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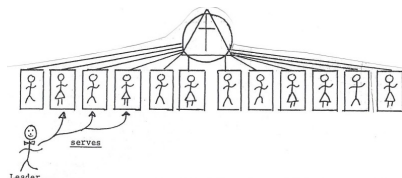
It's Monday afternoon, and we've just concluded the first meeting of our newly expanded church leadership team. As you know, Casey and Jonathan were recently affirmed, along with Paul and Chris, as elders of Chatham Christian Church. They, along with Mark and myself, will be meeting together regularly to hopefully discern the will of God for our church family in 2020. To introduce Casey and Jonathan to the eldership, we decided to meet for breakfast before spending the morning together in study and discussion.

We began our time together with a brief look at our congregational history and the basic expectations and responsibilities of elders. We then looked a recent article from *Christianity Today* that exposed the danger in viewing leadership in the church as it is viewed in the corporate world, and encouraged the church to "put the pastoral dimension of all Christian leadership in the driver's seat and let the CEO dimension sit in the back." The article noted the tendency to "talk the talk of servant leadership but walk the walk of 'Gentile rulers' who 'lord it over' others."

We then read a sermon on leadership that was presented at a pastor's conference I attended in California back in 1979. It's a message that we have reviewed several times over the years at elder's retreats and extended meetings. It's also a message that may have helped the four "dynamic, gifted, movers and shakers" that were listed in the CT article avoid the mistakes that led to their downfall.

The thrust of the message is simply that leaders in the kingdom must lead by serving others, and not by trying to lord it over anyone. The stick figure diagram of servant leadership was compared to the typical pyramid structure of leadership on the printed copy of the sermon. If you want to read the entire sermon it can be found at chathamchristian.org under "About Us."

God Bless, Rick



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The Super Bowl will be played on Sunday, February 2nd and we have rented the Lakeview Lodge for all who would like to watch the game together. It will be open at 5pm and we ask all attending to bring some finger food to share along with a 2 liter bottle of soda. Even if it is only the commercials you enjoy, plan to come out for an evening of fellowship!

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

STATISTICS

Worship 117
Offering \$7,040.06

SERVING THIS SUNDAY-1/26/20

Greeters Duane Carrell
Visitors' Stand Chris & Rhonda Luzio
Communion Meditation Rick Polley
Paul Hunley
Ushers Mike Donaldson
Kirk Polley
Scott Bales
Duane Carrell
Chad Formea
Otto Huber

WORSHIP NURSERY

Toddlers Shannon Higgins
Abbie Divjak
Infants Karen & Kaelyn Mann
Elizabeth Wright
Sunday School
Toddlers Julie Divjak
Infants Kelly Donaldson
Rhonda Luzio

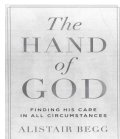
The Hidden Word

THESSALONIANS 5:14

"Now may the Lord of peace Himself continually grant you peace in every circumstance. The Lord be with you all!"

Let Us Pray For...

--Friend of Kileen Huber who was recently diagnosed with cancer.
--Friend of Otto Huber recovering from a fall.
--Praise that Shannon Higgins' father went home from the hospital and that Jim is getting stronger.



This Sunday night at 6:30 all adults are invited to join us as we begin chapter 9 of *The Hand of God*, "Pharaoh's Dream and Joseph's Plan."

News from Jamaica

Theo & Rose Miller, Missionaries

We bring you good news from Jamaica. Theo has been asked to serve as the minister of the influential Church of Christ in Ocho Rios in addition to his ministerial responsibilities at Claremont. He has also been able to train young preachers to take over the ministries he has been covering at Clover Hill and Pedro River, and is in the process of training a young man for the work in Grierfield. Rick jokingly refers to him as the Bishop of Jamaica, and that is almost true.

In addition to his ministerial duties, Theo has recently been sworn in as a Justice of the Peace. It is an official position of influence, and is held in high respect, but has no financial remuneration. It's our privilege to be Theo's primary supporting church, and we are grateful that we have been able to minister through him and Rose since 1991.



Chatham Christian Church,

It has been a great start to the new semester! 47 students came to Monday Night Worship on campus. Our student leaders have planned several intentional events these first few weeks to help new students feel connected. Additionally, we will be training key students next week in a method of evangelism to help them be better equipped to reach out to their peers this spring. As always, we really are grateful for your support. It makes all the difference in helping CSF to be equipped and a resource for ministry on campus.

Thanks so much for your love for CSF and college students at UIS and LLCC!

In Christ,
David Lasley



Summer activities can get expensive! In order to save a little money, plan on taking advantage of the early bird discount of \$10 if you register for camp before May 1st. Also, there is a \$20 bring a friend discount if a camper signs up with a friend who is a first time camper. Finally, CCC will pay half of your child's tuition for one session of camp. Stop by my office to get the discount code or text me anytime.



Casas por Cristo
short term missions

Just a reminder that I will be purchasing our plane tickets at the end of January. To those who have confirmed, I will be reaching out for some information needed in the booking process. For those who are still deciding, I also will be contacting you soon to answer any of your final questions.



All men are more than welcome to come out this Thursday as we begin the study of the last chapter in Galatians. If you missed a few studies or haven't attended any at all, no problem! We will catch you up and all learn something together from the last chapter of this wonderful book. We will be meeting at 7:00pm here at the church.



Jr. High Students

For the past five years, we have stayed in Springfield for our annual Believe conference. This year, they have moved the location to Bloomington. I am looking forward to the road trip!

The basic structure of the conference will be the same. A great band called "Isaac" will lead us in praise and worship. Messages will be delivered by a very good keynote speaker we have heard before and this year we have a magician to help set the stage for our lessons. Some of our best group discussions have occurred over the years after a conference like Believe. I hope you can attend!

In regards to content, we will be focusing on prayer. Although potentially routine as we do it everyday, the fact that the God of the Universe wants to be in contact with us through prayer should leave us in awe. This will be a good topic for Jr. High Students who often don't know how to or feel comfortable talking to God. What is prayer? How does it work? When should you pray? What words should you use?

These questions and more will be addressed through five different sessions. They are prayer is powerful because God is powerful, prayer is personal because God loves you, pray anytime about anything because God is listening, prayer is as varied as you, and prayer is Kingdom Work.

The cost of the conference is \$59 per student if we register by February 5th. Expenses for the weekend will be two meals on the road, souvenirs and other items if needed. We will be leaving CCC at 4:30pm on Friday, March 6th and returning by 5:30pm on Saturday, March 7th. A sign up sheet will be on the bulletin board on Sunday!