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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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The Road Home

A WORD FROM THI

PASTOR "Therefore, since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us also lay aside every encumbrance and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God." Hebrews 12:1-2

"Therefore when Jesus had received the sour wine. He said, 'It is finished!' And He bowed His head and gave up His spirit." John 19:30

It was night. The sky was dark, and the road looked so long before me. I had a decision to make. Would I keep going? Would I go forward and try to make it home, or would I guit, turn around, or look for another way? I was tired, exhausted really, and the day had been a long one. The thought of going forward seemed more than I could do, much less wanted to do.

Since the introduction of sin in the garden, following the choice to eat the fruit and the introduction of sin and death, the world has gone dark, the road difficult,

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- 1 Thayne Smith
- 2 Seth Kimmel
- 3 Michael Shultz Candee Jackson
- 4 Rhonda Boothby
- 6 Lindsay Shroyer
- 8 Ross Pletcher Garth Miller
- 12 Bauer Reed
- 13 Dale Merchant
- 16 Derek King Terry Schmuck

- 17 Ashley Sechler Caitlyn Schmuck
- 20 Pastor Roger Howard Ivy Rose Burkholder
- 21 Christine Singo Teagan Ulderich
- 22 Eleas Wu
- 24 David Henry
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- 25 Mark Sechler Bennett Shroyer
- 27 Morgan Stevanus



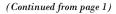
HAPPY ANNIVERSARY WISHES TO:

- 3 Andy & Kristen Sanner
- 5 Gary & Cindy Pletcher
- 22 Shawn & Holly Stene

Please note that Committees and Church Council meetings have been changed to Thursday, April 24th.

Committees will meet at 6:15 p.m. and Church council will meet at 7:00 p.m.





and exhaustingly filled with tears along the way. God gave us grace through the Law. However, the Law was given to teach us a lesson. We could not be free, not make it on the road of life, not reach home, be at peace in a right relationship with God on our own. No, the darkness of sin surrounded, infected, and wounded us. Sin put us to death and kept us from making it home. Jesus came to walk the road we could not walk for ourselves. He came to run the race, that we simply could not run, and we certainly couldn't finish on our own. He came to make us victorious in Him!

It amazes me that Jesus went all the way to cross for me. He went all the way to the cross for you. He said to the Father, "Not My will but Yours be done." He took all our sin, being sinless Himself, He offered Himself up as the One, Only, and True Passover Lamb. He took all my sin, all your sin, and all the sin of the world, past, present, and future upon Himself. Not once did He say, "This is too much for Me!" Not once did He turn around, stop short in His tracks, or quit. No, He resolutely, intentionally, lovingly fulfilled the prophesies of Scripture and gave Himself up willingly to suffer death on the cross for you and me! He finished the path, the course, the race before Him. He crossed the finish line victoriously, and He declared what? "It is finished!" The grip of sin's chains has been broken. Death has been defeated!

As I exhaustedly looked up that night, not being able to make it one more moment, I saw a light. I realized home was just ahead. Rest, peace, and life were just ahead of me inside the light of my home. Jesus is the Light of the World. He invites us on the road of life to look up to Him, see the forgiveness, accept His grace, and power of the cross to break the chains of sin. He invites us to not get stuck in the graves of the world which threaten us with boulders/stones in front of them, that we cannot move on our own. No, come out into the light and rest at home in the presence of God, knowing that Jesus has defeated the grave and rolled away the stone. Take off the grave clothes and be clothed in the righteousness, holiness, and completeness of Christ. Yes, "It is finished!" Let us live, move, and worship at home in God's presence every day of our lives, as we walk in the Light and enjoy the victory of the resurrection and life, which Jesus alone could give and gives to us! By grace and faith, let us hear Jesus say to us, "Welcome home!"

