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Do all the good you can In all the ways 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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My prayer is to be faithful.

In all the places you can

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Responding to the Wind



the power of the wind. Over the last few months, the wind has blown and moved me from one place to another even when I did not know it was going to do so. In fact, the wind has the power to move things which seem as though they could not be moved. The wind can make changes which one would not expect. It can clean away debris, remove obstacles as though they were not even there, and cleanse the atmosphere, the ground, and the environment of things which need to be cleansed. Open a window and, depending on how strong the wind is blowing into the place where we are, stagnant air is removed in seconds, the air becomes easier to breathe, and we are refreshed. Strength and life are restored. The wind is powerful! Jesus used the wind as a teaching tool. He said,

8&9 "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water 12 & 13 and the Spirit he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that 14 - 16 which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be amazed 18 & 19 that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' The wind blows where it wishes and you hear the sound of it, 20 but do not know where it comes from and where it is 22 going; so is everyone who is born of the Spirit." (John





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- 19 Jillian Smiley
- Bryce Henry 21 Amelia Kellman
- Mindy Singo 23
- Charlotte Pletcher 24
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- Connie Pletcher 26 Tom Pritts
- 27 Owen Maurer Kenzie Shroyer
- Jeremy Singo 28 Erin Heiple
- Ron Blough 29
- 31 Blaine Walter



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"That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the 3:5-8). When we put our faith in Jesus, the Spirit is spirit." John 3:6 Holy Spirit comes to live in our hearts and

lives, and He changes our lives inside and out. The Holy Spirit, whom you cannot see, is like the wind, says Jesus, but you know His powerful work is of GOD. From the moment of our spiritual birth, He causes us to grow and change into the image of the One who has saved and redeemed us, Jesus. (Romans 8:29). The Spirit removes the old debris of sin and shame. He enables us to breathe anew, spiritually, and grow in the grace of God. The Spirit works in and through us to bear spiritual fruit. We are enabled to really love and experience peace that passes understanding, because it is the peace of GOD. We are led to give and express patience in even the most pressurized of situations. As the people of GOD, we are made to express kindness through the Spirit's leading and working, gentleness, goodness, faithfulness, and ves, even self-control. The reality is self-control does not come from ourselves. It is a fruit of the Spirit. The Scripture says that no law exists against these. GOD wants us to bear this good fruit no matter the season of our lives. (Galatians 5:22-25; Psalm 1:2-3)

March is a month of transition as the winds of winter begin to subside and the winds of the spring bring new life, renewal, growth, and new beauty and strength. Let me encourage you to spend this month and each day of your life surrendering to the wind of renewal, growth, and strength that the Holy Spirit wants to bring about in and through your life. Let the Holy Spirit convict, shape, mold, and make you who only Jesus knows you are to become, made like Him. (Romans 8:29). Move as the wind of the Spirit moves you, stand firm with the strength of the Spirit when the Spirit tells you to be still and stand firm. Let the Holy Spirit illuminate the Word of GOD to your heart and change your life as only He can do so.

> Blessings My Friends, Pastor Tim



Our Country/Leaders Our church/Wesley Chapel Pastor Tim Monteith & family Presiding elder Doug Burns Ethan, Forrest & Barb Stark Maxine Temple Ralph & Chop Pletcher **Darlene Stevanus** Gail Minerd Persecuted Christians Police officers First responders Medical personnel Unsaved loved ones Rex Temple Kristi Burkett Jade Hetz Chun Emily Lemmon Amber Johnson Tina Yinkey Myron Deal Terry & Kathi Schmuck Cook Ohler & family Gary Weimer Maxx Stevanus Israel Travel mercies Unspoken Harry Hoover President's safety Courtney Martz Bob Clark Curtis Pritts, Sr. family Scott Leazier

Leah & baby Jennifer Miller-Deal Flu victims Jennifer Phillippi family Mark Stevanus Connie Pletcher's dad Plane crash families Jake King Calvin Ulderich Harper Pletcher Blaine Walter Jack Pletcher Jim (Steve Long's friend) Tucker Kerns Peggy Blough family Prison shut-downs Dave & Linda Henry John Kimmel Patrick Woods family Bob Beahr family Walt Miller family Sarah & Justin Levering Unita Dull Rick & Dawn Definbough Craig Gindlesberger Iona Jean Dively Tom & Jessie Wince & family Skip & Marla Seeger Tracy (Heckler) Fulmer



