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Know the presence of Christ.

Joy in July

“It was for freedom that Christ set us free; therefore keep standing firm and do not be subject again to a yoke of slavery.” Galatians 5:1

On July 4th, we celebrate an important day in our nation's history. It is a day filled with family cookouts, fireworks, sometimes swimming, and more. It is a day of joy. Think with me a moment. Can you imagine how the people must have felt so many years ago, when the Revolutionary War was won, and the colonies were free from British rule? Think about how the realization must have brought such satisfaction and peace to their hearts. Now, they were free to worship, to live, build, and grow their families and a nation. Joy filled the air; I am sure.

In the beginning God spoke. He spoke, and light and life were created. He took special care in forming us and shaping us into His very image. God breathed the very breath of life into us and made us male and female. Then the serpent, the devil, tried to undo all the good, gracious, loving, and life-giving work that God had done. He tempted Eve. She ate. She gave to her husband, Adam, and he ate. Sin entered the world, and the world has not been the same. However, God promised to send the Christ,

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*Do all the good you can
In all the ways you can
In all the places you can
At all the times you can
To all the people you can
As long as you can.*

-John Wesley

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the Messiah, the Savior, to redeem and undo the work of the serpent. (Genesis 3:15) Since the beginning of time, the enemy of our souls has been trying to silence, distort, twist, and undo the Word of God. Yet the Word of God has come. The Word of God has been fulfilled, and we live under the declaration of independence that He has given to us. No longer are we slaves to sin, to the shame and fear of darkness. No, the rule of the dominating power which held us captive to do **the devil's will has been shattered. The chains of sin and sorrow** have been broken, and in the Son, Jesus Christ, we have light and life. We have true freedom to worship in Spirit and Truth. We are free to live, move, and have our being.

We are truly free. Free to be who we are created to be, sons and daughters of the living God, filled with joy, as we enjoy Him. Let me encourage you to celebrate true independence this July. Celebrate that we can rest in Christ. We can depend on Him, and in so doing, be truly free and filled with joy everlasting!

Blessings,
Pastor Tim

"Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ..."
2 Corinthians 5:20



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| 6 Ron & Roxann Blough | 22 Todd & Kayt Pritts |
| 8 Mike & Kenisha Shultz | 25 Blaine & Shirley Walter |
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Our Country/Leaders
 Wesley Chapel
 Pastor Tim & family
 Presiding elder James Golla
Ethan, Forrest & Barb Stark
 Maxine Temple
 Ralph & Chop Pletcher
 Darlene Stevanus
 Gail Minerd
 Persecuted Christians
 Police officers
 Military
 First responders
 Medical personnel
 Unsaved loved ones
 Rex Temple
 Kristi Burkett
 Jade Hetz Chun
 Emily Lemmon
 Amber Johnson
 Tina Yinkey
 Myron & Jennifer Deal
 Terry & Kathi Schmuck
 Cook Ohler & family
 Gary Weimer
 Maxx Stevanus
 Israel
 Travel mercies
 Unspoken
 Kathleen Wood family
 Ruth Ann Hollis
 Becky Slosnagle family
 Gary Sheets
 Taylor King & family

Tom Jury
 Jessyca Hoover
 Peggy Slope
 Jake & Deb King
 Ray & Deb Ankeny
 Blaine Walter
 Shirley Brocht
 Betty Henry
 Gene Diebert
 Sadie Pletcher
 Recent Graduates
 Kids home for summer
 Kenny Henry
 Harold Knupp & family
 Addaelyn Fortune
Missy 'Liz' Holbrook
 Louise Burn
 Judy Pletcher
 Gerald Dumbauld
 Robin Bittner
 Guy Nichols
 Flint Breegle
 Kyle Temple
 Steve Settle
 Rhonda Schrader
 Don Bruner family
 Lilly Berkey
 Scott Berkey
 Seth Kimmel
 Flash flooding victims
 Candee Jackson
 Tom Bell
 Farmers
 Sarah Prosser
 Haizley (infection)
 Steve Podratsky
 Carol Duppstadt
 Our World
 John & Marcia Whipkey
 Atta S.