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 Unrest in the nation Persecuted Christians Police officers/Military First responders Medical personnel Unsaved loved ones Rex Temple Kristi Burkett Jade Hetz Chun Emily Lemmon Amber Johnson Tina Yinkev Myron & Jennifer Deal Terry & Kathi Schmuck Cook Ohler & family Gary Weimer Maxx Stevanus Israel Travel mercies Unspoken Dave & Linda Henry Denise Faidley Blaine & Shirley Walter Eldon Sechler Velma (Bunny) Miller

Tom Brougher

Judy Heiple

Nace family
John Morocco
Shelley family
Roxann (little girl medical)
Evelyn Willard
Mark Charlton
Brandon Richter family
Sadie Pletcher
Kenny Henry
Gary Sheets
Amy Petenbrink
Bob Clark

Sadie Pletcher Gary Sheets Amy Petenbrink Todd & Tracy Pritts Molly Zerbini Shirley Ankeny Rurick Skv Ohio family accident Rhonda Schrader Denton Lester Corsa Coal employees Ellen Troyer Hannah Nelson & baby Randy Klein Jess & Madyson Maurer Paige Sechler Gwendolyn Campbell Carol Dubbstadt Sonny (Kim Smith's family)

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coworker) Kevin Seifert Vance Halverson Peggy Slope Dave & Jen Delano

Mike Deitz

Calvin & Rhonda Ulderich

James Miller Our Youth

RAHS Prayer Group

Brody Dull Family of 17 yr. accident victim



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 Mav Jamie Miller Ross Pletcher Randall Pritts David Rogers Max Strasiser Randi Thomas Charles Trimpev 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 Flint & Reed Breegle

GREETERS	OFFERING TEAMS
April 6 Randy & Michele Klein	Kleins and family
April 13 Jason Breegle family	Jason Breegle family
April 20 Todd & Tracy Pritts	Pritts families
April 27 Tom & Lorie Skelton	Skeltons and family

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

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

April 6	John 1:1-7	Tristan Pritts
April 13	Matthew 21:1-5	Mark Temple
April 20	Matthew 28:1-10	Jason Breegle
April 27	Luke 24:13-20	Mark Millin

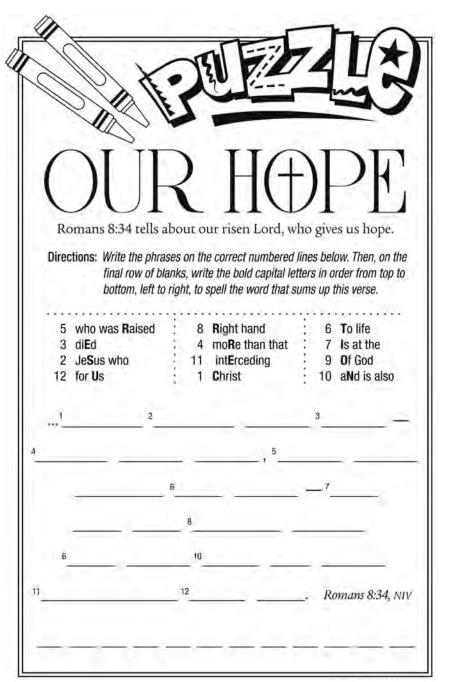
SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

April 6	John 1:8-14	Faith Millin
April 13	Matthew 21:6-11	Rene Temple
April 20	Luke 24:1-12	Shanna Breegle
April 27	Luke 24:21:32	Angie Millin

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 offering teams 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.





