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Ladies' Christmas Ornament Exchange

All ladies are invited to attend a Christmas Ornament Exchange to be held at Mario's on Tuesday, December 13th at 6:00. The meal for the evening will be everyone's choice, as all will be ordering off the menu. Those coming are asked to bring a wrapped Christmas ornament for the exchange. A sign-up will be posted this Sunday.

When I blew out the candle on the muffin at Bible study a couple of week's ago, I said I was turning 69. Jonathan corrected my calculation by noting that I was actually finishing my 69th year, and beginning my 70th. Hadn't thought of it that way, and not sure how I feel about it. But it has made me realize that I will be celebrating my 70th Christmas this year. I guess that's why it got here so quickly.

When you are young, your lifespan is divided by very few Christmases, so they seem to be few and far between. By the time you're pushing three score and ten, next Christmas gets here while the fruitcake is still in the fridge.

Christmas decorations usually go up after Thanksgiving, but Mark and I put up the new lighted nativity that leads into the Chatham "Light Up the Park" holiday display before I left for Tennessee and Matt's traditional trash-can turkey. I do hope you will drive through the display which will be lighted Fridays and Saturdays from 6:00-9:00 until Christmas. Several churches in Chatham contributed for the purchase of the nativity so those driving through the holiday display will be reminded of the reason for the season.

Obviously, we need not be reminded of the reason for the season. Even if we use the shorthand "Xmas" when jotting notes about Christmas plans and presents, we see Christ in Christmas. In fact, the X that is used is actually the Greek letter χ that's been used as a symbol for Christ for nearly two thousand years.

By the time you read this, December will be here, and the Christmas season will be fully upon us. We have numerous Christmas celebrations and activities planned, but the one I'm most concerned about at the moment is Christmas Eve. I need to hear from anyone who is willing to present a musical special, be part of an ensemble, do a reading, or share anything that will help us celebrate the coming of Christ before we light our candles and partake of the Lord's Supper. Please let me know what you can do ASAP. My 43rd Christmas Eve with you will be here before we know it. God Bless, Rick

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Sunday Worship Service
Bible School

9:15 AM
10:45 AM

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STATISTICS

	11/20	
Worship		NC
Offering		\$3,786.04
	11/27	
Worship		125
Offering		\$4,801.21



DECEMBER SERVERS

12/11: Bill Carroll, Paul Hunley
12/18 & 12/25: Rick Polley, Paul Hunley

DECEMBER PROJECTIONIST

Chad Formea

DECEMBER GREETERS

12/11 Debbie Sanner
12/18 Bill & June Carroll
12/25 Duane Carrell

DECEMBER VISITORS' STAND

12/11 Judy Marlow
12/18 Bob & Dixie Williamson
12/25 Beryl & Jamella Reese

DECEMBER NURSERY

Worship - 12/11

NO NURSERY

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PLAY

Worship - 12/18

Toddlers: Sara & Regan Bartels
Infants: Krisitn Polley
Karen Mann

Sunday School

Infants: Bonnie Ruebush

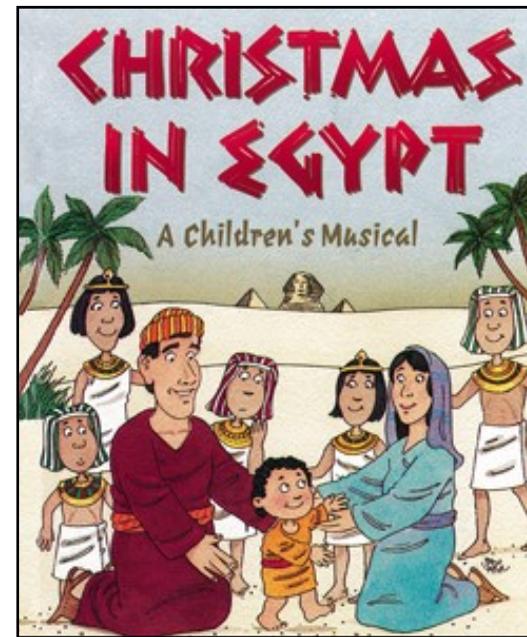
Worship - 12/25

**NO NURSERY CHRISTMAS MORNING
SO FAMILIES CAN BE TOGETHER**

Life of Christ

The first person to call Jesus "The Savior of the World" was the Samaritan woman He encountered by the well. We will look at that encounter this Sunday at 6:30 in our discussions from Fulton Sheen's *Life of Christ*. If our discussion goes quicker than did His with her, we'll also look at chapter 9. Everyone should read both chapters 8 and 9 before coming, just in case.

Our class will again meet in the fellowship hall this Sunday so play practice can be held in the auditorium.



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11TH, 9:15

For this year's Christmas play, we are all looking forward to being transported back to Egypt where Mary and Joseph fled after Jesus was born. The set will be fantastic as always, the kids will look adorable in their costumes, there will be plenty of funny one liners and great attention grabbing music. Most importantly, we are looking forward to honoring the coming of our Lord and Savior, the reason this time of year is so special.

For all those participating or assisting in the play, below are a few dates to remember as we get closer to December 11th. We appreciate all the time and effort everyone is putting into blessing us with this Christmas message during our service on the 11th.

- 12/4: Double play practice in the auditorium starting at 5:15. Lighting and sound crew need to attend.
- 12/10: Double play practice starting from 10:00-2:00. Lunch will be provided during break time.
- 12/11: Christmas in Egypt during our normal worship service! Kids please be here by 8:15!



As it gets colder outside, it is a perfect time to stay inside and play games! On Friday, December 16th, kids in the K-5 Youth Program are welcome to come to the church from 6:00-9:00 for games and a possible movie while parents can get organized for Christmas.

If any older kids would like to help organize the evening, please see me on Sunday. Also, if you have a little one outside of that age range and would like to shop for them that evening, please see me and I am sure we can work it out.

When the adults get together for games, it seems I have been losing a lot lately. I am in desperate need of a confidence booster. I hope I can win a few against the kids!



Jr. and Sr. High School Students

We have a fun evening scheduled for you on Sunday, December 11th, during Youth Group time. On that evening, we are going to venture over to Chatham Baptist and take on their youth group in a variety of games patterned after the show "Minute to Win It."

Not only do we get the chance to meet new friends with a common bond of loving Jesus, but we get a chance to showcase our many talents, athletic skills as we dominate the competition! Be working on your eye hand coordination, eat a lot of carrots over the next week, and let's beat the Baptists!

Let Us Pray For...

--Jack Stucki's mom with heart problem and in need of the Lord.

--Friend of Jim Posey who has been in two motorcycle accidents.

AFFIRMATION OF ELDERS & FINANCIAL PROJECTION

The men who have expressed a desire to serve as elders of Chatham Christian Church will be presenting themselves for congregational consideration this Sunday morning during the worship service. Those expressing a desire to serve in 2017 are Bill Carroll, Paul Hunley, Chris Luzio, and Jack Stucki. The financial projection and proposed distribution for missions will also be presented.

Everyone will be given the opportunity to affirm the elders and the projection on December 18th.