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My Sunday night class was gracious, and allowed me to move from a brief section on purity in our book, to a rather lengthy article written by a homemaker from Tennessee that I discovered last week in *Touchstone*.

When I find insightful, thought provoking articles that I want to share with you, I often summarize them in this column, and then put copies of the entire article in the hall rack. Apparently my summaries are so good that few, if any, feel a need to read the whole thing. I knew that would be the case with an eleven page article subtitled "The Godly Hierarchies of Love & Marriage."

Since simply reading a passage from our book, and then discussing it, seems to work best for our Sunday night class, I wondered if I could do the same with this article. And since it dealt with a topic we were discussing anyway, I hoped the class would go along with the idea. They did, and we started it last week. But since we only covered a couple of pages, there is still time for others to join with us.

The article is not an easy read, but it is well worth the time and effort. The author goes back to the nature of God Himself to answer questions about masculinity and femininity, positions of authority, sexual expression, and marriage. Obviously these are hot topics today, and everyone seems to have an opinion about such matters.

To find answers about interpersonal relationships that go beyond mere opinion to foundational truth based on the triune nature of God might seem like something that ought to be left to ivory tower theologians. Today, however, when there is not even a consensus among churches, and what has historically been the Christian position on matters of gender roles and sexuality goes counter to socially accepted and politically correct opinion, it may very well be necessary for Christians in general, and Christian parents in particular, to equip themselves with answers that go beyond the "this is my opinion what's yours" playing field.

If you want solid answers to some of the most important questions being asked in our day, join us this Sunday at 6:30. I've made up even more copies, and we'll bring you up to speed before we continue reading the article together.

God Bless, Rick



## THE CHATHAM MESSENGER

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# LSCA SUMMER CAMP

Session High School Discovery Camp 1 Niners Adventure 7-8	Date June 11-16 June 12-16 June 18-23 June 18-21	Age Group 10th—Just Grad 2nd—4th 9th 7th and 8th
Discovery Camp 2	June 19-23	2nd—4th
Fishing Camp	June 22-23	5th—8th (Boys)
HS Wilderness	June 25-30	9th—Just Grad
Trailblazer Camp	June 25-28	3rd and 4th
Discovery Camp 3	June 26-30	2nd—4th
Hello Camp 1	June 29 (am)	2-3 yrs old
Hello Camp 2	June 29 (pm)	4-5 yrs old
Day Camp 1 Explorers Camp Adventure 5-6	June 30 " / July 9-12 July 9-11	1st 4th and 5th 5th and 6th
Discovery Camp 4	July 10-14	2nd—4th
First Chance Camp	July 13-14	2nd and 3rd
Junior Camp	July 16-20	5th and 6th
Discovery Camp 5	July 17-21	2nd—4th
Day Camp 2	July 21	1st
Junior High	July 23-28	7th and 8th
Discovery Camp 6	July 24-28	2nd—4th
Wilderness	July 30-Aug 5	College Students

REGISTER FOR YOUR WEEK AT WWW.LSCACAMP.ORG

#### **STATISTICS**

Worship 112 Offering \$5,655.00

#### SERVING THIS SUNDAY – 3/26/17

Greeters Duane Carrell Visitors' Stand Bob & Dixie Williamson		
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Communion Meditation Chris Luzio		
Rick Polley		
UshersOtto Huber		
Duane Carrell		
Gary Gredzieleski		
Bob Williamson		
Jack Ruebush		
Chuck McLaughlin		
WORSHIP NURSERY		
ToddlersKristin Polley		
Jake Divjak		
Infants Rhonda Luzio		
Courtney Bales		
Sunday School		
Toddlers Julie Divjak		
Infants Dixie Williamson		



### STAY CONNECTED!

Our new fellowship directory containing addresses and phone numbers of those currently attending Chatham Christian Church has been printed, and will be available on the sermon table and in the hall rack this Sunday.

Please take as many as you can use, and use the directory to stay better connected with your brothers and sisters.



#### NURSERY REMODEL & REPAIR

The church paper didn't make it to our out-of-town readers before last Sunday, and that may be part of the reason no one has come forward to help with the remodeling and repair work that's needed in our nursery. Financially it won't be a hardship for us to hire the work done, but we did want to first give anyone within our body the opportunity to serve in this way if they desired to do so. Since the cabinet has been ordered, however, we do need to get started soon. If no one indicates an interest in physically helping with this project within the next week or so, we will be looking for someone to hire, so please let Rick know ASAP if you want to take on part of the project yourself.



# LAST CHANCE TO



There will be an informational meeting at the church this Sunday evening at 5:30 for all interested in learning more about our planned mission trip to Mexico in 2018. We will be discussing potential dates, costs and how we would be helping Casas por Cristo during our week of service. Please be in prayer about this opportunity to love our neighbors in Mexico!



## Lake Springfield Christian Assembly

Every year, the camp asks supporting churches to donate items to their pantry to save costs associated with their programs. This helps keep the potential increases to camping fees at a minimum even as expenses rise.

This year, they have asked us to contribute boxes of Cheerios and boxes of Fruit Loops. I will be collecting them in my office so feel free to drop off a few boxes anytime.

Also, they would like us to provide two kitchen volunteers for Monday, July 24th during the week of Junior High Camp. Volunteers are requested to either work from 11am-1pm or from 3pm-5pm. Please let me know if this is a service you would be willing to provide.

Finally, don't forget about camp work day scheduled for Saturday. Volunteers will be meeting at the Lakeview Lodge at 8:30 for cinnamon rolls and coffee. After that, a variety of tasks are scheduled to be completed before lunch is served for those interested.



# CCC Annual Be-YOU-ty Pageant

The annual CCC Beauty Pageant for Jr. High Girls is scheduled for April 7 & 8! This event always proves to be a great combination of fun and fellowship. This year the focus is on YOU and how God has wonderfully made YOU without mistakes.

Of course, the study will take place among evening gowns, make up, hair spray, high heels and the talent show. The pageant weekend will begin here at the church at 6:30 on Friday the 7th and will conclude at noon on Saturday. There is a sign up sheet posted on the bulletin board for all Jr. High girls who are interested in attending.

Also, for the boys, let's plan something for that evening. Something totally opposite than dressing up in formal gowns and make up, something like eating messy buffalo wings or a marathon video game session.



"How sweet are your words to my taste." Psalms 119:103



In the midst of hearing memory verses, talking about Sunday School lessons and handing out candy, I forgot that last week was double treat Sunday. Caleb reminded me of that and belted out the verse in last week's paper which was Philippians 4:4 as he said, "Rejoice in the Lord always and again I say rejoice." Way to go Caleb Luzzio!! I love hearing from all the kids every Sunday. See you soon!