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*Celebrating the Good News of the risen Christ especially to:*



# The Chapel Messenger

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Praise be to God the Father and to His Son Jesus Christ.

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



Greetings saints,  
 It is with joy and sadness in my heart that I write this newsletter article, as this one will be my last one. It has been my honor, joy and pleasure to be your pastor these last 15 months. I have come to know and love each one of you. We have shared some good times through laughter. We have learned more about our Lord and Savior, and some have even been through some challenging times. The sadness comes from leaving Wesley Chapel as your pastor and not seeing you on a weekly basis.

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Lois and I are so grateful and appreciative of the way you took us in as one of your own, even as an interim pastor. You showed us love and support that was unsurpassed. Above all, you prayed for us. As of October 1, your new pastor will be Tim Monteith. I have talked to him numerous times, and I believe he is a godly and humble man and will be a great spiritual leader for Wesley Chapel. I know you will welcome and accept him, his wife Amy, and their family as you accepted Lois and me.

My prayer for each of you is that you love the Lord with all your heart, your soul, your mind and your strength. May you draw closer to the Lord and each other.

Goodbyes are never easy, so I am just going to say so long until we meet again.

In service with and for the Master,  
 Pastor Roger



- 2 Faith Millin  
Calvin Ulderich  
Flint Breegle
- 3 Mason Miller  
Kathi Schmuck
- 5 Ralph Pletcher  
Allison King
- 8 Kaiden Miller  
Marcus Rogers
- 9 Kayla McFarren
- 11 Tyler Pritts
- 12 Craig Smith
- 17 Charlie Mitchell
- 19 Amelia Sechler
- 20 Gary Weimer
- 21 Shanna Breegle
- 23 Brayden Shultz  
Easton Heiple
- 24 Madison Martin
- 26 Mikayla Shultz
- 27 Kaitlyn Miller
- 28 Brenda Hardwig
- 30 Nicki Lester



- 1 Todd & Tracy Pritts
- 3 Andy & Samantha Singo
- 4 Craig & Kim Smith
- 9 Robert & Deb Miller
- 11 Scott & Rhonda Boothby
- 14 Jake & Tonya Ulderich
- 17 Calvin & Rhonda Ulderich  
Charlie & Martha Mitchell
- 18 Denton & Nicki Lester
- 21 Steve & Connie Pletcher
- 23 Alan & Candee Jackson
- 25 Jeff & Amy Brlansky
- 28 Jamie & Mindy Singo
- 30 Tyler & Tara Pritts

In 1936, a group of pastors launched World-Wide Communion Day. Amid the Great Depression, they were looking **for a way to meet people's spiritual needs** and unite Christians in their dedication to Christ.

The observance, now known as World Communion Sunday, is held on the first Sunday of October. For eight decades, it has served as a reminder that Christians around the globe share the same meal in remembrance of Jesus.



~Taken from WordContent Newsletter CD, September 2016



# PRAYER LIST

Our Country/Leaders  
 Our church/Wesley Chapel  
**Pastor Tim Monteith/family**  
**Presiding elder Doug Burns**  
**Pastor Roger & Lois Howard**  
**Ethan, Forrest & Barb Stark**  
 Maxine Temple  
 Ralph & Chop Pletcher  
 Darlene Stevanus  
 Gail Minerd  
 Persecuted Christians  
 Police officers/Military  
 First responders  
 Medical personnel  
 Unserved loved ones  
 Rex Temple  
 Kristi Burkett  
 Jade Hetz Chun  
 Myron Deal  
 Terry & Kathi Schmuck  
 Cook Ohler & family  
 Gary Weimer  
 Maxx Stevanus  
 Israel  
 Travel mercies  
 Unspoken  
 Emily Lemmon  
 John Kreger  
 Eileen Baker family  
 Kristin Martin family  
 Mary Alice Diest  
 Shirley Henry  
 Louise Pritts family  
 Lewis Hertzler

Sarah Pletcher  
 Maria Burkholder  
 Kerns family  
 John Nickels  
 Wayne Miller  
 Harold Weaver  
 Cavanaugh family  
 Amber Walker  
 Debbie George  
 Matt Schwarm  
 Ray Ankeny  
 Jim Walter family  
 George & Bonnie Henry  
 Jordan Hoover  
 Samuel Plumber  
 Dalton & Deb King  
 Max & Paige Sechler  
 Jamie Singo  
 Andy Sanner  
 Jackie Felesky  
 Etta McCain  
 For rain  
 Peggy Slope  
 Meade Meyers  
 Mara Kurtz  
 Blaine Walter  
 Virginia McKenzie & family  
 John Vergona  
 Jenny Lee Ripsick  
 Tammy Lechliter  
 Roger King & family  
 Juanita Frampton  
 Teen struggles  
 Lisa Kimmel  
 Unita Dull  
 Connie Pletcher