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 Lexie Kerns Richard King Denton Lester, Jr. Connor 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 Flint & Reed Breegle

	GREETERS	OFFERING TEAM
March 2	Dave & Linda Henry	Henrys and family
March 9	Jason Breegle family	Jason Breegle family
March 16	Colin Martz family	Martz & Smith families
March 23	Jamie & Mindy Singo	Singos and friends
March 30	Steve & Connie Pletcher	Pletchers and friends

If you are unable to acolyte, greet or usher on your Sunday, <u>please</u> find a replacement. Thank you.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

March 2	Colossians 1:1-6	Jason Breegle
March 9	Colossians 1:13-16	Mark Millin
March 16	Colossians 1:21-23	Grace Sechler
March 23	Colossians 2:5-8	Dave Henry
March 30	Colossians 2:13-15	Connie Pletcher

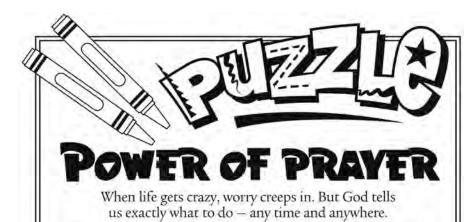
SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

March 2	Colossians 1:7-12	Shanna Breegle
March 9	Colossians 1:17-20	Angie Millin
March 16	Colossians 1:24-28-2:4	Joseph Sechler
March 23	Colossians 2:9-12	Linda Henry
March 30	Colossians 2:16-19	Forrest Stark

If you are unable to read on your Sunday, <u>please</u> 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



Directions: Circle the word in each group that doesn't belong. Then write those words on the numbered lines below.

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12. hearts, 13. minds, 14. Philippians

Answers: I. anxious, 2. every, 3. prayer, 4. petition, 5. thanksgiving, 6. requests, 7. Cod, 8. peace, 9. transcends, 10. understanding, 11. guard,



FOOD FOR THE SOUL 2025

We now have a 2025 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 70-80 meals once a month usually the second or third week of the month. They are continuing preparing meals from the Wesley Chapel cookbook or honoring meals from some of the church ladies. Below are the tentative meals for this year:

March 12—Green beans, potatoes and ham, roll, fruit cocktail April 7—Breakfast casserole, grapes May 12—spaghetti, salad, bread June—no meal July—**Koval's subs, fruit salad, chips** August—no meal September 15—Tater Tot casserole, applesauce, carrots October 13—Chicken noodle parmesan casserole, peas, pudding November 10—Sloppy Joes, mac & cheese, leftover fruit December 15—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.



Everybody's a critic

"You shouldn't have such long sermons," said the 5-year-old to the preacher after church.

"It really wasn't that long," smiled the pastor.

"When you see me yawn," said the lad, "that's the time to quit!"

-Told by the minister who was confronted, Howard T. Wall Jr.

~Taken from WordContent, March 2000

2025 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 29.

Easter Lilies

• \$18

Mum Plants

• 6" pot \$20.00 / 4" pot \$12.00

Azaleas

• Pink/Red/White \$36.00

Hydrangeas

• 8 1/2" Pink /Blue \$36.00

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

• 4 ½" \$9.00

African Violets

• \$10.00



- Crown \$6.00/pound
- Commodore \$0.45 each

Tulips (Yellow/Red/Pink/Purple/Orange

- 6 per pot \$15.00 / 12 per pot \$30.00
 Hyacinths (Blue/Pink/Purple/White)
- 3 per pot \$15.00 / 6 per pot \$30.00

e Daffodils

- 6 per pot \$15.00 / 12 per pot \$30.00 Kalanchoes
- 6" pot \$20.00
- 4" pot \$12.00

Please include all information on additional orders. Thank you.

In Memory of ______ Given by______

In Honor of _____

Given by_____

Flower choice_____

Total enclosed \$



Use this fun family activity to remember to pray for other people.

