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*Celebrating the Good News of the risen Christ especially to:*



# The Chapel Messenger

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Know the presence of Christ.

*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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July is such an exciting month! Fireworks, picnics, vacations, family, friends, and our nation's independence fill the month we call July. Let me encourage you with this thought. As independent and free people, let us use our freedom to the fullest. Let us worship Jesus, seek to depend on Him daily (Luke 9:23; Romans 12:1-2), pray without ceasing (1 Thessalonians 5:18), give of ourselves to others, and invest in the Kingdom. (Matthew 6:19-20)

Let us celebrate our freedom each day by living **wisely as God's people. Draw near to God, rely on Him,** and rest in His presence, as His truly freed from sin and free people.

Blessings to each of you!  
 Pastor Tim





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| 1 Andy Singo  | 16 Connie Hearn                                      |
| 2 Will Dankenbring<br>Cathy Schmuck                   | Aaron Boothby  |
| 3 Randy Klein<br>Ada Mae Sechler                      | 18 Maxine Augustine<br>Mike Skelton<br>Sawyer Heiple |
| 5 Diane Smith   | 19 Shirley Walter<br>Talon Miller                    |
| 6 Rhett Pletcher<br>Lois Howard                       | 22 Luella Pletcher<br>Doug Knight                    |
| 8 Kizzie Sanner<br>Tammy Lechliter<br>Robbie Mitchell | 26 Elliot Pletcher<br>Leanne Henry                   |
| 9 Roman Borosky                                       | 27 Jocelyn Lester                                    |
| 13 Tammy Snyder                                       | 28 Aubrey Smiach                                     |
| 14 Hayden Pritts                                      | 30 Eldon Sechler<br>Martha Mitchell                  |
| 15 Keri Fortune<br>Dean Pletcher                      | 31 Wyatt Pletcher                                    |



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| 6 Pastor Tim & Amy Monteith<br>Ron & Roxann Blough | 22 Todd & Kayt Pritts      |
| 8 Mike & Kenisha Shultz                            | 25 Blaine & Shirley Walter |
| 9 Ron & Marsha Schmuck                             |                            |

## Living thanks

“Thank you!” I exuded, after receiving a hefty bag of homegrown tomatoes. I set the produce on the kitchen floor; I would attend to it shortly. But I got distracted — for days.

Finally, I lifted the bag to make use of the gift, and the bottom fell out. Many of the tomatoes had become squishy, their juices soaking the paper beneath them. Instead of making good use of the generous gift, I was left cleaning up rotten tomatoes and throwing many of the veggies away.

**We do the same with God’s gifts: “I’ll practice piano tomorrow ... next week ... next month ...” until soon we don’t remember how to play at all. We pass up chances to visit someone dear and, when she moves away, regret squandering the friendship. We opt to sleep in instead of attending worship, unaware of what gifts of God’s Word and Christian fellowship we’ll miss.**

Next time I receive something — from God or anyone else — may the Spirit help me not just give thanks but live thanks by using and enjoying the gift!

~ Heidi Mann



# GOD’S SUMMER



## Word Scramble

Unscramble each word. All remind us of God’s wonderful creation in summer!

1. UNS _____	6. TLYEFRBUT _____
2. FRLEWO _____	7. NEGADR _____
3. DESE _____	8. AIRN _____
4. IDBR _____	9. VESTHAR _____
5. EEB _____	10. ARTCENOI _____



*“The earth is the Lord’s,  
and everything in it.”*  
— Psalm 24:1



Answer Key: 1. Sun 2. Flower 3. Seed 4. Bird 5. Bee 6. Butterfly 7. Garden 8. Rain 9. Harvest 10. Creation



Our Country/Leaders  
 Wesley Chapel  
 Pastor Tim & family  
 Presiding elder James Golla  
**Ethan, Forrest & Barb Stark**  
 Maxine Temple  
 Ralph & Chop Pletcher  
 Darlene Stevanus  
 Gail Minerd  
 Betty Henry  
 Persecuted Christians  
 Police officers  
 Military  
 First responders  
 Medical personnel  
 Unsaved loved ones  
 Rex Temple  
 Kristi Burkett & family  
 Jade Hetz Chun  
 Emily Lemmon  
 Amber Johnson  
 Tina Yinkey  
 Easton Pritts & family  
 Tara Raley  
 Myron & Jennifer Deal  
 Terry & Kathi Schmuck  
 Maxx Stevanus  
 Israel / War in Iran  
 Travel mercies  
 Unspoken  
 Bobby Singo  
 Shepherd Burkholder  
 Flooding in NC  
 Wyatt Baker

