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

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It's always good to come back to below zero after a week in Florida. My nose may not actually be frost-bitten, but it's surely growing longer! Anyway, it is good to be home.

Since I'm really not one for sitting in the sun, our hosts graciously took a break from their regular vacation schedule of relaxing around the pool, and joined us in a whirlwind of activity for a week. After driving 1250 miles in two days to get there, I talked them into driving across Alligator Alley to Key West on Saturday. We spotted 30-40 alligators, one endangered Key Deer, a lot of hurricane damage, and had the best fish dinner they had ever had. On Sunday we went to Anchor Christian Church, enjoyed a sermon by Jeff Chitwood, and made arrangements to have dinner the next day with Rocky and Deby Barron.

On Monday and Wednesday Alan and I went shooting at the Alamo while the girls sat poolside, and on Tuesday I spent \$100 fishing with a guide on Lake Trafford. I caught one crappie. Not sure how much that comes to per pound. On Thursday we headed back to the Everglades and rode an airboat, saw lots of gators, and had another great seafood dinner. On Friday Alan and Becky had a day of rest, and we drove 850 miles to Matt's so we could celebrate Josie's 8th birthday on Saturday.

I didn't spend enough time poolside to read *Killing the Rising Sun* in the sun, but I did get the book read. Two chapters focused on the battle at Peleliu, where my dad earned a Purple Heart. Like so many WWII vets, he didn't talk much about the war, but reading what he went through gave me a much deeper appreciation for what he endured. He often told me that God spared him in battle because He had big plans for my life. I pray my life honors my dad's sacrifice, and my Heavenly Father's plan.

According to another plan, I didn't get back in time for the Super Bowl party. It's not that I don't enjoy fellowship, just that I don't like games, or football. However, on the drive home, "They will mount up with wings like eagles, they will run and not get tired," did somehow get into my head.

God Bless, Rick



## THE CHATHAM MESSENGER

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# Sweetheart Banquet

There is still time to make reservations for our Sweetheart Banquet to be held next Wednesday, February 14th, at Fulgenzi's. Nicole and Cory Moore are planning special activities to make the evening a lot of fun, and John John is cooking up his famous Rosemary Pork and all the trimmings. Cost for the evening has been reduced to \$39.99.

Sign up Sunday morning, and put your check in the envelop. Seating will begin at 6:00, and the meal will be served at 6:30.

## STATISTICS

	1/28	
Worship		116
Offering		\$3,239.20
	2/4	
Worship		128
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## SERVING THIS SUNDAY-2/11/18

Greeters .....	Judy Marlow
Visitors' Stand.....	Bonnie Ruebush
Communion Meditation.....	Jack Stucki
	Paul Hunley
Ushers .....	Scott Bales
	Rich Mann
	Jake Divjak
	Rick Polley
	Jim Trimmerger
	Otto Huber

### WORSHIP NURSERY

Toddlers.....	Erica Blakley
	Courtney Bales
Infants.....	Karen Mann
	Rebecca Smith
	Emily Hughes
	Sunday School
Toddlers.....	Rhonda Luzio
Infants.....	Dixie Williamson
	Kristin Polley



## Let Us Pray For...

--Beryl Reese with a new knee and pain in his side.  
 --Darrin Burdinsky with back problem.  
 --Linda Green at death of co-worker.  
 --Dave Bales' aunt with pacemaker.  
 --Tina Huber's cousin in cancer treatment.  
 --Dixie Williamson's cousin with bone marrow transplant.

# Touchstone

A Journal of Mere Christianity

## Glorified Occupations

Consumer Man versus Working Man:  
 Thoughts on the Value of Work

This Sunday at 6:30 the adult class will be looking at an article from *Touchstone* that explores the purpose and value of work. Rather than view labor as a curse, we will come to see it as a gift from God.

Headings in the feature article include "The Real Losers," "The Poison of Pervasive Commercialism," "Social Status & Function," "Necessary Spiritual Conditions," and "A Gift, Not a Curse."

All adults are invited to join us for what should prove to be a lively and thought provoking discussion on a very important topic.



## 50th Birthday Party

Everyone is invited to attend an open house in the fellowship hall on Saturday, February 24th, from 1-4 to celebrate Darrin Burdinsky's 50th birthday.

## MILL CREEK

ALZHEIMER'S SPECIAL CARE CENTER

Dear Carole, (Tabitha's Touch)

Thank you so much for the adult clothing protectors! We can certainly use them and they are quite fashionable. I love the material that borders them! We will put them to good use starting today!

Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

Warm regards,

Jeanne Campbell, Administrator.



## High School Students

CIY Move is a tremendous conference we attend every summer and I know we are all looking forward to CIY again this year. However, in the meantime, we have the opportunity to attend The Vine conference hosted by Lincoln Christian University on April 6 & 7.

Last year's conference was the best Vine so far as hundreds of area High Schoolers gathered for worship and study of the scriptures. Unlike the last conference at LCU where we slept on the gym floor, YUCK!, if we register early enough there are dorm rooms available. And, if you have thought about the possibility of attending LCU after High School, there will be plenty of time to check out the campus and talk to a few professors.

We can take a couple minutes to discuss this on Sunday morning in class, but in the meantime, check your schedules for any potential conflicts and if you are free, let's go enjoy this conference!



## K-5 Students

It's time for our annual trip to Showplace Lanes in Virden for an afternoon of bowling and pizza! What was it last year, did I get four strikes in a row or five? Actually, I don't even think I made a strike but some of you did! We will leave after Sunday School on February 18th and should be back to the church at 3:15 for pick up. The cost for two games of bowling and pizza will be \$15. A sign up sheet will be on the wall this Sunday!



On Sunday morning, we learned that Micaiah Blakely and Amelia Sperry completed their service project for Inner City Mission by raising \$230.00!! They reached out to us and others outside of our church family with a heart to serve the less privileged in Springfield. Way to go girls!

Another service project underway here at CCC is a food drive. Anna Hunley has routinely organized service projects over the years and is leading the effort to help the Chatham Food Pantry stock their shelves. She has made a sign (she is quite the artist by the way) and put a container in the hallway by the visitors stand for the collection. She will be collecting food over the next two Sundays so if led to do so, please bring an item or two in on Sunday for the food drive.

## LSCA SUMMER CAMP 2018



way. truth. life.

The schedule for the 2018 camp season is posted on the LSCA website. Campers of all ages will enjoy activities centered around Christ focusing on the theme above: Way. Truth. Life. As a reminder, the church will pay 1/2 the tuition for each of your children for one session of camp. The discount code needed for the on-line registration is in my office so don't forget to grab one on Sunday morning!