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

As most are probably aware, Marilyn and I have recently returned from a trip to the holy land the church gave us in recognition of our 50 years of ministry at CCC. We cannot thank you enough for giving us this unexpected opportunity. To walk where Jesus walked, and sail where Paul went on his journeys, was certainly the most amazing thing we've ever done.

But, as I mentioned in the first sermon after our return, it was not for us a life changing event. That event took place not when we walked where Jesus walked, but when we invited Him to walk with us through life. Still, many have asked about our favorite, most meaningful parts of the trip, and we certainly did have those.

Both of us felt the time spent in Galilee was the highlight of our trip. Jesus spent more time there than anywhere else while on earth, and we could really visualize Him being there. The area around the Sea of Galilee is less cluttered by development than the cities, and to actually be on the Sea of Galilee, in a wooden boat, is something we'll never forget.

The most emotional moment for me, however, did take place in a city. But not in a place I had expected. We were in the Church of Saint Peter in Gallicantu, which means where the cock crowed. It was built over the high priest's courtyard where Jesus was taken after His arrest. In the middle of the church was a hole that led down to caves that were used as cisterns and holding cells for prisoners. Standing alone in a cell that Jesus may have been cast into was without a doubt the most emotional moment of the trip for me.

Thank you Jesus, and God Bless. Rick

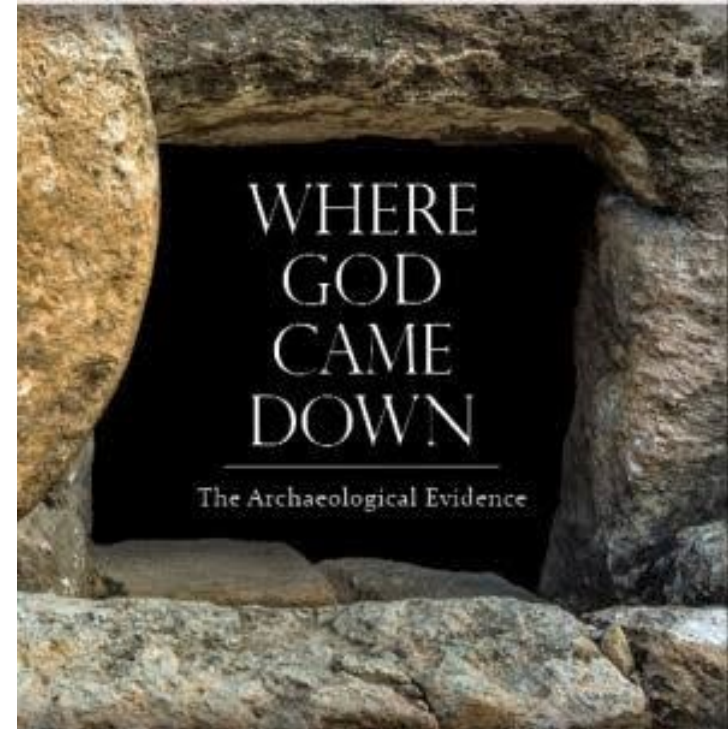


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SUNDAYS AT 6:30

STATISTICS			
	8/27		
Worship		98	
Offering		\$4,300.83	
	9/3		
Worship		106	
Offering		\$14,819.18	
	9/10		
Worship		102	
Offering		\$8,416.00	
	9/17		
Worship		106	
Offering		3,844.72	
	9/24		
Worship		114	
Offering		\$4,950.00	



Many of the praise team will once again be in Turkey Run during the Columbus Day weekend, so it's time to dust off the hymnals. Start picking out your favorites now, and on Sunday morning, October 8th, you'll be given the opportunity to request the hymns of your choice.



All ladies of the church are invited to a baby shower for Olivia (Huber) Hayse on Saturday, October 21st, at 2:00. A boy is expected in December.

The shower will be held in the church fellowship hall, and Olivia is registered at babylist.com/list/Baby-Olivia-Hayse.