RESURRECTION

VIN 45:8

Answers: ... Christ Jesus who died — more than that, who was raised to life — is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. Romans



COST:

- Most is funded through Samaritan's Purse.
- Transportation of the bus is majority funded through the local Mike Costea Helping Hands Fund from First Christian Church.
- Personal cost of \$ 240 per person by March 31st (may be extended) payable to First Christian Church and non-refundable. contact Christy for options

More information

- Travel down as a team for the week.
- Stay most likely in a relief center on a cot with showers, restrooms, etc maintained by SP staff.
- Meals are provided by SP. Breakfast, lunch, dinner, snacks.
- Morning devotions and team planned evening activity or personal time.
- Clothing required is jeans/pants (no shorts) and work type shoes such as closed toe tennis shoes as we are working on site and representing Jesus.
- 2 SP T-shirts will be given upon arrival. Put your name on the back, wear it for the day, put in laundry, for SP will wash and dry and return the following day while you wear the 2nd shirt. The rotation continues.
- Other clothes such as hats and sleepwear need to be representative of a Christian. Pack an outfit to return home in. Maybe put this in a sealed bag so as not to get smelly and lost.
- Tools are provided such as power ones by SP. You can bring a tool belt and simple things like a hammer, screwdriver, disposable hand wipes.
- Some bring little gift cards to give out to contacts but clothes and other donations are not needed at this time. SP warehouses are overloaded.

If interested please contact Sarah Pletcher.



Current Information for Mission Trip to Kentucky



WHERE: Hindman, KY (this has changed from NC but we do where they need it)

WHEN: JUNE 15-21, 2025

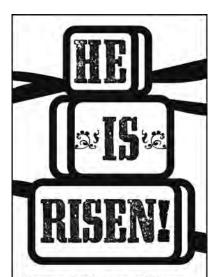
WHO: Min Age of volunteer is 14-15 yrs old w/ legal guardian, 16-17 years old with SP approved adult chaperone, 18+ yrs old= good to serve, no necessary prior skills are needed.

- Sarah Pletcher contact 814-289-6885
- First Christian Church, Somerset Christy Hay 814-442-6940
- Cutting Edge Relief, Pittsburgh Bill Richardson 412-418-7371
 - He is the scheduling person so he is in contact with SP to set up our team.
 - He is going down to the site prior and will report back in more detail.
 - He also runs local Pittsburgh missions for weekends so future items may be through his organization.
 - His organization also does mission trips in Nepal.
- SAMARITAN'S PURSE (SP) USA Disaster Relief: main organization
 - o More information can be found through their websites.

WHAT:

- This trip will be doing items such as drywall and rebuilding home from the floods.
- When notified Pastor Bill will organize jobs such as kitchen help for those not fully able to work onsite.





Create a simple yet powerful Easter display.

What you need:

- 3 wood blocks (small, medium, large)
- Acrylic paint (three pastel colors and white)
- · Paintbrush
- · Water
- · Paper towels
- Letter stencils and tape (optional)

What you do:

- Paint each block of wood a different pastel color. (You can paint the whole block or just one side.)
- When paint is dry, use white paint to write (or stencil) "He" on the smallest block, "is" on the medium block and "risen!" on the large block.
- 3. When blocks are dry, stack them from largest to smallest to proclaim "He is risen!"



Wesley Chapel will be holding its Vacation Bible School the week of July 14 –18. Please stay tuned for a planning meeting. A special thanks to the Millins for heading up this year's VBS program.

APRIL YOUTH EVENTS: SEE PAGE 15



BIBLE QUIZ

In the first chapter of the Third Letter of John, the writer says, "I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the _____." Since John was an elderly man, he thought of all Christians of any age as his children. But what word is missing? Choose one of the following:

A. Spirit B. truth C. way

D. light



Answer: B (See The Third Letter of John Chapter 1)





Dear Wesley Chapel Church family,

Don and I would like to thank everyone for the surprise fruit basket. Have a blessed day.

~ Don & June Bruner

Just thinking about your kindness brings a smile. Thank you so much. The basket was just the little "joy" we needed! Thank you for all you do.

~ Dave & Linda Henry

Dear friends.

Thank you so much for your outpouring of generosity with all the donations given to Birthright. It is definitely a blessing to mothers and their new babies. Thank you so much.

