

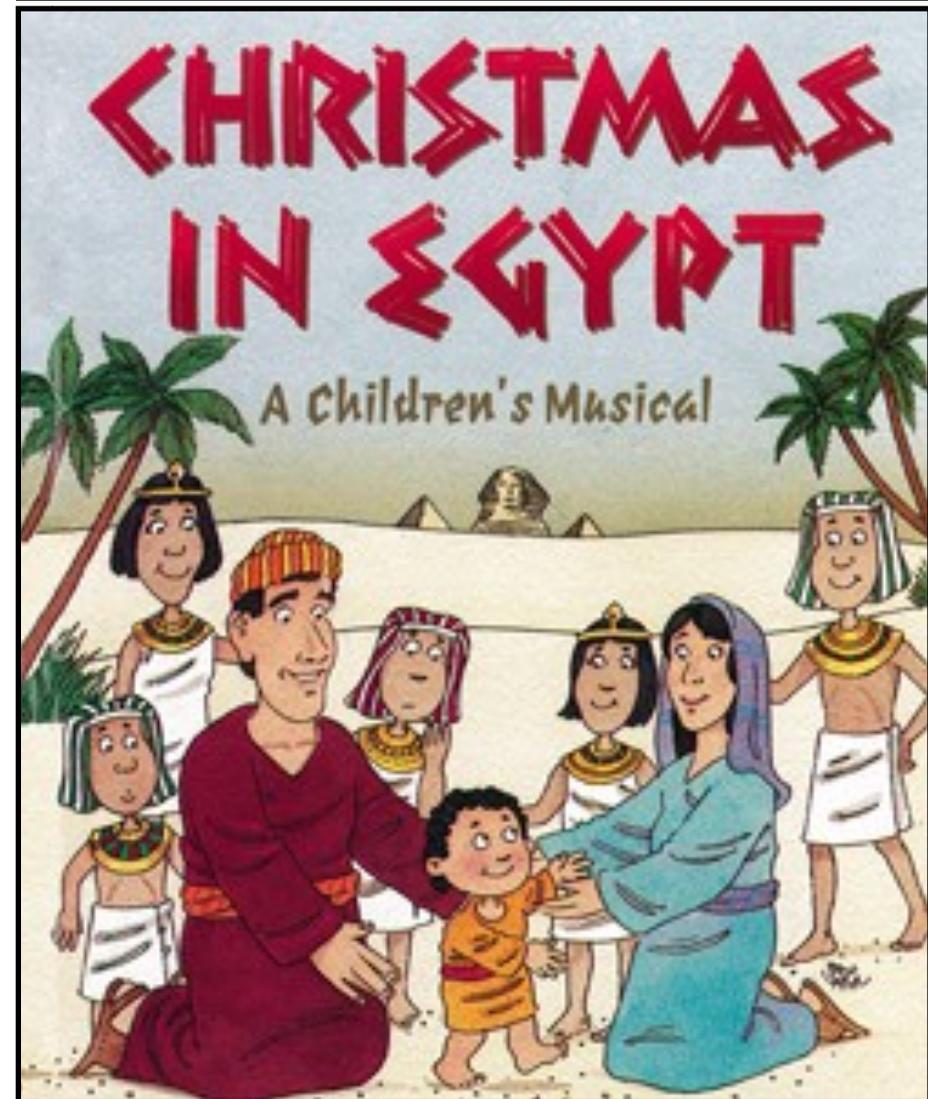


## THE CHATHAM MESSENGER

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SUNDAY  
MORNING  
WORSHIP  
9:15

NO  
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SCHOOL

If you grew up in a Christian Church, you are no doubt aware that there are very few passages of Scripture that make direct reference to the Lord's Supper. In fact there are only five that I could find this morning: three in the Gospels and two in I Corinthians.

While growing up I regularly heard one of those passages read by an elder in his communion meditation. There is obviously nothing wrong with reading one of those passages for a communion meditation, but I love the fact that we hear so much more around the Table of our Lord at CCC.

I was recently reminded of the variety we enjoy by a request from David Zimmerman. Dave was talking with some leaders of the church he's a part of in Branson about the way we do communion, and they were having a hard time understanding the scope of our meditations. He asked that I send him copies of some that had been published in our weekly newsletter.

As you are aware, I occasionally include copies of a meditation we heard on Sunday for further reflection mid-week. I realize I risk offending some by not printing every meditation, but I'm confident everyone understands that while all do merit publication, I can't print them all.

