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Celebrating the Good News of the risen Christ especially to:



The Chapel Messenger

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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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*Grace and peace to you from
 God the Father and His Son Jesus Christ.*

Clean

*“Come now, and let us reason together,”
 Says the Lord,
 “Though your sins are as scarlet,
 They will be as white as snow;
 Though they are red like crimson,
 They will be like wool.”
 Isaiah 1:18*

Each year as the snow falls, I am always surprised and amazed anew. The dirt and mire of the earth is covered, and everything looks so fresh and clean. The trees take on a beauty that can be awe inspiring, when I take the time to look. Snow does something else. The snow and ice of winter prepare the ground with enough water to sprout and grow new life in the spring. One last thing, the snow also reminds me of how God gave Manna, bread to eat, from Heaven. Yes, God provides everything we need in each season.

In the book of Isaiah the prophet, God tells us that He provides for us spiritually and eternally as only He can. We have made a mess of things through sin. We are so covered and stained that our stains are the deep color of scarlet. Yet,

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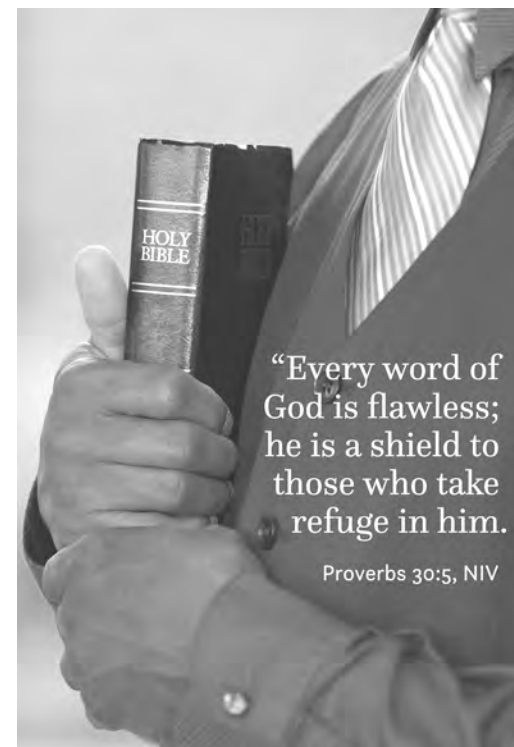
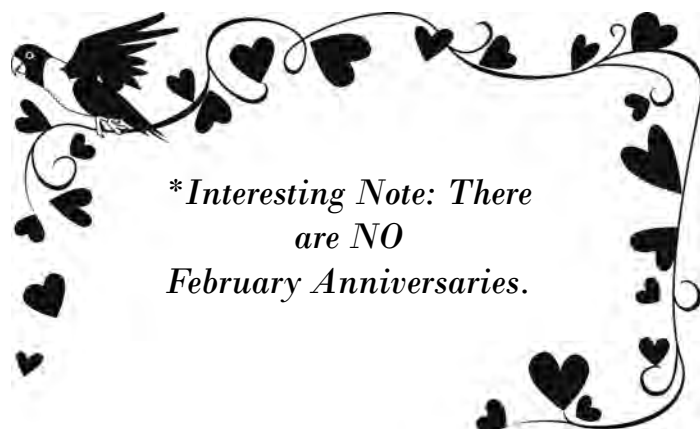


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| 1 Ella Boothby
Grace Sechler | 12 Debbie King
Gail Miner
Kristen Sanner
Tim Helpe
Todd Pritts, Jr.
Lisa Kimmel
Jane Stuart |
| 3 Brett Pletcher
Brayden Miller
Luke Kohan | 15 Charles King, II |
| 5 Hannah Latuch | 17 Denton Lester, Jr.
Amy Monteith |
| 8 Shannon Berkey | 18 Cindy Miller |
| 9 Cody Kimmel
Michele Klein | 19 Alan Jackson
Finnegan Singo |
| 10 Dawn Pletcher
Elijah Stene | 20 Debra Ankeny
Tara Pritts |
| | 22 Heidi Pletcher |
| | 23 Scott Boothby
Luke Henry |
| | 26 Julia Jackson |
| | 28 Haley Beahr
Deb Miller
Liisa Temple |

through Jesus and His shed blood on the cross for us, God provides cleansing and redemption. God says that our sins which are crimson are cleansed to the point that we are as white as snow. This February look at the snow and thank Jesus. Through His sacrifice on the cross, we are **cleansed to the point of being white in God's eyes, no spot or blemish in Christ.** We are washed clean by the water of the Word (Ephesians 5:26). We are made as white as snow. Each and every sin is forgiven. We are clean and new. Again, we are as white as snow.

