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

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Last Sunday when we were being reminded by the Apostle Paul about the first concerns of the church, we noted that the first thing he urged upon the church was prayer. That, of course, should have surprised no one. The whole point of Christ's coming to earth was to make it possible for us to once again have a relationship with our heavenly Father, and there is no point in having a relationship with someone if we don't talk. So prayer is the natural, albeit supernatural, expression of our relationship with God.

Having said that, it is important that we occasionally re-examine the level of communication we maintain with our Creator because it's easy to get so comfortable with prayer that we settle for something less than it can be. I was reminded of that during my class following Sunday's sermon.

LouAnn Kunzeman shared something with the class that she and Carolyn Brown enjoy on a weekly basis. They meet with a large group of Christian women from a variety of denominational backgrounds for a time of directed prayer. They have both found it to be a wonderful addition to their prayer life, and LouAnn expressed a desire to have such a prayer group in our church. I invited her to present her ideas to the elders at our next meeting, so you may be hearing about a new opportunity to regularly gather for prayer in the near future.

Another aspect of Paul's admonition to prayer that we may need to give additional thought to is his call for us to pray for the king and all in authority. In the message I mentioned that we ought to be praying for our president, and the struggles he faces and the personal needs he may have. I also suggested that we should carry his unspoken petitions before the throne of God, and put into prayer the frustrations and doubts he tweets about.

Obviously President Trump is not King David, but while reading in the Psalms last week I came across something David wrote that could have been written by Trump. "My enemies speak evil against me, 'When will he die, and his name perish?' And when he comes to see me, he speaks falsehood; his heart gathers wickedness to itself; when he goes outside, he tells it. All who hate me whisper together against me; against me they devise my hurt." (Psalm 41:5-7)

The king of Israel's prayer life was no doubt better than our president's, so if we would lead a tranquil and quiet life in all godliness and dignity, we must be praying on his behalf.

God Bless, Rick



## THE CHATHAM MESSENGER

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Youth Group Finale This Sunday  
Gather at 5pm  
Eat at 5:30pm  
The Greatest Showman at 7:00pm

## STATISTICS

Worship ..... 132  
Offering ..... \$5,137.34

## SERVING THIS SUNDAY-5/20/18

Greeters ..... Jack & Bonnie Ruebush  
Visitors' Stand ..... Bob & Dixie Williamson  
Communion Meditation ..... Chris Luzio  
Paul Hunley  
Ushers ..... Scott Bales  
Jake Divjak  
Rich Mann  
Jim Trimberger  
Bob Williamson  
Jeff Edmiston

### WORSHIP NURSERY

Toddlers ..... Kelly Donaldson  
Kate Sperry  
Infants ..... Vicki Small  
Marilyn Wenneborg  
Anna Hunley  
Sunday School  
Toddlers ..... Julie Divjak  
Infants ..... Karen Mann  
Rebecca Smith

## SERVING NEXT SUNDAY-5/27/18

Greeters ..... Will & Sara Bartels  
Visitors' Stand ..... Judy Marlow  
Communion Meditation ..... Chris Luzio  
Paul Hunley  
Ushers ..... Scott Bales  
Jake Divjak  
Rich Mann  
Jim Trimberger  
Bob Williamson  
Jeff Edmiston

### WORSHIP NURSERY

Toddlers ..... Shannon Higgins  
Jake Divjak  
Infants ..... Dixie Williamson  
Kileen Huber  
Courtney Bales  
Sunday School  
Toddlers ..... Julie Divjak  
Infants ..... Kristin Polley  
Vicki Small

**NO PAPER NEXT WEEK**



We could use a few more willing individuals to round out our church softball team! As a reminder, this year we are playing in a very non-competitive co-ed league so we can all play together in a fun atmosphere. If interested, don't forget to sign up Sunday!



We are looking for the following items to enhance the VBS stage design and experience for our kids. Please let me know if you have any of these items and are willing to let us borrow them for the week of VBS.

- White oars
- Life jackets
- A captain's wheel
- Round life preservers



If you haven't done so already, don't forget to register your child for summer camp soon! Overall, the camp seems to be on the same pace as last year where they served around a thousand campers. While the early bird discount window has expired, the CCC discount is still applicable if you use the code on my desk. See me if you have any questions!



# VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

REGISTER ONLINE AT [CHATHAMCHRISTIAN.ORG](http://CHATHAMCHRISTIAN.ORG)  
JUNE 4-7 6:15-8:30

VBS is right around the corner! Please encourage your child to invite a friend and get registered as soon as possible. This will help us in our planning process for food and material.

Each day, kids will rotate through a series of activities to reinforce the point of the day. They will attend a Bible lesson, visit the Imagination Station, play ship rec games and enjoy tropical treats. Of course they will begin with an opening rally of upbeat songs and end together with a summary of the day.

Our VBS will focus on a daily Bible point to remember. The songs, games, hands on activities and even the snacks will reinforce the key verse and learning for the day. We don't want to overload them, just teach them that Jesus loves them! The structure lends itself so both kids from our church and others who don't know about Jesus can learn about Him in creative ways. Please keep our upcoming VBS in your prayers and invite others to join us in our Shipwrecked Adventure!