

THE CHAPEL MESSENGER

MAY 2025

A Letter from Pastor Josh

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

Chapel friends,

He is risen indeed! This is not just something we say on Easter Sunday. Our Lord defeated the grave, and anyone who truly believes in Him shall never die. Do you believe this? I pray you had a blessed Lenten journey over these past forty days. We all took this journey together to grow closer to Christ and experience the power of the resurrection.

We now anticipate the arrival of God the Spirit. Pentecost is when the Church of Jesus Christ was set on fire. I pray we can all live and minister with that same fire poured out upon the Apostles. God is moving in our midst Chapel, and people are hungry for the Gospel.

Serving Christ with you,

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

May 8 -May 10 – Northeast GMC Annual Conference

May 18 – Daycare Sunday – Combined Outdoor Worship – 10:30 AM – Sunday School at normal times.

SCAM EMAILS / TEXTS

A reminder that the pastor, any staff member or leadership council member will **NEVER** ask you to get a gift card for them. Scammers can be very clever and use email addresses that appear to be legitimate. For emails, to check the sender's address: hover your cursor over the senders email symbol or their address and the actual email address will appear. For texts, touch the icon next to the text and it will display the sender's information. Basically, just remember that no one on the church staff or leadership will ask for a gift card. The best thing to do is not respond at all.



Chapel Youth
raising up followers of Christ

Upcoming Events!

We meet every Thursday from 6:30pm to 8. This is for grades 7-12. We play games, worship through music, pray for each other, and learn through scripture study. If anyone at any age is curious about what we do during youth group, please join us we would love for you to worship with us!

We also meet every Sunday during Sunday school hour. This time is spent teaching how to read Gods word.

The main upcoming event is Servants work camp June 2nd to the 6th. If anyone wants to join us for this awesome week of outreach and service, please reach out to Ian McKinnell at ian@chapelchurch.org

Youth Update

Hello everyone, I am excited to have the opportunity to tell you about what the Youth have been doing over the past month and what we have coming up in May/June. Over the last month we were learning about some of the events that are not talked about as much in the last week of Jesus's life. We talked about the fig tree that Jesus cursed, and we also took a deep dive into Ash Wednesday and its significance. My personal favorite youth night every year happens the week before Maundy Thursday. On that night we reenact the last supper. This year we shared a simple meal together. had communion and feet washing. It is a very powerful and humbling act of service that reminds us all that we are to serve each other lovingly and humbly.

Looking forward we are beginning a series on the armor of God. This was a lesson series suggested from Ben Wise while he is at basic training, I am excited to dive in and have our faith grown and stretched through this series.



Hello Chapel Family!

Today I write to you with updates from the Children’s Ministry Department. On April 5th, we had a ministerial community event to celebrate Easter. Although people may believe our Children’s Ministry Easter events at Chapel are simply an egg hunt, rest assured for years predating my calling to the director position, the Children’s Ministry has always brought the Gospel to the community. This year (through a fault of my own) we pivoted to an evening event. But I recognize, God always has a plan.

With the event concluding with a glowing egg hunt, we had to prepare the eggs that day. Ryan Ogurcak graciously offered to utilize the latter part of the men’s breakfast to assist with this. We set up in the Fellowship Hall – three tables pushed together, one for each age group of kids. The tables were FULL of men, women, and children – elbow to elbow – talking, laughing, communing while stuffing these eggs for the children. Friends, I wish you all could have seen the service of these lovely individuals! We had people dedicate their whole day to this evening. From pulling boxes from my car in the morning to shutting off the lights around 9pm in the Parish building, people truly were the hands and feet! My heart bursts with joy knowing God’s will was being done.

But what’s crazy is just how God provides. We actually didn’t have enough people to help in the evening during the event; we had many spots that were not filled. We set up more tables than we had Gospel presenters. Volunteers were given more than one job to do during the evening. We finished praying over the event, the doors opened, and grandparents, parents, kids, guardians simply flooded the Parish Building.

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The number of kids who walked through the doors.

The number of kids who heard the Gospel.

The number of kids who saw the love of Jesus.

The number of kids who tasted the sweetness of God.

The number of kids who smelled the Holy Spirit.

Praise God in the highest.