One last thing, just as God provides the snow of winter to prepare the ground for spring, God provides in each season of our lives, and He uses all things for our good, to cause us to sprout and grow at the proper time. God is so good, and by His grace alone, we are made clean and new for all of eternity. (2 Corinthians 5:17-21)

Blessings,
Pastor Tim





Our Country/Leaders
Our church/Wesley Chapel
Pastor Tim Monteith & 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 & family
Jade Hetz Chun
Emily Lemmon
Amber Johnson
Tina Yinkey
Easton Pritts & family
Tara Raley
Myron & Jennifer Deal
Terry & Kathi Schmuck
Gary Weimer
Maxx Stevanus
Israel
Travel mercies
Unspoken
Robert Nausten
June Bruner & family
Mike Bradley, Sr.
Craig Knupp family

Harry Hoover
Miranda (accident victim)
Marty Duppsstadt
Caroline Romesburg
Jim Long
Venezuela situation
Shirley Tinkey
Ken Nichols & wife
Fred Herman family
William Sines family
Christy Hay family
Dale Baker family
Reed Luce family
Bobby Stark
Claire Hart
Robin Bittner
Matt Kessler
Eldon Sechler
Max Trimpey
Braden Durst
First responders to
accident (Kimmels)
Ron Sheriff
Kayt Pritts' sister-in-law
& family
Shirley Fisher family
Tammy Breegle
Mitchell's travels
Rick Newbiser
Kelly Faidley
Kim Smith's cousins -
(Char & Bob)
Dale Black
Winter storm victims
Unrest in Minneapolis
Atta Sagehpour
Emily Wiatrak



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
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

Serving this month

ACOLYTES Brooklyn Monteith & Hannah Latuch

GREETERS

Feb. 1 Russ Pletcher family
Feb. 8 Todd & Tracy Pritts
Feb. 15 Tom & Lorie Skelton
Feb. 22 Mark & Rene Temple

OFFERING TEAM

Russ Pletcher family
Todd Pritts family
Skeltons & family
Temples & friends

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

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

February 1	Matthew 8:16-22	Mark Temple
February 8	Matthew 8:28-34	Jason Breegle
February 15	Matthew 9:9-13	Mark Millin
February 22	Matthew 9:18-22	Grace Sechler

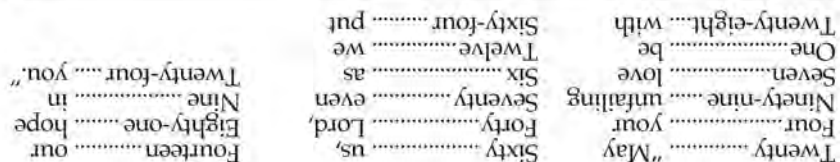
SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

February 1	Matthew 8:23-27	Rene Temple
February 9	Matthew 9:1-8	Shanna Breegle
February 15	Matthew 9:14-17	Angie Millin
February 22	Matthew 9:23-26	Joseph Sechler

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

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.

"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



CAN WE DO IT?

**LOOKING FOR FORTY (40)
SPECIAL PEOPLE (ALL AGES) TO
SUBMIT A DEVOTION FOR OUR
ANNUAL LENTEN DEVOTIONAL.**

Lack of interest or participation will



Lent begins on February 18th. We are in need of 40 persons (including children & youth) willing to write or submit a favorite devotion for our Lenten Devotional booklet. This is an inspirational tool to help you as you read it daily during the forty days. Please consider participating by giving it to Shanna or sending your devotion by email to shannabreegle@gmail.com on or before Friday, February 13th. Thank You. No theme this year, please submit as the Lord leads you.

Please use the checklist below and include in your devotion:

- ☐ Your title
- ☐ Scripture reference
- ☐ Your devotion
- ☐ Thought for the day
- ☐ A prayer
- ☐ Credit to the author and source if not you
- ☐ Your name

NEVER-ENDING GIFT

Seven days a week, remind someone special about God's love, the gift that truly keeps on giving.