What you need:

- White index cards (at least six)
- Markers or colored pencils (red, orange, yellow, green,

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- M&M's candies
- Moom's candles

What you do:

- 1. On each card, write a group of people to pray for (family members, friends, teachers, sick people, etc.). Use a different color of writing utensil for each card.
- 2. While sitting at a table, divide the M&M's among family members.
- 3. Spread out the cards and explain that each color represents a group of people to pray for. Have each family member choose one candy and consider who they'll pray for.
- 4. Designate one person to start praying aloud. Go around the circle, and have the last person close.
- 5. At the end of that round, eat those M&M's.
- 6. Continue until you've prayed for all the cards. (Make more, if you'd like!)

VBS Director Needed!

It's that time of year when we are starting to plan for our annual Vacation Bible School festivities. Feel the calling? Reach out to Shanna Breegle with any questions. Thank you!



Sun. March 9th - Planning meeting 6:30 p.m.

Sun. March 23rd - Meeting 6:30 p.m.

Both meetings will be held at Wesley Chapel. Please Contact Martha Mitchell.

Bible Quiz

At a time of deep struggle in Elijah's life, God made his presence known to him. How?

- A. In a strong and destructive wind
- B. In an earthquake
- C. Through fire
- D. Through silence



Answer:D See I Kings 19:12



Our food pantry items for March are Windex, all purpose cleaners & paper towels. You may bring your donations to the church during the month of March. 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.

Looking ahead, here are some dates to mark:

April 17th - Maundy Thursday Service @ 7:30 p.m. April 19th - Spring church workday April 20th - Easter Sunrise Service @ 6:30 a.m. April 24th - Council & Finance meeting





Just a reminder that Men's Breakfast will be held on the following Saturdays with breakfast

being served at 7:30 a.m.

March 1st, 15th, and 29th

Come fill your belly with good food and your soul with God's Word.



Dates are still available to sign up for altar flowers. Please see the flower chart next to the church office.



IF YOU ARE RESERVING THE PAVILLION this year, you need to secure a FACILITIES USE REQUEST FORM and give it to a member of the trustees for approval. The calendar is in the church office, and unless you have reserved that date, it is <u>not guaranteed</u>. You are reminded to do it today. This way the trustees have a contact person as well.



The huge spread of amazing wild game dishes (left) and tasty desserts (right).



The fellowship hall was packed with many familiar faces!





Some beautiful new mounts were added to the wall this year. It's safe to say Wesley Chapel has some skilled hunters!



Left: Our informative speaker Jim Griffith.

Right: Pastor Craig Breegle finished up the evening. -19-





Wesley Chapel held their annual Wild Game Dinner on Saturday, February 22nd. This year "The Leon Ohler Wild Game Dinner" was missing it's founder, Mr. Leon Ohler, but his memory lived on through everyone's hard work and dedication to make it a huge success. A bountiful spread of wild game meats (elk, venison...yes, beaver included), trout, and pheasant, accompanied by some delicious sides and desserts were enjoyed by all.

A few members of our congregation shared their beautiful mounts for everyone to see. Our evening was completed by an informative discussion of pest control trapping given by Mr. Jim Griffith. Pastor Craig Breegle wrapped up the evening with making sure we are "armed" with the Word of God.

Many, many thanks to everyone who helped in any way to make our dinner so awesome - from providing food, mounts, and door prizes to serving and cleaning up. To God be the glory.



Left: Pam Weimer & Barb Stark discuss whose dish looks best.

Right: Plenty of wonderful door prizes from hunting supplies, maple syrup, fudge and gift cards were donated. Special thanks to all who provided.





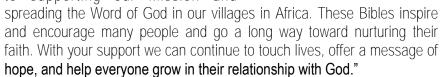
A very special thank you and appreciation for everyone who provided a devotion for **this year's Lenten Devotional Booklet.** I personally love getting to read them first and find such inspiration through them all. I pray that you find peace and reflect on your Christian life as you read through the book on a daily basis.

> Blessings my friends, Shanna Breegle



February 2025 Year to Date Giving - \$50.00

Thank you so much for the generous gift! Raphaël, our Village Church Planting coordinator in Cameron, shared how gifts like yours are making an incredible impact. "This gesture of kindness testifies to your commitment to supporting our mission and



Your generosity is truly changing lives—thank you for giving to OMS!