~ Birthright of Somerset

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 and God bless you, Gale Purbaugh & Melissa Wright

Even though you didn't' have to do it, you did it anyway, and it was much appreciated. Thank you for all the time. All the pillow cases will go to the homeless.

~ Nancy Burkett



Community Event

Somerset Christian School is thrilled to announce its 2nd annual Color Chaos Event. Come and join in the fun! More details listed below. Please see Shanna Breegle with further questions.







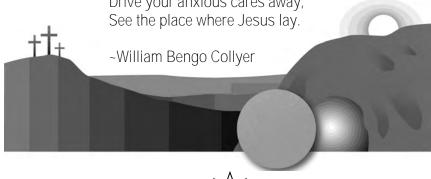
There are many things which a person can do alone, but being a Christian is not one of them. The Christian life is, above all things, a state of union with Christ, and of union of his followers with one another. Love of the brethren is inseparable from love of God. Resentment toward any human being cannot exist in the same

heart with love to God. The personal relationship to Christ can only be realized when one has "come to himself" as a member of His Body, the Christian fellowship.

~Taken from WordContent, April 2003

Morning breaks upon the tomb

Morning breaks upon the tomb, Jesus scatters all its gloom. Day of triumph through the skies— See the glorious Saviour rise. Christians! Dry your flowing tears, Chase those unbelieving fears; Look on his deserted grave, Doubt no more His power to save. Ye who are of death afraid. Triumph in the scattered shade: Drive your anxious cares away,





CHURCH WORKDAY is scheduled for SATURDAY, APRIL 19, beginning around 8 a.m. We need volunteers who are willing to give time and interest in giving their church a fresh spring cleaning. Workers for outdoor jobs, landscaping, as well as housekeeping chores inside are needed. Please consider giving any amount of time to help. Lunch will be provided. If you have further questions, WORKDA please see Mark Temple or Linda Henry.





Our suggested food pantry items for April are toilet paper and tissues. You may bring these or other donations to the church during the month of April. 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.

WE ARE COLLECTING FILLED EGGS!

An Easter egg hunt is planned for elementary-aged children during the Sunday school hour on April 20. We need your help to donate filled Easter eggs. You may bring the eggs to church (preferably before April 20th) and place them in the box provided. Thanks in advance for your help.







Please join Wesley Chapel as we celebrate Holy Week. Service schedule as shown below:

<u>April 13th - Palm Sunday</u> - Church service at 9:30 a.m. (children will be waving palms, so please plan to have them here early.)

April 17th - Maunday Thursday - Evening service at 7:30 p.m.

<u>April 18th - Good Friday</u> - church available for open communion & prayer 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

<u>April 20th - Easter Sunday</u>- Easter Sunrise Service at 6:15 a.m. Sun set to rise at 6:30 a.m.

April 20th - Easter Sunday - Easter Sunday Service at 9:30 a.m.



























AGAPE KID'S MINISTRY

Our Agape group finished up the year with their last lesson being held on Wednesday, March 19th. Since last September, they learned how to grow with and through God—not only did the kids grow physically but they also grew spiritually. The group had one last blast with a bowling party—see pictures to the right. A very special thank you to Mark and Angie Millin for sharing God's word with our little ones. This ministry is truly a blessing to the children and their families within our church and community. We are sad to say that Agape has finished up for now, but stay tuned so you can join us when we resume in September.









The Romans sent a message; God sent one, too

The rulers of the Roman Empire wanted everyone under their power to understand clearly that it would be very costly to try to overthrow their government. They conceived the idea of crucifixion as a way of sending an unforgettable message to all people under their control. Death on a cross would be a slow, excruciatingly painful death. The cross would be put in a very public place so as many as possible would get the message: Don't even think of defying Roman rule!



