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Celebrating the Good News of the risen Christ especially to:



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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

*God formed us. Sin deformed us. The Bible
informs us. And Jesus Transforms us*

Unchanging: The Rock

"Therefore everyone who hears these words of Mine and acts on them, may be compared to a wise man who built his house on the rock. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and slammed against that house; and yet it did not fall, for it had been founded on the rock."

Matthew 7:24-25

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"And coming to Him as to a living stone which has been rejected by men, but is choice and precious in the sight of God, you also, as living stones, are being built up as a spiritual house for a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For *this* is contained in Scripture:

"Behold, I lay in Zion a choice stone, a precious corner stone, And he who believes in Him will not be disappointed."

1 Peter 2:4-6

Just the other day, our family was driving home. As we came down the hill and prepared to ascend the

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2 Ryan King
 3 Taylor Smith
 Bonnie Augustine
 Amanda Walter
 5 Brittany Weimer
 Abby Stene
 7 David Rogers
 8 Ciara Rogers
 9 Michael Ohler
 10 Lorie Skelton
 11 Amy Brlansky
 13 Dominic Ulderich
 15 Aiden Kohan

17 Chad Miller
 18 Avery Smiach
 Maddox Miller
 19 Courtney Martz
 Ray Ankeny
 Jon Monteith
 20 Maria Burkholder
 21 Aleeyia Pritts
 22 Glenn Millin
 23 Forrest Stark
 Jim Augustine
 25 Kyle Temple
 26 Sandy Stevanus
 Todd Pritts
 27 Joseph Sechler
 28 Steven Walter
 29 Colin Martz



2 Mike & Danyelle Burkholder
 6 Rich & Marsha Beahr
 8 Delbert & Tammy Lechlitter
 13 Dale & Vicki Merchant
 14 Cody & Leanne Henry
 15 Scott & Keri Fortune

17 Randy & Michele Klein
 Mark & Rene Temple
 18 Forrest & Barb Stark
 21 Russ & Sarah Pletcher
 Max & Paige Sechler
 26 Kyle & Symanthia Temple

next hill, something I did not anticipate happened. I looked up and glimpsed a fresh view of the mountain. The mountain looked large, strong and stable as it stood high in the sky and my view. As we move into September, the seasons are going to change. The beauty of the mountain will change. Leaves will change colors, the air will shift and brilliance will fill the landscape and sky as fall arrives. The fall season offers us so many blessings to enjoy, with the changing colors already mentioned, festivals, pumpkin flavors and so much more. Yet, even as the season on the mountain change, one thing will not change. The rock of the mountain will remain unchanging. It will stand stable, strong and large in the landscape and sky of our area.

The same can be said of our lives. We experience so many blessings and gifts, changes and challenges. Each new day and changing season offers a changing landscape and path for us to navigate. The changes can come through circumstances, relationships, obstacles and more. Yet one thing remains the same. God has declared His love and faithfulness to us in and through the cross of Jesus Christ. We can always come in our hearts to the foot of the cross, fix our eyes on Jesus, take up our cross and follow Him. He will lead us through each season of life with unchanging, steadfast, love. Jesus is the Rock that we can trust, cling to and always rest upon for stability, strength and peace. He is the one and only lasting and everlasting Rock upon which we can build our lives, no matter what the changing seasons of life bring across our path.

Let me encourage you this September, to take a walk, bike ride or car ride. Stop and see with fresh eyes the mountain upon which we live. See its rock, beauty and stability anew. Let the mountain that we call home remind our hearts that we have an even greater Rock of stability, brilliance, peace and strength today, tomorrow and forever, on which we live and build our lives, Jesus.