Gratefully, Jeff Edwards OMS President





The AGAPE kiddos had a night full of snow tunnels, sled riding, and good old-fashion fun in the snow on Wednesday, January 29th. A lesson and hot cocoa warmed them up inside once done playing. Special thanks to Mark & Angie Millin for making the kids say "It was the best night...EVER!" It's safe to say, Mark's snow tunnel was the highlight of the evening.



Ada, Amelia, & Grace Sechler are all smiles.



Mark Millin joins in on the fun.



Grace Sechler photo-bombs while Caleb Weimer plays.



Maddox Miller slides through the snow tunnel



Reed & Flint Breegle love the snow.



What about Ash Wednesday?

Ash Wednesday will be on March 5th this year. Do you know the symbolism of the day?

- 1. From ancient times, ashes have been used as a symbol of mourning, penitence, grief and humiliation. In his pain and sorrow, Job "sat among the ashes" (Job 2:8). The Old Testament book of Numbers and the New Testament book of Hebrews indicate that ashes were also used for purification (see Numbers 19:17 and Hebrews 9:13).
- 2. Christians have had an old tradition of using ashes made from the palm branches used on the last Palm Sunday. Priests and ministers have often used the ashes to make the sign of the cross on a believer's forehead as part of the Ash Wednesday ceremony.
- 3. The ashes symbolize the Christian's intent to repent of sins, to accept purification from the Lord, and to make a public witness of one's faith in Christ as Lord and Savior.
- 4. Since Ash Wednesday is the beginning of Lent, the ashes symbolize one's intention to deepen his or her spiritual life. Lent is a time for spiritual renewal and growth in dedication and service.
- ~Taken from WordContent, March 2000

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Great Need for Safe Water

We were so honored last year to have drilled a single bore hole in one of the hardest hit areas, no water at all. Repairing 7 wells, brought life and joy to the communities. There are so many areas in the communities which are still crying for safe water. The Lord knows how this is going to be done mainly with the rising costs of spare parts and new bore holes. Safe water is not a luxury. It is a necessity. It should not be compromised. In this century there is no need for children to be drowning in cisterns, and rivers, at the search of contaminated water. There is no need for young girls and women to be raped as they walk long distances in wee hours in search for water. NO!

~Taken from The Compassionate News bulletin, January 2025 - please note, some of the articles were summarized. If you'd like to read the entire article please find a copy posted on the church's bulletin board.

For more information or donations please contact: Randy Whetnstone 1-814-329-1921, Gary Nouse 1-814-979-7116



Rockwood Swim Team Members Bring Home Medals

Two members of the Rockwood Varsity Swim Team swam at the 2025 PIAA Division VI District Swim Meet held at Penn State on February 22. Jonathan placed 5th in the 100 freestyle and 2nd in the 100 breaststroke. Jeremiah Tomcanin placed 3rd in the 500 freestyle. Coach Kelly Tompson is pictured between Jon Monteith (left) and Jeremiah Tomcanin (right). Top right, Jon Monteith stands on the 2nd place podium. Awesome work guys!

~Submitted by Amy Monteith



All the kids pose on top of the huge snow pile.

<u>Top row, left to right</u>: Reed Breegle, Maddox Miller, Ada Sechler, Grace Sechler <u>Middle row, left to right</u>: Caleb Weimer, Flint Breegle, Canaan Sanner, Cameron Weimer, Talon Miller <u>Front</u>: Amelia Sechler



The Agape program will be having their annual bowling party in <u>March</u>. A date has yet to be determined. Please keep an eye out for the announcement in church. Thank you.



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Local School Shows Support For Pastors

Pastor Tim Monteith and his wife Amy were invited to join Flint & Reed Breegle for Pastor Appreciation Day at Somerset Christian School on Friday, February 14th. The children sang songs and a message was given by one of the high school seniors. After the program, the students were able to sit down with their pastors, fellowship and partake in a delicious lasagna lunch. What a great way to show gratitude to our pastors and their families for the impact they make.