What you need:

- Large plastic pill box with a compartment for each day
- Construction paper
- Craft glue
- Black permanent marker
- Heart stickers
- Scissors
- Bible
- Pencil
- 7 small treats (fish-shaped crackers, small candies, trail mix, etc.)

What you do:

1. Glue paper onto the container. Write "God's Love" in permanent marker. Decorate with heart stickers.
2. Cut seven slips of paper. On each slip, write out one Bible verse about God's love. (Examples include Psalm 63:3; Psalm 100:5; John 3:16; John 15:12; Romans 5:8; 1 John 4:9.)
3. Fill each compartment with a different treat. Then place a folded slip atop each treat.
4. Give away the present. Tell the recipient to open the correct day for a week – and then refill the treats and verses and "regift" God's love to someone else.



Wesley Chapel Youth Group is heading to Terrace Lanes in Somerset for a night of bowling.

Sunday, Feb. 22, 2026 / 3:30 - 5:30 P.M.

Please sign up on the clipboard or RSVP to Steve Long at (724) 640-2075

More Youth events can be found on page 19

Bible Quiz

One theme of Epiphany is to share the gospel with others and lead them to faith. To whom did Jesus say, "Go therefore and make disciples"?



- A. Peter, James and John (his "inner circle")
- B. The women at the empty tomb
- C. A crowd, beside the Sea of Galilee
- D. The 11 disciples (Judas had committed suicide)

Answers: D (See Matthew 28:16-20)



Brethren,

The Year 2025 was that year we saw the Lord doing great things among us. What we witnessed could not take place without your ACTIVE PRAYER SUPPORT. With the entire team here and on behalf of those we touch, we want to thank you so very much. Have such a blessed 2026.

~Greetings, Pastor Francis & Faida

(Please find the December Compassionate Mission Center Newsletter on pages 10 & 11)

For those, like you, who give, support and donate to the Somerset Salvation Army Service Unit—whatever the amount or type of donation—this generosity and graciousness remains anonymous to those who receive the blessings, yet your gifts do not go unnoticed.

For our God in Heaven knows what blessings you have selflessly bestowed on those less fortunate. He sees that you are doing His work here on earth, and, for that, may you be abundantly blessed with joy, love and happiness.



~Thank you & God bless you, Gale Purbaugh & Melissa Wright
Salvation Army Service Unit Director & Human Services Secretary



Youth and parents, please mark your calendars for the following Spring Youth Group Events - February through March 2026.

Sunday, February 1 - Snow date for Youth meeting - 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, February 22 - Bowling at Terrace Lanes, Somerset. From 3:30 - 5:30 p.m. Please sign up on the clipboard or contact Steve Long at (724) 640-2075 to RSVP.

Sunday, March 8 - Youth meeting held at Wesley Chapel - 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, March 22 - Youth Meeting held at Wesley Chapel - 6:30 p.m.

Also a look ahead - The Youth Group will be attending Pirates Faith Day at PNC Park on Saturday, May 2, 2026. They plan to leave the church at 1:15 p.m. Please sign up on the bulletin board.

Love gauge

In a ship's engine room, it's impossible to look into the great boiler and see how much water remains. But running up beside it is a tiny glass tube that serves as a gauge. As the water stands in the little tube, so it stands in the great boiler. When the tube is half full, the boiler is half full; when the tube is empty, the boiler is empty.

Do you ask, "How do I know I love God? I believe I love him, but I want to know." Look at the gauge: Your love for other people is the measure of your love for God.



~ S.S. Chronicle



We will be collecting baby items and gently used baby clothes for the month of February. These items will be donated to Somerset Birthright. A **pack 'n play will be provided in the hallway for your donated items.** Thank you for supporting Birthright. Please contact Pam Weimer if you have any questions.



Please consider joining our men's group as they study Willie Robertson's book, Gospeler. The men meet every other Saturday at Wesley Chapel. Breakfast is served at 7:30 a.m. with the lesson to follow at 8 a.m. Tentative dates for this month are February 14th and 28th.

Exciting news for the ladies as well...we have started a women's group named "Refresh." This group meets the second Friday of every month at 6 p.m. Dinner will be served before every session. The next study will be held on Friday, February 13th.