Blessings to you my friends,
 Pastor Tim





Our Country/Leaders
Unrest in the nation
Our church/Wesley Chapel
Presiding elder James Gola
Pastor Tim Monteith & family
Ethan, Forrest & Barb Stark
Maxine Temple
Ralph & Chop Pletcher
Darlene Stevanus
Gail Miner
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
Easton Pritts
Myron & Jennifer Deal
Terry & Kathi Schmuck
Gary Weimer
Maxx Stevanus
Israel
Travel mercies
Unspoken
Cassie (accident victim)
Cook Ohler family
Vicki Merchant
Joyce Moore
Koko Pfiel

Todd & Tracy Pritts
Craig & Tammy Breegle
Jamie, Crystal & Wesley Swank
Waechter family travels
Gianna Zerbini
Ray & Deb Ankeny
Start of school
Students/teachers/staff
Shelby Gebhardt & family
June Bruner
Gaege Hetz family
Atta S.
Kindergartner with lymes
Harper Hoover
Roy Pletcher family
Jim Sembower family
Melva Faidley family
Mark Sechler
Joel & Bev Jenkins
Allison Maready family
Mike Mickey
Marlene Patterson
Blaine Walter
College students
Betty Henry
Poverty level in schools
Joe Rende family



Military/Families

Jeremy Allan
John Benford
Stephen Bigler
Ian Blevins
Gabe Bluebaugh
Kinzie Bungard
Aaron Engleka
Joe Gusbar
Grant Hanak
Keith Henry, Jr.
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 Maddox Miller & friends



GREETERS

September 7 Jason Breegle family
September 14 Jamie & Mindy Singo
September 21 TBD
September 28 Craig & Kim Smith

OFFERING TEAM

Jason Breegle family
Singo family & friends
TBD
Craig Smith family

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

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

September 7	Psalms 119:1-8	Mark Temple
September 14	Psalms 119:17-24	Jason Breegle
September 21	Psalms 119:33-40	Mark Millin
September 28	Psalms 119:49-56	Grace Sechler

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

September 7	Psalms 119:9-16	Rene Temple
September 14	Psalms 119:25-32	Shanna Breegle
September 21	Psalms 119:41-48	Angie Millin
September 28	Psalms 119:57-64	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.



THE LORD WILL PROTECT

God always watches over us, during good times and bad.

Directions: Connect the dots, according to the instructions below. Then use the resulting word to complete the Bible verse.

Start at 19. Draw from 19-18, 18-17, 47-62, 62-77, 22-21, 21-20, 50-51, 82-81, 81-80, 80-65, 65-50, 50-35, 35-20, 24-38, 38-53, 24-40, 40-55, 17-32, 47-48, 32-47, 26-41, 41-56, 56-71, 71-86, 56-57, 57-58, 55-54, 54-53, 53-68, 68-83, 55-70, 70-85, 58-43, 57-73, 73-88, 43-28, 28-27, 27-26.

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>> "So do not __ __ __ __, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God." Isaiah 41:10, NIV <<

Answer: fear

Youth Outing - Baptisms

On Sunday, July 27th, the youth group went to a private residence in Bakersville to watch five people be baptized through the Living Hope Church. These people decided to give their lives to God and were excited that everyone in attendance could be a part of their special day. Before the baptisms started, we sang two hymns and pastor Roy talked about what baptism means and why we should do it. Before each individual was baptized, they each spoke about their journey in finding God and what their lives were like before meeting Him. The new followers were baptized by immersion in a pool by their pastor. After all of the baptisms, we sang another hymn and enjoyed some pizza. We got to speak with Mallory and Don (two of the people baptized) who are friends of my parents to congratulate them on their new relationship with God. It was a wonderful evening and an amazing experience for the Wesley Chapel Youth Group.

~ Written by Faith Millin



Pictured to the left and below: Two individuals are baptized through immersion.



Pictured to the left: Joseph Sechler, Glen Millin, Mark Millin, Faith Millin and Grace Sechler surround a new brother in Christ.



On Sunday, August 17th, we celebrated the Blessing of the Backpacks. Pastor Tim blessed our children and school staff by praying for safety during the new school year. Along with the blessing special pins were given out so those who received them know that they are loved and prayed for every day.



