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

"Have you read Robinson Crusoe?" I had to admit I had not. I knew the story, and knew it contained some Biblical teaching, but had no idea how wonderful it is. Having been written 300 years ago it's not an easy read, but let me share just a little of what Robinson discovered after being marooned on a desert island.

"I finished my fourth year in this place, and kept my anniversary with the same devotion and with as much comfort as ever before; for, by a constant study and serious application to the Word of God, and by the assistance of His grace, I gained a different knowledge from what I had before. I entertained different notions of things. I looked now upon the world as a thing remote which I had nothing to do with, no expectations from, and, indeed, no desires about.

I was removed from all the wickedness of the world here; I had neither the lusts of the flesh, the lusts of the eye, nor the pride of life. I had nothing to covet, for I had all that I was now capable of enjoying. I had enough to eat and supply my wants, and what was all the rest to me? The most covetous, griping miser in the world would have been cured of the vice of covetousness if he had been in my case; for I possessed infinitely more than I knew what to do with.

I had now brought my state of life to be much easier in itself than it was a first, and much easier to my mind, as well as to my body. I frequently sat down to meat with thankfulness, and admired the hand of God's providence, which had thus spread my table in the wilderness. I learned to look more upon the bright side of my condition, and less upon the dark side, and to consider what I enjoyed rather than I wanted; and this gave me sometimes such secret comforts, that I cannot express them; and which I take notice of here, to put those discontented people in mind of it, who cannot enjoy comfortably what God has given them, because they see and covet something that He had unto given them. All our discontents about what we want appeared to me to spring from the want of thankfulness for what we have."

God Bless, Rick



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CHATHAM CHRISTIAN CHURCH

ESCAPE THE WORLD

Live differently. Follow Jesus.

YOUTH KICKOFF

JOIN US SUNDAY!

SEPTEMBER 13TH AT 5:30 PM

An evening to kick off fall youth groups!

START THE NIGHT TOGETHER!
FOOD, DRINKS & HANGOUT TIME

THEN... SPLIT UP. ESCAPE ON.
CAN YOU SOLVE THE CLUES AND ESCAPE IN TIME?

YOUTH GROUPS WILL BEGIN SUNDAY NIGHTS FROM 6:30-7:30 PM.

ESCAPE ROOMS BY GRADE LEVEL

K-3RD GRADE
WOOKA BOOKA ISLAND

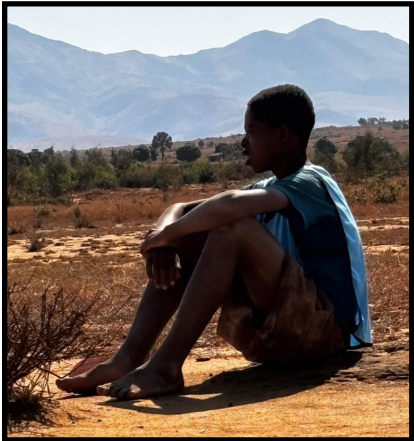
4-8TH GRADE
PROFESSOR SWEN'S LAB

9-12TH GRADE
JEWEL HEIST

BRING A FRIEND. DON'T MISS IT!

CHATHAM CHRISTIAN CHURCH
GROW IN FAITH. BUILD FRIENDSHIPS.
MAKE AN IMPACT.

STATISTICS		
	8/2	
Worship		110
Offering		\$11,911.00
	8/9	
Worship		112
Offering		\$8,176.23
	8/16	
Worship		103
Offering		\$5,583.00
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Worship		117
Offering		\$6,739.00
	8/30	
Worship		120
Offering		\$6,150.00



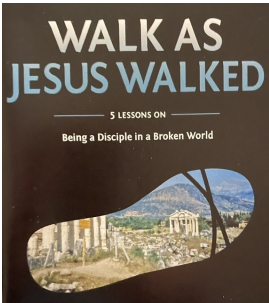
Today, while we were ministering to the children in the village of Ambatovita (Madagascar), I noticed a young boy sitting quietly, watching the soccer game while waiting for his turn to play. That simple moment made me stop and think. Not about him, because he heard the Gospel. But what about the millions who are still waiting? The unreached. The unengaged. Those who have never had the opportunity to hear the name of Jesus even once.

Thank you for praying, giving, and standing with us. Your generosity is helping bring the hope of Christ to people who are still waiting to hear the greatest news ever told. Franciso Basso

(Franciso sent a big collection of pictures of the work they are doing. They are all posted on the main bulletin board.)



Chris Luzio had the extreme pleasure of baptizing his daughter Eden into Christ during the worship service on August 2nd. As a church family we rejoice with the Luzio's over Eden's decision.



Sunday night videos that will take us on walks through biblical sites with Elijah, Paul, Jesus, and Ray Vander Laan, will begin for adults on September 20th at 6:30. All are welcome to join us on our journeys.

LOOKING FOR TRUTH IN THE BOOK OF JOB

Wednesday night Bible study will begin again on September 9th at 6:30. We will be reading through the Book of Job, and trying to discern who is actually telling the truth about God.

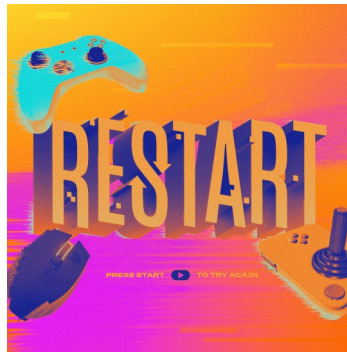
Discussion is always encouraged but not required, so feel free to come.

YOUTH GROUP CLASSES BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 13TH



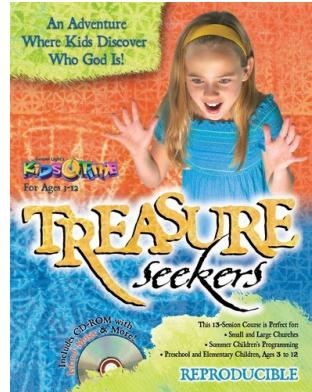
Pre-k through Kindergarten Teacher: Jonathan Sperry

Jonathan looks forward to another great year with these youngsters. He will be working through material found in a series titled Noah's Park focusing on lessons around God's faithfulness towards His people. Kids will have a fun time as they sing songs, make crafts and eat delicious snacks throughout the evening.



Junior High School Teachers: Mark and Tina Huber

In video games, if things get too difficult, there is always a way out. You can simply turn it off and start over. In real life, it's not that easy. Sandwiched in-between snacks and a fun activity, we will be exploring how Jesus walks with us daily and helps us restart or reboot when we need to get back on track.



Grades 1-5 Teacher: Otto & Kileen Huber

Otto and Kileen are teaming up this year to teach this age group about God's attributes and character. Knowing and having a relationship with our Heavenly Father is far greater than any earthly treasure. Kids will discover this during their first group of lessons titled Treasure Seekers!



High School Teachers: Casey and Erica Blakley

We all know that Jesus was the Master Teacher. Often, He would use timely stories called Parables to illustrate important truths. Come join Casey and Erica as they examine the teachings of Jesus and apply these powerful parables to the complex High School world. This class always has lots of fun and I am sure this year will be no different. Bring a friend!