And friends, this number is simply the number of kids who came. Many of the children came with more than one adult. We had well over 200 people in the Parish Building on the evening of April 5th. And many of the adults were not parents but grandparents. Adults of all ages are rallying around the kids.

Why?

I can only speak for myself. I see the culture of the world my own children are growing up in. I pray every day my child returns safely to me from simply a day at school. I know the innocence of their childhood is diminishing with every waking minute. These are a few of my thoughts for my own children, who are growing up in a loving Christian home.

But what about the others?

What about the children who rarely, if ever, see love? What about the children who are physically, mentally, and emotionally hurting? What about the children who feel hopeless? What about the children who don't have a home? What about the children who don't have the guidance at home because their only parent is working multiple jobs to keep food in their kids' mouths, not their own? What about the children who are anxious? Anxious for their next meal? The next beating? The next slur? The next insult? The next shower?

What about the children? The parents need to do better, right?

Not so fast.

Am I absolving parents of responsibility? No. But I am certainly not absolving the community of the Church from responsibility, either. Perhaps we need to look at it differently.

Let's look quickly at the rebuilding of the wall of Jerusalem. I encourage you to grab your Bible and open to Nehemiah 3:6-12. This passage talks about specifically about the rebuilding of different parts of the wall. Notice each and every role that was needed to complete the wall. No role was lesser than another. Rebuilding required a community, and if even one decided not to build, there would be a gap, making the wall less stable.

Friends, are we making the wall less stable? Are we stepping aside thinking someone else will help? Do we see cracks, complain, and do nothing? Are we concerning ourselves with facades and not the roots, not the hearts?

We are called to serve. We are called to take care of each other. We are called to give. We are called to love our enemies. We are called to help the poor. We are called to make disciples. We are called to baptize. We are called to forgive. We are called to turn from the desires of this world.

But we are only able to do these good things, these good works, through the Holy Spirit. We move because of the Holy Spirit dwelling within us.

Friends, I ask you to join me for this month of May in praying specifically for the Holy Spirit to dwell in us, convict us, and move us. I pray for each of us individually, for this church as a whole, for the churches in the immediate area, and for those throughout the world.

If Jesus is our King, let us all put Him back on His throne.

With love in Christ,

Maria

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

- May 22nd – VBS Devotional, 6:30pm, A3/A5 – Join us as we prepare our hearts and minds for VBS.
- June 16th-19th – Vacation Bible School, 6pm – 8:15pm – Come magnify God with us!

SERVING OPPORTUNITIES:

- **CONTEST TIME!** Are you creative? Are you not creative but have used a roll of tape? Do you love arts and crafts? Do you not love arts and crafts but can build? Have you ever folded on a dotted line? Do you like decorating but you don't have the space to decorate? Have you hung streamers for a party? Can you trace using a stencil? Does your spouse roll their eyes when you return from HomeGoods, Hobby Lobby, or any store where décor may be purchased? Have you blown up balloons? Let me introduce an opportunity for you: **ADOPT A ROOM!** Join forces with others to take ownership of *decorating a VBS area!* Create a Room Team with friends or join a random Room Team to build new friendships. Adopt a room with your Sunday School class, or get to know our youth by reaching out to them and making a team! Make a men's team and women's team and go head to head with your friends and spouse! The children attending VBS will vote for their favorite! Prizes for the winning team include bragging rights and their team name printed on a "still-to-be-named" trophy.

The rooms to be decorated are as follows:

- 1) A2 – Honeycomb Snacks – This will be decorated as a large beehive. Think extra large bees, extra large flowers, and extra large honeycombs!
- 2) A5 – Wildflower Crafts – This room will be decorated with kid-sized (and bigger!) flowers and extra-large flower-loving bugs! Think – butterflies, bees, dragonflies, hummingbirds, and more!
- 3) A6 – Magnify God Bible Time – This room will be decorated like a giant meadow. Think grass the size of the kids, extra large animals (or maybe just their feet!), huge magnify glasses, a few fallen leaves, some super big flowers, etc.
- 4) Education Wing Hallway – This will be a huge ant farm! The hallways will be tunnels for the extra-large ants and kids to travel to their different classes!

Please direct any and all inquiries to Maria.

