

THE CHAPEL MESSENGER

JANUARY 2025

A Letter from Pastor Josh

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

Chapel friends,

I hope you all had a blessed Christmas and Advent season. We celebrated the greatest gift of all with God taking on human flesh and dwelling among us. Christmas truly means God is with us.

In January, we will resume our God's Magnificent Word series, by continuing our journey through Holy Scripture. We will soon be wrapping up the Old Testament and moving into the New.

May the spirit of Christmas remain with us when all others return back to their normal way of living. Let us remember we follow Christ always.

In His name,

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



Jan 2	Youth night 6:30 – 8
Jan 5	Sunday Schl 9:15 – 10:15
Jan 9	Youth night 6:30 – 8
Jan 12	Sunday Schl 9:15 – 8
Jan 16	Youth night 6:30 - 8
Jan 19	Sunday Schl 9:15-10:15
Jan 23	Youth night 6:30 – 8
Jan 26	Sunday Schl 9:15-10:15
Jan 30	Youth night 6:30 – 8

Debt Elimination Team (DET) Report January 2025 ~ The Time is Now

As we begin the new year of 2025, the DET reflects on the past 17 months . . . how God has inspired and enabled His people at Chapel Church to be “cheerful givers and doers” to reduce mortgage indebtedness and remain faithful to the general giving.

General Information

- Refinanced 20-year mortgage with Traditions Bank following sale of land belonging partially to Heiland View Cemetery Association and Chapel Church . . . which helped to reduce the then-existing mortgage, pay for disaffiliation from the UMC, etc.
- Leadership Council action to emphasize reducing debt more quickly than the 20-year term.

Facts

- Traditions Bank 20-year mortgage with monthly payment: \$3,896 . . . reduced to just under 7 years.
- Beginning Balance: \$525,873 Current Balance (12/26/24): **\$255,143.**

Eliminating the debt quickly has always been for the future of Chapel Church.

Biblical truth: “. . . *the borrower is slave to the lender.*” --Proverbs 22:7 By eliminating the debt, we are no longer obligated to an institution. This paves the way forward for ministry not to be hampered and for the continual upkeep of property, new projects, etc.

The shoutout for the beginning of 2025 goes to ALL the many people and the projects that were involved to bring us to “more than half-way to paid in full” as follows:

Faithful weekly giving of Chapel folks for regular and extra mortgage payments; individual gifts to principal; Sunday School class donations; Sunday School class fundraisers; Crusaders Class apple dumplings/sandwiches on Election Days and Families for Christ candy sales; memorial gift; Forry bequest; 165 Envelope campaign; Heiland View Cemetery Association donation; 2024 Rummage Sale; 2024 Car Show; chow chow sales; Fickes Night of Music; 2023 Craft Show; 2023 Summer Fest; metal scrapping; gift card sales; wood sales; “Make a Joyful Noise” loose change collected in the churches; online/consignment sales; Chapel apparel sales; etc.

The story of Nehemiah in the O.T. is a fascinating 13 chapters of determination and leadership that included many obstacles. Nehemiah was a man of prayer and a champion for the cause of rebuilding the wall that was destroyed in Jerusalem when the people were taken into captivity. We are looking for champions (a person(s) who is both passionate and accountable about a ministry) who want to see the seven remaining years reduced substantially – champions are also ministry groups, Sunday School classes, small groups, etc. who will initiate projects and find others to work with them. In 2025 the DET will initiate their own version of Nehemiah’s wall as well as continue with the “Make a Joyful Noise” loose change, wood sales, metal scrap recycling sales, vintage Chapel Church cookbooks, and gift card sales.

Together, let’s watch the thermometer plummet downwards!!!! Together, let’s go way beyond the “half-way to paid” mark!!!! Together, let’s allow God to stir our hearts in fresh ways as we, like Nehemiah, go forward determined and prayerful.

“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.”)

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.



