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"Toxic masculinity" seems to be the new way to describe the behavior of males when they do something unacceptable, and the governor of California even said it was the cause of recent mass shootings.

Upon hearing that, I recalled an article I had read in *Touchstone* entitled "Manhood Is Not Natural." Some final thoughts in the article include this: "True masculinity is not and cannot ever be toxic. Masculinity is a personal and social virtue. Those who use the word 'toxic' are confusing *masculine* with *macho* and male pathology." The thesis of the article can be summarized by the following quotes.

"Womanhood is a natural phenomenon. A female's biological make-up usually ensures that she will grow into a healthy woman. Leave her to herself, and she is much more likely than her male peers to move into mature adulthood. It's why the phrases 'Woman up,' 'Be a woman,' or 'Make a woman out of her' don't exist."

"The opposite is true of manhood. Manhood is not natural. It must be socially constructed. Unlike a woman, a man has no civilized role or agenda inscribed in his body. The boy has no onboard GPS directing him toward his future. His manhood does not exist within himself, as womanhood does in a girl."

"His movement into manhood can only come into being if he has a pilot, a director, to guide him toward that destination. Doing this is the significant, intentional work of older men around him, starting with his father. As a behavior and a status, manhood must be learned, earned, demonstrated, and proven by the growing boy over the years. As an identity, manhood must be bestowed by a boy's father and the community's larger fraternity of men. His mother can only affirm it. She cannot bequeath it."

"Manhood is not a status to be achieved, but a reputation to be maintained, for one can lose it at any time. The captain of the Costa Concordia cruise ship lost his in an instant. Yes, maleness just happens. Manhood does not and cannot. The first is a biological event. The second is a carefully developed character quality."

May God help us raise up a generation of real men. God Bless, Rick



## THE CHATHAM MESSENGER

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**POWERLIGHT-FEST**

SUNDAY AUG 18 2019 ILLINOIS STATE FAIR LINCOLN STAGE

FEATURING GRAMMY AWARD WINNER **MANDISA**

**AARON COLE**

**TOM GOLLY**

**GIBSON GIRLS**

**GREAT ROMANCE**

**ISRINGHAUSEN**  
Our priority is you

**GREEN TOYOTA**

**GREEN HYUNDAI**

**SCHEDULE**

NOON - 12:45 PM  
PRAY & WORSHIP CHAPEL CHURCH

1:00 - 1:55 PM  
TOM GOLLY

2:10 - 3:10 PM  
GIBSON GIRLS

3:30 - 4:30 PM  
GREAT ROMANCE

5:00 - 6:00 PM  
AARON COLE

6:30 - 7:30 PM  
MANIC DRIVE

8:00 - 9:00 PM  
MANDISA

**Junior & Senior High Students  
Leaving CCC at 2:30pm  
Returning at 9:45pm  
Cost: \$5.00 plus fair food!!!!**

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

## STATISTICS

Worship ..... NC  
Offering ..... \$3,185.57

## SERVING THIS SUNDAY-8/18/19

Greeters ..... Will & Sara Bartels  
Visitors' Stand ..... Gary & Lori Gredzieleski  
Communion Meditation ..... Paul Hunley  
Doug Marlow  
Ushers ..... Kirk Polley  
Scott Bales  
Chris Luzio  
Will Bartels  
Brad Stirmell  
Chuck McLaughlin  
**WORSHIP NURSERY**  
Toddlers ..... Kelly Donaldson  
Kate Sperry  
Infants ..... Kristin Polley  
Adora Burdinsky  
Abbie Divjak  
Sunday School  
Toddlers ..... Julie Divjak  
Infants ..... Rebecca Smith  
Karen Mann

## The Hidden Word

AMOS 7:8

"And the Lord said to me, 'What do you see, Amos?' And I said, 'A plumb line.' Then the Lord said, 'Behold I am about to put a plumb line in the midst of My people Israel. I will spare them no longer.'"



--Zack Wright's mom in intensive care and not doing well.

--Caroline Mann who fell and injured her back again.

--The five month old daughter of Brad Stirmell's friends who is recovering from open heart surgery.

## ASIAN CHRISTIAN MISSION

Dear co-workers

Since we wrote last Ati and our co-workers have been to Jerwang area and she files the following report.

By God's help we reached Jerwang area safely with all the T-shirts we made for the Jewang youth camp. When we arrived in Jerwang area we stayed at evangelist Tiching's house for the first night. The following days Bro Tiching took us to different villages where he and his team has been evangelizing. We went to several of these villages by the jeep you helped purchase for Jerwang evangelism. We are glad to report to you that the jeep is still running good and evangelists are most thankful.

The Jerwang evangelists told us that there are now a few Christians in almost every village. We were able to go to several of those villages to worship with a handful of Christians there. There are many small villages without the church building. They would have a church building only in one of the bigger villages. Along the way we saw people walking to this village where there is a church building. Some people have to walk 2-3 miles on Sundays to attend church services. We saw that the new Christians are highly motivated to attend church services and listen to sermons preached.

The new believers told me that they have wonderful peace of mind since they accepted Christ. They said happiness we have in Christ is seen by our fellow villagers and wonder why we are so happy. We tell them that faith in Christ bring joy and happiness and contentment to us. We were encouraged by what the new Christians said to us. I learned much faith and commitment from them as they may have learned some things from our teaching.

We thank everyone of you who helped make this trip possible. May God bless you more so that you can help others to take the gospel to people who are open to it.

Your fellow servants,  
Jesse and Ati Yangmi



The schedule is out and we have a table reserved to begin our shift at 12:30pm. As a reminder, the event will be held at Gateway Christian Church in St. Louis on Saturday, September 21st. We could use 8-10 more people so we can hit a table goal of 1,000 meals prepared in a couple hours. This service project is for all ages, please see me if you have any questions!



Don't forget about the celebration event this Saturday at LSAC! From 4pm-6pm, they are hosting an open house with food, swimming, inflatables, a dunk tank and live music to celebrate 80 years of kingdom work made possible by generations of fellow brothers and sisters in Christ. Hope to see you there!



## Women's Study

A sign-up sheet has been posted for those interested in attending this study on Sunday mornings. The class will be meeting in the library during the Sunday School hour beginning on Sunday, September 8th. Attributes of God will be discussed demonstrating how true it is to say, there is none like Him.



## Big Wave Discovery Youth Group Grades 1-5

This fall, Otto and Rhonda are going to lead you through some big discoveries! It won't be the discovery of a monster wave that thrills the surfer as he is out combing the waters. These discoveries are even more thrilling than that!

Using object lessons from the beach and ocean, the discoveries you will make throughout the year answer some very important questions like:

- Is God the only god?
- Why did Jesus have to die?
- Who wrote the Bible?
- Why is the Bible important?
- Why do people go to church?
- What does God say about the future?

Please plan on joining the group as we begin our youth group time this fall! You will enjoy the games, treats and lessons addressing the questions above in a fun, wet thematic approach!



Let's be sure to keep our schools and students in our prayers this week as the new school year begins. Please pray for wisdom and guidance for our children as they build friendships and navigate through another year of school.