right then and there, so went into her classroom, knelt down beside her and whispered in her ear, “How did it make you feel when I forced you to talk to that little girl?” She responded, “Sad.” When she then acknowledged that he had indeed embarrassed her, her lip started quivering.

He picked her up, took her into the hallway, and with tears in his eyes, said, “I’m really sorry, will you forgive me?” She nodded, and he said, “I’m going to pray and ask God to forgive me too.” In his prayer he asked for forgiveness for being a bad father. She then whispered in his ear, “You’re not a bad father.”

Indeed he’s not. He did exactly what needed to be done.

Paul warned fathers about disciplining their children in ways that lead to unintended consequences. An apology for making a demand without considering the tone of voice used, or how it was received, doesn’t diminish authority. It only makes better fathers. God Bless, Rick

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Sunday Worship Service

Bible School

9:15 AM

10:45 AM

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## STATISTICS

Worship 126  
Offering \$10,711.67

### SERVING THIS SUNDAY – 3/12/17

Greeters ..... Debbie Sanner  
Visitors' Stand ..... Judy Marlow  
Communion Meditation ..... Chris Luzio  
Jack Stucki  
Ushers ..... Otto Huber  
Duane Carrell  
Gary Gredzieleski  
Bob Williamson  
Jack Ruebush  
Chuck McLaughlin

#### WORSHIP NURSERY

Toddlers ..... Sara & Regan Bartels  
Infants ..... Dixie Williamson  
..... Kate Sperry  
Sunday School  
Toddlers ..... Julie Divjak  
Infants ..... Kristin Polley

## Let Us Pray For...

--Belinda Hutchins recovering from major back surgery.

--Deanna Langheim recovering from gall bladder surgery.

--Gloria Carroll's niece having heart surgery this week.

## Life of Christ

We actually finished a chapter last week, so this Sunday we will move into chapter 15, "The Refusal to be a Bread King." Even those without the book are invited to join us at 6:30 because we read aloud a passage, and then discuss it.



## VOLLEYBALL

There are only three more weeks of adult volleyball scheduled for CCC adults at the gym at LSCA. Play begins around 8:00 on Sunday evenings, and lasts until we get too tired to play any more. Those who tire early, have to get home to get kids in bed, or need to stop by ExpressCare, are free to leave anytime.

Seriously, spending time on a volleyball court with your brothers and sisters in Christ is a great way to get to know them on another level, and it's a fun way to get



The next meeting of Tabitha's Touch will be Monday, March 13th at 6:30. Those coming are encouraged to bring a snack, scissors, and their sewing machine.

Chatham CC,

I am so grateful that God brought you into our lives and for your continued support. Your love, prayers and generosity is used by God to make the ministry done on campus possible! Thank you for your partnership and may God bless you. He is using you to be an incredible blessing to us!

In Christ,  
David Lasley, Director  
Christian Student Fellowship



This spring, LCU is putting on a conference for High School students called The Vine Conference. It is centered around John 15:4 which reads, "Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me." We all must stay connected to the vine.

If you choose to go, you will be staying in the dorms (not that hard gym floor we slept on last time), so that's a plus! Also, you will have the chance to interact with current college students and professors during breakout sessions. The cost is only \$35 for the weekend!

This year, it starts the evening of Friday, March 31st and will conclude the afternoon of Saturday, April 1st. We will talk about it more in class as the conference approaches, but be thinking about if you would like to juggle your schedule and participate in this fun weekend at LCU!



It's impossible to predict what the weather will be like on Saturday, March 25th, but let's plan on spending some time serving others that afternoon. Details might change, but I am thinking of gathering at the church mid afternoon, working until we get hungry, then venturing off to a fun destination to eat dinner together. We'll have some discussions Sunday and if the date works well for the majority of people, we'll start planning out the projects for our afternoon together!

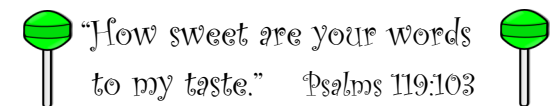


### 4th 5th Grade Students

I am looking forward to seeing you on Friday! Of all the things we do together, SuperStart is definitely one of my favorites! The music is good, the message is always good, our group is good, the food we eat is good, everything about the weekend is good! So, if you are ready for a good time, no a great time at SuperStart, here are the key details to remember:

- We are leaving CCC this Friday, March 10, at 4pm.
- Kids will need a change of clothes, a Bible, overnight supplies, a pillow and a sleeping bag.
- We will be staying with other youth groups at College Park Christian Church in Bloomington.
- Bring enough money for three meals and optional shirts, music, etc. at SuperStart..
- Pick up time will be at 5pm on Saturday at CCC.

Try to read II Corinthians 9:11 a few times with your parents before SuperStart. I look forward to finding ways that we can be more generous to others and bring glory to our Heavenly Father!



I'm off to the store to get more candy! You guys definitely earn it every Sunday morning with your efforts to memorize scripture. Good job! This week, there is a little different focus for everyone. The focus is on learning. So, tell me two main points from your Sunday School lesson, we'll briefly talk about them, then you can have a sweet treat!