Come and be filled with God's word and fellowship with us.

Our food pantry items for February are canned vegetables or fruit. You may bring your donations to the church during the month of February. 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.





Wesley Chapel's Annual Wild Game Dinner will be held on Saturday, February 28th at 5:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Tickets are available from Todd Pritts. Please bring your favorite dish to share in the meal. **This year's speaker is Emma Walters with the Keystone Elk Country Alliance.** Donations are graciously accepted, and door prizes will be handed out after dinner.



In preparation for the spring season, a list of upcoming church events are listed below:

- February 18th - Ash Wednesday, Lent begins
- March 29th - Palm Sunday - Agape children will pass out palms
- April 2nd - Maundy Thursday Service at 7:30 p.m.
- April 3rd - Good Friday - Church will be open for communion
- April 5th - Easter Sunrise Service (Time to be determined), Easter Service
- May 10th - **Mother's Day celebration with Youth Group**
- May 24th - **Pentecost "Fireball" Sunday & Memorial Sunday (video)**
- June 7th - Annual Chicken BBQ
- June 21st - **Father's Day celebration with Youth Group**



Joseph Sechler, pictured center, displays his FFA Degree certificate with fellow FFA members.

One of our very own, Joseph Sechler, son of Ryan and Michele Sechler, and brother to Grace Sechler earned his FFA (Future Farmers of America) Keystone Degree on January 12th. This award represents leadership, commitment and the start of an exciting journey in agriculture education. Joseph was one of 1,448 students who received their FFA jackets during **this year's Pennsylvania FFA Mid-Winter Convention** held at the Pennsylvania Farm Show in Harrisburg, PA. Congrats Joseph!

For God so loVed the world
thAt He gave His
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SoN,
thaT whoever
belIeves
iN Him should not perish
but havE everlasting life.

(John 3:16, NKJV)

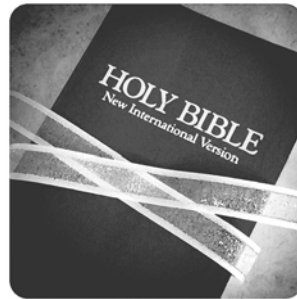
Unwrap the Gift

At church one Sunday, I noticed a woman carrying a Bible neatly wrapped in colorful ribbon, like a package. My first thought was that she must be giving it to someone as a present.

Throughout the next few weeks, however, I realized it was the woman's own well-used Bible. Whenever a worship service or Bible study ended, she carefully rewrapped the Scriptures with that shimmery strand.

What a great reminder that God's Word is a precious, practical gift meant to be opened and reopened regularly.

~ Stephanie Martin



An early start to spring cleaning

Although Lent starts early this year, before spring appears in many areas, it's an appropriate time for spring cleaning. Indeed, Lent comes from old German and English words for "spring." So, while it might be too soon to open windows or hang clothes on the line, now is the ideal time for some spiritual spring cleaning.

Lent calls us to examine our beliefs, confess and dispose of old grudges and selfish habits, dust off our Bibles for a new routine of study and prayer, air out our hearts and brighten up our attitudes. "Lent cleaning" lets the Holy Spirit freshen our faith — and it's never too early for that.



~ Taken from WordContent, Newsletter CD 2015

2026 Easter Flower Price List

You can help decorate the sanctuary for Easter Sunday with beautiful spring flowers. A price list is provided below if you wish to order them from Somerset Floral or you may opt to bring your own. Please give your order to Cindy Miller or drop it in the basket on the table in the entryway. Thank you. Deadline for orders and payment is March 1st.

Easter Arrangements

- \$50.00 and up

Easter Lilies

- \$22.00

Mum Plants

- 6 in. pot \$23.00

- 4 in. pot \$14.00

Azaleas

- Pink/Red/White \$40.00

Hydrangeas

- 8 1/2" Pink /Blue \$40.00

Bulb Plants - Tulips, Hyacinths, Grape Hyacinths, & Mini Daffodils

- 4 1/2" pot \$9.00

African Violets

- \$10.00

Palms

- Crown \$8.00/pound (approx. 50)

- Commodore \$0.50 each

Tulips (Pink/Purple/Red/Yellow)

- 6 per pot \$18.00

- 12 per pot \$36.00

Hyacinths (Blue/Pink/Purple/White)

- 3 per pot \$18.00

- 6 per pot \$36.00

Daffodils

- 6 per pot \$18.00

- 12 per pot \$36.00

Kalanchoes

- 6" pot \$28.00

- 4" pot \$14.00



Please include all information on additional orders.
Thank you.