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

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

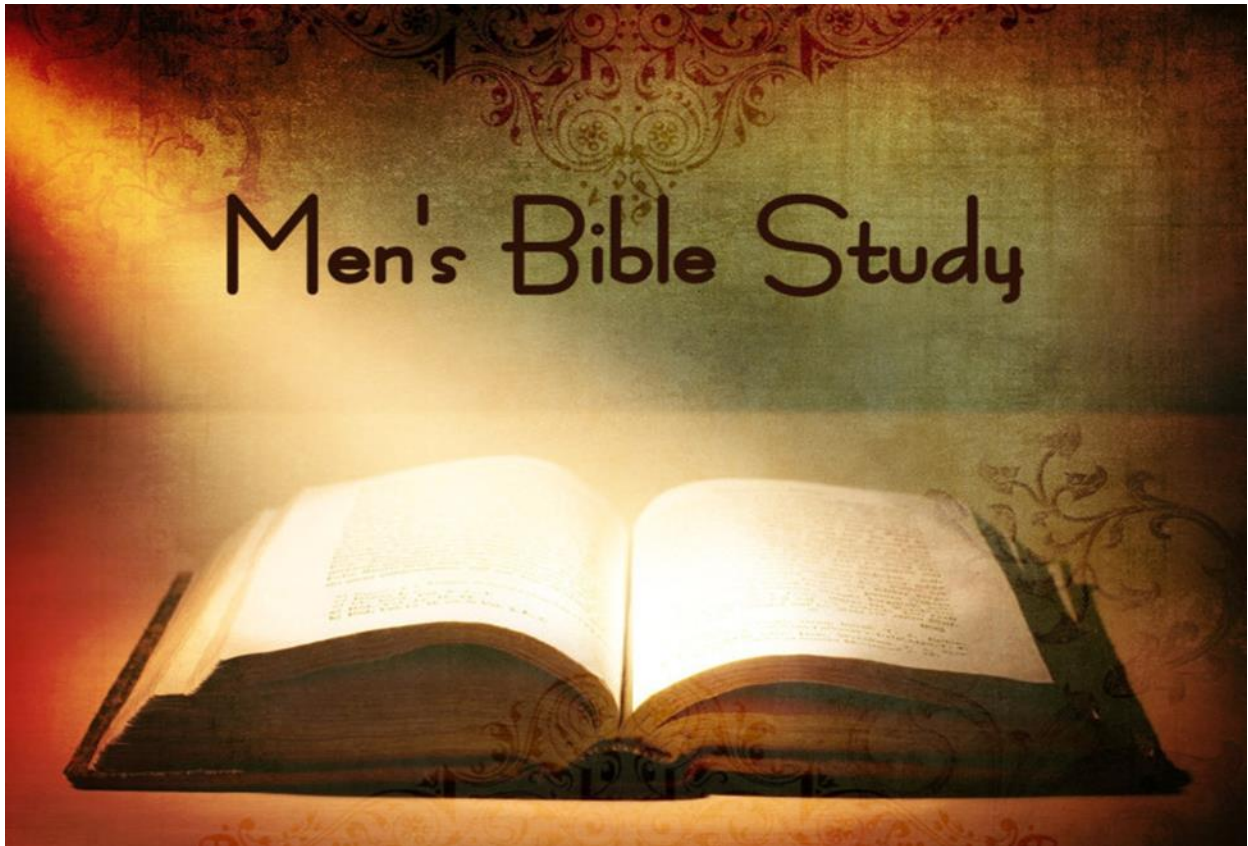
Contact Ryan Ogurchak with any questions.



Shower Ministry Update

Because of the Mission Team funding, the Shower Ministry was able to provide Giant gift cards at a Christmas luncheon to our seven folks who visit us each week. We also were able to give LifePath gift cards, which is because of your donations to their stores or through the bin on our campus. It is a wonderful ministry that helps the community and gives back to our Mission Team to provide for those in need.

Our present facilitators are Gaye Ludwig, Bonnie Bluett and Cheryl Reinhold. Whitey Breedon is our faithful chaperone and Joyce Null launders the towels. Together, we are thankful to Chapel for our facility to provide a safe place for our friends in need of clean showers and lunch. May the Lord be glorified!