HOLY LAND PICTURES

The pictures of the holy land that were presented at church can be seen by going to YouTube and searching for Chatham Christian Church, and then clicking on Rick & Marilyn's Trip to Israel & Greece.

MEDITATION BY OTTO HUBER

Growing up, it seemed like there were so many things adults were able to do that kids cannot. I remember wondering why adults got to stay up later, go places I could not, etc. I knew my parents loved me and were always looking out for me, but I didn't have a real understanding as to why I was so limited in the things I was able to do.

Now that I'm considerably older and have children of my own, I'm starting to hear the same questions from my oldest son, Theo. Except now, I'm the one having to answer the questions rather than asking them. And if you know anything about Theo, it's that he has a LOT of questions to ask.

My main point is that children aren't able to do many things that we adults do every day. We generally have the freedom to choose how late we want to stay up, how we want to spend our evenings, and where we want to travel to. And it makes sense that we have these freedoms, as we are older and know more about our likes, our abilities, our limitations. We understand these things and can make better decisions than children.

However, I would like to argue that there is one area that children have a strong advantage over adults if nurtured correctly. And that is faith. When we were children, we found we could not take care of ourselves properly and we had to trust that our moms and dads would watch over us and give us what we need to survive. We didn't know much about them, but we knew enough to know we were loved and cared for. And that was enough for us to put our faith and trust in them to raise us, protect us, and love us.

The same thing applies to our faith in God. Children may not know all about who God is—even us adults will never know all about God—but they can understand the goodness and love of God and know He is worthy of love, faith, and trust. It's easy to see why Jesus wanted to be with children who were so fascinated and excited to be with Him.

Every week we have a chance to renew our childlike faith through communion with our Lord. So when we take communion, let's come together and renew our commitment to fully follow God. With the mind of an adult, but the faith of a child.



Please be praying for the Feed My Starving Children events across the country this fall. As you know, our church is sending a group to St. Louis on Saturday, October 14th to pack meals for kids around the world. At this event in St. Louis, the goal is to pack 1.2 million meals. I am thankful for all who are willing to go and make this possible.

For those going, we will be leaving CCC at 10:00am. This will give us ample time to stop for an early lunch before arriving a half hour early for our shift which begins at 12:45. When we are done, those in the church van will be stopping by Dave and Busters for some food and fun before returning to Chatham. Our goal is to get home somewhere around 7:30-8:00 that evening. I look forward to spending the day with everyone!



Sunday Evenings

We are looking for a couple volunteers to help watch a few toddlers on Sunday evenings from 6:30-7:30. This would allow their parents to attend the adult class which would be greatly appreciated. While only one is needed on a given evening, two volunteers would allow for a more manageable every other week schedule. If you could help out during this time frame, please let me know as soon as possible.

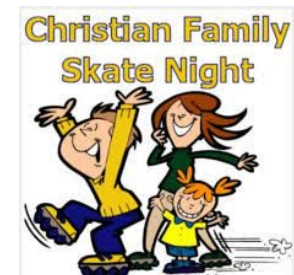


K-5 Grade

We are officially a few days into fall and that means great temperatures, pumpkin flavored treats all around and Pumpkin Creek Farms! It is time to plan our annual Sunday afternoon trip out to the farm so let's set Sunday, October 23rd as the date for this event.

The admission price this year is \$8.00 per person. This will allow you to climb on haystack mountain, participate in the petting zoo, play in the corn bin, get lost in the corn maze, ride the tractor and do a variety of other activities around the farm.

We will be stopping for lunch right after Sunday School and save those delicious apple cider donuts at the farm for desert. We usually make it back around 3:00-3:30 that afternoon. A sign up sheet will be on the bulletin board soon!



If you have young ones who like to roller skate, Powerlight is sponsoring the first Christian Skate Night of 2023 on Monday, October 2nd from 6:00-8:30pm at Skateland South on Recreation Drive. I have passes in my office for free admission, however there is a \$4.00 skate rental fee. Please see me Sunday morning if you are interested. The music and atmosphere should be uplifting for a fun night at the rink!