That is why Christ was crucified on Golgotha hill close to a busy road where no passerby could miss the shocking scene. Christ was guilty of nothing. Yet his enemies hated him so much that they told Pilate, Rome's representative in Jerusalem, that Jesus was a danger to Roman rule. Christ's enemies said to Pilate, "If you release this man, you are not Caesar's friend; everyone who makes himself a king sets himself against Caesar" (John 19:12). Pilate caved in to the clamor of the crowd and allowed Jesus to be crucified.

But those who saw to it that Jesus suffered death on the cross did not know that God had a message to send as well. God victoriously raised Christ from the dead! God touched the precious body of his Son and infused it with life, glorious, dynamic life, life in all of its fullness.

God turned the cross, the executioner's tool of death, into a dramatic symbol of victory. The empty cross and the empty tomb, along with the resurrected body of Christ, reveal God's victory over the worst deed humans might do — the assassination of the Holy.

That is why we put crosses everywhere: boldly, proudly, joyously, triumphantly. It is why we glory in the cross always. It stands eternally "towering o'er the wrecks of time" (John Bowring).

After the Resurrection, Jesus' friend, Peter, explained God's message to all of Christ's enemies with these bold and certain words: "This Jesus, you crucified and killed But God raised him up, having loosed the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it This Jesus God raised up, and of that we are all witnesses Therefore know assuredly that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified" (Acts 2:23-24; 32, 36). That is what Easter is all about. All praise to the living Lord!

~Taken from WordContent, April 2000



Easter Word Search

B M A L M H B B K I N G R N R
N O I T C E R R U S E R E O O
A P O S T L E S E Y S C D I O
S E C I F I R C A S H J E T S
N S N A M O R O O R R E M A T
R C D S G T T R I I K S P V E
O Y R A M B C S S V Z U T L R
H L O V E L T E M M A S I A Y
T C R O W N N Y L O H S O S Z

APOSTLES
CHRIST
CROSS
CROWN
CRUCIFIXION
HOLY
JESUS
KING
LAMB
LOVE



MARY
REDEMPTION
RESURRECTION
RISEN
ROMANS
ROOSTER
SACRIFICE
SALVATION
SAVIOR
THORNS



April Youth Events

Friday, April 11 - Candy making 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Saturday, April 12 - Candy making 9:30 a.m. to ????

Sunday, April 13 - Candy Sales after church service

He listened, and he gave.....

When the pastor said that it was time to collect the tithes and offerings, one little boy took off his tie and placed it on the plate as it came by. "What are you doing?" asked his mother. "I'm doing what the minister told us to do, giving our ties and offerings," he proudly answered.

~Told by Timothy Roland in Guideposts, July/August, 1999







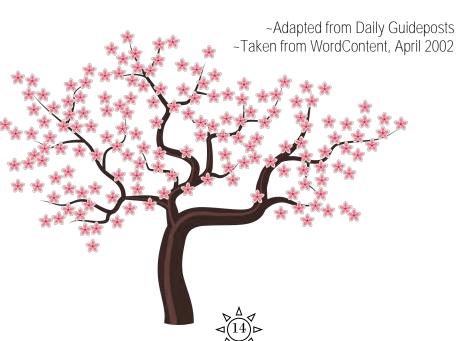
Say "hello" to the tree

Pastor Kenneth Chafin tells of being in beautiful east Texas one lovely April Sunday. Wild flowers, azaleas, redbud and dogwood trees had put on their glorious spring colors. Yet Dr. Chafin had not taken time to fully absorb the spectacular scene before him.

Basically, he was tired from the previous week which had been stressful. On this first day of the new week, he was mentally preparing himself to preach in a large church and thinking of his schedule to follow.

He and his wife decided to walk to the church along with their 4-year-old daughter, Nancy.