Grace Sechler
 Joseph Sechler
 Karen Miller
 Hazel Yoder family
 Betty Cameron
 Evelyn Willard family
Ray Ankeny's nephew
 Christopher Krepelka
 Tobias Tierney
 Ruhl Church

**Military/
 Families**



Jeremy Allan
 John Benford
 Stephen Bigler
 Ian Blevins
 Gabe Bluebaugh
 Kinzie Bungard
 Aaron Engleka
 Joe Gusbar
 Grant Hanak
 Keith Henry, Jr.
 Landon Henry
 Kristi Hopp
 Jake Johnson
 Jacob Keller
 Lexie Kerns
 Richard King
 Denton Lester, Jr.
 Conner Lisbon
 Kurt May
 Jamie Miller
 Ross Pletcher
 Randall Pritts
 David Rogers
 Max Strasiser
 Randi Thomas
 Charles Trimpey
 Families of fallen soldiers

**"If my people, who are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."
 -2 Chronicles 7:14**

Serving this month

ACOLYTES Flint & Reed Breegle

GREETERS

July 6 Jamie & Mindy Singo

July 13 Tom & Lorie Skelton

July 20 Jason Breegle family

July 27 Cindy Miller

OFFERING TEAM

Singos & friends

Skeltons & family

Jason Breegle family

Cindy, Kim, Kristen & Shirley

**If you are unable to acolyte, greet or usher on your Sunday,
 please find a replacement. Thank you.**

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

July 6 1 Peter 3:1-9
 July 13 1 Peter 3:18-22
 July 20 1 Peter 4:7-11
 July 27 1 Peter 4:17-5:5

Connie Pletcher
 Tristan Pritts
 Mark Temple
 Jason Breegle

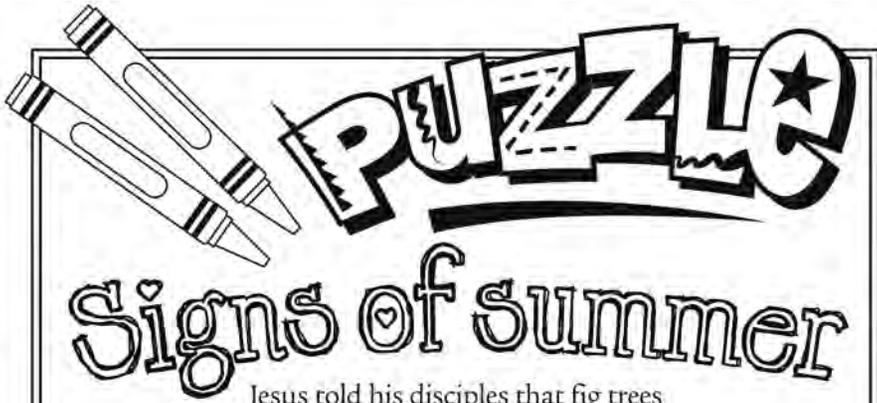
SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

July 6 1 Peter 3:10-17
 July 13 1 Peter 4:1-6
 July 20 1 Peter 4:12-16
 July 27 1 Peter 5:6-14

Forrest Stark
 Faith Millin
 Rene Temple
 Shanna Breegle

**If you are unable to read on
 your Sunday,**

LOOKING FOR AWESOME, ENERGETIC, SPIRIT-FILLED
 persons to take part in Sunday services. We need greeters and ushers to fill a Sunday. A reminder that one of your membership promises is SERVICE. In case you're wondering, other promises with membership are PRAYERS, PRESENCE, GIFTS and WITNESS. Challenged yet? Sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board.



PUZZLE

Signs of summer

Jesus told his disciples that fig trees indicate when summer is approaching.

Directions: Complete the Bible verse below by placing the letter pairs from the tree into the correct blanks.



“ ___ w lea ___ th ___ le ___ on
fr ___ the f ___ tr ___ : As s ___ n
as its ___ igs g ___ te ___ er ___ d
its lea ___ s co ___ o ___ , ___ u
kn ___ ___ at su ___ er is ne ___ .”

