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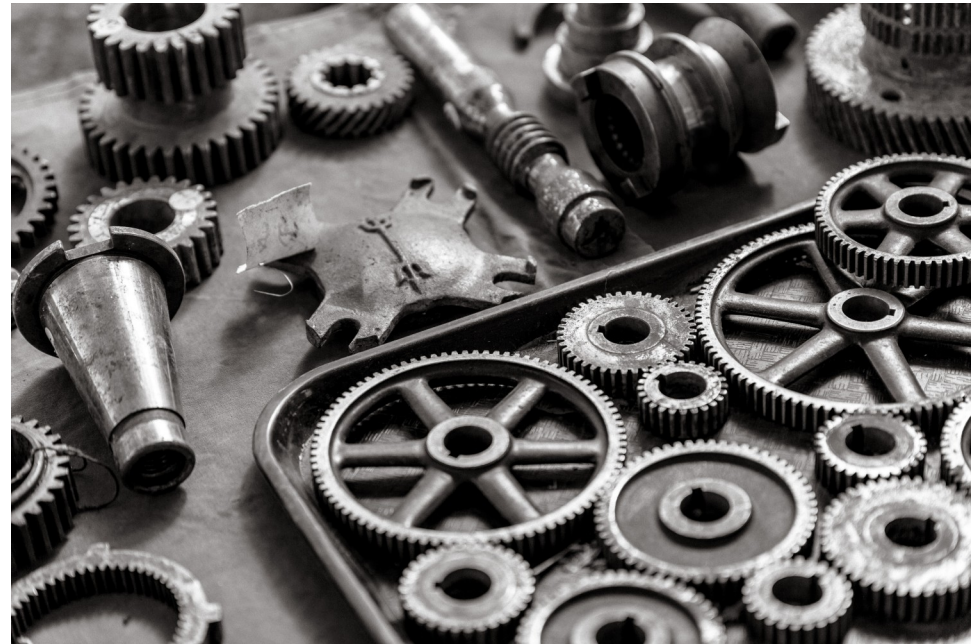
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Psalm 139:13-18

For you formed my inward parts;
you knitted me together in my mother's womb.
I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.
Wonderful are your works;
my soul knows it very well.
My frame was not hidden from you,
when I was being made in secret,
intricately woven in the depths of the earth.
Your eyes saw my unformed substance;
in your book were written, every one of them,
the days that were formed for me,
when as yet there was none of them.
How precious to me are your thoughts, O God!
How vast is the sum of them!
If I would count them, they are more than the sand.
I awake, and I am still with you.

Now here is a passage that has been hijacked by teenage girl ministries and baby showers. Girls will hear that God made our bodies to be a beautiful representation of his glory and be encouraged to wage war against the twisted sense of shame most of us feel because we don't look like a covergirl on a magazine. Mothers celebrate the miracle that growing inside of them is a new, unique human being with a future authored by the Maker. These are fine applications of this scripture, but because we have perhaps heard these verses many times, and have them emblazoned on mugs and scrapbooks, it can be easy to become jaded and miss the beauty that is here. I encourage you to try to read them afresh.

I don't think this passage is only talking about our physical biology--our cells and organs. But when it says "you formed my inward parts" that also includes all of our personality and talents and passions and gifts and leanings. The fact that you get super teary-eyed when watching the Hallmark channel-- you are empathetic! How you turn your game face on in the 4th quarter-- you are competitive! How excited you get about your family opening their Christmas presents-- you are generous! Your love of gardening-- you are a cultivator! So many facets of human characteristics: nerdy, courageous, bubbly, detail-oriented, patient, even-tempered, shy, creative, compassionate, thorough, witty--and that could be all inside a single person, right? Our personalities take on more shapes than anyone could catalog. Every person is unique. We are God's ideas and we really are

"more than the sand." "How vast is the sum of [your thoughts]!" With infinite options for how you could have turned out, he created you like this!

