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

The actual corner stone of our church is Christ. The decorative corner stone on our building was engraved with the words “UNLESS THE LORD BUILDS THE HOUSE THEY LABOR IN VAIN WHO BUILD IT” when it was constructed in 1976. We believed it then, and we believe it now.

I doubt the psalmist was talking about the carpenter from Nazareth when he wrote it. He was stressing the fact that unless the Lord is the driving force behind anything built in His name, no matter how magnificent or modest, it will mean nothing to Him. I trust what we build truly honors Him.

The home our crew in Mexico built for a young family was not intended to bring glory to Chatham Christian Church, but to Christ. It was financed by the material wealth God has blessed us with, undergirded with prayer, and built by loving hands He created. I'm confident He was honored by their labor.

Before the end of July, you should see the ground being prepared for another building we trust will honor Him. The funds for the building came from a couple who kept their eye on the prize, and made sure what God had blessed them with in life would continue honoring Him after they received their eternal reward. It's our prayer that the gymnasium we're building will begin being used for His glory sometime this fall.

Their faithfulness in life and death is also making it possible for a church in Jamaica to get a new roof. I spent quite a bit of time on the old roof, patching and painting, with several mission teams that went there to work with Theo and Rose. The old roof had been built by volunteers from the states after the original roof blew off in a hurricane. Even if the roof now being built gets blown off some day, it will not have been built in vain.

There is one more house, actually a home, that will be built here this month. On July 12th I'll have the pleasure of bringing Anna and Luke together to build a home that will honor Him, as I also did last July with Grace and Zack.

God bless, Rick



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# a new home built in four days for a family in Mexico!



STATISTICS		
Worship Offering	6/1	102
		\$11,418.62
Worship Offering	6/8	95
		\$10,497.31
Worship Offering	6/15	115
		\$3,633.31
Worship Offering	6/22	108
		\$4,547.31
Worship Offering	6/29	113
		\$8,753.31



Paul and Kerri Daniels, missionaries we have supported for a number of years in France, will be in our worship service on July 6th. They will give a brief update and bring special music in the 9:15 service, and will offer a more detailed report, with a time for questions, during the Sunday School hour.



## Science Disrobed

*The Misuse of Scientific “Authority”  
for Utopian Ends*

Have you every wondered why, whenever academics gather for formal events, they wear medieval robes with hoods and strange hats? This academic regalia has been worn since the eleventh century and represents the clothing of the first professors in medieval Europe. Those first professors wore clerical garb because they were priests. Later, as non-priests were added to their ranks, they, too, wore medieval priestly attire. One presumes this is because they wished to be identified with priestly authority. Some scholars working in the sciences today act as if they had priestly authority.

Most people think that science is about the discovery of truth. This is not so. Science is about debate and the presentation of arguments in favor of one’s hypotheses. If enough studies eventually confirm a hypothesis, it begins to be accepted and put into practice. That doesn’t mean the hypothesis has been proven, just that it has been accepted by many. And even widely accepted hypotheses can be terribly wrong.

Most people confuse science with scientism. Scientism is the philosophical claim that science is the only valid form of knowledge. It is a political and religious ideology. Anyone who says “Scientists say…” is practicing scientism. So is anyone who uses phrases like “settled science” or “follow the science.” Of course, if science were settled on any given topic, there would be nothing more to investigate on that topic, and that is never the case.

While individual scientific studies may not be definitive (or even correct), taken together, scientific advances increase our understanding of the world and offer enhancements in medicine and technology. On the other hand, scientism seeks to advance a progressive totalitarianism that is dangerous for Christian families. A clear understanding of this difference is essential as we struggle against the toxic tides of our cultural waters. Care needs to be taken when putting our trust in those who adorn themselves as priests.

(Excerpted from an article by Thomas S. Buchanan in the March/April 2025 edition of Touchstone.)



For no man can lay a foundation other than the one which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.  
1 Corinthians 3:11



Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.  
Colossians 3:23-24



For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them.

Ephesians 2:10



### K-5th Grade Students

Last year we did this and had a lot of fun, so I say we do it again! We will set up at least one, maybe two, blow up water slides for the afternoon. Also, I will have plenty of water guns to shoot, balloons to throw and snacks to consume as we enjoy our time together.

The Wacky, Wednesday, Water Day will be on July 16th here at the church. We will begin at 1:00pm and conclude anytime around 3:00 or 3:30. Bring a friend, some sunscreen, and be ready to have a great time!



### High School

Our week at CIY/MOVE is less than a month away! As a reminder, we will be leaving at 6:00am on Sunday, July 20th and will return the evening of Friday, July 25th. I am looking forward to a great week with everyone.

If you haven't paid the registration yet, please do so as soon as possible. Also, since we are traveling 8 1/2 hours, you will need money for food on two travel days and a lunch on Wednesday.

Our scripture focus for the week will be out of Hebrews where we are told to run with endurance keeping our eyes fixed upon Jesus. Please keep Matthew, Nate, Cash, Hunter, Levi, Carter, Emme, Mailee, Kinley, Micaiah, Amelia, Payton, Ellie, Adison, Ren, Mark, Tina, Zach and Jade in your prayers as we worship and are strengthened in the Lord to run the race set before us.