In Memory of _____

Given by _____

In Honor of _____

Given by _____

Flower choice _____

Total enclosed \$ _____

Compassionate News from the
Compassionate Mission Center, Malawi, C. Africa

End of year (2025) Newsletter (summarized)

By His Grace we finished stronger in 2025. Three thousand, six hundred and fifteen people were brought to the Lord in December alone. January through November we had 18 crusades with 2,906 people accepting Jesus, and planted 12 churches. One evening, a drunken man came disturbing a crusade, snatching microphones as we preached. This stopped people from responding to a call to Jesus. He is now a brother in the Lord. After that violent night, we **hired a motorcycle the following day for him to tell of Jesus' love.**

At the Eleventh Hour Pastors & Leaders Institute, the harvest is so ripe but the laborers are few. We must train and empower workers in ministry. We have to provide training and resources for local leaders and churches for the Great Commission. Our December conference in Balaka was number 8 in 2025. We trained 1,200 leaders in 2025. During these meetings, meals are provided to the participants.

The Orphanage has been freshly renovated and houses up to 100 people. Our children are now able to move around with ease and fresh air. Those in transit to hospitals, etc. through our center are well cared for. Meantime, we have 72 orphans. Some are in nursery, primary or secondary schools, and college. Others are doing life-skill programs such as tailoring, design, welding, carpentry, tinsmithing, motor vehicle mechanics, ICT (Information & Communication Technology), etc. Some of our 5 year orphans pictured to the right keep us running!



Partnering with Let There Be Light International has helped 300 families, with an average of 7 people per family, receiving solar lights in 2025. With the population of **22,064,883 people, Malawi's electrification rate stands at** around 10%, which translates to approximately 2.2 million people with access to electricity. About 19.8 million people, 90% of the population lack access to electricity. With **Let There Be Light International's continued partnering with us,** we will see a lot more families benefiting. Pictured left: A young boy holds a solar light to take home to his family.

The ABCs of love

Use this alphabetical list of love-in-action verbs as a reminder of the **many ways to reflect Christ's love:**

Accepts	Notifies
Behaves	Overlooks
Comforts	Provides
Defends	Quiets
Empowers	Rejoices
Forgives	Supports
Grows	Tries
Helps	Understands
Invests	Volunteers
Joins	Welcomes
Kneels	expects
Listens	Yields
Mentors	adds Zest to life



**A special Thank You from
Somerset Area Ministries Inc. Sam Van**

Dear Wesley Chapel Members:

On behalf of Somerset Area Ministries Inc. and the people who ride the Sam Vans, I would like to thank you for your generous gift of **\$3,046.00 in support of our ministry.** As I'm sure you are aware, we transport people to medical appointments or to visit hospitalized loved ones outside of Somerset. Most of our riders go to Pittsburgh and are **senior members who don't like driving to the big city or driving in it.** We also transport people to Johnstown, Altoona, Greensburg, Latrobe and Mount Pleasant. In December we provided rides for 17 people in 15 trips to Pittsburgh and 8 rides in 8 trips for people to the more local communities. The total for the year is 279 people to Pittsburgh in 177 trips and 145 people in 129 trips to other locations.

Your continued support has enabled us to purchase safer and more economical vans for our drivers and riders. Speaking of drivers, if anyone in your organization would like to consider driving for our ministry, I would be glad to talk with them without any obligation to drive. We have **women drivers, and they don't have to drive to Pittsburgh.** They can call me at 814-445-2698.

Thanks again for your generous gift that keeps our ministry going. Thank you for your annual gift that gets us started for the new year.

In His Service,
Charles F. Olsen, Sam Van Treasurer



One night I could not sleep. I needed food for the children within 5 hours. I jumped out of bed and went to the sitting room. "Lord," I stuttered, "I am not happy with the way You are running things. Why should I fail to sleep because there is no food for the children? If this is the way we have to go, please find someone else. Release me." I remained quiet, hoping He would talk to me. Dead silence. Before 6 a.m., there was a message in my phone, "Use the money I have sent you as you see the need...Felt like you needed it." That was it! There has been food for the children and the communities ever since.