- **Join our VBS TEAM** June 16th – 19th as we magnify God. Psalm 34:3 says "Glorify the Lord with me; let us exalt his name together." Pump up the kids while acting silly as a bird for a skit. Lead a team of kids as they explore God's "bigness" in the small things. Teach kids about the goodness of God. **Register to volunteer using the form below! **Dinners will be provided each night! Please let me know if you will be attending!**



Volunteer Registration Form

Vacation Bible School 2025

June 16th-19th

Curriculum: Magnified by Lifeway

Contact Information

Name: _____ Phone #: _____

Email: _____ Reach me best by (circle one): TEXT EMAIL

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____

T-shirt Size (Unisex): _____

VBS Details

Please put an "X" or checkmark in the circles.

I am available:

- Monday
- Tuesday
- Wednesday
- Thursday

Preferred areas of serving:

With the understanding volunteers are needed everywhere and will serve where needed, my top 4 choices are:

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| <input type="radio"/> Emcee | <input type="radio"/> Team leader | <input type="radio"/> Registration |
| <input type="radio"/> Games | <input type="radio"/> Crafts | <input type="radio"/> Snacks |
| <input type="radio"/> Songs | <input type="radio"/> Security | <input type="radio"/> Other |

A provided dinner each night would be helpful to me and my family.

YES

NO

I would be able to attend a meeting on March 13th in the evening.

YES

NO

Thank you for volunteering! I look forward to serving alongside you!

-Maria Gagliardi

Over three years ago at the request of Josh I visited 18 South and had dinner with the staff and about 60 kids. The wonderful youth came to 18 South for many reasons. One was to get something to eat because a large percent of them did not have access to food at their homes. Due to 18S budget restraints, we had a skinny hot dog on a bun. That's it. I said to myself, "we can do better than is". Chapel will not permit these Red Lion kids go hungry night after night. A group email was set out on 6/18/22 to a group of Chapel members that may want to help these kids. Good things happened fast.

Our goal was to provide a large number of monthly meals for the center. For lack of another title, "we called it "Let's Get Cooking". At the time we had no idea where we would get the large amount of money to buy the groceries to prepare the meals. If I recall our first purchase at Sam's was over \$1,000. We only knew God would provide. A core group of Chapel members meet in our church kitchen to prepare and freeze a large number of meals for 18 S to pick up and use during the week. I might add these are good, nutritious meals. From the beginning "Chef" Chuck Vucetich has taken charge of the kitchen. Ian and Deb Fickes have taken charge when Chuck is out of town. A dedicated core group of volunteers show up month after month to do their part. THOUSANDS of meals have been prepared and distributed to feed the disadvantaged teens at 18 South.

Our partnership with 18 S does not end with providing food. Chapel and its congregation have provided so much more. Most important we did not want to prepare meals to be sent over without personal contact with the kids. I am so proud to say we have provided many volunteer hours. A special thank you to Jim and Debie Fickes and Cathy Grim who have become permanent weekly volunteers to work with and guide the teenagers. They are wonderful.

Muriel Slenker has coordinated with outside agencies and arranging special events such as center spring cleaning. I am not at liberty to name them but a number of members have provided the funds to buy the groceries and keep "Let's Get Cooking" going on a monthly basis. Also, a special thanks to the Women's Group who have provided so much to help with items other than the food.

Chapel has also provided a large microwave, soda machine, flat screen TV, button making machine with supplies, almost a thousand dollars in art supplies to start the center Art Club, center operating supplies, four ice cream sundae nights a year for the kids to have a treat, large numbers of knitted blankets and winter hats (Dorain Foote}, cleaning services and transportation when needed. We are certainly a big part of bringing many kids to know

Jesus Christ as their personal savior. What a joy it is to work with Center Director Chris Kenna and his dedicated family.

At this time, I would like to announce a change. Due to circumstances beyond my control, I am no longer able to fulfill my duties as Chairperson of the Chapel/ 18 South Partnership. However, GOOD NEWS! After discussing the position with Josh, the best person possible has agreed to take over this leadership position. A person who has worked with all facets of our relationship with 18 South and is extremely dedicated to the cause, mission and God's calling. That would be Deb Fickes. She will be outstanding. I might add Deb is going on the 18 South Board of Directors. I have also heard she will their Treasurer.

