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Last Sunday we noted that millennials are much less involved in church than are baby boomers. Where to draw the lines between generations is a bit fluid, but it does appear that I'm on the upper limit of baby boomers, having been born in 1947 after Dad returned from WW II. And that may account for my living under a rock, as my son-in-law recently noted.

Nikki and the girls had showed me a video that made me laugh, and gave me hope. The one speaking looked young, and after reading about the challenge of reaching millennials with the gospel, I assumed he was one. Wikipedia informed me, however, that he had been born in 1979 instead of in the 80's. So while he may not actually be from the generation that is 35% anti-church, he is definitely an unexpected voice of hope. And until last week, to me, an unknown voice.

If you, like me, haven't seen the *Guardians of the Galaxy* and *Jurassic World* movies, you may not know that Chris Pratt is the hottest actor in Hollywood. He was recently given MTV's Generation Award, and when accepting it he had some hilarious, and unexpectedly positive things to say. He began by stating, "I'm going to cut to the chase, and I am going to speak to you, the next generation. I accept the responsibility as you your elder. So, listen up."

He then listed nine rules for life which were practical, instructive, and even silly; like how to go to the bathroom without stinking up the place. Four of them, however, blew me away.

Rule 2: "You have a soul. Be careful with it."

Rule 6: "God is real. God loves you, God wants the best for you. Believe that, I do."

Rule 8: "Learn to pray. It's easy and it is so good for your soul."

Rule 9: "Nobody is perfect, People will tell you that you are perfect just the way that you are, you are not! You are imperfect. You always will be, but there is a powerful force that designed you that way, and if you accept that, you will have grace. And grace is a gift. Like the freedom that we enjoy in this country, that grace was paid for with somebody else's blood. Do not forget that. Don't take that for granted."

Even if he's not your elder, listen up!
God Bless, Rick



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{The Declaration of Independence by John Trumbull (1819) in the Rotunda of the U.S. Capitol, Washington, DC}

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness."

~The Declaration of Independence

STATISTICS

Worship	6/24	131
Offering		\$3,992.95
Worship	7/1	107
Offering		\$8,486.78

SERVING THIS SUNDAY-7/8/18

Greeters	Will & Sara Bartels
Visitors' Stand	Chris & Rhonda Luzio
Communion Meditation	Chris Luzio
Ushers	Kirk Polley
Toddlers	Will Bartels
Infants	Duane Carrell
	Chad Formea
	Otto Huber
	Chuck McLaughlin
	Scott Bales
WORSHIP NURSERY	
Toddlers	Karen Mann
Infants	Abbie Divjak
	Marilyn Wenneborg
	Stacey Cantrell
	Grace Hunley
Sunday School	
Toddlers	Julie Divjak
Infants	Kristin Polley
	Vicki Small



Let Us Pray For...

- Paul Hunley and family at the passing of an aunt.
- Friend of Tracy Formea beginning treatment for breast cancer.
- Family in Auburn who had their three year old son drown in a pool.
- Erika Evans who was married June 30th.
- Scott Bales with back and hip problems.



TUBING TRIP AUG 5-7

Our tubing trip on the Current River in Missouri is set for Aug 5-7. We plan to leave by van and cars after church on the 5th, float down the river on Monday, and head home, stopping to climb on the rocks and swim at Johnson's Shut-ins, on Tuesday.

They are holding ten double rooms for us at The Landing in Van Buren. Cost for a room is \$120 plus tax per night, and tube rental and transport for an all day float trip is \$25 per person.

Those wishing to make reservations should call 573-323-8433 and ask for a room reserved for Chatham Christian Church. Please let Rick know if you are planning to go, and if you have made your reservations.



Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for your friendship through the years. The flower arrangement was beautiful!

Love, Evelyn Fulton,
The Sabourins, The Harrisons

(\$360 was given to the church in memory of Bernard Fulton.)



The High School Group met recently to make blankets for chemotherapy patients. It gets chilly in the chemo room and these blankets along with an attached note of encouragement will surely comfort them.

Also, we went out to LSCA to have lunch with Kate Sperry who was attending Niners camp. The kids packed her a box which when delivered at mail call, forced her to get thrown into the pool! Kate responded with an awesome belly flop in front of everybody. She is fearless! It is great to see our youth serving others and supporting each other!



After a week off, we are scheduled to be back on the field this Sunday. Hopefully the heat wave will break and we will have enjoyable weather. Our game is at 1:45 on the Marshall Bell diamond at Rochester Park. I feel some amazing plays coming on you won't want to miss! Afterwards, you are welcome to come over for fellowship in and around the pool.



In case you were traveling on Sunday and missed the review of our mission trip, I wanted to let you know it was one of the most rewarding weeks ever. The grandmother poured her heart out to God in desperation due to their living conditions, which as we witnessed, were hardly inhabitable. At the same time, God touched our hearts to go, build and serve. To be a part of that partnership with our Heavenly Father was an experience I will never forget.



Before we poured the slab of concrete, it only took 4 guys to push over the existing structure! The new foundation and house are solid. Our prayer is that this gift will be a blessing for many generations of the Avila family.



Estevan and Julia standing in front of their new home. Despite the language barrier it was clear they were so thankful for us and answered prayer.