Ma ___ hew 24:32, NIV

Answer: “Now learn this lesson from the fig tree: As soon as its twigs get tender and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near.”
Matthew 24:32, NIV



Another wonderful Wesley Chapel Annual Chicken BBQ was held on Saturday, June 7th. A remarkable 800 chicken halves were prepared, and 730 meals were served to folks across our area. We are so very blessed with all the helping hands and countless donations received. Without you, this event would not be the success that it is yearly. Hope to see you next year.
~Submitted by Todd Pritts





God has blessed Max and Paige Sechler with twin daughters. Henley Court and Harlow Storm Sechler were born May 1, 2015. After a short stay in the NICU, they came home May 16. Grandparents are Delbert & Tammy Lechliter, Craig & Kim Smith and Scott & Karyn Sechler. Congratulations and continued blessings to this beautiful family.



O greater Maker of this thy great sun,
Give me the strength this one day's race to run,
 Fill me with light, fill me with sun-like strength,
 Fill me with joy to rob the day of its length.
 Light from within, light that will outward shine,
 Strength to make strong some weaker heart than mine,
 Joy to make glad each soul that feels its touch;
 Great Father of the sun, I ask this much.
 ~James Weldon Johnson

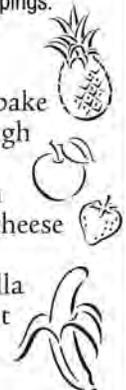
SUMMER FRUIT PIZZA



Celebrate summer with this tasty dessert pizza, using your favorite summer fruits as the toppings.

What you need:

- 1 tube slice-and-bake sugar cookie dough
- Knife
- Round pizza pan
- 8 ounces cream cheese
- 1/3 cup sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla
- 2 cups sliced fruit
- Adult help



What you do:

1. Cut the dough into slices 1/8-inch thick. Place slices on the pan, overlapping them slightly.
2. Bake at 375 degrees for 12 minutes. Let cool.
3. Combine softened cream cheese, sugar and vanilla, mixing well. Spread this "frosting" over the baked-cookie "crust."
4. Arrange fruit on top of the pizza.
5. Slice and enjoy!



WILDERNESS WONDERS

Wesley Chapel's VBS program is quickly approaching! Please spread the word and join us as we head to the wilderness. We'll follow Moses, Jesus, and more as they encountered God's many wonders while in the wild.

When: July 14-18

Time: 5:30 - 7:50 p.m.
 (Dinner Provided)

Ages: 3 yrs to 6th grade
 (in fall school year)

Please contact Mark & Angie Millin or Shanna Breegle—814-485-1518 with any questions.

Bible quiz

Who said to the prophet Nathan, "I have sinned against the LORD"?



- A. Reuben, for selling Joseph into slavery
- B. Jacob, for deceiving Isaac and stealing his brother's birthright
- C. Rahab, a prostitute
- D. David, considered Israel's greatest king

Answer: D (See 2 Samuel 12:13)



Dear friends at Wesley Chapel Rockwood, Thank you for your partnership with the Voice of the Martyrs. Your prayers and continued fellowship with us are very appreciated. If there is any way that VOM can be in prayer for you, please let us know.

Blessings!
Natalie Wood - Partner Care Specialist

Wesley Chapel,

Thank you for your generous donation to the Somerset County Mobile Food Bank. Your generosity blesses many families facing food insecurity here in Somerset County. Families will be fed!

Thank you,
Susan Barclay SCMFb

Ralph,

The cemetery always looks nice.

Thank you,
The Bungard family

(Donation was included with this note)



Rev. Dr. Jeff Greenway shared the mission and vision statements of the GMC.



Joe Monteith ran the camera for Annual Conference.



The clergy processed in together at the start of the ordination service.



