

On August 29th, the Council on Biblical Manhood and Womanhood released a statement that was signed by 150 leaders in the evangelical community. When I read it, I thought I would share it with you as part of my sermon when we got into the second chapter of II Peter, where Peter speaks of the condemnation of Sodom and Gomorrah and the coming judgment on those who indulge the flesh in corrupt desires. Now that I've concluded that the best way to cover what Peter is saying is to present the entire chapter in one sermon, I realize there is no way I can do justice to Peter's message and the Nashville Statement in one setting. I have therefore decided to simply encourage you to read the statement yourself. Printed copies will be in the new hall rack this Sunday.

The preamble to the statement begins with these important words:

"Evangelical Christians at the dawn of the twenty-first century find themselves living in a period of historic transition. As Western culture has become increasingly post-Christian, it has embarked upon a massive revision of what it means to be a human being. By and large the spirit of our age no longer discerns or delights in the beauty of God's design for human life. Many deny that God created human beings for his glory and that his good purposes for us include our personal and physical design as male and female. It is common to think that human identity as male and female is not part of God's beautiful plan, but is, rather, an expression of an individual's autonomous preferences. The pathway to full and lasting joy through God's good design for his creatures is thus replaced by the path of shortsighted alternatives that, sooner or later, ruin human life and dishonor God."

The statement itself then consists of fourteen affirmations and denials that clearly lay out a biblical response to the sexual misinformation that is being actively promoted in our society today. I strongly encourage everyone to read the statement and have it available when their children come home with questions.

God Bless, Rick



## THE CHATHAM MESSENGER

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### ASIAN CHRISTIAN MISSION

Since 2014 we have been trying to reach Jerwang people with the gospel. They live along Burma-China border area. Last week we met with the Jerwang leaders at the border town of Mae Sai and discussed evangelism among them for next couple of years.



*Jesse & Ati with Jerwang preachers*

Up to date more than 500 Jerwang accepted Christ. But due to government and family pressure 187 of them backslid. More than 300 of them remain faithful to Christ. Please pray earnestly with us for these new Christians. Pray that they may continue to find peace and contentment in Jesus and remain faithful to Him. Pray with us also that God will remove all obstacles against Jerwang evangelism. We are most confident that the gospel will go forth mightily and all the Jerwang will someday accept Christ as their personal Savior.

### Jerwang Youth Camp

Majority of Jerwang young people in China are non-christians. And the government makes them to attend government schools. While going to school they stay in government boarding houses. They are prohibited from talking about religion, especially christianity. But we continue to reach Jerwang youth with the gospel. In order to be able to reach them we started summer camp for young people.

Most of those who come to the camp are non-christians. We take this opportunity to evangelise them while they attend summer camp. When the young Jerwang go back home they tell their parents and others what they learned or heard at the camp. Summer camps are like gospel bridge for our evangelists to be able to reach non-christians. In the past evangelists were not welcome to non-christian villages. But after knowing their young people from youth camps it is easier to get into non-christian villages to talk about Christ. Youth camp is attended by some young people from China, Tibet and Burma who live along the border area. The yearly Jerwang summer camp is sponsored by Asian Christian Mission. We will continue to do so in order to reach more Jerwang people for Christ.



## STATISTICS

Worship 94  
Offering \$3,537030

### SERVING THIS SUNDAY-10/15/17

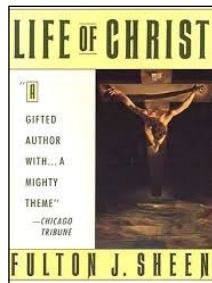
Greeters ..... Gary & Lori Gredzieleski  
Visitors' Stand..... Judy Marlow  
Communion Meditation..... Paul Hunley  
Jack Stucki  
Ushers ..... Chuck McLaughlin  
Rich Mann  
Kent Ballard  
Will Bartels  
Chris Luzio  
Brad Stirmell

#### WORSHIP NURSERY

Toddlers ..... Julie & Jake Divjak  
Infants ..... Dixie Williamson  
..... Courtney Bales  
Sunday School  
Toddlers ..... Julie Divjak  
Infants ..... Bonnie Ruebush



--Chad Formea and family at the unexpected passing of his uncle.  
--Bonnie Ruebush's brother who turned 95 and moved into a nursing home.  
--The David Moose family at the death of their son in motorcycle accident.



This Sunday evening we will be reading together chapter 20 in *Life of Christ*, and discussing the Feast of Tabernacles. The way Jesus fulfilled the imagery of the feast in His person is fascinating.

## ASIAN CHRISTIAN MISSION

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*Late Bro. Teng Yin*

Earlier we wrote to you about seven Jerwang evangelists. It is very sad to tell you that one of them, Bro. Teng Yin, was killed in a motorcycle accident on his way to Shvngurdam village where he was to lead Wednesday prayer meeting. Bro. Teng Yin served as an evangelist and elder in the Church. He left behind his wife (Tishu Ling) and three children. Our hearts go out to them! We need to see to it that Teng Yin's wife and children are taken care of. We will help them from Jerwang evangelistic fund for the time being. Please pray that faith and hope in God will carry them through this difficult time.

Thank you so much for your contribution for printing of Jerwang hymnal. We received \$1,750 towards this project and we were able to print 500 hymnals. Because of your help the Jerwang people can now sing praises to God in their own language. Thank you.

Thank you for your help to purchase a truck for Jerwang evangelism. I will go to Bao Shan, China, to buy the truck. This will be a great help to further the cause of Christ among Jerwang people. Thank you so much indeed! May God Bless you all!

Yours in Him,  
Jesse and Ati



#### K-5th Grade

There is still room in the church van for anyone who would like to go with us to Pumpkin Creek Farms this Sunday morning. As a reminder, we will be leaving right after Sunday School and will be returning at 3:30pm. The cost of admission is \$5 and bring enough money for lunch along the way.



#### LSCA Family Night Out

If the same old Springfield family attractions are getting a little boring, come on out to the camp on Friday, October 20th from 6:30pm-8:00pm for a free family night of activities. Hayrides, hot dogs and a bonfire will be provided. All you have to do is show up and enjoy something a little different with your family!



#### Jr & Sr. High

Since football games are on Friday, let's have a fun night of games on Saturday, October 21st! We will gather around 6pm, order some pizza, then break out the games. Bring a friend! This would be a great opportunity to introduce them to our youth group at CCC!

## GOOD NEWS ACCORDING TO MARK

The Turkey Run group is back and well rested! Actually, camping is not the most relaxing of sports with late night campfires, uncomfortable beds and early morning noises waking you from your short sleep. Getting a good night's sleep is especially difficult when there is a 10 month old named Theo sleeping right outside your "bedroom" in tight quarters. But, I wouldn't have it any other way. It was a great time with my immediate and church family at Turkey Run.

With physical rest being pretty scarce sometimes, I am so thankful we can simply rest spiritually in Christ everyday. He has done it all in regards to our salvation, there is nothing we have to add, just rest in His provision. Rest in what Christ provided at the cross.

And what did he provide? There are many verses to pick from but one that comes to mind today is II Corinthians 5:21 where we read, "God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God." What a gracious and beautiful transaction that allows us to find our complete rest in Christ. I hope this week we all rest in the finished work of the cross, not just on Sunday mornings, not just at Turkey Run, but always...



#### Jr. High School

Don't forget about the Forge Conference coming up soon! A sign up sheet is posted for this overnight conference at LCU beginning the evening of October 27 through the afternoon of the 28th. Please be giving it some thought to whether you can attend as I will need to register us soon. The cost is \$20 per student plus spending money for dinner on Friday.