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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

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

## Held

Creation amazes me! It is beautiful during each season. In fact, creation's beauty and vastness are incredible in themselves. Yet, it is comprised of the smallest of parts, which the human senses cannot even detect. God alone could make creation a reality! I think of the stars in the sky, the sand on the seashore, the patterns of leaves, the breezes that blow, the colors in the sky and atmosphere, and light and life. All of it exists and is held together by God Himself. Speaking of Jesus, Colossians 1:15-17 says, "He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by Him all things were created, both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things have been created through Him and for Him. He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together." Jesus is the source and security of our lives in every way. He is our hope and salvation. Since all of eternity and creation are held together in Him, He can hold everything in our lives. He can be trusted. As we enter this new season, rely on God's grace and faithfulness for each step forward, the decisions that need to be made and the obstacles and opportunities presented to us this month and beyond.

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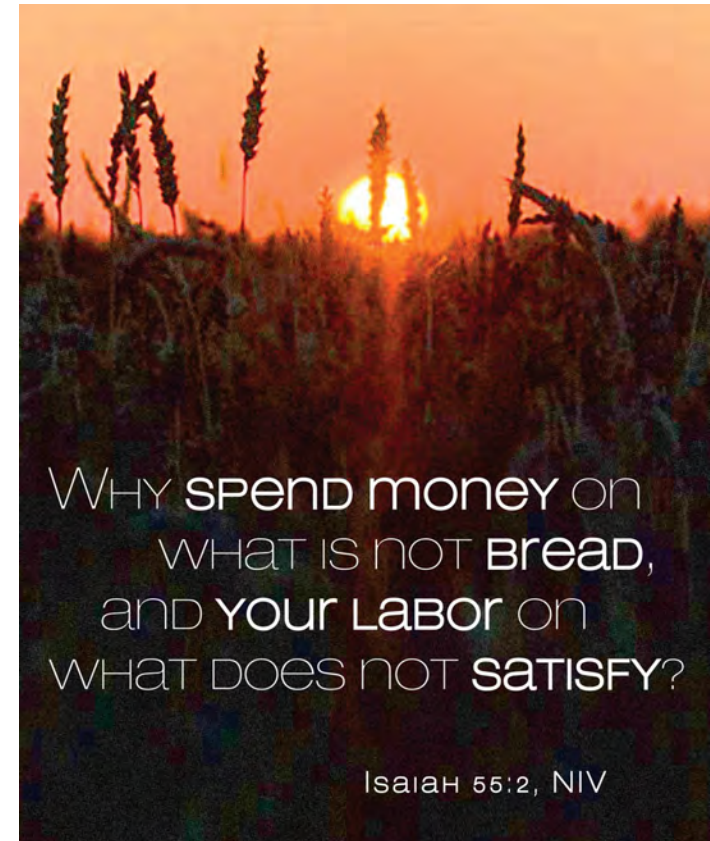
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Let us entrust each aspect of our lives into Jesus' nail scarred hands, that yes were pierced, held the nails, for you and me. Now, they are marked with the scars of salvation and victory. He can hold each detail and, really, everything in our lives. The apostle Paul said it this way, "For this reason I also suffer these things, but I am not ashamed; for I know whom I have believed and I am convinced that He is able to guard what I have entrusted to Him until that day." (2 Timothy 1:12). Jesus went faithfully to the cross. He came forth from the grave, victoriously, and He will faithfully hold and guard each aspect of our lives. Yes, my friends, we are held. Rest in the hands of Jesus today and this month!

Blessings!  
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  
Betty Henry  
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 & family  
Ava Bowers  
Tara Raley  
Myron & Jennifer Deal  
Terry & Kathi Schmuck  
Maxx Stevanus  
Israel / War in Iran  
Travel mercies  
Unspoken  
Gavin Paugh  
Steve Rose  
Atta Sadeghpour

Andy Latuch  
Connie Pletcher & family  
Renee (Dean's friend)  
Kirby Brugh  
Upcoming school year  
John Nichols  
Nick Lorson  
Braxton Edwards  
Ralph Brown  
Doug Shultz  
Lillian Tyson & baby Ira  
Matt Schwarm  
Eugene & Nancy Pletcher  
Jake Manning  
Maxine Augustine  
Debbie King  
Deb Bingham  
Kim's Aunt Carol  
Rick Early  
Singo's neighbor's family  
Flooding victims  
Steve Long  
Sirkka Haagen  
Kurt Tipton family  
Hannah Latuch  
Shirley Cronabaugh  
Ken Carolus, Sr.  
Terry Shaffer  
Oliver Martin  
Alf & Laura Caton  
Hurricane in Hawaii  
Jeff Latuch  
Pastor Roger Howard  
College Students  
Sandy Younkin  
Sharon Laskoski  
Chris Brant  
Travis Mitchell  
Craig Waltermire family  
Basinger 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  
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 TBD