Worship at Annual Conference

Annual Conference Update



Speaking of joy and freedom, Amy and I had the opportunity to attend and represent Wesley Chapel at the Global Methodist Allegheny West Annual Conference, at Mt. Vernon University. It was a great conference! It took place June 18-21. **The theme was "Start Planting!"** The days and evenings were filled with Christ-centered, Biblical messages and decisions which sought to love Jesus, to give Him the Glory, and to focus on building His Kingdom. I can tell you that we are connected to a group of people who love Jesus and want to live under His authority, the authority of His Word. It was a conference filled with worship, surrender, prayer, and joy. The joy and freedom that comes from focusing on and following Jesus and His Word was evident on so many faces among those who were at the conference.

It was a privilege and blessing to represent you, our friends, Wesley Chapel at the conference. Included below are a couple of links which will allow you to hear the great messages and teaching shared at the conference as well as some words from Reverend Dr. Jeff Greenway and others as they reflect on annual conference. I encourage you to check them out!

Blessings,
Pastor Tim

To watch and listen to messages, teaching, preaching, and information given at annual conference, go here: <https://allegHENYwestgmc.org/startplanting/>

Reverend Dr. Jeff Greenway and others reflect on annual conference on the Allegheny West GMC Facebook page, which can be found here: <https://m.facebook.com/allegHENYwestgmc/>

(Please see photos from Conference on the following page.)



Our suggested food pantry items for July are tuna fish and pasta. You may bring them or other food donations to the church during the month of July. We are currently supplying the Rockwood Area Food Pantry located at Messiah Lutheran Church in New Centerville. Hours for distribution are 3:30 - 5:00 p.m. the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month. Thank you.



A Koval's Sub and Pizza sale is scheduled to benefit Food for the Soul (FFS). Orders and money are due Sunday, July 13th. Subs and/or pizzas will be ready for pick up on Friday, July 25th. FFS representatives will be dropping off the normal deliveries to their recipients. Please see Barb Stark with any questions regarding orders.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR...

Church Council meeting will be held on:

Thursday, July 24, at 7:00 p.m.

Committee meetings will meet at 6:15 p.m.

You are encouraged to be present and interested in your church happenings.

Commanded to Love - Mission Trip - Round 1

On Sunday, June 15, a few members of Wesley Chapel left on a work trip to Burnsville, North Carolina. The trip was organized through First Christian Church, an independent church in Somerset, and Baptists On Mission (BOM), an organization supporting many types of ministries including disaster relief.



Sarah Pletcher and Martha Mitchell traveled with the group for the week. Connie Pletcher was called to stay back with her family during her dad's transition to Heaven.

On July 13 during the Sunday school hour there will be a presentation on the trip and a time to discuss. A meeting will be held at a later date to formally plan another trip(s) as BOM will be at this site for the next 4 years.

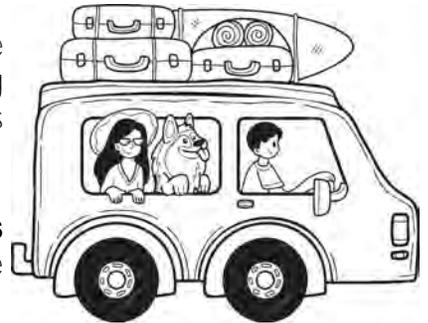
The trip's host center was a renovated nursing home which can house 90 people. The center provided meals and construction supplies on site. From a stack of files listing requested jobs to complete, Gary (center's director) discussed with the team leaders which ones our groups could do. So each day we broke up into small groups to do different tasks. We worked at different churches and homes. We did ceiling repairs, replaced doors, fixed plumbing, installed flooring, built decks and ramps, and constructed a room addition. We also helped around the center with mowing, cleaning, and laundry. Most importantly, we demonstrated the love of God through fellowship, devotions, and



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Destination devotions

Planning a summer trip? Take along a Scripture passage befitting your vacation to use for devotions and prayer time (all NIV below):