Christian Symbol - Ship

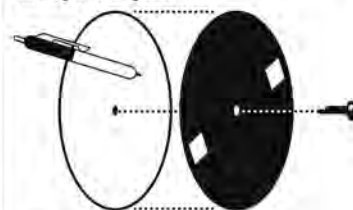
The Christian church has long been symbolized by a ship. While the Old Testament tells of Noah's ark preserving righteous people during the flood, the New Testament recounts Jesus calming the storm that battered the disciples' fishing boat. St. Ambrose described the church as a ship with the cross as its mast, and others have compared salvation to being drawn out of the sea of death into the safety of the church (ship). Indeed, many large churches are constructed to represent a big boat, with the main worship space called the nave — Latin for ship.



~Taken from The Newsletter CD, 2016

PROMISE WHEEL

This craft will remind you that God is always with you.



What you need:

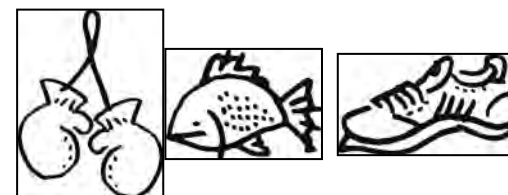
- A large round bowl
- 2 large pieces of construction paper
- A pen
- Scissors
- A ruler
- A brad
- A Bible or search engine

What you do:

1. Turn the bowl upside down and trace around it on both pieces of paper.
2. Cut out the circles. Draw a dot in the center of each.
3. On one circle, trace and cut out two 2" squares opposite each other, with the dot in the middle.
4. Align the dots and place the brad through both circles.
5. In the space left by one square, write a fear you have. Then write a comforting Bible verse in the other square.
6. Rotate the circle to a new blank space, and write another fear and verse.



CALLING ALL KIDS AGES 5 THROUGH 6TH GRADE...AGAPE is tentatively starting **Wednesday, October 1st**. It will be held weekly, on Wednesday evenings from **6:00 - 7:00 p.m.** Spread the word and bring your friends for fun, Biblical learning and fellowship. Please contact Mark or Angie Millin if you have any questions. Stay tuned for more details. Hope to see you there!



BIBLE QUIZ

Which of the following sports does Paul use metaphorically to describe the Christian life?

- A. Fishing
- B. Running a race
- C. Boxing
- D. Both B and C

Answer:::D (See 1 Corinthians 9:24-27)

Many Thanks! 😊

Thanks for the fruit, hoagie and chips. May
God richly bless you in all of your endeavors.
*Oh give thanks unto the Lord; for He is good.
Psalm 106:1*

~ Esther Ansell & family



LABOR DAY PRAYER

Dear God,
On this Labor Day, we thank you for the blessing of work.
We ask for strength to complete each day. We ask your
guidance for everyone seeking employment, and we ask
that you be with those faces we might never see, but who
work tirelessly each day for the good of us all.
Amen.



Creed and Kaylie Smith
pose during a break on the
set of The Chosen.



Cindy Miller, Kaylie
and Creed show off
their handmade attire.

CHOSEN FANS....

**SOMEONE YOU KNOW
COULD VERY WELL BE
SPOTTED IN AN
UPCOMING EPISODE!
READ ABOUT IT
BELOW...**



Back in March I, along with Kaylie and her husband, Creed, decided to throw our names into a pool to see if we could get picked to be background extras on the set of our favorite show, *The Chosen*. If you have never heard of this show, it's a historical drama that portrays the life of Jesus and His disciples. I got the text sitting in Bible study that we got chosen, and we were going to be heading to Texas in August. Soon, we started working on our costumes and were transformed into a first-century Jewish family. Once we arrived our schedule was similar both days that we had to be on set in Midlothian, TX. On Aug. 5th and 6th we had to be in costume, ready to go, by 7:00 a.m. There were 600 "extras" which they split up into groups. While we were on set, they gave tours of the sound stage that housed Phoebe's, Caiphus', and Pilot's houses. On Tuesday we were in "Jerusalem" very little, but on Wednesday, we had two hours in "Jerusalem" in 107-degree weather. The next season of *The Chosen* will be the 24 hours before Jesus' death. So in our scene we were in a large crowd that had not yet turned on Jesus but were watching intently before one of His trials (I can't give too much away). All 600 extras filmed the same scene throughout the day. So there is a very good chance that we will not be on the big screen, but that's ok. We were so blessed to be a part of something that we love. We met people from all over the world who spoke openly on how much they love God, and they shared the same excitement that we had. There are two more seasons to film, and we are hoping to experience this one more time.

