

THE CHAPEL MESSENGER

DECEMBER 2024

A Letter from Pastor Josh

“worship passionately, love extravagantly, and witness boldly..”

Chapel friends,

The season of Advent is upon us. December 1 is Advent Sunday, as well as our Blue Christmas service. Join us as Pastor Bob and Layne share their testimony of grief and redemption.

I'd also invite you to join us as we journey together through “The Long Awaited One” by Pauline Williams. This is an Advent devotional we will use along with Spry and Bethlehem Life Church.

Over the next few weeks let us remember that Jesus is the reason for the season. It's not about spending more on gifts or commercialism, but rather the incarnation of our God and King.

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus!

Pastor Josh

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Worship Schedule:

8 AM – Traditional

9:15 – Small Groups &
Sunday School

10: 30 AM – Modern

Join us online on our
Facebook page or
chapelchurch.org

Church Office Hours:

Monday –Wednesday

9: 30 AM – 12: 30 PM

Thursday – Friday

10:30 AM – 1:30 PM

Prayer Chain:

chapelpt@gmail.com

Worship Updates

Blue Christmas Service – December 1 – 6:00 PM – Sanctuary – Light supper beginning at 4:45 in the fellowship hall

Christmas Eve Services – December 24 – 6:00 PM – Sanctuary – No childcare provided

December 29 – 10:30 combined service in the Sanctuary – Potluck to follow in the Parish Bldg. No childcare provided & no children’s Sunday School. Adult Sunday School is optional.



Dec 1	Sunday Schl 9:15-10:15
Dec 5	Youth night 6:30 – 8
Dec 8	Sunday Schl 9:15 – 10:15
Dec 12	Youth night 6:30 – 8
Dec 15	Sunday Schl 9:15 – 8
Dec 19	Youth night 6:30 - 8
Dec 22	Sunday Schl 9:15-10:15
Dec 26	Youth night 6:30 – 8
Dec 29	No Sunday School

The choir will be singing again on December 8 and December 15. It is rumored that Chuck Vucetich will have a special skit/song on December 15 – possibly at both services.



Debt Elimination Team (DET) Updates December 2024

“So the debt was paid . . . for the people had a mind to work.” (DET paraphrase of Nehemiah 4:6 – “So built we the wall . . . for the people had a mind to work.”)

Encouragement for Chapel Family since refinancing mortgage September 2023:

- ➔ Traditions Bank mortgage -- 20 year (240 months) with amortization @ 6.25% - monthly payment \$3,896
- ➔ Beginning Balance: \$525,873 Current Balance (11/26/24): **\$274,385.56**
- ➔ Total reduction in the past 15 months is **\$251,487.44**
- ➔ The current balance is **\$13,507.17** less than reported in the Nov. newsletter
- ➔ Total Amount of interest paid (several institutions) since 2012 (addition of Education Wing and renovated Parish Building): \$632,286
- ➔ Amount of interest paid on Traditions Bank mortgage since June 2023: \$41,509

- **The DET** continues to thank and praise God for how He has inspired and enabled the people of Chapel Church to be “cheerful givers” – to pay down the mortgage indebtedness and remain faithful to the general giving.
- **Shout Out to the generous donations of \$10,500** received in the past few months!!!!!!!
- **Shout Out to the Crusaders for Christ S.S. Class** - \$581 profit for sale of apple dumplings and subs on General Election Day 11/5/24
- **Romeo Scrappers**: last month an astounding total of \$6,099 was reported . . . we are pleased to continue to give a **shout out** . . . the new total is \$6,594 raised through scrap metal donations since October 2023!
- **Qualified Charitable Distributions**: see attached article for another great way to support Chapel.
- **Challenge**: mortgage indebtedness is nearing the “half-way paid” mark. Only \$11,449 to go!!!!
- **Reminder** – Chapel cookbooks (new and used) for sale; “Cherished Family Favorites from 1991 / “Our Daily Bread” from 2004 and “Chapel’s Heavenly Creations” from 2013. Contact Jean Chubb if interested: 717-309-3022 or jrc2@comcast.net
- **Continue to “make a joyful noise”** with loose change (and bills!) in the churches located in church narthex and parish building lobby.
- **Wood Sales**: contact Kathy Shoff @ 717-515-9077

¼ cord 60	⅓ cord \$80	½ cord \$120	1 cord \$200
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- **Updates**: ongoing/past projects

Wood sales \$240 . . . Car Wash gift cards \$350 . . . Marketplace sales \$30.00



SATURDAY – January 4 – 9:00 AM-PARISH BUILDING

Join us for good food and fellowship with the men of Chapel Church

Contact Ryan Ogurchak with any questions.

A vertical strip of blurred Christmas lights in shades of blue and white, positioned on the left side of the poster.