Hartmann family  
**Anita Weimer's niece**  
**Lex (Lizzy's cousin)**  
 Delores Showman family  
 Kurt & Sandy Tipton  
**Aunt Betty (Kim's aunt)**  
 Monica Fischer  
 College students sharing their faith  
 Victims of recent storms  
 WVU baseball players  
 baptized  
 Kirby Brugh  
 Delores Kurtz  
 Becky Raley  
 Harry & Lois Putman  
 Mary Ann Leazier  
 Sam Singo & baby  
 Recipients of mission work  
 Aaron Pritts  
 Rockwood School Board  
 Roger & Lois Howard  
 Jim Walker  
 Mary Beth Seybold  
 Jacob Nicholson  
 Sharon King  
 John & Cathy Hornick  
 Oliver Martin  
 Ron Darr family  
**Jeremy (Jack's girl-friend's dad)**  
 Blaine Walter  
 Kathy Dill  
**Klein's travels**  
 Hailey Miller  
**Joe's friend's great uncle**  
 Butch Baker



**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

**Serving this month**

ACOLYTES Hannah Latuch & Brooklyn Monteith

GREETERS

OFFERING TEAM

July 5	TBD	TBD
July 12	Craig & Kim Smith	Craig Smith family
July 19	Jason Breegle family	Jason Breegle family
July 26	Andy Sanner family	Andy Sanner family

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

**FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON**

July 5	John 2:1-5	Mark Millin
July 12	John 2:11-16	Grace Sechler
July 19	John 3:1-8	Dave Henry
July 26	John 3:17-24	Connie Pletcher

**SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON**

July 5	John 2:6-10	Angie Millin
July 12	John 2:17-25	Joseph Sechler
July 19	John 3:9-16	Linda Henry
July 26	John 3:25-30	Forrest Stark

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

**LOOKING FOR AWESOME, ENERGETIC, SPIRIT-FILLED** persons to take part in Sunday services. We need greeters and ushers to fill a Sunday. A reminder that one of your membership promises is SERVICE. In case you're wondering, other promises with membership are PRAYERS, PRESENCE, GIFTS and WITNESS. Challenged yet? Sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board.

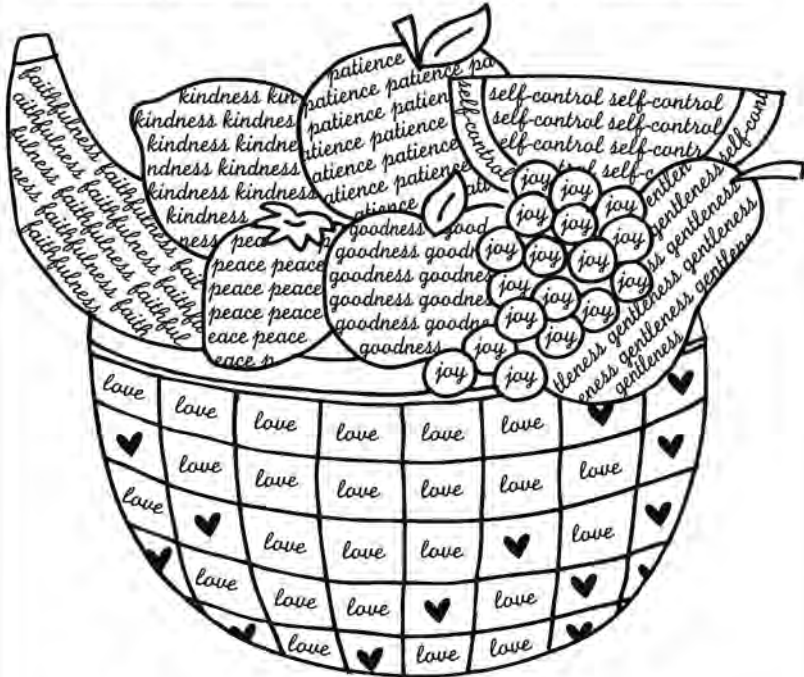
*"If my people, who are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."  
 -2 Chronicles 7:14*

# PUZZLE

## Seasonal Fruit

Although some fruit is seasonal, God encourages us to share the fruit of the Spirit with other people all year long. Galatians 5:22-23 lists the fruits we should give away.

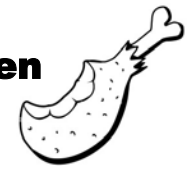
Directions: Count each fruit (full words only) and write the numbers below.