Please give Deb all the help and cooperation I have received from you and Chapel Church. It is good everything is going well. However, as Deb knows God has more plans for 18 South. Also, we are currently financially sound for the time being. However, the expenses are high and going up. Please help her to make sure this is an ongoing weekly commitment we never want to stop. Eating is not something we can put on hold. However, God is also feeding the kids in other ways.

Thank you and God bless you.

Terry Bluett

SAVE THE DATE... Fellowship Picnic....June 29, 2025

Circle this date on your calendar and plan on attending our 5th Sunday Combined Worship Service, and then..... stay right here for a picnic luncheon followed by leisurely activities for all ages, but most of all, relaxing in each other's company. More details coming, just a few, because it's really, just an easy-going, simple picnic and socializing... JOIN US!

Gaye Ludwig and LeeAnn Wilt

May 2025 Report from Debt Elimination Team

From \$525,893 to \$233,849

Proverbs 22:7: “. . . the borrower is the slave of the lender.”

Mortgage Reduction Facts/Details

Traditions Bank mortgage: current (4/26/25) balance: **\$233,849**

\$4,824 less than 3/26 report (\$238,673)

Traditions Bank beginning mortgage balance: \$525,893

Half-way to paid : \$262,937 – goal accomplished

Three-quarters to paid: \$131,468

→ 20-year mortgage (240 months) @ 6.25% - monthly payment **\$3,896**

→ *Years/months remaining – **6 years** (72 months)*

→ *refinanced in 2028 if not paid by then*

→ *Interest paid to Traditions Bank since 6/2023: **\$48,085***

→ *Total Interest paid since 2012 (several institutions inc. Traditions): **\$638,862***

- ❖ **Apple Dumplings** are being sold by the Crusaders for Christ SS class on Primary Election Day, May 20. **There are no pre-orders** but encourage everyone to stop at the church - even if Chapel is not your polling place - to purchase yummy dumplings and support paying off mortgage. Watch bulletins for more info.
- ❖ **Metal Scrap Reminder**: you can bring metal scrap to the church campus and place it alongside either of the storage sheds in the wooded area behind the Parish Building or call Larry Orwig (717-847-8967) with items you desire to have picked up at your home or place of business or any questions about acceptable and non-acceptable scrap. In April **\$272** was applied to principal – that was in excess of another ton of scrap metal.
- ❖ **Make a Joyful Noise April donations: \$75.43**
- ❖ **April memorial contributions** (Jerry Farrell): **\$130.00**

Ongoing and/or future projects: Wood Sales . . . Chapel new and used vintage cookbooks . . . loose change in the “churches” . . . metal scrap recycling . . . gift card sales

FALL “WALL CAMPAIGN”

CAR SHOW SEPTEMBER 20, 2025

Rummage Sale 2026: Invitation for a “*champion*” (leader) to head up another Chapel Rummage Sale for mortgage reduction –if you have a heart for seeing Chapel’s mortgage principal greatly reduced and love the reselling process via church sale, please consider leading this event in 2026. See/call Jean Chubb (717-309-3022) for more information.



DINNER THEATRE! SATURDAY, JULY 26!

"The Case of the Mysterious Stranger"

Setting is in The Cafe' Flambe'

Various cast positions still open. Simple four course meal with short scenes in-between (and mostly seated at the tables). Lots of laughs and fun with an underlying message of being hospitable to all.

Kitchen help and table servers are a very important part of the event. Meal is plated and distributed.

Rehearsals will begin in June, with the possibility of a first-read in May; schedules will determine how many (and timeframe) of each practice.

Please contact Muriel Slenker for more information.

This is also a fund-raising event for the debt reduction.

Faith Beyond the Pews: Volunteer Camp Week

 June 2–6, 2025

 Chapel Church, Red Lion, PA

 A week of hands-on home repair projects for those in need.