Military/Families  
 Jeremy Allan  
 John Benford  
 Stephen Bigler  
 Ian Blevins  
 Gabe Blubaugh  
 Aaron Engleka  
 Joe Gusbar  
 Grant Hanak  
 Keith Henry, Jr.  
 Landon Henry  
 Kristi Hopp  
 Jake Johnson  
 Lexi Kerns  
 Richard King  
 Denton Lester, Jr.  
 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 Maddox Miller / Caleb & Cameron Weimer

GREETERS

October 6  
 Breegle family

October 13  
 Eldon Sechler

October 20  
 Dave & Linda Henry

October 27  
 Jamie & Mindy Singo

OFFERING TEAM

Breegle family

Eldon Sechler & family

Dave & Linda Henry & family

Jamie & Mindy Singo & family

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

### FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

October 6	Matthew 8:1-3	Jason Breegle
October 13	TBD	Mark Millin
October 20	TBD	Grace Sechler
October 27	TBD	Dave Henry

### SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

October 6	Hebrews 11:24-27	Shanna Breegle
October 13	TBD	Angie Millin
October 20	TBD	Joseph Sechler
October 27	TBD	Linda Henry

*If you are unable to read on your Sunday, please find a replacement. Thank you.*





# PUZZLE

## Growing Up!

You're growing each day in many different ways.  
A verse from 2 Peter tells what will help you grow!

Directions: Fill in the blanks below, using the height measurements as guides, to complete 2 Peter 3:18.

3 1/4 ft.	knowledge		Savior	3 1/8 ft.
3 1/16 ft.	him		grace	3 ft.
2 3/4 ft.	now		forever	2 1/2 ft.
2 1/4 ft.	Lord		grow	2 1/8 ft.
2 1/16 ft.	glory		Jesus Christ	1 1/4 ft.
2 ft.	Amen			
1 ft.	our			

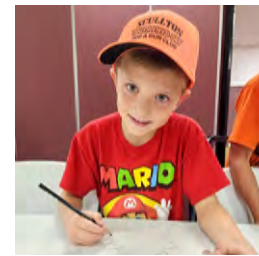
"But \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_  
 To \_\_\_\_\_ be \_\_\_\_\_ both \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ ! \_\_\_\_\_."

2 PETER 3:18, NIV

Answer: "But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever! Amen." 2 Peter 3:18, NIV

# Agape Fun!

Wesley Chapel's children's ministry started Wednesday evening, September 25th and was lead by Angie Millin. The first night's lesson was on how to "Grow in your faith." The children had multiple stations - making a welcome banner for the new pastor and his family; signing a farewell card to Pastor Roger and Lois; lesson time; and a fun game to end the night. Fun was had by all. A special thank you to the Millin family for keeping this ministry alive. If you are interested in bringing your children, please see more information on page 5.



## FOOD FOR THE SOUL

We now have an update on the ladies working on the *Food for the Soul* program here at Wesley Chapel. The committee, usually 6-10 ladies, still prepares approximately 70 meals once a month, usually the second or third week of the month. They are continuing to prepare meals from the Wesley Chapel cookbook or honoring meals from some of the beloved church ladies. Below are the tentative meals for the rest of the year:

October—**Leora King's Chicken**  
Casserole, Noodles/potatoes,  
pudding

November—**Patsy Pletcher's Sloppy**  
Joe recipe, macaroni salad,  
fruit

December—Soups, bread, fruit.



If anyone knows of a person or family in need of this very important mission, please contact Barb Stark at 814-442-8393.



Our condolences and prayers go out to the family  
of Rev. James A. Walter, Sr.  
March 1, 1932 - August 29, 2024

Rev. Walter was a man of unwavering faith, and devoted his life to guiding many with his spirited and thoughtful nature. He is survived by his daughter Denise Pitcher of Little Meadows, PA and his son James A. (Shelly) Walter, Jr. of Dallas, GA. He was proud grandfather and great-grandfather. He also leaves behind his sister-in-law

Thelma Saylor and special friend and caregiver, Jonas Mast. James also leaves behind his nephew, Blaine Walter who attends Wesley Chapel. He was preceded in death by his wife of 70 years, Doris H. Walter, son-in-law Rev. David Pitcher, brother Harry, and half siblings Ruby Atchison and Earl Atchison. Rev. Walter was a graduate of Rockwood High School and then furthered his calling at Practical Bible Training School in Jefferson City, NY. He pastored in many churches and his pastoral care and spiritual guidance touched many lives over the years. He was an avid golfer, participated in church basketball, baseball, published two books and numerous pamphlets. Alongside his wife, Doris, he traveled extensively across the United States, Canada, and to Israel. A memorial service will be announced at a later date. Memories and tributes may be shared by visiting [www.sutfuneralchapel.com](http://www.sutfuneralchapel.com). Those who wish to make a contribution may send them to the Missionary Fund at South Appalachen Baptist Church, 4116 Pennsylvania Ave., Apalachin, NY 13732 in loving memory of Rev. James A. Walter, Sr.

