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

I don't know of any preachers, other than me and Mark, who make actual manuscripts of their sermons available before they preach them. I started doing so years ago after my son-in-law asked if I could make printed copies available. I did so, thinking some might be picked up after church. But, to my surprise, they were being picked up before church. So I started putting them on the sermon table along with the outlines.

I soon came to realize that some like to just listen, some like to fill in outlines, and some like to read along. I really don't care which is done, as long as the message is being received.

Of late, sixty-five copies seems to meet the need. I do, however, try to keep a few on the table in case someone misses one, and would like a full set for later reference. If any aren't left on the table after church, I look for ones that have been left behind in the pews. Usually I find a half dozen or so, but a couple weeks ago I found fifteen or twenty.

In case you're wondering why, so did I. The sermon was on adultery and sexual immorality. When I shared my concern, it was noted that having a sermon on adultery seen in someone's home might raise suspicious thoughts. I do hope that was the reason, and not that the message was being dismissed. And I do hope what I shared from Augustine is remembered.

When struggling with sin in his life, he confessed that when he let the enemy convince him to do what he wanted to do, what he wanted soon led to wicked desire or lust. Yielding to lust created habit, and habit unresisted created a kind of necessity. What started as a simple desire to do what he wanted, instead of what God wanted, soon became a chain that shackled him in cruel slavery.

Freedom from his slavery to sin came when a voice told him to take up and read. He took up the Bible, and read from Romans 13. "Put on the Lord Jesus Christ and make no provision for the flesh in its lusts."

When struggling with sinful habits, that is the only answer. God Bless, Rick

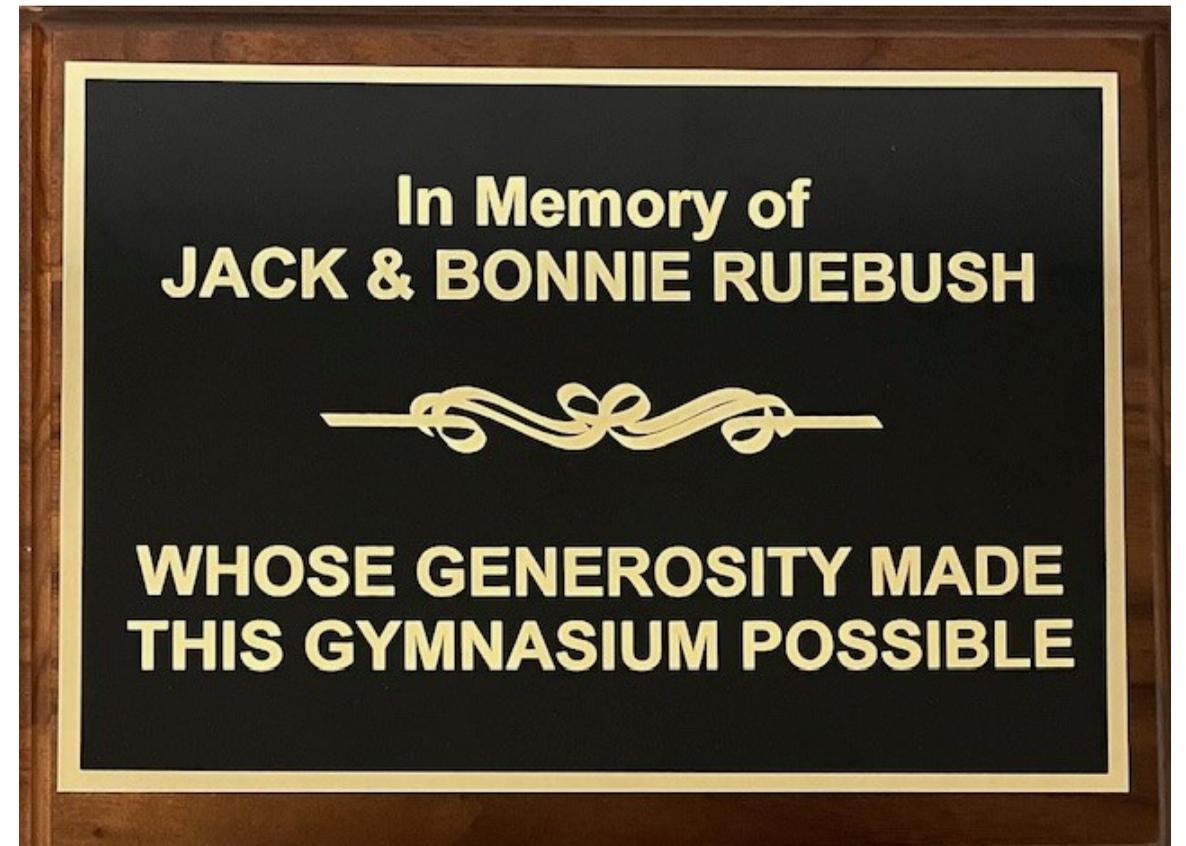


## THE CHATHAM MESSENGER

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The dedication of our new gym has been re-scheduled for Sunday, March 15th. We'll begin with a pizza party at 6:30, and then cut the ribbon and let young kids play volleyball before the teens and adults take over.