Open Your Bible - Fill in the missing scripture:

- 1. For lo, the winter is _ _ _ , the rain is over and gone. The flowers appear on the earth, the time of singing has come. —Song of Solomon 2:11
- 2. If then your whole body is full of light, having no ____ dark, it will be wholly bright, as when a lamp with its rays gives you light. —Luke 11:36
- When I look at thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the _____ which thou hast established; what is man that thou ____ mindful of him. —Psalm 8:3-4
- 4. If a man has a hundred sheep and one of them has gone _____, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the hills and go in search of the one ...? —Matthew 18:12
- So then you are no longer strangers and sojourners, but you are fellow citizens with the _____ and members of the household of God. —Ephesians 2:19

Answers: I. past, 2. part, 3. stars, art, 4. astray, 5. saints

450 Homes Lit Up!

With the help of Let There Be Light International, 450 solar lights were distributed to 450 homes that house an average of 7 people. There are families that cannot afford candles or batteries for a torch to light up their homes at night. A testimony from a local woman, "My life, family, is at the verge of transforming with this light. My small evening business is going to blossom. My children will spend more time in study...the little which was used to light my home is going to be saved, making me more empowered."

Feeding the Hungry

Thank God for the governments, politicians who feed the hungry. But it is the duty of the church to take care of the hunger stricken people. Tons of food items such as corn, rice, beans, sugar, cooking oil, and fish were donated in 2024. These children shown to the right spent days without food. Between now and May we are in dire need of food to provide our people.



Housing the Homeless

Due to several cyclones in Malawi, my people do not have habitable places to live in. In 2024 we managed to build 9 houses for the homeless, the elderly, the orphans, and those with disabilities. We also repaired 7 houses. Please continue to pray as many more families need habitable houses.

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People Living with Disbilities



With your help, we sent 650 children with disabilities to Beit Cure International. We donated 13 wheel chairs, 3 pairs of crutches, 5 pairs of eye glasses, and 3 artificial limbs. One child was transported as far as 700 kilometers one way. Many of these are on their way to a full recovery.

Compassionate News from the Compassionate Mission Center

Malawi, C. Africa January 2025

From November 28, 2024, to January 1, 2025, we did crusades and charity daily. We had a total of 43 Gospel outreach crusades, resulting in 25 church clusters starting. An estimated number of 7,500 people were won to Christ. One story is of a girl whom the devil was using to cast evil spells on people and they would die. She came to disrupt our meetings. If satan had known, he should not have sent her. She was powerfully set free. Totally delivered, under the power of the Holy Ghost.

Eleventh Hour Pastors & Leaders Institute

Most leaders we minister with in the villages have never had social or Theological/Biblical trainings. They have a passion for the Lord and His people. We had 670 pastors, lay preachers (including women) trained in 2024. Pray with us for resources to increase these trainings within the communities. Basic materials and books are needed to have people trained so their work blossoms. The people they lead stay in the WORD.

A Home For All (CMC Orphanage)



As we are coming to the end of 2024, we had 89 residential orphaned children at our orphanage, deemed as a Home For All. We simply accommodate those in transit to hospitals or even those who need shelter on both short or long terms.

Apart from these at the center, we also have orphaned children in their villages whom we take care of. Because of space, we could not reach out to them to stay physically with us. As the Lord expands us, we plan to take them too on board.

We were honored by the Lord to have 3 graduates in 2024. Two finished nursing courses and the other a teacher. The youngest at the center is 5 years old and the oldest is 22. The children attend schools from

nursery to college. With the rising costs of food items, we need to continue trusting the Father's provisions and daily basic needs for our children. (Street orphaned boy top-left)



Thank you to everyone for their donations for Birthright. Our playpen was full and overflowing. We are blessed to bless others! Your donations, as well as financial, help young parents who are in need of assistance for their babies. Thanks also to Pam Weimer for organizing this opportunity to give.



Congrats

Wesley Chapel's very own Seth Kimmel (son of Irv & Lisa Kimmel) & Glenn Millin (son of Mark & Angie Millin) were awarded the FFA Keystone Degree, representing Rockwood Area High School. What an honor! Keep up the good work gentlemen, we're proud of you.







