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

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It all started with the ark. The carpet needed to be replaced, and Jeff Thompson agreed to play Noah. Once he got the ark apart he panicked a bit, as Noah must have done when faced with a task he had never experienced before. There are a lot of intimidating angles in the ark, but Jeff persevered and got it done. Thanks, Jeff, for getting the ark kid worthy again.

As the ark was being readied, work was beginning in the nursery bathroom as well. Cory Moore was the first to volunteer, so he got the job. (Thanks go to Reed Morris and Will Bartels for also volunteering.) Cory took out the old cabinet and sink, patched the hole that had been covered by grillwork behind the toilet, scraped up the old tile, (a job that would have tested the patience of Job), and put on a fresh coat of paint. Next will come new tile on the floor, and a new vanity with drawers and a molded countertop; which may be delayed a bit since I just got an email from the salesman indicating that he couldn't remember which side to put the sink on!

Since we didn't want any rooms in the nursery complex left behind, paint was purchased for all of them. Jack Stucki has volunteered to give up several sabbath days to paint the walls, and Julie is going to touch up the mural behind the ark.

Then, just as grass appeared over all the earth after the flood, new carpet should be seen springing up in the hallways, classrooms, and fellowship hall. Yes, your faithful stewardship is going to make it possible for the carpeting to finally be replaced, and for new cove base to be installed. We are now in the process of getting bids for carpet tiles and tear out and install, but not to worry, you'll still be given a chance to get on board. Help will be needed to take up the baseboards, which may not be made of gopher wood but certainly look as if they have been gnawed on by gophers, and to move everything as the carpet flows from room to room.

Be watching for signs that the day is drawing near, and be ready to respond when the call goes out that it's time.

God Bless, Rick



## THE CHATHAM MESSENGER

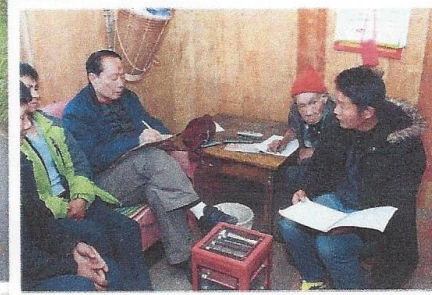
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*Tiching's family*



*Jesse, Tiching and his grandfather in 2013*



*Jesse and Jerwang evangelists in February*

Dear Friends and Supporters,

Trust that this finds you happy in the Lord. God has been very good to us over here. He blesses us with strength for daily task. He gives us the opportunity to meet new challenges with joy and to encourage our co-workers in the service of Him. Recently we were able to conduct two days of extensive Bible conference for Thailand Lisu preachers. Most of them are the Lisu Bible Institute graduates. It was a great joy to see our graduates serving the Lord faithful in remote villages.

We informed our supporters and friends that we now concentrate our effort to win Jerwang people to Christ. As we wrote to you in the past, these people live in China and Burma border area. I grew up among them and speak their language fluently. It is a great joy to be able to report to you that Jerwang evangelism has been quite successful. We started to evangelize Jerwang people since January of 2014. Up to date over 200 of them accepted Christ and have been baptized into Him. The Jerwang people asked me to reduce their language and translate New Testament for them. But now the Summer Institute of Linguistics (SIL) is going to do this for them. I am grateful. Whenever I can I will go to Jerwang area and teach them the Bible. Please pray for us.

At present there are seven Jerwang evangelists trying to reach their own people with the gospel. Earlier we appealed for funds to purchase a jeep for Jerwang work. The mission forwarding agents reported that there is \$14,000 towards this project. My God bless you!! We still need \$6,000 and when this goal is reached, I will go to Bao Shan, China, to select a vehicle and purchase it for Jerwang ministry.

This time I would like to write a few lines about each of the Jerwang evangelists. First, about Bro. Tiching.