~ Respectfully, Cindy Miller

(Please see pictures of our local celebrities on the next page)



Our suggested food pantry items for September are **laundry detergents**. You may bring them **or other food donations** to the church during the month of September. We are currently supplying the Lazarus Gate 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.

SAVE THE DATE: PASTOR APPRECIATION DINNER

Please join us on Sunday, October 26th for the Pastor Appreciation Dinner. Church will begin at 10:30 A.M., and the meal will be served afterwards in the fellowship hall. The meal is free to all. Donations will be accepted. A sign-up sheet will be passed during church and can also be found in the hallway. Please direct any questions to Todd Pritts.



NO BAKE—BAKE SALE!

Everyone loves a bake sale, but no one loves all the work that goes into it: the planning, the setup, the baking, and the biggest decision what to bake. The Wesley Chapel Operation Christmas Child team is looking to make the process easy for everyone. There is no planning, no baking and no sugar crashes from eating too much! All we are looking for is your thoughts and donations. What would you normally spend at a bake sale? Donate that and be done! There will be a cake box floating around during Sunday school hour to collect your donations. The donations will be used to purchase bulk items to be used during our packing party in early November. Thank you for your support from the team and the children that God has chosen to receive the boxes that we as a church and individuals pack.

~Written by Mindy Singo



What Do You Fear?

There are these trying times we are living in or snakes, spiders, thunderstorms. These are feelings that trigger emotions of threat or danger.

Do you fear God?

Do you give Him deep respect, reference, repentance for conscious and unconscious sin. God is so powerful compared to us. Jesus came to earth to experience our daily lives. He was crucified, died and rose again so the Holy Spirit could come and guide us through life.

We need to make “knowing” our sovereign God our priority in life. Studying His word, the Bible, for His guidance is undeniable or disputable. He is the author of our lives. He deserves our minds, body and soul.

Fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.

The fear of the Lord is the beginning and preeminent part of wisdom - and the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding and spiritual insight. Proverbs 9:10 (Amplified version)

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding. Proverbs 9:10 (NAS - MacArthur Study Bible)

The reverent fear of the Lord is the instruction for wisdom. Proverbs 15:33 (Amplified version)

The fear of the Lord is the instruction for wisdom, and before honor comes humility. Proverbs 15:33 (NAS-MacArthur Study Bible)

The Lord deserves our “awe.” The Lord chose us. We mean everything to God. He loves us. We need to try to be obedient to His word and possess a feeling of respect mixed with fear and wonder.

Do you fear God?

~ Written by a fellow Wesley Chapel friend in Christ



Taylor Ryan Smith and Molly Beth Miller were united in marriage on August 23, 2025 at The Hitching Post wedding venue, Somerset, PA surrounded by family and friends. Pastor Roger Howard officiated the ceremony. The bride is the daughter of Jim & Beth Miller. The groom's parents are Craig & Kim Smith and Tammy & Delbert Lechlitter. The newlyweds reside in the Scullton area. Many blessings to the new couple and may God always be at the forefront of their marriage.



Christ says, “Give me all. ... No half-measures are any good. ... Hand over the whole natural self, all the desires which you think innocent as well as the ones you think wicked — the whole outfit. I will give you a new self instead. In fact, I will give you Myself: my own will shall become yours.”

