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**Sunday Worship Service** 9:15 AM  
**Bible School** 10:45 AM

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Mark and I have had the joy of meeting with missionaries both last week and this.

Last Thursday we met with Mark Fishel, who has been serving in Cambodia for the past nine years. Mark was actually a part of our fellowship for several years while attending Lincoln Christian Seminary and working at Family Christian, and we supported Mark while he worked in campus ministries in New York and the Czech Republic. While in Cambodia he has planted a church in Phnom Penh, acted as an advisor to an association of ten churches and about twenty cell groups, taught pastors and lay leaders, and helped churches find ways to become more self-sustaining. We helped him set up a mushroom farm for that purpose a couple of years ago, but haven't supported him on a regular basis as a congregation since going to Cambodia. We were, however, recently made aware of a need for additional support, and invited him to meet with us.

On Monday Mark and I met with Tom Moss, the chairman of the board for Haitian Christian Ministries, and two pastors from Haiti, Pastor Bob who pastors a church of 650 adults in Pillatre and oversees the ministry in Haiti which includes a school of nearly 1500 students and a medical clinic, and Pastor Jacques who leads a congregation of 350 adults.

Mark Zimmerman, who is on staff at Eastview Christian Church in Bloomington and also on the board of Haitian Christian Ministries, brought HCM to our attention back in 2012, and we started supporting the ministry in 2013. Many in the church also started sponsoring students in the school at the same time. The report Mark and I heard told of many exciting developments in the ministry in Haiti, and opportunities for direct involvement in the work there.

Missions is very important to the life of our church, and God has used us to accomplish some pretty amazing things throughout the world. Please pray for the elders as they consider how to administer the tithes and offerings you will be entrusting to us in 2018.

God Bless, Rick



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## FALL FAMILY NIGHT AT LSCH

This Friday Evening!



Everyone is invited to head to Lake Springfield Christian Assembly this Friday for a weenie roast, hay rack ride, and songs around a campfire. Activities will begin at 6:30. The free evening of fun and food is being provided by the camp, and all are encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity to enjoy our church camp.

## STATISTICS

Worship 156  
Offering \$6,801.63

## SERVING THIS SUNDAY-10/22/17

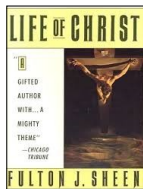
Greeters ..... Judy Marlow  
Visitors' Stand ..... Rick & Janet Polley  
Communion Meditation ..... Paul Hunley  
Jack Stucki  
Ushers ..... Chuck McLaughlin  
Rich Mann  
Kent Ballard  
Will Bartels  
Chris Luzio  
Brad Stirmell

### WORSHIP NURSERY

Toddlers ..... Marilyn Wenneborg  
Grace Hunley  
Infants ..... Janet Polley  
Vicki Small  
Sunday School  
Toddlers ..... Julie Divjak  
Infants ..... Jeni Sperry



--Jamella Reese having vision problems.  
--Kristin Polley's brothers-in-law Ryan Sours with a mass on his kidney and Sean Lanyendecker whose dad has liver cancer.



This Sunday evening we will be covering chapter 21 in *Life of Christ*, looking at Jesus and His response to the charges brought to Him against the woman caught in adultery. This is one of the most beautiful pictures of mercy and justice to be found in the Bible.

Everyone is encouraged to join us at 6:30.



It was a real joy to witness Tate and Tanner Smith being baptized by Troy, their dad, last Sunday morning. Tate made the decision to be baptized into Christ several weeks ago, but waited until his brother would be home on leave from military duty in South Korea so they could be baptized together.

Not only were we blessed by being able to witness the baptism, and by the presence of so many family members and friends who came to share in Tate and Tanner's birth into Christ, but by Troy's words as he immersed his sons: "Dead to sin...and alive in Christ!"

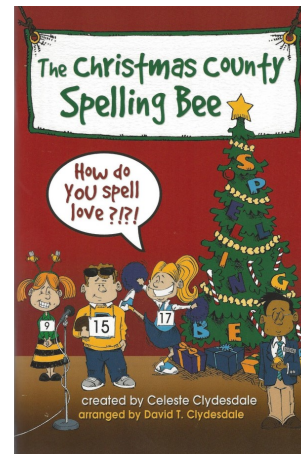


We've scheduled our annual blood drive for Saturday, November 18th from 10:00-1:00. Those who give regularly may wish to plan on being able to give at the church, and those who have never given are encouraged to consider doing so.

As we well know, the gift of blood is truly a gift of life.



We had a super fun time at Pumpkin Creek Farms on Sunday! The kids had fun riding the barrel train, playing in the corn bin and finding answers to questions in the corn maze! Thank you to Jonathon, Kristin, Michael and Smitha for going along to spend time with the youngsters!



Pretty soon, we all will be getting ready for Christmas! I usually wait until the last minute to buy gifts, so I am glad that the leaders of the play and kids are more proactive than I am. Their practices are well underway and another is scheduled for this Sunday evening at 5:15. It will conclude at 6:15 to give the kids a break before youth groups. Don't forget your snack, script and the song sheets for this week's rehearsal.



## Jr. High & High School

This is going to be a fun night with one another as we play Exploding Kittens, Resistance and others from our selection of interactive board games. I'll research some non-traditional games to play as an option and of course, we will play a couple rounds of Sardines so be thinking of your hiding spot!

We will meet here at the church at 6pm to begin the evening. Bring a few bucks if you want to chip in for a little pizza, if not, we will have snacks to munch on throughout the night. We will end whenever you want to finish, but no later than 10pm so we can get some rest for church the next day.

Many of you are planning on inviting friends and I think that is great! We have plenty of room in the fellowship hall to get loud and obnoxious. Just let me know if you have any questions and see you on Saturday!



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With schedules being so busy for the Fall, I want to get the date out there for our Fall service project so we can plan to be of service to our church family. Our annual assistance in helping to rake leaves will be on Saturday, November 11th in the afternoon. This is always a fun day of service and I hope your schedule allows you to attend!