

CHATHAM CHRISTIAN CHURCH
9897 So. Main St., P.O. Box 527
Chatham, Illinois 62629

Church Office 483-3987
www.chathamchristian.org

Rick Wenneborg, Minister
cell phone 836-4971
Rick@chathamchristian.org

Mark Huber, Youth Minister
cell phone 971-0940
hubermark2@gmail.com

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

Non-Profit Org.
U.S. Postage
PAID
Chatham, IL
Permit No. 9

Bob Williamson dropped by the church last week, and told me I hadn't seen him on Sunday because he had the "green apple quickstep." Now I can say the same thing to everyone! It was the first time in forty-five years that I've had to miss church because of sickness. (Broken ribs from a motorcycle accident don't count.)

Making the call not to be in the pulpit was even harder than cancelling church because of a snow storm! I waited as long as I could, hoping I could at least show up to preach, but finally had to make the call. A big thank you to Mark for quickly reading over my sermon, and then delivering it so well. "Interestingly" he got one of the biggest laughs from a sermon that I've ever heard.

Thanks also goes to Chris Luzio for leading the Sunday evening study for me. It's good to know the bases are covered when we are out of the game.

Tomorrow I'm scheduled for a volume study to determine the number of seeds to be planted in my prostate. When thinking about the whole process, I came to the realization that it's not unlike trying to convince someone that they need to trust what the Bible says must be done about sin.

I haven't had any symptoms that would indicate I have a condition that could lead to death. If not for the elevated PSA, I wouldn't have had the biopsy, and wouldn't be taking the drastic measures my doctors say I should take. But why should I take their word for it? I don't feel like there is anything wrong with me. Sounds a bit like those who don't think they need to do anything about sin, doesn't it?

If our life is a mess, and we are in pain, we're more apt to accept the cure that is offered. When we don't sense that anything is wrong, it's harder to believe we have to do anything.

The Bible makes it very clear that all have sinned and come short of the glory of God, and that the wages of sin is death. The remedy for sin is offered through the cross, but we have to believe we need it, even if we don't feel the need.

May we all have the faith needed to do what needs to be done.

God Bless, Rick



THE CHATHAM MESSENGER

VOLUME 47

March 21, 2018

NUMBER 10



JUNIOR & SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

THURSDAY, MARCH 29TH IN PEORIA, IL

Leaving CCC at 4:15

Returning at MIDNIGHT

COST IS \$15.00 PLUS FOOD/SNACKS

STATISTICS

Worship 124
Offering \$7,446.28

SERVING THIS SUNDAY-3/25/18

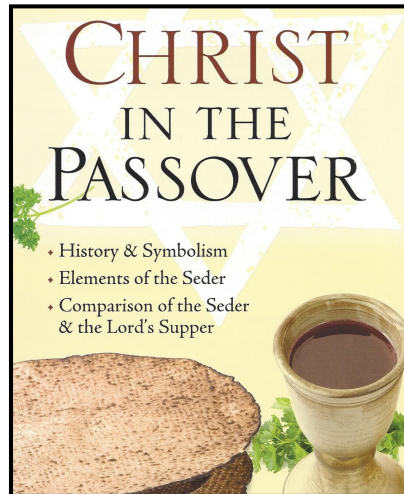
Greeters Chuck & Janice McLaughlin
Visitors' Stand Bob & Dixie Williamson
Communion Meditation Otto Huber
Jack Stucki
Ushers Kent Ballard
Jeff Edmiston
Bob Williamson
Gary Gredzieleski
Chris Luzio
Brad Stirmell

WORSHIP NURSERY

Toddlers Kelly Donaldson
Kate Sperry
Infants Dixie Williamson
Renee & Madison Bales
Sunday School
Toddlers Julie Divjak
Infants Karen Mann
Vicki Small

Let Us Pray For...

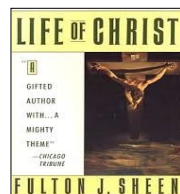
--Allie Higgins having more problems with weakness in legs and scheduled for MRI.
--Katie Green back in hospital for complications from surgery in November and had her house broke into two weeks ago.
--Lisa Hendricks and family adjusting to loss of her father.



All children's Sunday School classes will be meeting in the high school room this Sunday to celebrate the Passover.



This Sunday at 8:00 will be your last chance to play adult volleyball at the LSCA gym this year!



This Sunday at 6:30 the adult class will be looking at chapter 48 of *Life of Christ*, "The Crucifixion."



We were reminded on Sunday that it is important to pray for others. Please keep the Casas mission team in your prayers over the next few months leading up to our trip in June. We would appreciate your prayers for a safe journey, but also pray for the people who will be effected by this build. Let us pray that God will use our efforts to glorify His name and spread the good news about Jesus throughout this Mexican community.

It is by no means too late for anyone interested to join our group. You would be most welcome. Also, for the current mission team, we will be having a short meeting after Sunday School this week to discuss travel plans and items to be completed before the trip. If you are unable to attend, just let me know and I will give you the details.



Vacation Bible School June 4th-7th

As you are planning your summer activities, be aware that our VBS will be in early June. Kids will be learning how Jesus can help us, can rescue us throughout many situations in life. Ultimately, he rescues us from sin which will be forefront in our messaging. Thank you to all who have helped in the past and I am looking forward to another fantastic VBS!

GOOD NEWS ACCORDING TO MARK

How does a stone cry out? I've always loved that statement from Jesus we read in Luke 19:40. It was during his triumphal entry while people were praising Him that the Pharisees said, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples." And to that Jesus had one answer. "I tell you," he replied, "if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out."

We are not told how they would cry out but we get a pretty good understanding on good Friday. The rocks cried out as the earth shook, tombs were opened and saints arose appearing to many all while the disciples who should be crying out were hiding in fear from the Pharisees. The sun cried out that day by becoming dark from the 6th to 9th hour. Even the temple cried out that day as the veil was torn in two from top to bottom. The curtain that separated a holy God from unholy people was removed at the time of Christ's death on the cross which reconciled us back to the Father.

As Peter encouraged us, let's be living stones witnessing to others through prayer and conduct which we learned last week. Many people only go to church a couple times of year, Easter is one of them. Use this time to witness, to invite them here to CCC. It's pretty clear, if we don't, if we remain silent, creation will cry out in ways that only it can.



Don't forget the first LSCA work day of the season is this Saturday starting at 8:30am. Come on out and enjoy some fellowship, cinnamon rolls, coffee and of course complete a few tasks for the camp. Lunch is provided at noon if you would like to eat before heading home.