#### GREETERS

September 6 Chris Singo & Roxann Blough  
September 13 Tim & Jill Heiple  
September 20 Jamie & Mindy Singo  
September 27 TBD

#### OFFERING TEAM

Chris & Roxann and friends  
Heiples & Shultzes  
Singos and friends  
TBD

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

#### FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

|              |              |                 |
|--------------|--------------|-----------------|
| September 6  | John 5:18-23 | Dave Henry      |
| September 13 | John 5:30-34 | Connie Pletcher |
| September 20 | John 5:40-47 | Tristan Pritts  |
| September 27 | John 6:8-14  | Mark Temple     |

#### SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

|              |              |               |
|--------------|--------------|---------------|
| September 6  | John 5:24-29 | Linda Henry   |
| September 13 | John 5:35-39 | Forrest Stark |
| September 20 | John 6:1-7   | Faith Millin  |
| September 27 | John 6:15-21 | Rene Temple   |

*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.



## Think about these things...

With so many things to remember each day, the apostle Paul provides guidelines in Philippians 4:8 (NIV) for what should fill our minds.

**Directions:** Match each word in column 1 to the word in column 2 that means the same thing. Then use the words from column 2 to fill in the boxes below.

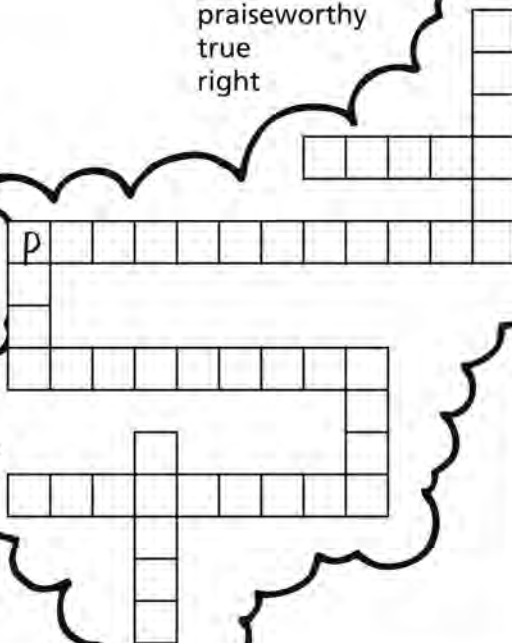
### COLUMN 1

correct  
commendable  
extremely good  
having high moral principles  
deserving respect  
pleasant  
real  
wholesome

### COLUMN 2

excellent  
lovely  
noble  
admirable  
pure  
praiseworthy  
true  
right

"Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is **true**, whatever is **noble**, whatever is **right**, whatever is **pure**, whatever is **lovely**, whatever is **admirable** — if anything is **excellent** or **praiseworthy** — think about such things." Philippians 4:8, NIV



## Creation's Splendor

In Romans 1:20, St. Paul writes that God's powers are on display for all people through creation. Humans, he reasons, should conclude there's a God simply by observing.

What does creation's splendor and beauty reveal to us about God? Take a moment and stick your head out the window. It's amazing how colorful creation is. God isn't a boring God who sees only in black and white. He's a God of beauty with an amazing imagination. God creates with a splash of joy.

Every day this week, stop and ask, "What is God's creation revealing to me about his character?"

~ Rev. Mike Paulson

## Desperate for peace

During worship, our congregation "passes the peace." More than a friendly greeting, this ritual is a symbol of Christ's peace shared with us, for us to share daily with others. It also echoes Jesus' exhortation that we be reconciled with others before offering our gifts in worship (see Matthew 5:23-24).

One Sunday morning, I sat behind a 9-year-old girl and her toddler brother. The boy was active and talkative, keeping his parents busy. As the pastor invited us to "share Christ's peace with one another," big sister popped up from her seat and offered to shake hands with everyone nearby, proclaiming "Peace!" to each.

As she tried this with her mom and brother, however, they were occupied with each other and wholly unaware of her efforts. Finally, I overheard her not inviting but demanding, "Mom! James! I want PEACE!" I had to smile, for the girl had voiced the desperation with which we all crave peace in the world and in our lives.

~ Heidi Mann

## **The Slurry Walls of Life**

As horrific as 9/11 was, it could've been even worse if not for a 30-year-old engineering feat. Reaching some 70 feet underground, a 3-foot-thick concrete structure called a "slurry wall" surrounded the base of the World Trade Center complex. Designed to prevent the Hudson River from flooding the basement, this wall prevented New York's subway system from flooding and countless additional people from dying on September 11, 2001.