How magnificent it is to think that none of our personality traits are accidental, but rather that we were designed to carry them. Notice the active language that the psalmist uses: "you formed me," "you knitted me together," we are "intricately woven." Your existence and who you are was an intentional work of the Creator. He shaped every detail. All of the passion and originality that we can easily see in nature (have you even watched Planet Earth?) pales in comparison to the intricacies of the human soul. "We are God's masterpiece" (Eph. 2:10). And We are the creation that God declared very good.

C.S. Lewis writes this from the perspective of a demon in his book *The Screwtape Letters*: "Of course I know that the Enemy [God], also wants to detach men from themselves, but in a different way. Remember always, that He really likes the little vermin, and sets an absurd value on the distinctness of every one of them. When he talks of their losing their selves, He only means abandoning the clamour of self-will; once they have done that, He really gives them back all their personality and boasts (I am afraid, sincerely) that when they are wholly His they will be more themselves than ever."

Take some time to thank God for the way he wired you! Thank Him for the things you are drawn to and the things that just naturally give you joy. These are good gifts from the Maker. Thank him for the vast diversity of mankind. In our diversity, we give glory to our endlessly-creative, limitless, ever-loving Father.

Holy, holy, holy
Lord God Almighty
All Thy works shall praise Thy name
In earth and sky and sea
Holy, holy, holy
Merciful and mighty
God in three persons
Blessed Trinity



We extend our sympathy to the family of **Elsbeth Richter**, mother of Larry Richter. She passed away last week. Keep them in prayers during this difficult time.

CHCC Kids

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Sunday Mornings

Kids' Bible Studies 9:00 a.m.

Kids' Church 10:00 a.m.



CHCC Kids would like to thank each and every person who volunteered to help put together Vacation Bible School this year. We had a great week and we are truly blessed to have such great volunteers. Thank you for helping us reach our kids and our community this week.

chcc teens

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Sunday Mornings in the Loft

Bible Study 9:00 a.m.

Teen Church 10:00 a.m.

Connect starts September 10

Upcoming Events:

School Drive for West Ave Elementary

Here is the list of supplies needed:

- #2 pencils
- small black and white composition books
- classic washable markers
- children's scissors
- 24 pack of crayons
- glue sticks
- pocket folders with brads

Donations can be brought to the foyer and put in the appropriate collection bins. Thank you for participating.

CHCC Seniors (55 +) Go-Getters' Luncheon

Wednesday, August 16, at Milano Italian Restaurant, 11802 Wurzbach Rd, 493-3611 at 12 noon. Meet at CHCC at 11:30 a.m. to carpool or meet at the restaurant. *Please sign up in Foyer.*

Teens Pool Party

Sunday, August 20 @ 5:00 p.m.

At Steve & Janet Arnold's home

Faith In Action @ West Ave Elementary

Sunday, August 27 after Worship Service

Please sign up to volunteer in the Foyer

Adult Bible Studies:

Men's Bible Study will resume in the September.

Off-Campus Ladies' Bible Study will resume in September.

For recent sermons go to our website: chccsa.com and click Recent Teachings or to www.podbean.com or itunes and search for Castle Hills Christian Church then click on chccsa.



Text "chccsa" to 41411 if you want to subscribe to our digital bulletin.

We are in need of speakers for the Blanco Villa Nursing Home on Sundays at 9:00 a.m. It will be for one Sunday per month. Please contact Sandy Shaw or Helen Rundell if interested.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Roland Bravo	1	Sharon Steele	15
Kya Porter	1	Brett Sayre	16
Sarah Escalante	2	Lois Smith	18
Bill Sites	3	Marjorie White	19
Celeste Mata	4	Ed Skidmore	22
Alessandro Hernandez	5	Katie Harmon	23
Nancie Barry	6	Rueben Merendon	23
Dan Harmon	7	Edna Gaitan	25
Tonie Gutierrez	11	Rose Mary Jimenez	28
Jaxon Merendon	12	Jonah Moreno	28
Lawrence Smith	12	Marti Schultz	29
Fred Field	13	Mert Braddick	30
Richard Hamilton	13	Amy Taylor	31
Scott Sayre	13		