Love= \_\_\_ Joy= \_\_\_ Peace= \_\_\_ Patience= \_\_\_ Kindness= \_\_\_  
 Goodness= \_\_\_ Faithfulness= \_\_\_ Gentleness= \_\_\_ Self-control= \_\_\_

Answers: Love=24, Joy=24, Peace=18, Patience=7, Kindness=7, Goodness=6, Faithfulness=6, Gentleness=6, Self-control=5

### Pictures from the Chicken BBQ below





God blessed Emily and Sam Wiatrak with their son Beckett Reed on March 30th, 2026. He weighed 5 pounds 10 ounces, and was 18.5 inches long. The proud grandparents are Rob & Christine Singo, Sam & Deb Wiatrak and Lance & Dana Stimmel. May God continue to bless this beautiful family and all the memories they will share together.



Wesley Chapel held their annual Chicken BBQ on Saturday, June 6th. A remarkable 800 chicken halves were prepared, and 720 meals were served to folks across our area. The entire crew was fortunate this year as a torrential rainstorm hit just as things were getting ready to be served. Praises raised for safety during that time. Many meals were enjoyed by lanterns and flashlights in the church's fellowship hall. **We are so very blessed with all the helping hands and countless donations received.** Without you, this event would not be the success that it is yearly. Hope to see you next year.  
 ~Submitted by Todd Pritts

## FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT SNACKS

Bring joy to a friend by sharing a "peace" of this yummy dessert!

### What you need:

- adult help
- two 8" cake pans
- cooking spray
- 9 cups mini marshmallows
- 6 tablespoons butter
- food coloring (green and red)
- 9 cups crisp rice cereal
- mini chocolate chips



### What you do:

1. Spray cake pans.
2. Melt 4 cups marshmallows and 2 T. butter in microwave or on stove top. Add green food coloring. Stir.
3. Pour 4 cups cereal into bowl. Add green mixture. Stir with buttered spatula.
4. Put half into each pan and press along the sides with buttered hands.
5. Repeat using 5 cups marshmallows, 4 T. butter, 5 cups cereal and red food coloring.
6. Press half into the center of each pan, leaving a narrow outside border of green. Smooth the top.
7. Press mini chocolate chips into the red mixture.
8. Let cool. Then cut into wedges. Enjoy!



Come join Wesley Chapel's annual VBS this summer as we learn how God "grows" Christians.

When: July 20-24

Time: 5:30 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.  
 (Dinner Provided Every Night)

Ages: 3 yrs to 6th grade  
 (in fall school year)

\*children under 3 may attend with an adult

Registration form provided on page 8 of newsletter

Please contact Rene Temple at 814-926-3191 if you have any questions.

## Bible quiz

During Israel's 40-year sojourn in the desert, where did the Lord turn bitter water sweet so the people could drink it?



- A. Egypt
- B. Mt. Sinai
- C. Canaan
- D. Marah

Answer: D (See Exodus 15:23-25)

# Thanks for Caring



Wesley Chapel,

Thank you for your generous donation to the Somerset County Mobile Food Bank. This donation blesses so many families in our county with the gift of food as they face insecurity in these tough times.

Thank you,  
Susan Barclay, SCMFB



Wesley Chapel,

Thank you for your generous donation to the Lazarus Gate Food Pantry. We have been so blessed by the support of so many in our community as programs are cut, food prices increase and the members we serve continue to be in need. Your support in SO many ways over the years has been SO appreciated.

Thank you,  
Susan Barclay, Lazarus Gate



“Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them,” God told Abram (Genesis 15:5, NRSV). On a clear summer night, especially if you can get away from city lights, try this yourself: “Look toward heaven and count the stars ....”

Although none of us can count them all, someone has calculated (don't ask me how!) that if a grain of sand represented a star, you'd need 94,608,000 railroad hopper cars full of sand to represent all the stars of the universe. If you watched all the cars pass by, one per second, you'd be standing there for three years!

As we gaze at the sky on a warm summer night, our minds can't comprehend such a vast universe. Yet our hearts can comprehend a God great enough to craft it.



-Taken from WordContent, Newsletter CD, July 2013



Julia Jackson, daughter of Alan & Candee Jackson graduated from Fort Hill High School in Cumberland, MD on May 19th 2026. Her grandparents are Denton & Cathie Lester. Julia will dual major in theater and nursing while attending Frostburg University.