A slurry wall is constructed by pouring a thick, goopy mixture of powdered clay and water into a deep, narrow trench. The solution coats the sides, preventing water and soil from collapsing the trench. Pipes are then inserted through the slurry, and concrete is pumped into the trench, pushing the slurry up and out. At the WTC, the concrete formed such a strong wall that even two airplanes and the falling towers didn't fracture it. Part of the slurry wall still stands at the 9/11 Memorial site, a symbol of resilience.

Sometimes God uses life's "slurry" to make us stronger than we ever thought possible. We might wish something yucky hadn't happened — until we discover it was part of what sustained us, making us resilient and enabling us to rise out of destruction and death to awe-inspiring new life.

~Taken from WordContent, September 2014 Newsletter CD



## **REMINDER BOARD**



Start off the school year right by making this wipe-off board, which can help you remember important things.

### **What you need:**

- Adult help
- 5" x 7" picture frame with glass (available at a dollar store)
- Lined notebook paper
- Scissors
- Low-heat glue gun
- Buttons, ribbon, stickers or foam shapes
- 1" piece of Velcro
- Erasable marker

### **What you do:**

1. Using the cardboard insert or picture from the frame as a pattern, cut the notebook paper to fit the frame. Then insert it behind the glass.
2. Decorate the outside of the frame by gluing on buttons, ribbon, stickers or foam shapes.
3. Glue one side of the Velcro to the erasable pen and one side to the frame. Then attach the pen to the frame.
4. Place the board on your desk, dresser or kitchen counter. On the glass, write daily reminders about assignments and activities.



**CALLING ALL KIDS AGES 5 THROUGH 6TH GRADE...AGAPE** is tentatively starting **Wednesday, September 30th**. 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**

According to Luke, how many disciples did Jesus send out two by two ahead of him to the various towns he planned to visit?

- A. 12
- B. 70 or 72 (ancient manuscripts vary)
- C. 490 (70 times 7)
- D. 144 (12 times 12)

*Answer: B (See Luke 10:1)*



Dear Wesley Chapel Congregation,

Thank you for your generous donation to the Somerset Salvation Army Service Unit, and for caring about your neighbors who are struggling to meet their most basic needs. Currently, with your help, we have registered 233 children in Somerset County for back-to-school. Along with your donated items we can help children with school supplies that will enable them to have a successful school year. We are striving to help as many residents of Somerset County as we are able. Your donation will allow us to help even more.

Please accept my heartfelt appreciation for you and your families. We are only able to “Do the most good” because of caring people like you. May God bless you all!

Sincerely,  
Gale Purbaugh; Director  
The Salvation Army of Somerset

Thank you for supporting the work of  
One Mission Society!

In Udon Thani, Thailand, OMS missionaries and partners are sharing the light of Jesus with the Isan people.

Scott, an OMS missionary, and Pat, a

Thai partner, train local men and women to lead and disciple others. They share the seven steps of the simple church, a relational, highly reproducible small group model that often meets in homes. This multiplying process helps new believers grow in faith, practice discipleship, and lead others to Jesus. Thank you for supporting OMS and making ministries such as this one possible.

Gratefully,

Jeff Max Edwards, Serving as OMS President

**Year to Date Giving = \$500.00**



Left: Many of the supplies needed to clean up after the flooding events.

Bottom Left: The wonderful meal shared by many.

Bottom Right: Blankets and sheets for those in need.



## Showing some spine

Because of a back injury, a teacher had to wear a plaster cast around his upper body. It fit under his shirt and wasn't noticeable at all. On the first day of school, still wearing the cast, he walked confidently into a classroom full of rowdy students.

After giving a lecture and assignment, the teacher opened the window and busied himself at his desk. When a strong breeze made his tie flap, he grabbed his stapler and stapled the tie to his chest. Needless to say, the teacher had no trouble with discipline that year.

~Taken from WordContent, September 2014 Newsletter CD

## *Ursina Flooding Work Day*

Recent storms and bad weather have created some great needs in our local community, and Wesley Chapel wanted to look for ways to come alongside neighbors who could use a helping hand. A local Muck Out Day was held on August 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Ursina Church of God. From there teams of 4-8 people would remove mud and debris from basements, rake yards and, where needed, remove wet drywall and insulation. Wesley Chapel volunteers came ready with work gloves, muck boots, masks, shovels, brooms, mops and other clean up tools. Our volunteers were Mark Millin, Angie Millin, Glenn Millin, Dave Henry, Michele and Randy Klein and Tom Skelton. Other churches that sent volunteers were from the New Hope Church in Somerset and, of course, the local Ursina Church of God. Some of our volunteers helped at the Bassingers who lost everything. Others helped at other locations. Wesley Chapel also helped with supplies like cleaning solutions, bleach and so on. The Ursina Church provided a filling lunch for the groups at noon. This was a simple opportunity to live out what Jesus called us to do...love our neighbors and put our faith into action.