Nancy's short little legs made it difficult for her to keep pace with her parents. Furthermore, her attention was captured by the blooming flowers and trees all about her. Her eyes came to focus on one spectacular dogwood tree in particular. She stopped to study its lovely blossoms. Then she decided the tree needed to be addressed. "Hi, tree!" she said with a friendly smile. Dr. Chafin said that word of acknowledgment to the tree made him ashamed of himself. "I had been in such a hurry to get to church," he later wrote, "that I had missed my Creator's sermon growing by the sidewalk." Perhaps this spring we need to not only take time "to smell the roses" but to thank God often for the loveliness of creation. And, if no one is around, we might even say "Hi" to a tree or two.

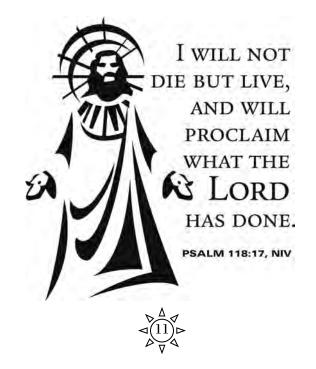




When it comes to getting things clean, we think of soap! But when things are being shipped clear around the world the FDA puts guidelines on items entering a foreign country. Soap is an item that has begun to cause issues with Operation Christmas Child. With soap being packed in shoeboxes in years prior, it was guided to make sure it wasn't medicated or antibacterial. Last year over 3 million shoeboxes were held up because of soap

and the FDA regulations. Many discussions came about, and Samaritan's Purse and Operation Christmas child have now moved soap to the Do NOT Pack list. With that being said, we are still able to pack fun, full, and engaging shoeboxes. If you have packed soap in the past, take time to pray for guidance on what can be used to take the place of soap to show God's love in a tangible way. There are no guidelines on when to start packing, so don't wait and start now!

~Submitted by Mindy Singo







April 2025

HE IS RISEN

CELEBRATE THE RESURRECTION

Sun	Mon	Tue		Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	Bible Study 7:00 p.m.	2	3	4	MEN'S GROUP AT 7:30 A.M.
		*Ralph & Pletcher	& Chop	*Ross Pletcher	*Russ, Sarah, Rhett & Jack Pletcher	*Steve & Connie Pletcher	*Tim & Carol Pletcher
6 HOLY COMMUNION Wesley Missions	7	8	Bible Study 7:00 p.m.	9	10	11	12
*for courage to share the Gospel	*Todd, Kayt, Claire, Caleb, Cassidy & Cole Pritts	*Todd &	Tracy Pritts	*Tom, Lacey, Olivia & Troy Pritts	*Tom & Vickey Pritts	*Tyler, Tara, Tristan, Shane, Aaron & Hayden Pritts	*Shawn, Jen, Brittney & Matthew Roberts
13	14	15	Bible Study 7:00 p.m.	16	MAUNDAY THURSDAY SERVICE 7:30 P.M.	18 GOOD	CHURCH CLEANUP AT 8:00 A.M.
*for desire to study the Bible	*David, Sonja, Ciera & Marcus Rogers	*Andy, K & Adam Jillian Sn		*Pete, Kizzie, Maddox, Paelyn & Canaan Sanner	*Pete & Nancy Sanner	FRIDAY *Cathy Schmuck	*Megan Schmuck
20 +	21	22	Bible Study 7:00 p.m.	HAPPY ADMINISTRATIVE PROFESSIONALS	24 Committees at 6:15 p.m.	25	26
*for a heart IS RISEN for worship	*Ron Schmuck, Sr.	*Ron, Marsha, Brandon, Caitlin & Isabelle Schmuck			Council at 7:00 p.m. *Terry & Kathi Schmuck	*Daniel, Lindsay, Kenzie, Sophia & Bennett Schroyer	*Brandon, Ashley, Amelia & Ada Sechler
27	28	29	Bible Study 7:00 p.m.	30			
*for union with God *Eldon Sechler *Mark & Sandy Sechler		Sandy	*Max & Paige Sechler	You are encouraged to remove this center page calendar and place it on your refrigerator for the month			
				for reference. *Denotes daily praye		ayer focus.	