~ C.S. Lewis, Mere Christianity



Karen "Cook" R. Ohler

August 23, 1944 - August 2, 2025

. Karen Ohler, lovingly known as "Cook", 80, of Scullton, passed away peacefully on Saturday, August 2, 2025 at home surrounded by her family. She was born in Pittsburgh, daughter of Blair W. & Roberta (Foster) Tressler. Her parents, husband, Leon, and brothers, Blair W., Jr. and Alan Tressler preceded her in death. She is survived by son, Luke (Telma), King George, VA and daughter, Vicki Merchant (Dale), Boyds, MD; grandchildren Michael, Christopher, Alexandria, Stephen, Christian, Sara and Alvaro; brother Mark Tressler (Gloria), Houston, TX and sisters Susan Wilson (Shaun), Cheyenne, WY and Paula Draheim (Dan), Ursina. Karen had a long career as a nurse and physician's assistant. She dedicated her life to her family and the people she cared for locally in the medical field. She was a member of Wesley Chapel Church, loved the outdoors and was an avid golfer.

Cook will greatly missed by all who loved her. Her church family continues to lift up her family and friends in prayer.

WITH DEEPEST
Sympathy



SAVE the DATE

Sunday, September 28, 2025

Wesley Chapel is having a CELEBRATION PARTY.

- 9:30 Worship service
- 10:30 Presentation

It will highlight our church structure, events held throughout the year, and things you may not know about our Wesley Chapel family.

- 11:30 Luncheon - *bring a dish to share*



During luncheon, you can browse tables and displays to meet with a member about a program/committee, look through memory photo books, create your place in our upcoming directory yearbook, play a game, and simply fellowship together.

Staff will be available to kickoff the production of our new yearbook/directory. They can take a photo of you/your family, help you upload an existing photo from your phone or print, update your directory information such as email address and cell phone number, and simply answer questions.








So PLAN to be there.



Entries for the yearbook/directory will be taken through the month of October. Then it will be published and ready for distribution by December.

For more information,
contact Sarah Pletcher: 814.289.6885 or
rrjspletcher@gmail.com.

September 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1  <i>*Dean Pletcher</i>	2 Bible Study 7:00 p.m. <i>*Gary, Cindy & Beth Ann Pletcher</i>	3 <i>*Jack & Barbara Pletcher</i>	4 <i>*Luella Pletcher</i>	5 <i>*Matthew, Carrie, Ethan, Miley & Ella Pletcher</i>	6 <i>*Nellie Pletcher</i>
7 HOLY COMMUNION Wesley Missions  <i>*grandparents</i>	8 <i>*Ralph & Chop Pletcher</i>	9 Bible Study 7:00 p.m. <i>*Ross Pletcher</i>	10 <i>*Russ, Sarah, Rhett & Jack Pletcher</i>	11  <i>*Steve & Connie Pletcher</i>	12 <i>*Tim & Carol Pletcher</i>	13 <i>*Todd, Kayt, Claire, Caleb, Cassidy & Cole Pritts</i>
14 <i>*for forgiveness</i>	15 <i>*Todd & Tracy Pritts</i>	16 Bible Study 7:00 p.m. <i>*Tom, Lacey, Olivia & Troy Pritts</i>	17 <i>*Tom & Vickey Pritts</i>	18 <i>*Tyler, Tara, Tristan, Shane, Aaron & Hayden Pritts</i>	19 <i>*Shawn, Jen, Brittany & Matthew Roberts</i>	20 <i>*David, Sonja, Ciera & Marcus Rogers</i>
21  <i>*for repentance</i>	22  <i>*Andy, Kristen, Steven & Adam Sanner; Jillian Smiley</i>	23 Bible Study 7:00 p.m. <i>*Pete, Kizzie, Maddox, Paelyn & Canaan Sanner</i>	24 <i>*Pete & Nancy Sanner</i>	25 <i>*Cathy Schmuck</i>	26 <i>*Megan Schmuck</i>	27 <i>*Ron Schmuck</i>
28 <i>*for discernment</i>	29 <i>*Ron, Marsha, Brandon, Caitlin & Isabelle Schmuck</i>	30 Bible Study 7:00 p.m. <i>*Ryan Schmuck</i>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; text-align: center;"> <p>You are encouraged to remove this center page calendar and place it on your refrigerator for the month for reference. *Denotes daily prayer focus.</p> </div>			