Reminder – These Bible Studies begin again in January

Wednesday – January 8 – 6:30 PM

Topic: “Forgotten God” by Francis Chan

Thursday – January 9 – 6:30 PM

Topic: “Bondage Breaker” by Neil Anderson

Contact Ryan Ogurcak with any questions

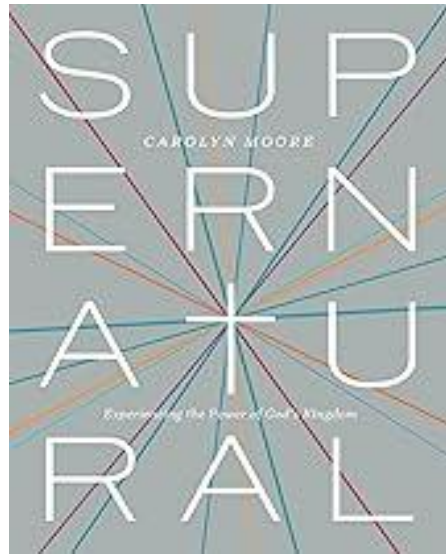


Save the Dates:

June 16th – June 19th

We are gathering our volunteers now. If you would like to help, there is a signup link below or contact the church office. Any questions, contact Maria.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4BA4AF2CA6FECE9-53717884-vbsvolunteers>



The God & the Bible Class will begin this study in January. The eight sections are based on the Gospel of Luke but also draw from Matthew, John and a few others. The introduction is Phil 3: 10 & 12 which speaks to how hungry we should be to see the power of the Holy Spirit and wanting more of him. If you are interested, please join us in the lounge.

Adult Small Group Study Classes

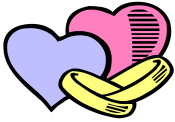
CLASS	CURRENT STUDY	WHEN	WHERE	INSTRUCTOR
God & Bible	“Supernatural” by Carolyn Moore	Sunday 9:15 AM	Lounge	Muriel Slenker
Crusaders for Christ	The Gospel of John	Sunday 9:15 AM	Ed Wing – A4	Various
Families for Christ	Ecclesiastes	Sunday 9:15 AM	Fellowship Hall	
Women Together	God Works All Things Together	Sunday 9:15 AM	Ed Wing – A6	Jean Chubb
Partners with Christ	“Deeply Formed Life”	Sunday 9:15 AM	Library	
Couples for Christ	The Rhythm of Us	Sunday 9:15 AM	Basement	Ogurcak \ McCleary
Men’s Class	“Forgotten God” & “Bondage Breaker”	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:

Wayne & Deb Angel	Jan 2	Ray & Norma Boyd	Jan 27
Jerry & Ginny Farrell	Jan 4	Dick & Ruth Poff	Jan 28
Dan & Danyiel Wise	Jan 10	Larry & Lois Orwig	Jan 30



Mike Reinhold	Jan 1	Declan Hussman	Jan 20
Tami Smedes	Jan 3	Josh Bailey	Jan 21
Chuck Vucetich	Jan 4	David Toomey	Jan 21
Kathy Shoff	Jan 5	Brian Elicker	Jan 22
Bill Livelsberger	Jan 6	Chloe Getz	Jan 22
Diane Fauth	Jan 7	Lock McKinnell	Jan 26
Deja Graver	Jan 7	Jeff Schaeberle	Jan 26
Joshua Arroyo	Jan 10	David Snyder	Jan 27
Jim Bosley	Jan 10	Zena Witmer	Jan 27
Eleanor Grosse	Jan 11	Remy Angel	Jan 28
Don Wiemeyer	Jan 12	Eve Krall	Jan 28
Terry Bluett	Jan 16	Steve Stine	Jan 29
Rhonda Kitlinski	Jan 17	Eileen Reinoehl	Jan 30
Brenda Wagner	Jan 17	Stacey Bluett	Jan 31
Deb Fickes	Jan 20	Ray Forney	Jan 31

New address for Barb Forry: 1117 Skyview Drive, York, PA 17406

New email for Jerry Henry (no change for Linda) jerryhenry39@icloud.com

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Go to our website

And catch up with what's happening at Chapel!

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