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GAME ON! COURTSIDE PICKLEBALL

In case you haven't noticed, the gym is open! After a couple of misstarts, we got it done. We dedicated it on April 12th, and started using it that night.

There are still a few little things to do inside, and a lot to do outside. The dirt along the edges of the gym needs to be evened out and covered with rock. Water that occasionally creates duck ponds in the back is going to be directed to the ditch in front of our property. The field north of the gym will be leveled and seeded. And a new fence will be installed around the nursery playground.

Even while that is taking place, the gym will be available for church programs, church sponsored events, recreational use by church members, and games and activities hosted by members of our church. While the gym will not be available for the community at large to reserve, it is our desire that people in the area will become acquainted with our church, and our Savior, by being invited to participate in planned activities.

Any member of our congregation who wants to schedule a time to use the gym can see if it's available by going to our web page, chathamchristian.org, and clicking on the three little lines on the top right corner, something I just found out is called a hamburger, and then click the word gym to find the calendar. To book a time, go to ccchurch.ch/gym or use the QR code posted in the gym.

If you have any questions about using the gym or need assistance booking a time to use it, give Mark, Casey, or Chris a call. It won't do much good to call me.

God Bless, Rick



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GAME ON!

YEAR-END YOUTH BASH

TWO EVENTS. ONE EPIC NIGHT.

K-5 GRADE

MINUTE TO WIN IT MADNESS

FAST-PACED GAMES!
LAUGHS • FRIENDS • FUN!

6-12 GRADE

OPEN GYM TAKEOVER

BASKETBALL | VOLLEYBALL | PICKLEBALL

DATE:
SUNDAY,
MAY 17TH

TIME:
5:30 PM
DOORS OPEN AT 5:15 PM

LOCATION:
CHATHAM CHRISTIAN CHURCH GYM

BRING A FRIEND!

FOOD AND PRIZES!

STATISTICS		
	4/5	
Worship		141
Offering		\$9,573.00
	4/12	
Worship		89
Offering		\$6,032.24
	4/19	
Worship		101
Offering		\$4,113.24
	4/26	
Worship		117
Offering		\$7,140.97



In 1974 a young Arab in Jerusalem's Old City named George expressed interest in the gospel to a Christian Church minister from North Carolina. That conversation led to years of discipleship, and ultimately, George was ordained and planted small house churches across Jerusalem and the surrounding communities. In 1985 CHLF was formally established to walk alongside local believers and trust that God was at work in their midst.

In 2003 the work that had once centered in Jerusalem and central Israel shifted north, and a small team of young couples planted churches in the towns and villages of Galilee. From the beginning, CHLF has held a simple conviction: the future of the church in the Holy Land belongs to the local church, and the role of the foundation is not to replace it, speak over it, or control it, but to support it with humility, resources, and long-term presence. Together they have lived through wars, separation walls, closed checkpoints, financial collapses, and a global pandemic, but have refused to abandon their calling, even at great cost.

In 2025 the Galilee Team ministered to 153 church-member families with an average of 160 children in Sunday School, and 146 individuals engaged in weekly discipleship, resulting in 36 baptisms. We learned of this ministry a couple of years ago, and recently sent another \$2,500 to help support their work.



NEWS FROM JAMAICA

On the 17th of January 2026, a group of 13 persons from the USA called the Bachelor Creek Roofing Team arrived at the Claremont Church of Christ to assist with the church's roofing project. This was a much-needed help since over years the roof has been deteriorating to a point where not only was it aesthetically unpleasant for worshippers looking at the ceiling while worshipping, but it presented a risk to the worshippers from the elements due to half raised zincs and hanging ceilings.

When, in 1988, hurricane Gilbert destroyed the church's roof, a group came in from the USA and replaced the roof. Bless their hearts, they did the best they could, but over the years constant leakages appeared. A group from the Chatham Christian Church came in and gave us some much-needed help with repairs of both roof and ceiling. Further damages by hurricanes Beryl in 2024 and hurricane Melisa in 2026 increased the need for a new roof.

The building now boasts a nice new majestic blue roof that is the envy of many onlookers, we are sure. But due to the ravages of hurricane Melisa on many houses and infrastructure we still have not been able to procure the material needed to install the ceiling. At our last check we were told that even though the material is in Kingston on the wharf, the hardware store is still awaiting delivery.

We have plans to complete the basic school building and install a new fence around the church property with funds that was given to us by the Chatham Christian Church. We continue to be extremely grateful to Chatham, Central City, and Mickey Garnet for their faithfulness to the Lord and His ministry through us over the many years of our ministry in Jamaica.

Rose Miller



Courtside is a new program we implemented a few weeks ago. The idea is to have some food available for dinner beginning at 5:30pm and then head into the gym for some games before youth group. This past Sunday we had a great turnout!

The first night Tina made sloppy joes which were awesome. During our last Courtside, we enjoyed a few subs before games. This Sunday, the Hunleys (and by that I mean Nikki) are bringing in a taco bar for the kids before our activity. I am looking forward to that!

It is hard to believe that this will be our final regular youth group meeting of this school year. We do not meet on Mother's Day and the finale will be on the 17th. Therefore, let's make it a big one and invite tons of friends! We will definitely keep Courtside going next fall as we continue to look for ways to use the gym to share Christ with others!



Pickleball is going strong! We are having a blast playing a few games every Thursday night at 6:00pm. Let's continue through the month of May and then formally take the summer off. However, feel free to grab some friends and come out to play anytime the gym is not being used. What a blessing it has been and the kids are really enjoying it!



As stated on the cover, our Sunday Evening Finale will be on May 17th here at the church. Food will be served at 5:30pm with games to follow. Everyone is invited!

Plans change, but the thinking right now is to set up a series of "Minute to Win it" type games around the gym for the K-5 kids to do. Each game will be hosted by a HS student and will have a prize for the player with the fastest score. Then, it will be an open gym time for the older kids and adults. We can play volleyball or basketball or pickleball or a combination of all three! Others can stay as long as they want as we all fellowship together. If you would like to help in any way (food, organization, etc.) just let me know!



A friendly reminder that our VBS will be held on June 8th through the 11th. Registration is available online through our webpage. Early registration helps us plan accordingly and is encouraged.

This will be a great VBS to invite those in the community to attend. It is a perfect opportunity to show the parents all we offer while their kids are kept busy with fun activities all evening. And, they get to hear about Jesus! Please keep our upcoming VBS in your prayers.