In looking through last year's papers for Dave I was taken again by the variety of thoughts that lead us to focus on the cross each Lord's Day. Last year an expectant father led us to think about adequate preparation for a big event, we learned about the nature of light as we focused on the Light of the World, we noted how the excited expression "nailed it" during a game could be used as a teachable moment, and we were led to think about what makes a man righteous by reflecting on a righteous democracy. Last Sunday Bill explored the meaning of "substitute" and led us to understand substitution is what Christ did for us on the cross.

I'm very thankful for the men who give considerable thought to Christ's presence in our life and worship, and direct us so effectively to His sacrifice on our behalf each Sunday. God Bless, Rick

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Sunday Worship Service  
Bible School

9:15 AM  
10:45 AM

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## STATISTICS

Worship ..... NC  
Offering ..... \$10,488.50

### SERVING THIS SUNDAY-12/11/16

Greeters ..... Debbie Sanner  
Visitors' Stand ..... Judy Marlow  
Communion Meditation ..... Paul Hunley  
Bill Carroll  
Ushers ..... Chad Formea  
Chuck McLaughlin  
Jack Ruebush  
Bob Williamson  
Scott Bales  
Duane Carrell

**NO NURSERY  
CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PLAY**



### Let Us Pray For...

--Gloria Carrell having medical tests this week.  
--A boy who has been involved in the Freedom Reins program at Refuge Ranch who is back in ICU.



The CCC Christmas Mail Box is open for the exchange of Christmas greetings. Please feel free to place cards in the appropriate slot, and be sure to check to see if any greetings have arrived for you.

## BALL-CHATHAM CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

The Ball-Chatham Christmas Celebration sponsored by the Chatham Ministerial Association will be held in the Glenwood High School auditorium this Sunday at 4:00. Several choirs and ensembles from the Ball-Chatham school district will be singing, area ministers will be reading passages of Scripture relating to the birth of Christ, and all will be invited to join in the singing of Christmas carols.

Everyone is encouraged to attend this Christ centered community event.



### Ladies' Christmas

### Ornament Exchange

All ladies are invited to attend a Christmas Ornament Exchange to be held at Mario's next 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.

Please sign-up this Sunday if you haven't already done so.

### Life of Christ

Jesus called Himself "the Bridegroom", and we'll be discussing all that's involved in that picture this Sunday at 6:30. Those coming for the last Sunday night study of 2016 should read chapter 9, and might like to look up references to the "Bridegroom",



Wow! There were a lot of kids on Santa's nice list on Sunday morning! As we researched more names in my office after Sunday School, ALL of our kids are on the nice list this year. That doesn't surprise me a bit, they are wonderful and growing in their love for Jesus!

Sorry to put you on the spot, but if you want to be like Santa and have a present waiting for them under the tree on Christmas morning, feel free to drop off your children at the church on the evening of Friday, December 16th and go shopping. I'll have activities and games planned for them from 6:00-9:00. Snacks and drinks will be available all evening, but if they could eat dinner before arriving, that would be great. Please sign your child up this Sunday so I know how many to expect!



During the Christmas Season, the Ball Chatham Food Pantry experiences a higher demand than normal. Normally, they fill around 7 orders per week but during Christmas the demand rises to 12 per week.

If you would like to give to this ministry, they are currently in need of hot cereal, rice, mayo, ramen noodles, tomato sauce, chili, laundry detergent and dish detergent.

The pantry is grateful for our support and wished to convey their gratitude to our congregation for our giving.



We are all looking forward to a great Christmas message this Sunday presented by the youth of our church! Don't forget about the dress rehearsal on Saturday from 10:00-2:00. Everyone involved needs to attend and lunch will be provided during the break.

Please plan to be here by 8:30 on Sunday morning. After the play, we will have a reception and fellowship time with the children. So, as noted on the front page, there will be no Sunday School classes this week. Plan on eating some cake and hanging out with the cast and crew!



### Jr. and Sr. High School Students

Just a reminder for students Junior High and above that we will be challenging the Chatham Baptist Youth Group to a variety of games this Sunday evening. The games will be short, fun and challenging so everyone will have a chance to participate. We need everyone to show up so we can dominate!

Please arrive a little early this week to Youth Groups so the van can leave our parking lot at 6:15. After our victory, we will arrive back to CCC a little later than normal, at 7:45. Make sure your parents aware of the pick up time. Just wear comfortable clothes, look up some Minute to Win It games on the Internet to practice if you want, and see you on Sunday!