Christmas Tree Lighting

DECEMBER 8

5:30 - 8:00 PM

**GATHER THE ENTIRE FAMILY FOR AN EVENING OF DELIGHTFUL DINING,
ACCOMPANIED BY THE ENCHANTING SIGHTS AND SOUNDS OF
CHRISTMAS, AS WE ILLUMINATE CHAPEL'S FAMILY CHRISTMAS TREE.**



Drive Thru Live Nativity – Saturday December 21 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM

We are still in need of volunteers for this event for various positions. Our biggest need is to help Heather Dunn with the staging of the bandstand for the angels and the gates of the prayer garden for the nativity scene. We will need to setup canopies on the afternoon of the event for some of the other areas. We are in desperate need of a shepherd with a sheep or at least a lamb. This is a community outreach event and has had over 3,000 hits on our Facebook page. Please consider how you can help with this event. Contact Heather Dunn or Mary Ann if you have any questions and/or can help in any way.

Operation Christmas Child

Thank you to everyone that participated in this mission opportunity. We delivered 48 boxes to the drop-off location last Friday.





LITTLE DRESSES FOR AFRICA UPDATE

Chapel family, I am so excited to announce that so far, we have collected 121 beautiful handmade dresses for our little girls. I am so thankful to the sewers who have created these dresses using their talents and time to do a wonderful thing for these girls. I have a few more dresses coming in from sewers yet, so I am excited to see our total. The girls will be excited to have a lovely new outfit to wear knowing that others cared enough to give to them hope and self-esteem. For those of you who could not help by sewing, we do need monetary donations to help get the dresses to Africa. They say that \$2.00 a dress should be the cost to send each dress to Africa so if I get a few more dresses, we are looking at \$250.00 to send these dresses. Any amount would be appreciated even 5 or 10 dollars is a great help. Please let me know if you are willing to donate money by calling me at 717-292-4729 or e-mailing me a dlsnyder@ddogcom.net or seeing me in church. I would need the money by the end of December. Also, anyone who is making dresses, please see that I get them by the end of December. I will be sending the dresses to Michigan and then they send the dresses to Africa. I expect to send the dresses the first week in January. Again, thanks to all who have been a part of this mission project and God bless you all. We do this all to Glorify our God and serve him in our church. There are a few photos above to see how lovely these dresses are.

Dawn Snyder

Chow Chow

We have a good supply of chow-chow available for sale over the Holidays and during the winter months. Quarts are \$10 and Pints are \$5. Please call the church office or Jerry Henry to order. All proceeds go to the Debt Reduction Fund.

Parents Night Out – Dec 6th – 5:30 PM to 9:00 PM

Signup here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4BA4AF2CA6FECE9-53246009-parents>

QR code attached here



Adult Small Group Study Classes

CLASS	CURRENT STUDY	WHEN	WHERE	INSTRUCTOR
God & Bible	Old Testament	Sunday 9:15 AM	Lounge	Muriel Slenker
Crusaders for Christ	The Gospel of John	Sunday 9:15 AM	Ed Wing – A4	Various
Families for Christ	Ecclesiastes	Sunday 9:15 AM	Fellowship Hall	
Women Together	God Works All Things Together	Sunday 9:15 AM	Ed Wing – A6	Jean Chubb
Partners with Christ	“Love in Chaos”	Sunday 9:15 AM	Library	
Couples for Christ	You and Me Forever	Sunday 9:15 AM	Basement	Ogurcak \ McCleary
Men’s Class	“The Life of Joseph”	1 st & 3 rd *Wed or Thurs @ 6:30 PM	Ed Wing	Ryan Ogurcak
Women’s Class		1 st & 3 rd Thursday 6:30 PM		Hope McKinnell
ROMEO	Men’s Breakfast	Monday Morning 9:00 AM	Two Brothers Café	Bill Leight
GEMS	Women’s Breakfast	Friday Morning 8:15 AM	Red Lion Corner Café	
Women’s Prayer Group Initiative		1 st & 3 rd Tuesday 8:15 AM	Lounge	Gaye Ludwig \ Wendy Tobias
Men’s Prayer Group		Monday 6:30 PM	Lounge	

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Happy Birthday & Anniversary:

Roy & Sylvia Smeltzer	Dec 1	Toby and Kathy Shoff	Dec 3
Dan & Lana Cooley	Dec 7	Scott & Krysta Tyson	Dec 13
Ryan & Kristina Ogurcak	Dec 17		



Charlie Hess	Dec 1	Milly Sedgwick	Dec 17
Karla McCleary	Dec 1	Theresa Hahn	Dec 18
Anthony Angel	Dec 4	Donald Holtzapple	Dec 18
Gaye Ludwig	Dec 4	Dick Poff	Dec 19
Heather Stem	Dec 5	Izzy McWilliams	Dec 21
Jane Dehoff	Dec 6	Carol Blessing	Dec 22
Ron Lighty	Dec 6	Peggy Fry	Dec 22
Steve Miller	Dec 7	Joyce Null	Dec 24
Beth Balash	Dec 8	Muriel Slenker	Dec 25
Jean Chubb	Dec 9	Mary Ann Hildebrand-Tierney	Dec 26
Jerry Henry	Dec 9	Phyllis Fisher	Dec 27
Christine Sprenkel	Dec 10	Chris Schaeberle	Dec 28
Barry Little	Dec 11	Ben Koons	Dec 20
Virginia Farrell	Dec 11		
Reagan Hahn	Dec 13		

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Return Service Requested



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