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

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We know what God has said about the future is true, because everything He said was going to take place in the past has proven to be true. Last week we learned of an interesting prophecy Isaiah revealed on the streets for three years, and this week we're going to look at some amazing prophecies God gave to him about two individuals. We are very familiar with the first one.

Every Christmas we revisit Isaiah 7:14. "Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, a virgin will be with child and bear a son, and she will call His name Immanuel." And during the Easter season we're reminded that in Isaiah 53 we were told what Jesus was going to do for us long before He did it. "Surely our griefs He Himself bore, and our sorrows He carried; yet we ourselves esteemed Him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. But He was pierced through for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; the chastening for our well-being fell upon Him, and by His scourging we are healed."

Between the 7th and 53rd chapters we find some prophecies about another individual that some find even harder to believe than the prophecies about our Lord. The 44th chapter closes with these words: "It is I who says of Cyrus, 'He is My shepherd! And he will perform all My desire.' And he declares of Jerusalem, 'She will be built,' and of the temple, 'Your foundation will be laid.'" And in the 45th chapter we read, "I have also called you by your name; I have given you a title of honor though you have not known Me."

Not only did Cyrus not know God, God called him by name 150 years before he sat on the throne of Persia. The record of him fulfilling all God said he would do is found in the closing verses of II Chronicles and Ezra. "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."

Jeremiah had revealed that the children of Israel would be allowed to return to Israel after 70 years of captivity, and the Jewish historian Josephus stated that the captives (Daniel was among them and may have been the primary spokesman) showed Cyrus the prophecies which contained his name and described his role in fulfilling the plans of God.

Our confidence in the future is rock solid, because as God told Isaiah, "Behold, the former things have come to pass, now I declare new things; before they spring forth I proclaim them to you." God Bless, Rick



## THE CHATHAM MESSENGER

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**Who:** High School Students  
**What:** A Luau Party  
**When:** Friday, August 3rd  
**Where:** The Huber Pool at 7pm.  
**Why:** To Have Fun!!!

**\*\* Invite as many friends as you want to fill the pool! We'll provide the munchies and games! (Contest details inside)**

**STATISTICS**

Worship ..... 114  
 Offering ..... \$4,685.56

**SERVING THIS SUNDAY-8/5/18**

Greeters ..... Judy Marlow  
 Visitors' Stand ..... Bonnie Ruebush  
 Communion Meditation ..... Paul Hunley  
                                     Rick Polley  
 Ushers ..... Kirk Polley  
                                     Jake Divjak  
                                     Jeff Edmiston  
                                     Rich Mann  
                                     Jim Trimberger  
                                     Bob Williamson

WORSHIP NURSERY

Toddlers.....Shannon Higgins  
                                     Abbie Divjak  
 Infants.....Renee & Madison Bales  
                                     Jamella Reese  
                                     Sunday School

Toddlers.....Rhonda Luzio  
 Infants.....Vicki Small  
                                     Karen Mann

**SERVING NEXT SUNDAY-8/12/18**

Greeters ..... Brad Stirmell  
 Visitors' Stand ..... Beryl & Jamella Reese  
 Communion Meditation ..... Paul Hunley  
                                     Rick Polley  
 Ushers ..... Kirk Polley  
                                     Jake Divjak  
                                     Jeff Edmiston  
                                     Rich Mann  
                                     Jim Trimberger  
                                     Bob Williamson

WORSHIP NURSERY

Toddlers.....Janet Polley  
                                     Kate Sperry  
 Infants.....Nikki & Anna Hunley  
                                     Stacey Cantrell  
                                     Sunday School

Toddlers.....Rhonda Luzio  
 Infants.....Julie Divjak  
                                     Bonnie Ruebush

**NO PAPER NEXT WEEK**



**AUGUST SERVERS**  
 8/19 & 8/26: Jonathan Sperry, Paul Hunley

**JULY PROJECTIONIST**  
 Chad Formea

**JULY GREETERS**  
 8/19 Jack & Bonnie Ruebush  
 8/26 Will & Sara Bartels

**JULY VISITORS' STAND**  
 8/19 Bob & Dixie Williamson  
 8/26 Judy Marlow

**JULY NURSERY**  
**Worship - 8/19**  
 Toddlers: Marilyn Wenneborg  
                                     Grace Hunley  
 Infants: Julie & Lily Divjak  
                                     Vicki Small  
                                     Sunday School

Infants: Kileen Huber  
                                     Kristin Polley

**Worship - 8/26**  
 Toddlers: Erica Blakley  
                                     Jake Divjak  
 Infants: Kristin Polley  
                                     Karen Mann  
                                     Emily Hughes  
                                     Sunday School

Infants: Jeni & Jonathan Sperry



**Let Us Pray For...**

--Rick having a heart ablation Aug15th.



**High School Students**

Put on your best Hawaiian shirt and come over for our Luau on Friday evening. You don't need to bring anything, just as many friends as you want to hang out with and enjoy the evening. We'll have themed games and munchies for you to enjoy. Obviously, don't forget your swimsuit and towel. I'll heat the pool up since it has been a little chilly lately.

Here are the contests. I am still working on the prizes, but I promise I'll make them as cheesy as possible.

1. Best Hawaiian Shirt
2. Best Limbo Bender
3. Best Hula Hooper
4. Best Noodle Surfer
5. The Coconut King/Queen

Tina and I are having fun planning this themed event. If you happen to be on vacation with your family or friends this week, never fear. We will be doing another themed event soon.

LSCA SUMMER CAMP 2018



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In case you missed the announcement on Sunday, it was a great summer for the campers at LSCA. They finished their season last week with the High School Camp. Reagan Formea was named Camper of the Week! Great job Reagan!

Overall, there were 959 campers at LSCA this year. That is the 2nd highest count for a summer in the history of the camp. What a great ministry and thank you for your willingness to support them financially on a monthly basis and routinely in your prayers.



Our Youth Group Kick Off will be the Sunday after Labor Day which is the 9th of September. This year's kick off is going to be awesome! We will begin with games and food like in the past, but then around 7pm, the kids will gather for a big group game that promises to be tons of fun. I can't share too much information now since we are early in the planning process, but if you see a great water gun on sale at the store, I would buy it for the kick off game!

Youth Groups will start the next Sunday evening. This year, we will be doing things a little different. All of us will begin together in the auditorium for praise and worship. After we sing some upbeat songs from CIY and Believe, the little ones will be dismissed for class. For the Jr/Sr. High students, we will most likely then play a crazy game together on stage, followed by scripture tied to a lesson for us all. During the last 20 minutes of the evening, we will break into Jr High and High School groups for discussions.

I'll be recruiting some of you to lead songs, pray and read scripture as we get rolling this Fall. I am looking forward to seeing you all again on Sunday evenings as we worship and learn more about our Savior!



We found some more supplies at Walmart. Let's discuss a possible date to continue our project this Sunday in the High School Class.