The Compassionate Mission Center has been renovated. Our Center had reached the point of decay. Everything was breaking down, collapsing; rooms, bedding, **blankets, toilets, bathrooms... EVERYTHING.** We are so thankful for the renovations shown to the right.



People living with disabilities in Malawi face significant challenges that affect their daily lives, dignity and opportunities—especially those coming from extremely poor backgrounds. Some of the challenges are: limited access to education, employment barriers, health care challenges, social stigma and discrimination, physical accessibility, and lack of support services. With your thoughts, prayers and financial support, CMC stepped in to alleviate all of these. Assessing 510 people living with disabilities through our crusades and mobile clinics, we have sent 190 children to major hospitals for medical help, donated 8 wheel chairs, **crutches, etc....**

Malawi's water crisis is a pressing issue affecting millions of people. Seven million Malawians lack access to basic drinking water. Over 4 million people rely on contaminated water sources, increasing the risk of waterborne diseases. Twenty percent of the population lack access to improved water sources, forcing them to use unprotected wells, puddles or gullies. Diarrhea, cholera, dysentery and other diseases are prevalent due to contaminated water. Last year, we managed to rehabilitate 5 bore holes, leaving us panting for more to be done.







This Christmas and New Year's were awesome. The Lord visited us in different ways, such as buying clothes from the second-hand store, a hot lunch with our children, the disabled, the elderly, and all those in the surrounding communities. A total of 150 attended this event.

(For the complete newsletter, please see the bulletin board.)



February 2026



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<div>You are encouraged to remove this center page calendar and place it on your refrigerator for the month for reference. *Denotes daily prayer focus.</div>						
1 HOLY COMMUNION Wesley Missions <i>*for your marriage</i>	2  <i>*Brandon Pletcher family</i>	3 Bible Study 7:00 p.m. <i>*Brett, Fenna, Elliot & Elika Pletcher</i>	4 Agape 6:00 p.m <i>*Bryan & Leslie Pletcher and family</i>	5 <i>*Craig & Charlotte Pletcher</i>	6 <i>*Jack & Barbara Pletcher</i>	7 <i>*Dean Pletcher</i>
8 <i>*for stronger family units</i>	9 <i>*Gary, Cindy & Beth Pletcher</i>	10 Bible Study 7:00 p.m. <i>*Dawn Pletcher</i>	11 Agape 6:00 p.m <i>*Luella Pletcher</i>	12 <i>*Matt, Carrie, Ethan, Miley & Ella Pletcher</i>	13 Refresh @ 6:00 p.m. LENTEN DEVOTIONS DUE <i>*Nellie Pletcher</i>	14  Men's Group @ 7:30 a.m. <i>*Ralph & Chop Pletcher</i>
15 <i>*thanking God for His love, mercy & grace</i>	16  <i>*Ross Pletcher</i>	17 Bible Study 7:00 p.m. <i>*Russ, Sarah, Rhett & Jack Pletcher</i>	18  Agape 6:00 p.m <i>*Steve & Connie Pletcher</i>	19 <i>*Tim & Carol Pletcher</i>	20 NEWSLETTER DUE <i>*Todd, Kayt, Claire, Caleb, Cassidy & Cole Pritts</i>	21 <i>*Todd & Tracy Pritts</i>
22  Youth Bowling 3:30 - 5:30 p.m. <i>*thanking God for His blessings</i>	23 <i>*Tom & Vickey Pritts</i>	24 Bible Study 7:00 p.m. <i>*Tyler, Tara, Tristan, Shane, Aaron & Hayden Pritts</i>	25 Agape 6:00 p.m <i>*Shawn, Jen, Brittney & Matthew Roberts</i>	26 <i>*David, Sonja, Ciera & Marcus Rogers</i>	27 <i>*Andy, Kristen, Steven, & Adam Sanner; Jillian Smiley</i>	28 Wild Game Dinner 5:30  Men's Group @ 7:30 a.m. <i>*Pete, Kizzie, Maddox, Paelyn & Canaan Sanner</i>