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

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Last weekend we remembered those who gave their lives protecting us from those who would kill or enslave us. All too often we hear of those who slaughter the innocent; in schools, on the streets, in homes, and in abortion clinics. Tragedy abounds in our world, caused by man and by nature. Why does it happen, and is there anything we can do about it?

I read an article in *American Thinker* last week that raised those questions. The author not only spoke of the students who were killed at the high school in Santa Fe, but of the death of his father-in-law who was killed by a drug-impaired man who had multiple drug related convictions.

His father-in-law was also his pastor, and had stated in sermons more than once that "if you are hurting, if you are suffering, it is almost always due to one of two things: your sin or the sin of another." I found those words to be true and very insightful.

Sin opened the door to pain and death in our world, and we've been dealing with the consequences of sin since that first sin in the garden. Sin that not only was reproduced in the lives of all men, but the results of sin that can be seen in a natural world that is no longer as God originally intended.

Rather than point the finger at others, or attempt to solve the problems we face through quick-fix politically expedient answers, the author said, "On countless moral matters we have ignored the Word of God and gone our own way." He further noted that, "To stem the tide of evil, we must encourage a culture—in our personal lives, as well as our homes, businesses, schools, and government—that embraces the eternal truths of our Almighty God." He added that, "We will never completely eliminate, or solve the problems of, evil in this world. We will not make any real progress—something that *can* be achieved—toward defeating evil in this world unless we recognize truly what is evil and what is to be done about it."

God's Word has revealed what evil is, and God's Son has made it possible for us to do something about it. We start by admitting that the suffering in this world is almost always due to our sin or the sin of another, and that God alone has the remedy for sin. God Bless, Rick

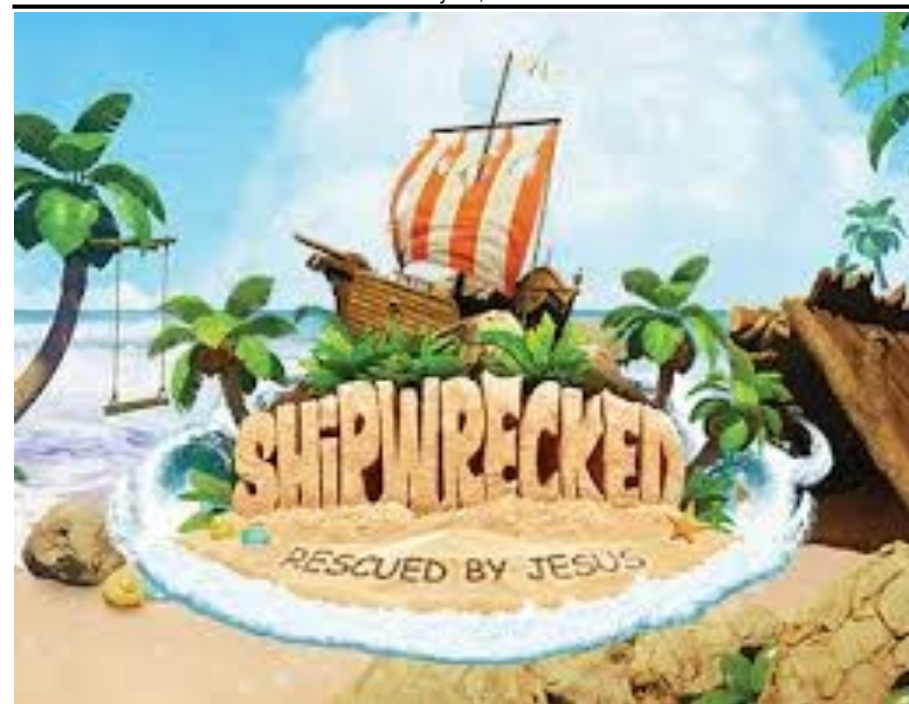


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# VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