Jesus & Luz Castillo	1	Larry & Ginny Richter	14
Carl & Martha Fowler	11	Leonel & Olga Mata	20
Elias & Carmina Villa	13	David & Mary Lovitt	26
Travis & Donna McCausland	26		

MONTH OF AUGUST

ELDER OF THE MONTH: Seth Asbury BACKUP ELDER: Randall Roach
 BAPTISM ASSISTANT: Dulce Moreno
 FRONT DOOR GREETERS: Henry & Alice Rodriguez
 COMMUNION PREPARER: Virginia Villarreal
 COMM/SANCT CLEANUP: Ayad Al Kaisi

SUNDAY'S SERVANTS FOR AUGUST 6, 2017

HOME COMMUNION: Stan Wrana (PC) Bob Longfield (BC)
 USHERS: *S Arnold, S Cote, J Dockery, M Braddick, D Harmon, J Allison
 BABY CHURCH: 9:00 Leslie Marroquin
 10:00 Sandi Capetillo, Bryanna Molina
 2's & 3's CHURCH: 10:00 Summie Roach, Susan Hale
 4's & 5's CHURCH: 10:00 Cheri Pompa
 KID'S CHURCH: 10:00 Clark Sayre, Kevin Alaniz
 TEEN CHURCH: Andrea Mata
 NURSING HOME SPEAKER: *need volunteer*

SUNDAY'S SERVANTS FOR AUGUST 13, 2017

HOME COMMUNION: Bob Longfield (PC) Mel Belken (BC)
 USHERS: *S Cote, S Arnold, J Dockery, M Braddick, D Harmon, J Allison
 BABY CHURCH: 9:00 Andrea Mata
 10:00 Kim Laxson, Amanda Roedell
 2's & 3's CHURCH: 10:00 Sheila Witt, Maddie Sayre
 4's & 5's CHURCH: 10:00 Clark Sayre
 KID'S CHURCH: 10:00 Esmeralda Bryant, April Porter
 TEEN CHURCH: Courtney Belken
 NURSING HOME SPEAKER: Keith McFarlin

SUNDAY'S SERVANTS FOR AUGUST 20, 2017

HOME COMMUNION: Mel Belken (PC) Greg Smith (BC)
 USHERS: *J Dockery, S Arnold, S Cote, M Braddick, D Harmon, J Allison
 BABY CHURCH: 9:00 Jenice Longfield, Hannah Belken
 10:00 Martha Aragon, Evelyn Mata
 2's & 3's CHURCH: 10:00 Leslie Marroquin, Melissa Baez
 4's & 5's CHURCH 10:00 Diana Ramos, Virginia Villarreal
 KID'S CHURCH 10:00 Sonia & Dave Guerra
 TEEN CHURCH: Eduardo Gutierrez
 NURSING HOME SPEAKER: Mert Braddick

SUNDAY'S SERVANTS FOR AUGUST 27, 2017

HOME COMMUNION: Greg Smith (PC) Seth Asbury (BC)
 USHERS: *D Harmon, S Arnold, S Cote, J Dockery, M Braddick, J Allison
 BABY CHURCH: 9:00 Earlene Moreno
 10:00 Sarah Hamilton, Lauren Looney, Joanna Johnson
 2's & 3's CHURCH: 10:00 Clark Sayre, Yarleys Zambrano
 4's & 5's CHURCH 10:00 Tawana Booth, Karen Morales
 KID'S CHURCH 10:00 Liz & Dan Harmon
 TEEN CHURCH: Stephen Morales
 NURSING HOME SPEAKER: *need volunteer*