## ***HONORING OUR GRADUATES***

Many of the graduates that were noted in last month's newsletter were recognized during the worship service on June 7th. Steve & Connie Pletcher presented each graduate with gifts, and a special graduation cake in their honor was served before Sunday school. Special thanks to Connie Pletcher for organizing this day. Congratulations once again **to our grads, and may you continue to be blessed in life's journey ahead.** Please see pictures below and on next page.



Julia Jackson



Seth Kimmel



Glenn Millin



Jonathan Monteith



Our suggested food pantry items for July are tuna fish and pasta. You may bring them or other food donations to the church during the month of July. 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.



There will be a FREE Luncheon for Retirees, their Spouses and/or Caregivers on Wednesday July 22, 2026, 12:00 noon at the handicapped accessible Kingwood Church of God Fellowship Center (Former Kingwood Elementary School). This will just be a time to enjoy lunch and fellowship with other retirees and is an **"Eat-In" meal ONLY** starting promptly at 12:00. **There will be NO "Take-Out" available.** Space is limited and reservations are necessary (First-come, First-serve). Call 814-442-4916 or 814-289-9772 to reserve your space. The last day to make your reservation is Sunday July 19, 2026 based on availability.



### **MARK YOUR CALENDAR...**

Church Council meeting will be held on:  
Thursday, July 16, at 7:00 p.m.  
Committee meetings will meet at 6:15 p.m.

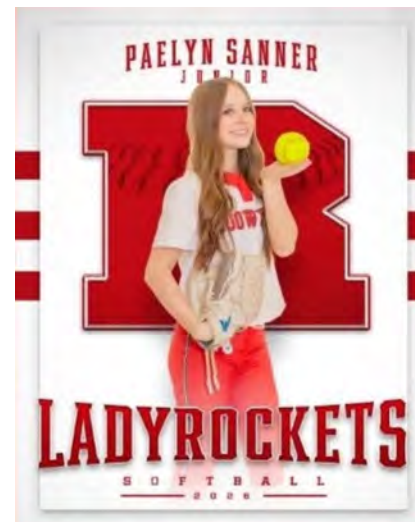
You are encouraged to be present and interested in your church happenings.

North Carolina Mission Trip  
June 14th-20th, 2026

What a blessing and a privilege it was to join hands with members of First Christian Church and Kingwood Church of God on a mission trip to North Carolina! We connected with an organization called Baptists on Mission and were stationed at one of their 5 locations in East Flat Rock, North Carolina near Hendersonville. The facility that we were housed at was very comfortable and accommodating. We were provided a cooked breakfast and dinner each day as well as a packed lunch to take along. Every morning, tasks were assigned and groups were dispersed to different areas in need. Our Wesley Chapel team members included, Mark Temple, Russ Pletcher, Sarah Pletcher, Connie Pletcher, Angie Millin and Faith Millin. We as a group were sent to a new construction home build near Rosman, NC which was about an hour commute from the mission facility. There we met Kathy Dill and her loyal dog, Aruckus. They had lost their home to tree damage during Hurricane Helene in 2024. Kathy is currently living in a temporary housing unit provided by FEMA. She has a sweet soul and a grateful heart. Mark and Russ did an amazing job of assessing the project at hand, figuring out where to pick up where the last group left off and then organized our team with assigned tasks. While working, we spent time with Kathy and her dog. We shared lunch with them and prayed together. Kathy was as much of a blessing to us as we were to her. God blessed us with beautiful weather and helped us accomplish goals each day. Mark even got **Kathy's lawn mower running!** We also wrote scripture on boards throughout the construction so that **Kathy's new home is built on the firm foundation of Christ.** The Wesley Chapel team laughed as hard as we worked, especially during our adventurous daily commute! It was a week filled with blessings! Thank you, Wesley Chapel, for supporting this mission trip and for praying for us. Kathy shared with me how very thankful she is to have such a beautiful home built with so much love. She said that she can only imagine how amazing the home will be that is waiting for her in heaven. God is so good!