## JUNE 4-7 6:15-8:30

## STATISTICS

	5/20	
Worship		112
Offering		\$5,838.56
	5/27	
Worship		113
Offering		\$3,510.40

## SERVING THIS SUNDAY-6/3/18

Greeters .....	Lee & Schar Zimmerman
Visitors' Stand.....	Gary & Lori Gredzieleski
Communion Meditation .....	Jack Stucki
	Doug Marlow
Ushers .....	Kent Ballard
	Paul Hunley
	Gary Gredzieleski
	Chris Luzio
	Brad Stirmell
	Rick Polley
<b>WORSHIP NURSERY</b>	
Toddlers.....	Julie & Lily Divjak
Infants.....	Karen Mann
	Vicki Small
	Emily Mann
	Sunday School
Toddlers.....	Rhonda Luzio
Infants.....	Jeni Sperry
	Kristin Polley



Chatham CC,  
It is so humbling being on the receiving end of your generosity. God is at work through it: guiding a Japanese student to faith, sharing the gospel in natural conversation with three others who don't know Jesus at UIS...CSF is able to be present and on mission on campus because of God's provision through you. Thank you for your obedience to Him and your love for students!

In Christ,

David Lasley



## JUNE SERVERS

6/10 : Doug Marlow, Jack Stucki  
6/17 & 6/24: Otto Huber, Jack Stucki

## JUNE PROJECTIONIST

Kirk Polley

## JUNE GREETERS

6/10 Duane Carrell  
6/17 Chuck & Janice McLaughlin  
6/24 Will & Sara Bartels

## JUNE VISITORS' STAND

6/10 Rick & Janet Polley  
6/17 Bob & Dixie Williamson  
6/24 Chris & Rhonda Luzio

## JUNE NURSERY

### Worship - 6/10

Toddlers: Marilyn Wenneborg  
Grace Hunley  
Infants: Janet Polley  
Janice McLaughlin  
Madison Bales  
Sunday School  
Infants: Dixie Williamson  
Bonnie Ruebush

### Worship - 6/17

Toddlers: Renee & Courtney Bales  
Infants: Nikki & Anna Hunley  
Kristin Polley  
Sunday School

Infants: Vicki Small  
Rebecca Smith

### Worship - 6/24

Toddlers: Erica Blakley  
Abbie Divjak  
Infants: Dixie Williamson  
Nicole Moore  
Jake Divjak

Sunday School  
Infants: Karen Mann  
Kileen Huber

## Let Us Pray For...

--Rhonda Luzio's uncle starting aggressive treatment for lymphoma.

--Grateful that Rick's heart cath showed no blockages.



Our first game is this Sunday! We will be playing in Rochester at 1:45. In fact, all of our games throughout the summer will be at this time at the Rochester diamonds. There are a total of five other co-ed teams we will be playing in our league.

I have the schedule on the bulletin board and Chris is updating the calendar on the website. If you want a hard copy of the schedule, please see me as I have a few in my office.

We will be able to field 10 players this Sunday, but that includes Conner who will be home from Iowa. This is a very relaxed league (guys bat opposite handed) so if you want a little exercise along with great fellowship, you are welcome to join the team.



It is hard to believe that our mission trip is less than a month away. A group from our church has not been on a mission trip for some time, so I hope you are as excited as the ones going and will continually lift us up in prayer.

The family we will be building a house for was assigned to us this week. It is the Estevan Ramirez Avila family in Acuna, Mexico. I'll share more information about the family next week. Also, we will be staying at the Monte Sinai Church located in the Southeastern part of town near the Rio Grande River. Great news: I think they have a hot water heater!



What a start to the summer! This heat wave has warmed the water to an ideal temperature and it is refreshing. It is a perfect time to fill the pool with church family and have a swim this Sunday afternoon.

The softball team will finish no later than 3:15 so everyone is welcome to come over to the house starting around 4:00. We will be there all evening, so feel free to drop by anytime that is convenient for your schedule.



## High School Students July 16-20

If you are going to High School next year, you don't want to miss this summer conference! Picture 1,000 kids your age spending a week together on the campus of University of Central Missouri. The mornings and evenings are filled with group worship, the afternoons are filled with small groups and activities. It is amazing!

So far, Grace, Reagan, Abbie, Emma, Carly, Kate and Jake are committed to going. If you are on the fence, please be aware that the early registration fee of \$319 is good through June 11th. Also, we plan to go to the Worlds of Fun again for our free day on Thursday. If you see any good discounts online, please let us all know!