~Written by Linda Henry

Pictures shown below and on next page.



Left: The Wesley Chapel crew enjoy a lunch supplied by the Ursina Church.



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 25th** 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.

## **Operation Christmas Child**

It's that time of year when you can grab a box or two and start filling it with much needed supplies and fun items for children in need across the world. For information on what to pack for each age group please see Mindy Singo or <http://www.samaritanspurse.org>. This is a global project run by Samaritan's Purse that not only supplies children with necessities for school but also hygiene items and toys they normally would not be able to access all while spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Boxes and information are on a table in the fellowship hall.





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| Sun                                                                                                                        | Mon                                                                                                                                  | Tue                                                                                                      | Wed                                                           | Thu                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Fri                                                                                                                                                                          | Sat                                                      |
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|                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                      | <b>1</b><br>Bible Study<br>7:00 p.m.<br><br><i>*Joe, Kelly, Avery,<br/>Aubrey &amp; Isaac<br/>Smiach</i> | <b>2</b><br><br><i>*Bryan, Crystal &amp;<br/>Thayne Smith</i> | <b>3</b><br><br><i>*Craig &amp; Kim Smith</i>                                                                                                                                                        | <b>4</b><br><br><i>*Creed &amp; Kaylie<br/>Smith</i>                                                                                                                         | <b>5</b><br><br><i>*Diane Smith</i>                      |
| <b>6</b> HOLY COMMUNION<br>Wesley Missions<br><br><i>*for the labor force</i>                                              | <b>7</b><br><br><i>*Matthew &amp; Kim<br/>Smith</i> | <b>8</b><br>Bible Study<br>7:00 p.m.<br><br><i>*Taylor &amp; Molly<br/>Smith</i>                         | <b>9</b><br><br><i>*Tammy Snyder</i>                          | <b>10</b><br><br><i>*Forrest, Barb &amp;<br/>Ethan Stark</i>                                                                                                                                         | <b>11</b><br><br><i>*Shawn, Holly, Elijah,<br/>Andrew, Samuel &amp;<br/>Abigail Stene</i> | <b>12</b><br><br><i>*Darlene Stevanus</i>                |
| <b>13</b><br><br><i>*for grandparents</i> | <b>14</b><br><br><i>*Mark Stevanus;<br/>Morgan &amp; Maxx</i>                                                                        | <b>15</b><br>Bible Study<br>7:00 p.m.<br><br><i>*Hope Renee<br/>Struckoff; Ira Steyer</i>                | <b>16</b><br><br><i>*Lloyd &amp; Judy<br/>Struckoff</i>       | <b>17</b><br><br><i>*Kyle, Symanthia,<br/>Gunner &amp; Zane<br/>Temple</i>                                                                                                                           | <b>18</b><br><br><i>*Mark &amp; Rene<br/>Temple</i>                                                                                                                          | <b>19</b><br><br><i>*Maxine Temple</i>                   |
| <b>20</b><br><br><i>*for repentance</i> | <b>21</b><br><br><i>*Rex, Liisa &amp; Riley<br/>Temple</i>                                                                           | <b>22</b><br>Bible Study<br>7:00 p.m.<br><br><i>*Andrew, Lillian,<br/>Basil &amp; Ira Tyson</i>          | <b>23</b><br><br><i>*Calvin &amp; Rhonda<br/>Ulderich</i>     | <b>24</b><br><br><i>*Dominic Ulderich</i>                                                                                                                                                            | <b>25</b><br><br><i>*Jacob, Tonya,<br/>Landon &amp; Teagan<br/>Ulderich</i>                                                                                                  | <b>26</b><br><br><i>*Blaine &amp; Shirley<br/>Walter</i> |
| <b>27</b><br><br><i>*for discernment</i>                                                                                   | <b>28</b><br><br><i>*Sam, Emily &amp;<br/>Beckett Wiatrak</i>                                                                        | <b>29</b><br>Bible Study<br>7:00 p.m.<br><br><i>*Ethan, Brittany,<br/>Cameron &amp; Caleb<br/>Weimer</i> | <b>30</b><br><br><i>*Pam Weimer</i>                           | <div>           You are encouraged to remove this center page calendar and<br/>           place it on your refrigerator for the month for reference.<br/> <i>*Denotes daily prayer focus.</i> </div> |                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                          |