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I trust you are really excited about the announcement on the front of the church paper! WE ARE HAVING A CHURCH WORK DAY ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 14TH! The long anticipated opportunity to work around the church will begin at 8:00, so there will be no need to sleep in on the 14th! Just come with gloves, shovels, rakes, wheelbarrows, or paint brushes.

What is the prime project for the day? We're going to begin the job of redoing the playground off the nursery!

First order of business will be removing all the gravel—and re-purposing it in the big playground—so it can be replaced with Blue Sky Outdoor Interlocking Tiles. Before the tiles can be installed—on another day—a layer of white rock and lime will have to be hauled in, leveled and compacted. Assisted by Paul Hunley and John Deere of course.

If we find we have too many resting on their shovels while Paul does his thing, we'll bring out the stain for touching up cedar trim around the church. And we'll look for anything else that needs to be touched-up or spruced-up. I'm confident we'll find plenty for everyone to do.

Now, back to the Blue Sky Outdoor Interlocking Tiles. Yes, they are very expensive, and my fiscally conservative nature cringes at the cost. They will, however, not only provide a clean safe surface for our little ones to play on, but will also make it obvious to visitors that we put a high priority on children.

Oh, and one other thing. While I was reviewing our financial picture before the elders' meeting—which due to your faithful stewardship is very good—I found an unexpected check in the mail. It was from the estate of Joe Carter. He had written us into his will, and the amount of his gift will nearly cover half of the cost of the playground redo.

His son was pleased to hear how we were planning to use the gift from Joe.

God Bless, Rick



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

STATISTICS		
	7/18	
Worship		122
Offering		\$4,508.20
	7/25	
Worship		105
Offering		\$3,103.20
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Worship		96
Offering		\$8,455.00

TELL NO ONE?

By Rick Polley

Matthew 16:13-17. *Now when Jesus came into the region of Caesarea Philippi, He was asking His disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah, or one of the other prophets." He said to them, "But who do you yourselves say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Christ the Son of the living God." And Jesus said to him, "Blessed are you, Simon Barjona, because flesh and blood did not reveal this to you, but My Father who is in heaven*

Jumping down to verse 20. *Then He gave the disciples strict orders that they were to tell no one that He was the Christ. What?*

You just know what the disciples are thinking. Oh, come on, Jesus. We suspected that you were the Christ. We have seen you feed multitudes of people, heal the sick, raise people from the dead, give sight to the blind, make the deaf hear, the lame walk, the dumb speak. We have seen you perform all of these miracles—and now you have just confirmed you are the Christ—and you want us to keep quiet about it?

But Jesus goes on to explain why they can't say anything in verse 21. *From that time Jesus began to show His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem, and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised up on the third day.*

You see, the reason why Jesus came to earth is not about providing people with free meals, it's not about healing the sick, it's not about raising people from the dead, it's not about making the blind see or the deaf hear or the lame walk or the dumb speak. The reason why Jesus came to earth is the cross and the resurrection. Basically, Jesus was saying to His disciples, "don't tell anyone anything just yet. But after all these things happen to me—and when I tell you to—YOU TELL EVERYONE."



High School

Who is ready for some pizza? It won't be as good as the Spin Pizza we enjoyed at CIY, but it will still be pizza! We are meeting here at the church this Friday, August 6th, at 5:30pm for some time together post CIY/MOVE. Please bring \$5.00 to chip in for the pizza and I will be sure to supply the drinks.

Before, during or after the pizza, we will be watching the Friday night session of the MOVE conference which we missed a couple weeks ago. The session we missed focuses on a life of service to the Lord, CIY calls that being a Kingdom Worker.

I have about 15 envelopes I brought back from the conference. Each one contains a Kingdom Worker challenge should you choose to accept an envelope. The challenge could range anywhere from praying daily for our youth group to working with an outside organization, like the James Project for example. Be thinking if you would like an envelope, because the deal is that if you open it, you are agreeing to whatever challenge lies inside.

After our video and pizza, anyone who wants to stick around and play some games is welcome. See you all on Friday!



Junior/Senior High

As we discussed during class on Sunday, we are going to get a head start on some of the projects needing to get done here at the church by staining the gazebo this Saturday at 9:00am. I'll have some donuts to munch on in case you sleep past breakfast to get every ounce of rest possible before coming to the church to stain. Many hands make light work and it really shouldn't take that long.

If we have time before everyone needs to go, we can do some odds and ends to get ready for our big church work day the following Saturday. Thank you guys in advance for your hearts of service when opportunities arise.



Have you been looking for an area to serve our church? If so, there will be an opening this fall to teach the Junior High Sunday School class. The class this year is relatively small, numbering from 3-6 students, which is a great opportunity to really get to know some kids in our church a little better. I will supply the curriculum and everything you need for the class. All you have to do is love on, learn with and encourage these students to love the Lord with all their heart, soul, mind and strength! Please see me if you would like to learn more about this position.



The financial projection for 2021 included support for Andrew Sexton, but when he left Casas por Cristo we had funds available for another mission. The elders therefore recently decided that part of the support that had been going to Casas should go to The James Project, a local church-supported ministry that assists families that take in foster children. And which is now led by our own Olivia (Huber) Hayse.

The kids at VBS collected \$250 for The James Project, to which the church added an additional \$250, an amount we will continue sending monthly for the rest of the year.



Chatham CC,

Thank you for your generous, faithful support! This summer has been really encouraging. Students have been going through an intentional discipleship training alongside a small group Bible study through the book of II Timothy. As we look ahead to the fall, we can't wait to see how God will use this equipping season in/through CSF students.

Thank you for your love, prayer and generosity that God uses in this mission to UIS & LLCC! God Bless,
David Lasley



Congratulations to Amelia Sperry for being named Camper of the Week during her time at LSCA. With many great campers to choose from, we all know it is quite an honor to win this award. Great Job!!