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I've been reading a very encouraging and insightful book on American history entitled *Land of Hope, An Invitation to the Great American Story* by Wilfred McClay. It seems to be a very balanced look at our history, and helps understand not only where we've come from, but what's going on today. I found a section detailing the situation in our country after the first World War to be especially relevant.

"All the grand rhetoric from the presidential podium about the nation's noble war aims, making the world safe for democracy, self-determination, open agreements openly arrived at, freedom of the seas, and so on—all of it now rang pitifully hollow.

"Returning vets eager to get on with their lives found housing, autos, and consumer goods to be in very short supply, causing huge spikes in prices. These changes not only doubled the cost of living from what it had been before the war but led to widespread labor unrest. Some twenty-five race riots erupted in cities around the country, notably a July riot in Chicago that left thirty-eight killed and more than five hundred injured. Although the immediate causes of violence were varied, the overflowing of ethnic and racial tensions in a fiercely competitive postwar labor and housing market was a common theme.

"Often forgotten too amid the general pandemonium of the postwar environment was a public health calamity that took many more lives than the war. This was the 1918 Spanish influenza epidemic, which killed more than twenty-two million people around the world including 675,000 Americans. About 28 percent of the American population became infected. The effects on everyday life were profound and visible: people wearing surgical masks when out in public, closure of stores, theaters, dance halls, even churches and schools. So many people died that the city of Philadelphia used steam shovels to dig mass graves; 528 were buried that way on a single day."

This was the situation 100 years ago, and our nation survived and thrived. At least it thrived for a time. I'm hopeful that the same will be true today.

God Bless, Rick



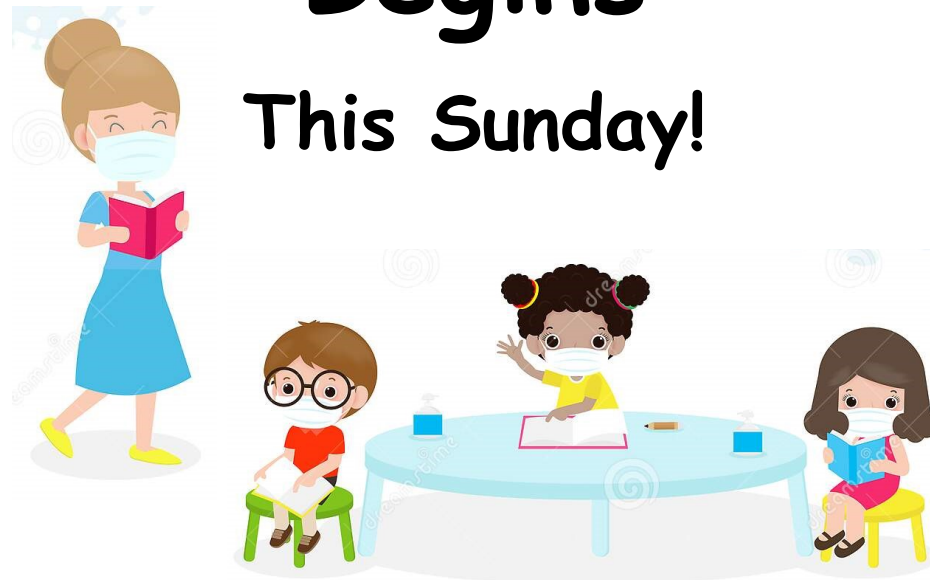
## THE CHATHAM MESSENGER

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# Sunday School Begins This Sunday!



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

## STATISTICS

Worship	9/20	60
Offering		\$5,291.16
Worship	9/27	86
Offering		\$4,269.16

## *In Memoriam*

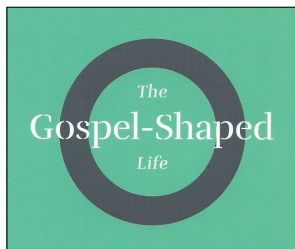
Jack Ruebush went to be with the Lord last Thursday, and we celebrated his passing during our worship service on Sunday morning. A graveside service for Jack's family will be held at a later date in Raritan, IL.

