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All-Church Thanksgiving Pot-Luck Dinner Sunday at 5:30

Everyone is invited to our annual Thanksgiving Pot-Luck Dinner to be held this Sunday evening. Those bringing items for the pot-luck should bring them ready to serve at 5:00. **Brandon Moore**, one of our Timothy's and a chaplain in the Army, will be speaking before dinner at 5:30. Dinner will be served at 6:00.

Help with clean-up will be appreciated.

Several months ago, when it became obvious that my first and second choices for president wouldn't make it to the final ballot, Matt said that if Trump made it to the presidency he just hoped he would prove to be a Cyrus. That thought has played in the back of my mind since then.

In case you don't know who I'm talking about, Cyrus the Great was the man who conquered the Babylonians, and founded the Persian Empire. His accomplishments are epic, but what's most interesting is that Isaiah prophesied his actions as they would relate to God's people some 150 years before the fact.

During a very dark period of Israel's history, the prophet declared in Isaiah 41, "Let the peoples gain new strength; let them come forward, then let them speak; let us come together for judgment. Who has aroused one from the east whom He calls in righteousness to His feet?" And then in chapters 44 & 45 the prophecy gets much more specific. "It is I who says of Cyrus, He is My shepherd! And he will perform all My desire." "I have also called you by your name; I have given you a title of honor though you have not known Me."

The Book of Ezra then opens with these words: "Now in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, in order to fulfill the word of the Lord by the mouth of Jeremiah, the Lord stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia, so that he sent a proclamation throughout all his kingdom, and also put it in writing, saying, 'Thus says Cyrus the king of Persia, "The Lord, God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth, and He has appointed me to build Him a house in Jerusalem which is in Judah. Whoever there is among you of all His people, may the Lord his God be with him, and let him go up!"'"

Josephus tells us that it was when Cyrus was informed about the prophecies that he was stirred to allow the Jews to return to Judah. It's even possible that it was Daniel who told him of the prophecies.

I find it encouraging that even though Cyrus's religious beliefs weren't the same as Israel's, the counsel he received from godly men helped him understand how he could be used by God to accomplish His purposes. I hope the same will be true of our next president. God Bless, Rick

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Sunday Worship Service
Bible School

9:15 AM
10:45 AM

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STATISTICS

Worship 143
Offering \$7,636.36

SERVING THIS SUNDAY-11/20/16

Greeters Judy Marlow
Visitors' Stand Beryl & Jamella Reese
Communion Meditation Chris Luzio
Jonathan Sperry
Ushers Will Bartels
Otto Huber
Rich Mann
Kirk Polley
Ken Barry
Bill Carroll

WORSHIP NURSERY

Toddlers..... Erica Blakley
..... Jake Divjak
Infants..... June Carroll
..... Courtney Bales
Sunday School
Toddlers..... Julie Divjak
Infants..... Rhonda Luzio

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY-11/27/16

Greeters Will & Sara Bartels
Visitors' Stand Bonnie Ruebush
Communion Meditation Chris Luzio
Jonathan Sperry
Ushers Will Bartels
Otto Huber
Rich Mann
Kirk Polley
Ken Barry
Bill Carroll

WORSHIP NURSERY

Toddlers Nikki & Anna Hunley
Infants..... Dixie Williamson
..... Kate Sperry
Sunday School
Toddlers Julie Divjak
Infants..... Bonnie Ruebush



BLOOD DRIVE

Chatham Community
Sponsored by Chatham Christian Church

Our annual blood drive will be held this Saturday, November 19th from 10:00am to 1:00pm in the fellowship hall. Regular donors who haven't given since 9/24/16 will be able to give again. Donors should eat before coming, and must have a photo ID. Reservations can be made online at www.bloodcenterimpact.org, or by calling the Community Blood Center at (217) 241-7550. Walk-in's are welcome any time.



Thanks to a great bunch of CCC kids who raked my leaves on Saturday. You are the best. I appreciated it.

Judy Marlow



Let Us Pray For...

--Linda Green's 94 year old father beginning chemo for bladder cancer.

--Dan Martin who spent five hours in the ER with extreme pain from open sore in leg.

--Two friends of Judy Marlow with medical issues.

--Lee & Schar's neighbor who had breast cancer surgery.

--Praise that Wendy (Bales) Lacey had successful lung surgery and no cancer, and Renee Bales having skin cancer surgery next week.

--Friend of Shannon Higgins whose tumors have responded positively to treatment.

--Friend of Rhonda Bales whose granddaughter, Jordan Keiser, also a friend of Courtney's, has thyroid cancer that has spread.



Our battlefield fellowship time is this Saturday! We will be leaving from CCC at 9am, play a couple hours of Paintball at the Wildcat Paintball Park, then return around 2pm depending on lunch, how quickly we play, etc. Please let me know if you did not sign up but have decided to go!

As a reminder, the cost for our two hour session is \$25 per person. Also, bring along some extra money for lunch on the way home. I'll be taking the church van, but we might need a few extra drivers. If you would be willing to help if needed, that would be wonderful.



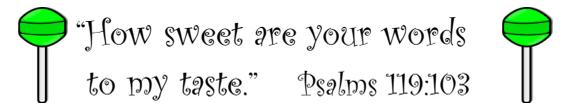
Come watch Otto and Olivia spin the wheel with us on Tuesday, November 29th! Lakeside Christian Church will be hosting this gathering starting at 6:00pm that evening. Drinks and dessert will be provided, but if you would like to bring some munchies for your family and to possibly share, that would be great.

The show starts at 6:30 that evening on NBC. It always airs unless interrupted by a severe weather report. Let's pray for good weather!



Kids: You don't know him, but Brandon Moore will be speaking to us before our Thanksgiving Dinner on Sunday! Brandon attended our church when he was young, just like you. When Brandon was in our Youth Groups, I could tell he loved Jesus more than anything. So when he grew up, he decided to serve Jesus by sharing Christ's love to others in the Army. Even though I am older than Brandon, he has always inspired me and I am sure he will inspire you too.

After he shares a message with us on Sunday and we eat a big meal, Jeni would like to have a short play practice while the adults are visiting and cleaning up. Continue working on the songs and memorizing your lines. Double play practices (5:15-7:30) will resume on the 27th. Thank you for serving us through your hard work and great message you will bring through your play!



Our Lord is a great God and a great King! David surely felt this way as he often poured his heart out to God, praising Him in his songs preserved for us in the Bible.

As we approach Thanksgiving, I wanted to give you an option to do your Sunday School Memory Verse or part of this great Psalm below where David gives God all the praise and honor for our daily blessings. I'm looking forward to seeing you on Sunday!

Psalm 95: 2-3 "Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving, Let us shout joyfully to Him with psalms, For the Lord is a great God and a great King."