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Deciding what to write about is by far the most difficult part of writing to you each week. I want it to be personal in nature, and even entitled it "Rappin' with Rick" when rapping meant something other than what it means today.

I'm always on the lookout for something to write about, and to my family's chagrin it's often them. Other times it's simply something that's caught my interest, something I've come across in study, or just something I've been thinking about.

I'm not usually impressed with celebrity conversion accounts, but I found one while reading a gun magazine last week that I thought you might enjoy. The article was about a special rifle that Steve McQueen carried in the movie *Tom Horn*. A sidebar in the article had this to say about Steve.

"McQueen was a difficult man. He was married three times and had two children. He was notorious for demanding strange things in bulk like jeans and electric razors in his movie contracts. It was later discovered that he was donating this stuff to the reform school where he had lived as a teen.

McQueen was a competitive racer of both cars and motorcycles as well as an experience pilot. In his prime he ran five miles a day seven days a week, worked out for two hours daily, and was an accomplished martial artist. He was, however, also a heavy smoker and regular drug abuser.

After a lifetime spent pursuing hedonistic pleasures McQueen found himself empty and quite literally dying. In his final months, McQueen became an evangelical Christian. He was active in his local church and met with the famed evangelist Billy Graham while keeping in touch with his friend, and fellow actor, preacher Mel Novak.

In the high-octane life of Steve McQueen, the King of Cool, we see a tough yet talented man who had simultaneously both everything and nothing. Despite a life wasted in sin and excess McQueen nonetheless finally met Jesus and found peace, purpose, and redemption. His story serves as a timeless cautionary tale."

God Bless, Rick



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A Night of Fellowship on the Volleyball Court



We've planned for a great night of fellowship on the volleyball court at LSCA this Sunday night. The van will be leaving the church at 6:15 to take any teens who need transportation to the gym to play the teens from Cornerstone. Then adults, and any of our teens who aren't too tired to play against a 72 year old preacher and his much younger wife, will take over the court at 8:00.

Even if you don't want to play, come on out and enjoy the fellowship.

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

STATISTICS

Worship 128
Offering \$2,512,58

SERVING THIS SUNDAY-3/15/20

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| Greeters | Will & Sara Bartels |
| Visitors' Stand | Chris & Rhonda Luzio |
| Communion Meditation | Jack Stucki |
| Ushers..... | Casey Blakley |
| | Chuck McLaughlin |
| | Rich Mann |
| | Brad Stirmell |
| | Kirk Polley |
| | Scott Bales |
| | Mike Donaldson |
| WORSHIP NURSERY | |
| Toddlers..... | Nikki & Carter Hunley |
| Infants..... | Dixie Williamson |
| | Stacy Cantrell |
| | Sunday School |
| Toddlers..... | Julie Divjak |
| Infants..... | Kelly Donaldson |
| | Dixie Williamson |

The Hidden Word

I PETER 2:16

"Act as free men, and do not use your freedom as a covering for evil, but use it as bondslaves of God."

Prayers
Please

--Kelly Donaldson and family having lost four family members in a year.

--Lori Gredzieleski with another broken ankle.

--Jack Ruebush having oral surgery.

--June Carroll making several trips to the ER last week and ending up in hospital with pneumonia.

This I Believe: Chemistry Lessons

By Ethan Whelpley, GHS

I've never been fond of science, and I don't think I ever will be. On day one, our teacher greeted us at the classroom door. He wore a periodic table t-shirt and a leg brace that didn't slow him down a bit as he hopped around the classroom learning our names, showing us lab equipment, and promising us that we would have a great year. I remained skeptical, to say the least.

I started the year with a decent grade; however, my grade gradually declined over the course of the year. Knowing that not everybody "gets" his passion, my teacher offered extra credit, ... Despite the extra credit, by the fourth quarter, I was on the brink of failure. ... I talked to my teacher about how I could pull through, and he offered to meet with me every other day. During our sessions, I grew a broader understanding of chemistry. My grade still wasn't the best, but passing the class became more of a reality each day. At the end of the year, I barely passed chemistry, but I passed.

I believe an infectious passion is the pathway to learning. To use a word my chemistry teacher would approve of, passion is the catalyst that speeds up the process of comprehension of lessons that are intended and also those that are a fortunate byproduct of being taught by excellent example.

At the beginning of the year, I thought my teacher was, frankly, a little odd to be so enthusiastic about chemistry. But over the school year, I came to understand that his passion was the key to helping kids like me understand the basics of the subject. I'll never be a lab rat, but my teacher's interest, passion, and willingness inspired me.

I walked into his class hoping to learn something about chemistry and walked out of his class learning some valuable life lessons. I believe that everyone has a passion, and that the subject of a person's enthusiasm shouldn't be judged. I believe that tapping into passion and enthusiasm can help a person learn things that he or she might not otherwise care about. I believe that life can be more worthwhile when people find something that combines their interests with their passion.

(If you couldn't guess, the teacher in this award winning essay is Chris Luzio.)



Casas por Cristo
short term missions

It's getting closer! In about 3 months time we will be working hard building a house for a family in need. I'm so grateful for the group going and the support our church family has extended for this trip.

I have the cost breakdown for everyone attending the trip. If you haven't received yours yet, please see me on Sunday. We are going to set the date of April 15th to have the money for the flight and other individual expenses to the church. The joy of giving to missions will outweigh the other feeling we might have on tax day.

At this stage of the planning, just make sure your passport is up to date. I do have a list of suggested packing items and tools to bring on the trip. Whenever you would like a copy, just let me know.

Pantry Project
THANK YOU!



PLEASE DONATE
Rice Krispies, 30 Boxes
Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who has donated to the Pantry Project for LSCA! With only 12 boxes to go, we are over half way to our goal of 30 boxes to help feed the hungry little campers this summer. Thinking of all those Rice Krispy treats is making me hungry!



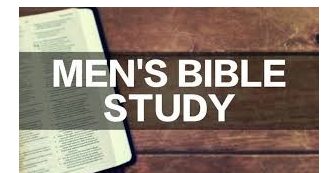
Lake Springfield Christian Assembly
Camp and Retreat Center

I am always thankful for your support of LSCA. Whenever there is a need, many of you respond either physically or in prayer. To that end, I would like to let you know of two service opportunities at LSCA over the next few months.

First of all, a Spring cleaning day is planned for Saturday, March 28th. It will begin at 8:30am with a few cinnamon rolls and coffee before heading out to the campgrounds. There will be projects for all skill levels and ages. Volunteers are welcome to stay for lunch at noon.

Secondly, the camp is looking for volunteers to be part of a Red Carpet Crew. Members of this crew are assigned one or two dates this summer to assist parents and campers on the first day of camp. This could involve serving refreshments to those in line, helping campers find the right bunk or assisting parents in the registration process. Please let me know if you are interested in serving in this capacity.

Finally, don't forget to register your child for camp soon! I have the discount code in my office for half off one session of camp. Before you register, be sure to see me for the code!



Last week we determined that we are all saints. Well, we didn't just declare we are saints, Paul called us saints because that is what every living Christian is "who has been set apart." This week, we will continue to look at Paul's opening words of praise in Ephesians which corresponds to Chapter 2 of our book.