## GROW IN *Grace*

Make this craft as a reminder to continue growing in God's amazing grace.



**What you need:**

- An adult to help
- Newspaper
- Acrylic paints
- Paper plate
- Paintbrush
- Small terra cotta pot and plate
- Cup of water
- Permanent black marker
- Potting soil
- Small "indoors" plant or packet of seeds

**What you do:**

1. Cover your work area with newspaper and squeeze paint onto the paper plate.
2. Paint designs on the pot and plate, cleaning your brush in the water when changing colors. Let dry.
3. With the black marker, write "Growing in God's Grace" along the top ridge of the pot.
4. Pour in a small amount of soil. Place your plant in the pot and surround it with more soil. (If planting seeds, follow packet instructions.)
5. Water your plant. Check it daily and keep the soil moist.
6. Enjoy watching your plant grow!



Agape has begun!

All children ages 5 through 6th grade are welcome to join us every Wednesday at Wesley Chapel from 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Please come and join in on the fun!  
Contact Mark or Angie Millin for more information.

## **How well do you know the Bible?**

It's intriguing to think of people in Bible times experiencing the same cycle of seasons we do. Which of these books doesn't mention autumn?

- A. Matthew
- B. Jeremiah
- C. Proverbs
- D. Jude



Answer: A (See Proverbs 20:4; Jeremiah 5:24; Jude 1:12)



Dear Wesley Chapel,

Thank you so much for the gift cards. These help us so much with all our traveling & groceries. The love, support & prayers mean so much to me.

~Love, Emily Lemmon The battle belongs to Him!

#### UPDATE ON CONVOY FOR KIDS

The Somerset County community participated in [Make-A-Wish Greater Pennsylvania and West Virginia's](#) 11th annual Convoy for Kidz held on June 8 at the Georgian Place, Somerset, PA. Wesley Chapel contributed multiple baskets for the basket raffle. The organization would like to give a big THANK YOU to those who helped out with the baskets and/or donations. An amazing total of \$38,968.08 was raised for this very worthy cause. Thank you again for **all of Wesley Chapel's support.**



I am looking forward to being **the Lord's witness to other children.** I am excited to share this opportunity with the children in Nicaragua and with you.

Thank you for being my partner!  
~Seth Kimmel



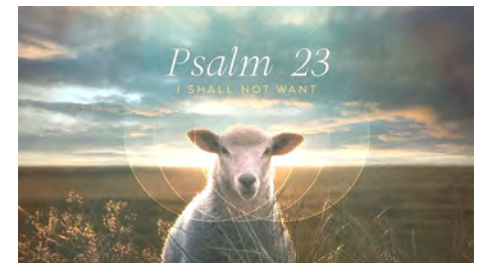
*Please keep this group of individuals in your prayers as they head out on a mission trip to Nicaragua in June 2025. Seth Kimmel is pictured second row from the top, first from the left.*



Please join us as we welcome Pastor Tim Monteith and his family to our church. Worship service time on Sunday, October 13th will be at 10:30 a.m. A catered meal will be provided in the fellowship hall following the worship service. Please

note, there will be no Sunday school this day. A sign-up sheet is available in the narthex. While there is no charge for the meal, donations will be accepted. For additional information please see Todd Pritts.

#### ***I Shall Not Need....***



Despite the traditional wording ("The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want"), Psalm 23 declares that God provides everything we need — not everything we desire.

**"He makes me lie down ... "** Sometimes our busyness is useful; other times it's how we feel in control or superior to others. God knows we need to rest and sometimes must make us do so!

**"He leads me beside still waters ... "** Although we often prefer noisy distractions, God knows we need quiet to hear him and have our souls restored.

**"You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies."** Rather than a boast ("Ha! See how God spreads a banquet in my honor while others look on!"), this is a reminder that God wants us to dine with our enemies. We might not be able to stand those people, but God pursues reconciliation.

**In the process, "goodness and mercy ... follow me all ... my life." That's what we need the most.**

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Wesley Chapel's annual Sunday School Rally Day was held after church service on September 15th. In an amazing turn of events, the Combined Youth class beat out the Seekers class with an attendance percentage of 87.5, while the Seekers had 85.2 percent attendance. Congrats to the youth for gaining their first Rally Day Banner! The Seekers weren't completely out of the running and ended up winning the Visitor Banner with two guests attending their class.