- **In the mountains:** "The mountains and hills will burst into song before you" (Isaiah 55:12).
- **At a lake, perhaps on a fishing trip:** "They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. 'Come, follow me,' Jesus said, 'and I will send you out to fish for people'" (Matthew 4:18-19).
- **Near an ocean or river:** "Let the sea resound ... let the rivers clap their hands" (Psalm 98:7-8).
- **In the desert:** "They looked toward the desert, and there was the glory of the LORD appearing in the cloud" (Exodus 16:10).
- **In the woods:** "Blessed is the one ... whose delight is in the law of the LORD That person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season" (Psalm 1:1-3).
- **In the flatlands:** "'My food,' said Jesus, 'is to do the will of him who sent me I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest'" (John 4:34-35).
- **On a "staycation" close to home:** "Love the LORD your God These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. ... Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates" (Deuteronomy 6:5-9).

~Taken from The Newsletter WordContent CD, July 2016



YOUTH GROUP HIKE

On June 22nd the Youth Group went on a hike in Laurel Summit State Park with Steve Long. Before we went on this adventure, Steve talked to the youth about different survival objects and skills. He explained the importance of being prepared in this

life and preparing for life in heaven. Once we got to the hiking trails, we all hiked in the 90 degree heat! When we stopped for a quick break, Steve talked to us about how it is important to get away from everything and recharge in God's creation. He gave us a cool bracelet with a cross that will glow in the dark if charged in the light! We persevered and eventually made it to a beautiful rocky area called Wolf Rocks. We walked over the rocks near the ledge to see a beautiful view! We then hiked back to our cars. Some of the youth then went to see the Spruce Flats Bog. It was a neat swampy place with weird flowers and tadpoles. There were also educational signs there. All in all, we had an amazing day in God's creation!

~Written by Faith Millin

James 1:12 Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial because, having stood the test, that person will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love him.



prayers together as we worked with the member of the community, other church groups, and each other away from home. It was a great experience and seemed like it was being at a summer camp for grownups. The ages ranged from about 14 to 86 years old.

~Written by Sarah Pletcher



A Look Back on Father's Day.....

This year Wesley Chapel's Youth Group honored our fathers with Global Games 2025. Two dads were chosen at random and called up to compete against each other in games such as nerf gun shooting, bowling, diaper changing, skee-ball, ball tossing, and fishing. Prizes were given to each father who won the event. We also learned that a certain church member **has the thickest wallet...we'll keep his name a secret. An ice cream social** followed the games. A special thank you to all the fathers, grandfathers, and father figures. You make a difference in this world. Also, thank you to the Millins and the Youth who organized the fun-filled day.



Kaden Cramer graduated from Berlin Brothersvalley H.S. Kaden is the son of Paul & Misty Cramer of Somerset. He went to the Somerset County Technology Center taking the carpentry course. His future plan is to work.



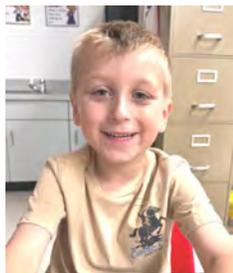
Jordan Hoover graduated from Seneca Valley H.S. Jordan is the son of Harry Jr. & Jackie Hoover and grandson of Harry & Mary Ellen Hoover. He plans to attend Wesleyan University in Rochester, NY to study engineering/architecture and to continue his volleyball career.



Jenna Miller graduated from Garrett Community College on May 17th with a degree in Natural Resources & Wildlife Technology. Jenna is the daughter of Bobby & Cindy Miller and granddaughter of Jake & Debbie King. She is currently working at Deep Creek Lake State Park.



Graduates from Wesley Chapel were recognized during the worship service on June 8th. Steve & Connie Pletcher presented each graduate with gifts, and a special graduation cake in their honor was served before Sunday school. Special thanks to Connie Pletcher for organizing this day.



Luke Henry graduated kindergarten from Rockwood Elementary. Luke is the son of Cody Henry and Leanne Henry, grandson of Mark & Rene Temple and great-grandson to Maxine Temple. He is brother to Cole Henry.

Caleb Pritts graduated kindergarten from Redeemer Lutheran School. Caleb is the son of Todd Jr. & Kayt Pritts, grandson of Todd & Tracy Pritts. He is also brother to Claire, Cassidy and Cole Pritts.



