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What's the difference between a steak dinner and just eating steak? I've come to the conclusion that even adding a salad, baked potato, and broccoli doesn't turn eating steak for dinner into a steak dinner.

Last Saturday I grilled a nice sirloin on our new gas grill while Marilyn was fixing all the sides. When everything was ready, I stood at the counter and cut the steak into bite sized pieces. That alone would have shocked my rich Aunt Nellie from Chicago.

She's the aunt who always brought a leg of lamb to Christmas at Grandma's, and taught me you had to eat lamb with mint jelly; something that was very hard to find in rural Kansas when a farmer from the church gave us some fresh lamb from his flock. She also made it very clear that you cut your meat one piece at time, put down your knife, and then eat it.

She would have been absolutely shocked at what Marilyn and I then did with the plate of food. We carried it into the living room, sat in our easy chairs, and watched TV while devouring our meal.

When the kids were home we turned off the TV, sat around the table, and had dinner together. It was an important time of sharing what was going on, practicing good manners, and just enjoying each others company. Now, for the most part, we just eat.

Sadly, it's not just empty nesters who do this. I recently read that the typical family now manages six or seven simultaneous stream of information during the dinner hour. I really doubt family members are using those electronic devices to stimulate conversation. At least Marilyn and I try to outguess the contestants on Wheel of Fortune.

When we do have the family over for a special occasion, we pack around the table as best we can, and actually have dinner together. And the grandkids generally make it clear they'd rather be around our table eating pot roast, than in a restaurant eating steak.

Next time I grill a steak I think I'm going to dust off the china and crystal, and Marilyn and I are going to actually have a steak dinner. God Bless, Rick



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

STATISTICS

Worship 111
Offering \$3,944.40

SERVING THIS SUNDAY-5/26/19

Greeters	Brad Stirmell
Visitors' Stand	Judy Marlow
Communion Meditation	Chris Luzio
Ushers	Jonathan Sperry
	Paul Hunley
	Scott Bales
	Rich Mann
	Brad Stirmell
	Jim Trimberger
	Bob Williamson
WORSHIP NURSERY	
Toddlers.....	Erica Blakley
	Jake Divjak
Infants.....	Kristin Polley
	Elizabeth Wright
	Courtney Bales
	Sunday School
Toddlers.....	Rhonda Luzio
Infants.....	Kelly Donaldson
	Kileen Huber



--Janice McLaughlin's mother beginning treatment for lung cancer.

--Beryl's brother's granddaughter having major surgery.

--Special needs boy who regularly attends our VBS who lost his father last week.

The Hidden Word

JOB 1:21

"And he said, 'Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked I shall return there. The Lord gave and the Lord has taken away. Blessed be the name of the Lord.'"



Chatham Christian Church

Men's Synchronized

Swimming Team



A big **THANK YOU** to Mark for planning a great finale last Sunday night! He apparently prayed away the rain, but forgot to mention the wind. The burgers and dogs may have been eaten in the fellowship hall, but we still had a cook-out.

The talent show was a great success. Kiayla demonstrated her tumbling abilities, and Levi amazed us with his juggling. Amelia entertained us on a recorder, and Sofia on the piano. Evalise pulled a joke on us, and Carole took us all back to Bedrock. Theo had us rocking with Trust and Obey, and Micaiah sang a song that had everyone swaying and clapping along. And what can we say about the Men's Synchronized Swimming Team? You'll have to go to our church Facebook page and see it for yourself!



JUNE 10-13 6:15-8:30

We are getting closer to VBS! In fact, it is less than three weeks away! Julie and Nikki will once again transform our building into a VBS setting that kids will love. They always do a fantastic job! So many others have volunteered to help and I am very appreciative of your willingness to serve. By June 10th, we will have the church decorated and plenty of staff to assist with the activities. Now all we need are kids and lots of them!

I want our VBS to minister to our kids, but am also praying that our VBS program will reach others as well. We have three banners up informing the community of our VBS and a Clarion article should be published this week. However, we all know the best way to reach people outside of our body is to talk with them. All of us can think of one or two children entering kindergarten through 5th grade that we could invite.

I encourage you to do just that! Grab a couple extra flyers from the table this Sunday morning for those you have in mind to invite. If anyone would like to cover your neighborhood with flyers, that would be great! I can print off as many as you would need.

In a culture where statistics show that many children aren't even brought to church on Christmas or Easter, VBS provides a fun platform for outreach. As Paul says in Romans 10:14, "And how can they hear without someone preaching to them?" This VBS program will walk kids through the redemption story. They will hear a clear presentation of how sin separates us from the heavenly Father, but that forgiveness and reconciliation are available through Christ and Christ alone. Let's try to have as many kids as possible hear the Gospel during our VBS!