Thanks to everyone for attending Rally Day and ultimately learning more about our Lord & Savior.



Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Packing Party will be held in November. A date is currently being planned so stay tuned. Everyone will be invited to stop by and pack as many boxes as you have time for.

Come for an hour, come for the day, come help pray over the boxes and celebrate the children that we are packing boxes for! Can't attend the packing party? We are still in need of items to create quality packed shoeboxes. We are in need of hairbrushes, coloring books, toys, games, and jump ropes. Stuffed animals or deflated balls (with pump included) are always a great WOW purchase to place into the shoeboxes! Thank you to everyone that has been donating items and helping with creating quality items to place in the shoeboxes. If you don't have time to shop but would like to help, please see Mindy Singo about making monetary donations or building a shoebox online. Shoeboxes are now available for pickup in the fellowship hall and will need returned to the church no later than November 16th.

OCTOBER IS  
**HARVEST HOME**  
MONTH



October is Harvest Home Month. You have the opportunity to share your blessings of food and supplies to those who are less fortunate. A table will be set up in the narthex the entire month of October to collect your donations. Commercially canned foods and food products may be placed on the table in the hallway. Donations of fresh produce should be brought the last week of the month to prevent spoilage. All donations will be given to the Rockwood Food Pantry. Your generous donations and participation will be much appreciated. Please contact Luella Pletcher with any questions.

# October 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<b>1</b> Bible Study 7:00 p.m.  <i>*Gail Minerd</i>	<b>2</b> Agape 6:00 p.m.  <i>*Charlie &amp; Martha Mitchell</i>	<b>3</b>  <i>*Forrest, Paige &amp; Juddson Ohler</i>	<b>4</b>  <i>*Karen "Cook" Ohler</i>	<b>5</b>  <i>*Luke, Telma &amp; Christian Ohler</i>
<b>6</b> Holy Communion Wesley Missions  WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY  <i>*for missionaries</i>	<b>7</b>  <i>*Scott, Lesa Ohler</i>	<b>8</b> Bible Study 7:00 p.m.  <i>*Lisa Parkhill, Shiloh Calvert &amp; Heather Cook</i>	<b>9</b> Agape 6:00 p.m.  <i>*Norma Jean Phillippi</i>	<b>10</b>  <i>*Brad &amp; Lori Pletcher</i>	<b>11</b>  <i>*Brandon &amp; Wyatt Pletcher</i>	<b>12</b>  <i>*Bret, Fenna, Elliot &amp; Elika Pletcher</i>
<b>13</b> PASTOR WELCOME CATERED LUNCHEON CHURCH - 10:30 A.M. LUNCH - 12:00 P.M.  <i>*for your pastor</i>	<b>14</b>   <i>*Bryan &amp; Leslie Pletcher</i>	<b>15</b> Bible Study 7:00 p.m.  <i>*Craig &amp; Charlotte Pletcher</i>	<b>16</b> Agape 6:00 p.m.  <i>*Dawn Pletcher</i>	<b>17</b> Committees 6:15 p.m. Church council 7:00 p.m. Church Conference 7:30 p.m.  <i>*Dean Pletcher</i>	<b>18</b>  <i>*Gary, Cindy &amp; Beth Ann Pletcher</i>	<b>19</b>  <i>*Jack &amp; Barbara Pletcher</i>
<b>20</b> NEWSLETTER DEADLINE  <i>*for the church leaders</i>	<b>21</b>  <i>*Luella Pletcher</i>	<b>22</b> Bible Study 7:00 p.m.  <i>*Matthew, Carrie, Ethan, Miley &amp; Ella Pletcher</i>	<b>23</b> Agape 6:00 p.m.  <i>*Nellie Pletcher</i>	<b>24</b>  <i>*Ralph &amp; Chop Pletcher</i>	<b>25</b>  <i>*Ross Pletcher</i>	<b>26</b>  <i>*Russ, Sarah, Rhett &amp; Jack Pletcher</i>
<b>27</b>  <i>*for your church</i>	<b>28</b>  <i>*Steve &amp; Connie Pletcher</i>	<b>29</b> Bible Study 7:00 p.m.  <i>*Tim &amp; Carol Pletcher</i>	<b>30</b> Agape 6:00 p.m.  <i>*Todd, Kayt, Claire, Caleb, Cassidy &amp; Cole Pritts</i>	<b>31</b>  <i>*Todd &amp; Tracy Pritts</i>		
<p>You are encouraged to remove this center page calendar and place it on your refrigerator for the month for reference.</p> <p>*Denotes daily prayer focus.</p>						