Jack and Bonnie became part of our church family 35 years ago, and he will be sorely missed. Please pray for Bonnie as she adjusts to Jack's absence, and as she now addresses some medical conditions she had put off attending to while caring for Jack.

## Let Us Pray For...

—Judy Marlow recovering at home after a partial hip replacement.

—Lee Zimmerman at home after stay at Lewis for rehab.



After noting how the triune nature of God makes possible a loving relationship into we have been invited, and learning that a Christian is someone who has passed from death into life, we will be looking at how the fear of God and the love of God are inextricable joined this Sunday at 6:30.

All adults are invited to join us for this study of *The Gospel-Shaped Life*.



## NURSERIES OPEN THIS SUNDAY!

We are excited to get both of the nurseries back up and running, but there are a few changes we want you to be aware of to help keep our children and volunteers safe.

- All volunteers and children 2 years and older will need to wear face coverings at all times in the nurseries. Anyone refusing to wear a mask will not be allowed in the nurseries.
- Outdoor playtime for toddlers is encouraged, weather permitting. Masks may be removed when outside.
- Children will be screened for any signs of illness at drop-off. If symptoms or a temperature of 100 or higher are noted the child will not be able to stay.
- Parents will need to say in the hall during drop-off and pick-up to reduce the number of people in the rooms.
- Snacks will not be served in the nurseries at this time. If you want your child to have a snack, you will need to check them out of the nursery and offer one you have provided.



Students being promoted to new classes will be recognized this Sunday.



It is exciting to see Sunday School returning for all ages. We will be getting back to our normal routine with the recommended safety precautions while inside and in the classrooms. For the younger kids through 5th grade, beginning with Creation, they will be studying the Old Testament. The teachers are:

Pre-K: Marilyn Wenneborg & Tracy Formea

K-1: Paul Hunley

2nd & 3rd: Nikki Hunley & Stacey Cantrell

4th & 5th: Schar Zimmerman

For Junior High and High School, we will primarily be focused on the New Testament beginning in Acts with the birth of the church. The teachers are:

Junior High: Tina Huber

High School: Mark Huber

For adults, as Rick mentioned, Jeni will lead her ladies class in the fellowship hall and Rick will be discussing the sermon in the auditorium during our Sunday School time together.



Practices begin this Sunday evening at 5:15pm for the Christmas Musical this year. "The Power Of The King" will help set our hearts and minds in the proper mood for worship during this reflective season. Thanks Rhonda and kids for agreeing to bless us with this musical!



Outside of the lessons which are of prime importance in our youth program (we have had two awesome lessons focusing on Jesus as God and Jesus as Savior in our Junior High group), group activities have always played an important part in our program to build lasting friendships and unity among the students. COVID has made planning a little more difficult and these activities could be cancelled or modified, but here is the initial schedule for October and November.

**October 18th:** A family outing to Pumpkin Creek Farms for Kindergarten through 5th grade students after Sunday School. We will caravan out there and visit the food stand for lunch when we get hungry. I can taste those fresh donuts now... YUM!

**October 23rd:** Junior High and High School Costume Party at CCC. More details to follow but both groups wanted to do a pumpkin carving contest so be thinking of your design!

**November 14th:** Kindergarten through 5th grade roller skating outing from 10:00am to noon. Lunch to follow.

**November 21st:** Junior High and High School Paintball Challenge at Wildcatt Paintball Park.

That would put us around Thanksgiving time! There were a host of other activities brainstormed by the youth and we will work them in throughout the year. Also, each group identified an area of service to participate in this fall. The younger students will be doing encouragement cards for residents across the street at the Villas. Junior High students want to rake leaves for those in our congregation and possibly a few outside of our body. The High School students expressed a desire to spend time together baking then delivering the goodies to people around our community. Have a great week!