-Written by Angie & Faith Millin

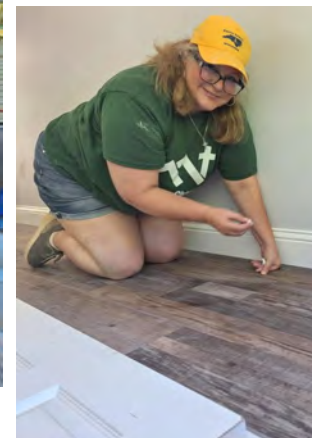
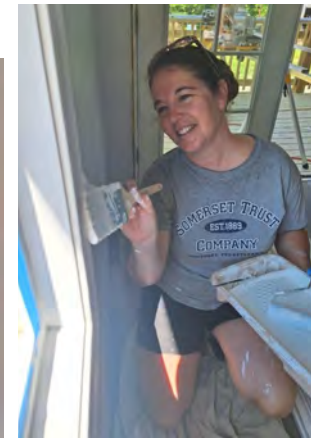
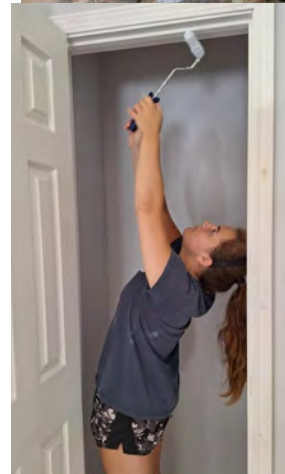
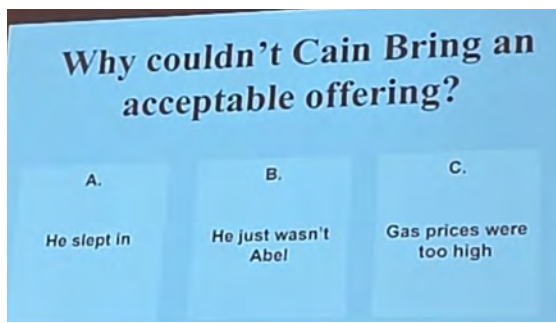
## Special Thanks to our Youth Group for the Beautification of the Church's Pavilion and Landscaping!



Congratulations to one of our Youth Group members, Paelyn Sanner. Paelyn plays varsity softball for Rockwood Area High School. She was recently named to the ICC West All Star Team. Way to go Paelyn, we're all so proud of your accomplishments.




# Father's Day Shenanigans..... **DAD JOKES**

This year, Wesley Chapel's Youth Group honored our fathers with a game of "Answer That Dad Joke." Each father that participated had his name chosen randomly and was called up front to answer a Biblical "dad joke." Luckily for some, every participant walked away with a delicious bag of caramel popcorn. Forrest Stark was the big winner of guessing how many bungee straps were in the container. A variety of gift cards were also available for each father to take and enjoy. A yummy ice cream social followed the games. A special thank you to all the fathers, grandfathers, and father figures. You make a difference in this world. Also, thank you to the Youth and everyone else who helped organize the fun-filled day.





# JULY 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<div style="border: 2px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: auto;"> <p>You are encouraged to remove this center page and place it on your refrigerator for the month for reference. *Denotes daily prayer focus.</p> </div>			1  *Pastor Tim, Amy, Joe, Jon & Brooklyn Monteith	2  *Forrest, Paige & Juddson Ohler	3  *Luke, Telma & Christian Ohler	4    *Scott & Lesa Ohler
5    WESLEY MISSIONS *our nation	6  *Norma Jean Phillippi	7  BIBLE STUDY 7:00 PM  *Brad & Lori Pletcher	8  *Brandon Pletcher & family	9  *Bret, Fenna, Elliot & Elika Pletcher	10  *Bryan & Leslie Pletcher	11  *Craig & Charlotte Pletcher
12  *our nation's leaders	13  *Dawn Pletcher	14  BIBLE STUDY 7:00 PM  *Dean Pletcher	15  *Gary, Cindy & Beth Ann Pletcher	16  Committees @ 6:15 p.m. Council @ 7:00 p.m.  *Jack & Barbara Pletcher	17  *Luella Pletcher	18  *Matthew, Carrie, Ethan, Miley & Ella Pletcher
19  *VBS children & staff	20  *Ralph & Chop Pletcher	21  NO BIBLE STUDY  *Ross Pletcher	22  *Russ, Sarah, Rhett & Jack Pletcher	23  *Steve & Connie Pletcher	24  *Tim & Carol Pletcher	25  *Todd, Kayt, Claire, Caleb, Cassidy & Cole Pritts
26    *for world leaders	27  NEWSLETTER DEADLINE  *Todd & Tracy Pritts	28  BIBLE STUDY 7:00 PM  *Tom, Lacey, Olivia & Troy Pritts	29  *Tom & Vickey Pritts	30  *Tyler, Tara, Tristan, Shane, Aaron & Hayden Pritts	31  *Shawn, Jen, Brittany & Matthew Roberts	