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

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I found it very interesting, perhaps even providential, that as I was reading again *The Heart of Paradise: The Godly Hierarchies of Love and Marriage* that we are reading and discussing on Sunday nights, I came across a news report about a new book that reveals “a shocking re-examination of Adam and Eve.” The interviewer raised the question, “Are they the original sinners, or the most misunderstood couple in history.” The author of the book answered by suggesting that Eve is the victim of the greatest character assassination in history, and that she was the first independent woman. He further noted that Adam and Eve are the role models we need for modern day relationships.

Diane Woerner, the author of the paper we are reading, certainly wouldn't agree with his view of Adam and Eve. Both go to the Bible for the story, but one reflects contemporary thinking, and the other strives to reveal the truth, even if it isn't embraced by modern sensibilities. Here's some of what she has to say:

“Our enemy was supremely cunning with his enticements. It had never occurred to Eve to be discontent with the plentiful provision she enjoyed. Adam had never had his leadership challenged. In addition, they were both oblivious to the astonishing privilege they had been given in their intimate communion with God. But like the serpent himself, sin slithered into their choices, and creation fell groaning into the chaos in which we still live. And the divine pattern of masculinity and femininity was in some ways chief among the casualties.

“Consider what changed. Humanity failed to honor God's position of authority, believing that their understanding of what would benefit them was superior to his. Eve became an initiator and Adam 'heeded' the voice of his wife—which God specifically identified as the first sin. In the resulting curses, Eve's daughters would desire to have dominion over their husbands, and Adams' sons would be compelled to rule rather than lead. Moreover, men would henceforth find their tasks as protectors and providers to be far more challenging, inclining them to shirk these responsibilities.”

I think who has a correct understanding of what happened in Eden is obvious. Join us Sunday at 6:30 if you want to have that belief confirmed. God Bless, Rick



## THE CHATHAM MESSENGER

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*Jr. High be-You-ty Pageant  
Overnight at the Huber's House  
Drop off: 6:30 April 7th at CCC  
Pick up: Noon April 8th at the Huber's  
Sign up soon and see Tina for details!!*

## STATISTICS

Worship 129  
Offering \$4,220.67

## SERVING THIS SUNDAY – 4/2/17

Greeters ..... Duane Carrell  
Visitors' Stand ..... Bob & Dixie Williamson  
Communion Meditation ..... Paul Hunley  
Bill Carroll  
Ushers ..... Connor Bales  
Kent Ballard  
Chris Luzio  
Rick Polley  
Will Bartels  
Jeff Edmiston

### WORSHIP NURSERY

Toddlers ..... Nikki & Anna Hunley  
Infants ..... Rhonda Luzio  
Reagan Formea  
Sunday School  
Toddlers ..... Julie Divjak  
Infants ..... Jeni Sperry

## Let Us Pray For...

--Gary & Lori Gredzieleski's expected granddaughter having difficulties.

--Deanna Langheim with extensive cancer and decision to not pursue chemo.



We rejoiced to witness Brad Stirmell's confession of faith and baptism into Christ last Sunday morning. Brad has been facing several difficulties lately, and has turned to the One who is able to give him what he needs to respond to life's challenges with the power of the Holy Spirit.

Please pray for Brad as he begins a new life in Christ.

## APRIL SERVERS

4/9: Bill Carroll, Paul Hunley  
4/16 & 4/23: Jonathan Sperry, Paul Hunley  
4/30: Doug Marlow, Paul Hunley

## APRIL PROJECTIONIST

Kirk Polley

## APRIL GREETERS

4/9 Jim & Mary Sexton  
4/16 Gary & Lori Gredzieleski  
4/23 Jim & Mary Sexton  
4/30 Judy Marlow

## APRIL VISITORS' STAND

4/9 Bob & Dixie Williamson  
4/16 Beryl & Jamella Reese  
4/23 Bonnie Ruebush  
4/30 Beryl & Jamella Reese

## APRIL NURSERY

### Worship - 4/9

Toddlers: Erica Blakley  
Jack Divjak  
Infants: Dixie Williamson  
Emily Hughes

### Sunday School

Infants: Bonnie Ruebush

### Worship - 4/16

Toddlers: Julie & Abbie Divjak  
Infants: Renee & Madison Bales

### Sunday School

## EASTER NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

### Worship - 4/23

Toddlers: Marilyn Wenneborg  
Grace Hunley  
Infants: Kelly Donaldson  
Courtney Bales

### Sunday School

Infants: Dixie Williamson

### Worship - 4/30

Toddlers: Sara & Regan Bartels  
Infants: Jeni & Kate Sperry

### Sunday School

Infants: Janet Polley

## ONE MORE CHANCE TO PLAY!

We've been given one more chance to play volleyball this year. The camp forgot we were coming last week, and after opening the gym for us offered us another week of play...for free!



Thank you to all who came out to learn more about our potential mission trip to Mexico! There were 24 of us that gathered here last Sunday evening to discuss basic trip information. The timeframe has been set! For the majority attending, June of 2018 seemed to fit best in our busy schedules.

For those who could not make the meeting, please be sure to see me over the next few weeks so we can discuss the cost breakdowns. We have plenty of time to save and plan, so there is no rush to commit. However, as you decide that this mission trip is something you definitely would like to experience, please let me know so I can get a master list established.



There is a High School Girls Retreat at LSCA being planned for April 28th-29th! The format looks really good, with two people you love (Tina and Olivia) taking part in the breakout sessions. Arrival time is 5:00pm on Friday with the conference ending at 4:00pm on Saturday.

In addition to praise and worship, you will have your choice of a variety of workshops to attend. There are spiritual breakouts like tips for scripture memorization and practical breakouts like basic car maintenance. See the LSCA webpage for more details!



Planning is already underway for our VBS to be held June 5-8. This year, the kids will be exploring the stars as Galactic Starveyors to witness the power of our awesome God! As Starveyors, kids will search the skies and God's word to uncover God's truth as evidenced by His creation. From our clubhouse observatory, we will encounter amazing and wonderful things designed by a God who is even bigger than the vastness of His creation. Then, they will discover that the God who created everything there is wants a relationship with them! What a beautiful message for our children!

The primary verses to support our lessons will be Colossians 1: 15-16 which reads: "He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For everything was created by Him, in heaven and earth, the visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things have been created through Him and for Him."

During the week, kids will quickly discover that God gave Jesus power over creation. All of creation was created through Him, by Him and for Him. Through his life, death and resurrection, Jesus fulfilled God's plan of redemption that God had planned from the beginning of time. AMEN!

If you would like to be a part of this ministry to our children, you are welcome to participate. There are opportunities as small group leaders, kitchen helpers and a variety of other roles behind the scenes. Call, text or talk to me on Sunday morning and we will definitely find a place for you during our week of fun and learning!