STATISTICS		
Worship	2/1	90
Offering		\$12,789.31
Worship	2/8	102
Offering		\$5,907.31
Worship	2/15	109
Offering		\$7,801.00
Worship	2/22	107
Offering		\$28,245.48



After construction delays on our gym kept teens and adults playing volleyball at the camp for several weeks, we are rather confident they can plan on playing here after the dedication on March 15th.

Play will begin after the little kids have a chance to inaugurate the court, and the balcony will be open for spectators.



We are planning to open the gym will for pickleball on the evening of Thursday, March 18th. Anyone interested in playing is encouraged to give Mark a call so details concerning teams and times can be worked out.



### HAITIAN CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES Pillatre School Celebration

We had a major event at Pillatre School: "The Philosophy student's celebration". It was a beautiful moment dedicated to honoring the 13th graders, as this is their final year of school. To mark the importance of the occasion, the Director of the National Education Department was invited. There was a lot of emotion, especially because many of the students have been there since kindergarten all the way through 13th grade. The students expressed how deeply they love the school because of the many opportunities it provides.

Every Monday, there is a devotional to begin the week with the Word of God. The school also has a clinic to care for students when they are sick, offers computer classes, and provides daily meals. This time of reflection raised many questions among the student, particularly about whether they would find the same level of support elsewhere. They took the opportunity to thank all the HCM supporters and the board for their continued support from kindergarten through their final year. They also received valuable advice from the Field Director Pastor Marc-Auel Fenelus. It was something the students really appreciated from him. Finally, they asked everyone to keep the ministry in their prayers, so that God can open more doors to help all those in need.

### CSF ANNUAL BANQUET

The Christian Student Fellowship banquet will be held at Erin's Pavilion on March 21. The evening will start at 6:30, and include a meal, worship, and testimonies from alumni and students. Instructions for reservations are on the bulletin board.



### K-5th Grade

Every Spring, I like to take the kids out after Sunday School to have a fun, enjoyable afternoon with them. Especially when laser tag is involved. For that, Malibu Jack's is the place to go as they offer a great laser tag arena and so much more.

If you would like to attend, we will be leaving right after Sunday School on March 8th. You will need \$8.00 for the laser tag game and money for lunch from the snack bar. Also, there is a bowling alley, miniature golf, small amusement rides and a variety of video games available. If your child will want to do any of the extras, then please pack some extra money for those attractions.

We will be returning no later than 3:00pm. If any high school or adult wants to go hang out for awhile, you are more than welcome. It is a big place and more eyes on the kids the better! See you on the 8th!



### YOUNG ADULTS

The young adults in our congregation are invited to the Huber house on Tuesday, March 10th for pizza and games. Who exactly qualifies as a young adult? I know I don't but for the sake of this evening we will define a young adult as anyone 18-30 years of age. We will be gathering around 6:00pm and the games will start shortly thereafter. Feel free to invite some friends! We have plenty of room for everyone!



### INNER CITY MISSION helping the homeless find their way home

### Junior/Senior High School

Inner City Mission has been serving people who find themselves in tough circumstances for over 30 years in the Springfield area. Off and on, we have supported them in a variety of ways as they share the gospel message with those they touch. The youth of the church would prepare a meal, eat with the residents and then stick around for a bit to spend some time with the families gathered.

On March 22nd, we are penciled in to do exactly that. For all junior/senior high students interested, we will be meeting here at the church at 4:00pm to get organized. After praying and eating with the residents around 5:30, we will stick around until 7:00pm either talking or playing basketball with the kids. We'll be back in time for volleyball that evening. Thanks in advance for serving and loving others in the name of Jesus.



Supporting churches have been asked to provide items routinely used throughout the summer by the campers at LSCA. Apparently, kids like sugar! We have been asked to provide 100 pounds of this addictive white substance. Also, LSCA has asked for a few Aldi gift cards for odds and ends when needed. Thank you all for your continued support of this important ministry.