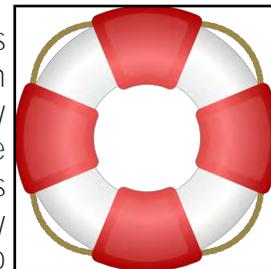
Adam Sanner graduated from Rockwood Area H.S. Adam is the son of Andy & Kristen Sanner, grandson of Blaine & Shirley Walter. In 10th grade he was awarded the RAHS Outstanding Student in Engineering and Technology Welding Award. He worked at Morocco Welding through the school to work program. His future plans are to continue working at Morocco Welding.

Jillian Smiley graduated from Berlin Brothersvalley H.S. Jillian is the daughter of Jonathan & Jennifer Smiley. She went to the Somerset County Technology Center and was **in the Health Occupations Course. Jillian's extracurricular** activities included 2024--2025 Dairy Princess, Student of Distinction, 4H Jr. Holsteins Club. Her future plan is to attend the Somerset Co. Technology Center in the LPN Program.



Be a lifesaver

About 200 people — including 100 lifeguards — attended a pool party in New Orleans in 1985 to celebrate the first summer in memory that no one had drowned at a city pool. At the end of the festivities, the four on-duty lifeguards began clearing the area and found a fully dressed man in the deep end. Despite efforts to revive him, he died.



Just as swimming with a bunch of lifeguards doesn't guarantee safety, "swimming" with a sea of churchgoers doesn't guarantee peace. People in the pews next to you might be struggling to stay above water physically, emotionally, financially or spiritually. Be alert to ways you can serve as a lifeguard. Extend a helping hand, a listening ear and an encouraging reminder of Jesus' ultimate rescue (see Romans 7:24-25).

~Taken from The Newsletter Word Content CD, July 2016



TECH MINISTRY THANK YOU!

A very special thank you to our tech/sound **ministry who keeps all of Wesley Chapel's** services running smoothly. The group was honored on Sunday, June 22. Members include Mark Temple, Doug Knight, Charlie & Martha Mitchell, Gary Weimer, Tracy Pritts, Mindy Singo, Joe & Jon Monteith, Sarah Pletcher, Linda Henry and Ethan Stark.



Please extend a appreciative hand to these folks next time you see them, **as they're working hard behind the scenes.**



JULY 2025



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 BIBLE STUDY 7:00 PM *Michael & Brenda Hardwig	2 *Connie Hearn	3 *Michael Hearn; Victoria Hearn	4  *Michael, Erin, Easton, Sawyer & Rhett Heiple	5 *Tim & Jill Heiple
6  WESLEY MISSIONS *our Nation	7 *Betty Henry	8 BIBLE STUDY 7:00 PM *Cody, Leanne, Luke & Cole Henry	9 *Dave & Linda Henry	10 *Joe & Mildred Hobernicht	11 *Harry & Mary Ellen Hoover	12 *Roger & Lois Howard
13 FFS KOVAL SUB ORDERS DUE *our VBS kids/staff	14 *Don Nichols & Jenny Lynn Hykes	15 NO BIBLE STUDY	VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 5:30 - 7:50 PM			19 *Dalton & Debbie King
20 VBS PROGRAM (DURING SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR) *our nation's leaders	21 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE *Dennis King	22 BIBLE STUDY 7:00 PM *Effie King	23 *Eric & Laura King	24 Committees @ 6:15 p.m. Council @ 7:00 p.m. *Pam King	25 FFS KOVAL SUB ORDER PICK-UP *Randy & Michele Klein	26 *Doug Knight
27 *for world leaders	28 *Delores Kurtz	29 BIBLE STUDY 7:00 PM *Tim, Lindsay, Kaitlyn, Natalie & Hannah Latuch	30 *Delbert & Tammy Lechliter	31 *Denton & Cathie Lester	<p>You are encouraged to remove this center page and place it on your refrigerator for the month for reference. *Denotes daily prayer focus.</p>	