(Continued inside)

## STATISTICS

Worship 145  
Offering \$4,015.17

### SERVING THIS SUNDAY – 4/23/17

Greeters ..... Bonnie Ruebush  
Visitors' Stand ..... Jim & Mary Sexton  
Communion Meditation ..... Paul Hunley  
Jonathan Sperry  
Ushers ..... Connor Bales  
Kent Ballard  
Chris Luzio  
Rick Polley  
Will Bartels  
Jeff Edmiston

#### WORSHIP NURSERY

Toddlers ..... Marilyn Wenneborg  
Grace Hunley  
Infants ..... Kelly Donaldson  
Courtney Bales  
Sunday School  
Toddlers ..... Julie Divjak  
Infants ..... Dixie Williamson



### Let Us Pray For...

--Cory Moore and family at the passing of his grandmother.  
--Chuck McLaughlin's mom who had two more heart stents installed.  
--Jack Ruebush's sister who had a pacemaker installed.  
--Nancy Barry's brother with cancer.  
--Gredzieleski's granddaughter continuing to grow stronger and the baby's mother in hospital with blood clots.  
--Deanna Langheim continuing her struggle against extensive cancer.

## Life of Christ

This Sunday at 6:30 we will resume our study of *Life of Christ*. We will begin with the second half of chapter 16, "Property."

## JESSE'S NEWSLETTER CONTINUED

Bro. Tiching was born in Burma. When he was about 10 his parents migrated to Jerwang area in China. Tiching's grand-father accepted Christs and served as an evangelist under early missionaries. While he was evangelizing his own people in China, Chinese communist government arrested him and put him in prison for 28 years. When Tiching was eleven years old, his grandfather was released.

After Tiching's grandfather was released from prison, Tiching went across the border in to China to take care of his grandfather. He attend Chinese school, learned about Christ from his grandfather, and attended short term Bible schools in Lu Ku and Kong Shan in China. I met him in Jerwang area in China in October 2013. I found Bro. Tiching to be very articulate and interested to spread the gospel. Tiching is a family man. His wife's name is Mvlimur Nang and they have two children.

By God's grace we will continue to do our best to make Christ known in our corner of the world so that He might be accepted, loved and worshipped as He is among you. God bless you all! Jesse  
(The entire letter is on the bulletin board)

### PRAYER REQUEST FROM THEO

Hi Rick & Chatham Christian Church,  
I trust that God continues to be good to you as He is to me and my family. A little over a week ago, I suffered what the doctors have described as a very minor stroke. Since the doctors were not completely sure about the exact nature of my illness, I was hospitalized for a few days in the hospital for observation and treatment. An M.R.I. examination has now confirmed their suspicions. The slur in my speech and the damaged muscle on the left side of my face is almost gone. Thanks be to God! My pressure was at a high of 190/112 when it was tested. I did not preach last Sunday nor will I preach today. I will take another week of rest before resuming active service. I am doing a whole lot better now, thanks be to God!  
Please continue to keep us in your prayers. Theo



It's that time again! The previous game nights at the church have been a good time for all. The adults who come have enjoyed the fellowship and friendly competition. The kids have enjoyed hanging out together at the church and watching movies. I hope you have the opportunity to venture out and spend some time with us.

We will be starting around 6:00pm on Friday, April 28th. You can eat before you come or chip in to order pizza. For other munchies throughout the evening, please bring something to share and a 2 liter bottle of soda. Also, bring your favorite game for the group to enjoy! In the past, there have been groups playing traditional games we all know and others playing the newer generation of strategy games. Either way, you will be able to find a game that suits your style.

Finally, if you would rather not find a sitter, your kids are more than welcome. Please see me Sunday morning and we can discuss supervision for your kids here at the church during the game night. I hope you can make it out for some fellowship!



Since we didn't have Sunday School last week, I just want to remind all interested High School Girls that the LSCA retreat is coming up fast. It is over the weekend of April 28-29 and you can sign up on the LSCA webpage.



Let's try to finish up our request this week! So far, we have collected 26 boxes of Fruit Loops and 23 boxes of Cheerios. That leaves just 4 Fruit Loops and 7 Cheerios left to reach our goal. Thank you all again for giving in this manner.



### Lake Springfield Christian Assembly

It doesn't seem possible, but the summer camp season will soon be upon us! While growing up in Jacksonville, I did not take advantage of the groups that would come over to LSCA. That is a decision that I regret for sure.

I hope your child takes advantage of some time away from the phone, away from the T.V., away from everyday distractions to spend some time this summer at LSCA. The time in that beautiful environment with the Lord is priceless. Not to mention fun!

Some of the sessions are filling up fast, so if the procrastination bug has hit, try to register this week to make sure there is availability. Don't forget to reach out to me if you need the code for the church to pay half of the tuition!