 Sign up + info sheet at: www.servants.org/workcamps

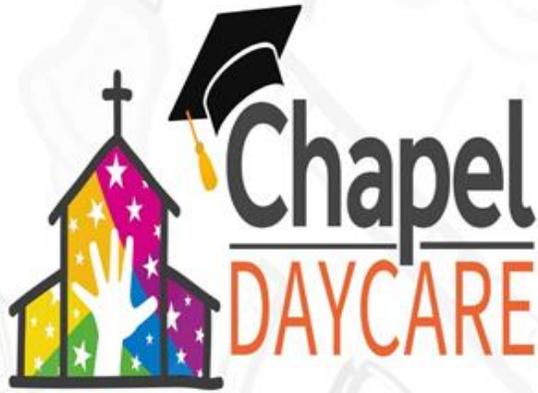
June 1 – June 6 Faith Beyond the Pews

Chapel is hosting the meals again this year. Chapel Missions team will be serving the Wednesday evening meal. If you would like to help serve, please contact the church office or Kristina Ogurcak



On Friday April 25, Chapel's Missions Team assembled 270 sandwiches and made bagged meals including chips, a snack, applesauce & a bottle of water. Children participated by decorating the bags with stickers & drawings. On Saturday, from 11-1, we handed out approximately 100 bagged meals. Ellen Russell and Deb Angel took meals to the seniors in their communities. Many of the meals were also donated to the LifePath Homeless Shelter and some to 18 South. We hope you will join us when we do this again in a few months.





YOU'RE INVITED TO WORSHIP WITH US ON

DAYCARE SUNDAY

FEATURING
THE CLASS OF 2025

Preschool Graduation

MAY 18, 2025 | 10:30 AM

3050 CAPE HORN ROAD, RED LION, PA 17356
COMBINED OUTDOOR WORSHIP WITH REFRESHMENTS FOLLOWING
PLEASE BRING A CHAIR OR BLANKET FOR SEATING

Adult Small Group Study Classes

CLASS	CURRENT STUDY	WHEN	WHERE	INSTRUCTOR
God & Bible	Holy Spirit	Sunday 9:15 AM	Lounge	Muriel Slenker
Crusaders for Christ	The Gospel of James	Sunday 9:15 AM	Ed Wing – A4	Various
Families for Christ	Parables for Today	Sunday 9:15 AM	Fellowship Hall	
Women Together	God Works All Things Together	Sunday 9:15 AM	Ed Wing – A6	Jean Chubb
Go With The Flow	The Book of Corinthians	Sunday 9:15 AM	Library	
Couples for Christ	Couples of the Old Testament	Sunday 9:15 AM	Basement	Ogurcak \ McCleary
Men's Class	"Bondage Breaker"	Thurs @ 6:30 PM	Ed Wing	Ryan Ogurcak
Women's Class	Motherhood Together	1 st & 3 rd Thursday 6:30 PM		Hope McKinnell
ROMEIO	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:

Brad & Gaye Ludwig	May 1	Kathy & Phillip Groff	May 24
Joe & Ione Groff	May 4	Ben & Rachael Brinton	May 25
Tim & Jackie Lauer	May 5	Ron & Bonita Lighty	May 26
Jim & Peggy Fry	May 14	Seth & Brooke Gingrich	May 27
Brian & Melissa Elicker	May 20	Terry & Bonnie Bluett	May 28
Bill & Diane Leight	May 22	Arnie & Joan Fritzius	May 30
Tom & Linda Gardner	May 24		



Rebecca Arroyo	May 1	Linda Gardner	May 23
Kathy Bradshaw	May 1	Cathleen Coleman	May 25
Joe Groff	May 2	Wayne Angel	May 26
Colton Ogurcak	May 2	Alice Leight	May 26
Lydia Tyson	May 4	Brad Ludwig	May 26
Allison LeGore	May 8	Audrey Schell	May 27
Aimee Miller	May 8	Owen Angel	May 28
John Wagner	May 8	Linda Conner	May 28
Robert Miller	May 11	Ben Elicker	May 28
Ryan McCleary	May 17	Jamison Gingrich	May 29
Dawn Oswald	May 19	Sara Wagner	May 30
Joyce Holtzapple	May 22	Krysta Tyson	May 31
Henry Reinoehl	May 22		

Congratulations to Alice Leight on her 85 birthday.

“Deb and I would like to thank everyone for the cards and expressions of sympathy after the passing of my mother. This is only a brief interlude, relative to eternity, until I see Mom and Dad again in Heaven. We are grateful for the support of our chapel Church family!” – Jim Fickes

Ginny Farrell thanks everyone for their condolences and their cards that were sent to our family after Jerry’s death.

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Return Service Requested



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Go to our website

And catch up with what's happening at Chapel!

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