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No, it's not a typo! The offering for September 6th really was \$53,329.00! Perhaps I better explain.

In our last church paper I shared that the elders had decided to resurface part of our parking lot. I had noted that the bid to do the entire lot was \$110,000, but that since \$66,000 would pretty much deplete our bank account, the decision was made to just resurface what we could afford.

The next day I received a text from a church member that said a check for \$44,000 would be in the following Sunday's offering, so we could do the whole thing! When I told "Cousin Bill" that we now wanted to do the entire lot, he told me that was really good for the church. To finish the job in several years would have cost substantially more.

When discussing the cost, however, he mentioned that he wasn't certain, but thought the bid may have been for \$112,000. When I checked, he was right, and when I hesitantly mentioned that to the donor, he said not to worry about it. Another \$2,000 would be the next offering!

As amazing as all that is, there is even more to the story. You may recall that back in April we had \$36,000 given to the church. When I mentioned that we were in need of parking lot repairs, the donor indicated that he really wanted the funds to go to missions. We of course honored his request, and were very happy to make it possible for Theo to buy a vehicle in Jamaica, start a major bathroom project in Haiti, and meet special needs that Kent Paris was facing in his ministry with those facing homosexual and gender issues.

Apparently God honored the desire to meet mission needs before our own, and saw to it that our needs were met as well.

There is still another amazing part to this story. Many churches are struggling financially due to the restrictions in place due to COVID-19. We, on the other hand, have not only been blessed with two amazing offerings, but checks began coming in the mail regularly when we couldn't meet, and the level of giving has remained above what we projected we might need before the year began!

God is good, and His people are faithful!
God Bless, Rick



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YOUTH GROUPS BEGIN THIS SUNDAY AT 6:30!

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

STATISTICS

Worship	9/6	86
Offering		\$53,329.00
Worship	9/13	78
Offering		\$5,331.00

THIS WILL BE OUR PRACTICE ON SUNDAY MORNING DURING SEPTEMBER

ONLY THE WORSHIP SERVICE
WILL BE OFFERED

CHILDREN ARE TO REMAIN WITH PARENTS
AT ALL TIMES

THERE WILL BE NO NURSERY

ALL ARE WELCOME
BUT NO ONE AT HIGH RISK
SHOULD COME

THE USE OF MASKS IS
ENCOURAGED

ALL DOORS WILL BE LEFT OPEN
FOR AIR CIRCULATION AND
ENTERING AND EXITING

VISITING SHOULD BE LIMITED
TO THE PARKING LOT

THE SERVICE WILL BE
LIVE-STREAMED AT 9:15

THE RECORDED SERVICE WILL BE
AVAILABLE AFTER THE LIVE SERVICE



Let Us Pray For...

- Jack Ruebush back in hospital with failing health.
- Judy Marlow recovering at the Bridge after a partial hip replacement.
- Schar Zimmerman had to go to the ER and have her heart shocked into proper rhythm.
- Carmen Karhliker's brother-in-law had to go back on a ventilator with COVID-19.



On September 6th we were blessed to witness the baptisms of Levi Hunley and Cory Moore.

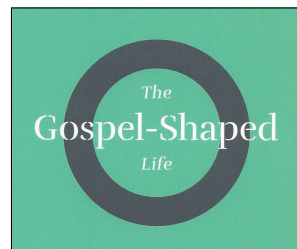
After finishing a study of baptism with his mom and dad, Levi had decided to have his dad baptize him the first Sunday Grace was home from college.

Cory texted Rick to tell of his desire to be baptized after watching our service at home with his children while Nicole was here serving on the praise team.

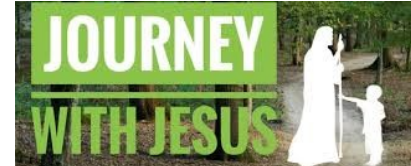
Be sure to let Levi and Cory know of your joy over their baptisms into Christ.



Chatham area churches are sponsoring a food drive for the pantry this Sunday. Items can be taken to the pantry or brought to church. Canned vegetables, soups, spaghetti sauce, mac & cheese, boxed rice, and hot or cold cereals are especially needed.



A new Sunday night study for adults begins this Sunday at 6:30.



Elementary Youth Group

Last Spring your journey was interrupted, but it is about to begin again! Our journey will take us through Jesus' life right up until the time He is taken back to Heaven after His resurrection. At that point, you will be ready to start double Christmas play practices focusing on the birth of Jesus. From His birth to His death, we are going to learn about Jesus! And of course, we will be working in a lot of fun games and crafts each week as we learn together. See you next week!



It was great to hear Rhonda announce that plans are officially in motion for a Christmas Musical this year. Practices will begin the first Sunday in October and it is definitely not too late to get your child involved. If interested, please feel free to reach out to myself or Rhonda at anytime.



When we begin Sunday School on October 4th, we will be reopening the nursery for both worship and SS. If you can assist with this important ministry, please let Rhonda Luzio know by the end of this week so the volunteer schedule can be finalized.



High School Youth Group

Great job on the bike ride last Sunday! Seven miles seemed intimidating to some, but it turned out to be a piece of cake. I appreciated your flexibility as our kick-off was primarily focused on the younger members in our youth groups.

Speaking of toddlers, Theo is in a stage where the response to just about anything is: "Why?" Why do dogs bark? Because they can't meow. Why can't they meow? Because they are not cats. Why aren't they cats? It seems like we were all born to ask questions, but when it comes to God, we sometimes feel guilty for asking too many questions.

To begin our Sunday evening time together, we are going to explore how questions can actually deepen our faith. This will occur right in the middle of fun activities and games led by your favorite High School sponsors, Casey and Erica Blakely. It's going to be a great year!



Junior High Youth Group

Who is Jesus really? People have been asking that question for thousands of years. Even when Jesus was here on earth, people couldn't figure Him out. Sometimes even His best friends weren't so sure who He was. So one day Jesus asked them, "Who do you say that I am?" That question is the most important question by far any of us will answer in our lifetime. And that is the topic we will be discussing during our youth group time in September. See you on Sunday!