THE CHAPEL MESSENGER

SEPTEMBER 2026

A Letter from Pastor Josh

"*worship passionately, love extravagantly, and witness boldly..*"

Chapel friends,

As we discussed at the beginning of our series, Jesus said, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel" - Mark 1:15. This is the foundation of Jesus' ministry and the foundation of our faith. Repentance and faith are what saves us from sin and death. When we look back at the history of revival, it always began when a few people repented. Repentance is what sparked the Methodist revival in 18th century England. Repentance is not an easy thing in a culture that wants to move away from Jesus and push Him out.

We search for solutions in all things but the gospel. The message of Jesus is spreading like wildfire. Perhaps God is preparing the soil for Chapel? Maybe God wants us to get ready for the harvest that is coming?

Awakening begins with us. It begins when a few looks deep into the depths of their heart. I invite us all to repentance in the name of Jesus Christ. Let us honor our Lord in all we say and do, and let's see what He can do. We have been praying, we have been preparing, now it's time to trust.

I look forward to celebrating the good news of Jesus Christ at our baptismal remembrance and church family picnic.

In Christ,
Pastor Josh

Contact Us

W: chapelchurch.org

P: 717-244-6375

f: @ChapelChurch

Worship Schedule:

8 AM – Traditional

9:15 – Small Groups & Sunday School

10: 30 AM – Modern

Join us online on our Facebook page, YouTube or chapelchurch.org

Church Office Hours:

Monday –Thursday

9: 00 AM – 12: 00 PM

Friday - closed

Prayer Chain:

chapelpt@gmail.com

Worship Updates

Oct 4 – "Of The Day" – Combined Service – 9:00 AM

Welcome New Members!!

Linda Manis – Transferred from Faith UMC 2-17-26

Paul & Connie Merrill – Transferred from Trinity UMC 3-18-26

Tom & Tammy Landis – 8-30-26

Zachary Grove – 8-30-26

Felix Torty & Precious Moore – 8-30-26

Ed & Rita Mellon – 8-30-26

Jessica & Kathryn Shane 8-30-26

CSM
CHAPEL
STUDENT
MINISTRY

Sept 3	Youth night 6:30 – 8
Sept 6	Sunday Schl 9:15 – 10:15
Sept 10	Youth night 6:30 - 8
Sept 13	Sunday Schl 9:15 – 10:15
Sept 17	Youth night 6:30 - 8
Sept 20	Sunday Schl 9:15 – 10:15
Sept 24	Youth night 6:30 - 8
Sept 27	Sunday Schl 9:15 – 10:15



Youth Update:

Hello everyone! In the month of August we focused on a few of the more popular parables that most of us have heard before. We talked specifically about the Prodigal Son and the Good Samaritan. We had a youth night at the McKinnell house right as school was starting up as a kickoff event. We are planning on going to Hershey park on October 17th so if you would like to go let me know! We have also started conversations about a trip to see the creation museum and the ark in Kentucky in the summer of 2027. While this trip would deviate from

our usual summer activities I think it would be an awesome opportunity for the youth to see and experience some amazing museums and in doing so would get to know our awesome God just a little bit better! We appreciate your prayers as we continue to walk in Gods path for us!

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.

October 17th Hershey Park!

If you are interested in getting involved, please reach out to Ian McKinnell at ian@chapelchurch.org

Young Adults!

Young Adults is going very well! And we are excited to see what God has for this group in the future. The Young adult group is for anyone who is ages 18-25. The young adults meet in B4 for both the 2nd and 4th Saturday evenings starting at 6pm & on Sunday mornings during the Sunday school hour. For Saturday the small group will include scripture study, discussion and prayer. The young adults study is called “In a pit with a Lion on a Snowy Day” If you or someone you know would be interested in something like this please reach out to Ian McKinnell and he will get you plugged in! ian@chapelchurch.org

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Kids are back to school! How can you pray for them? Stop by the Pavillion on Sunday during our picnic for more information on how you can pray for our kids! Prayer calendars and children's names will be available. We understand not everyone is able to physically serve in the Children's Ministry; however, every single one of us are able to encourage and are expected to pray for our next generation of disciples!

LOOKING AHEAD…

In the evenings of the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of every month, the moms group has been meeting at 6:30pm. We have had childcare available but we are looking to expand this into a teaching session for the elementary age children (k-6). If you are interested in helping with this, please contact Maria (484-264-1621). Interested in joining the moms group? This year the moms will be reading and studying the book "Mama Bear Apologetics" by Hillary Morgan Ferrer. Please contact Hope McKinnell for more information.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

- **July 18th-23rd, 2027** – Mark your calendars for NEXT YEAR'S camp! Interested in helping or learning more? Let us know (maria@chapelchurch.org)

The Chapel Rummage Sale for 2027

The Chapel Rummage Sale will be a CHURCH-WIDE fundraiser in 2027. The rummage sale will be held April 29 & 30 and May 1 of 2027. As you sort, clean, de-clutter and downsize, please keep this in mind for donating to Chapel. Rummage Sale monthly drop off will be the 2nd Thursday of each month.

Chapel Rummage Sale Drop Off Reminder for September 10th

Our first Chapel Rummage Sale donation drop off will be Thursday, September 10, 2026 from 2:00 PM – 7:00 PM at the Parish Bldg. Accepting small items only that will fit in a box 23x11x16 (clothing, jewelry, books, etc.). No large items will be accepted until April 2027. Any questions, please contact Bonnie Bluett at bonniebluett@yahoo.com, or other Rummage Sale Committee members: Deb & Jim Fickes, Pat & Ray Forney, Lois & Larry Orwig, and Jean Chubb

Debt Elimination Team (DET) Updates Sept 2026

Thank you, Chapel champions, for bringing this mortgage to its conclusion – as of the publication of the September newsletter, we're almost there. You have supported thru your weekly giving and extra giving as well as fundraising such that

THE TIME IS NOW - As of August 23,2026

Matching Funds Campaign	
8/9 Match Envelopes	$1,384.69
8/16 Match Envelopes	$5,261.00
8/23 Match Envelopes	$3,391.20
Total Congregational Giving	$10,036.89
Anonymous Match	$10,036.89
With Matching	**$20,073.78**
Congregational Funds Needed	$15,798.00
Congregational 8/9 + 8/16 + 8/23	$10,036.89
Remaining Congregational Needed	**$5,761.11**

Stay tuned for news of Celebratory Sunday when we burn the mortgage !

As a reminder Congregational Matching Funds Campaign continues in September and will continue until mortgage is paid in full.

 A separate "Matching Funds" envelope is placed in the Sunday bulletins as well as the entrances to both Church and Parish Hall. Please use this **special envelope** for funds that will be matched.

 Simply: whatever amount you place in the special envelope - $10 now becomes $20 / $25 now becomes $50 / $100 now becomes $200, etc. etc.

 Weekly updates in bulletins.

 NO fundraisers or regular weekly giving is included for matching – *ONLY WHAT IS GIVEN THRU THIS SPECIAL ENVELOPE*

DET Gives A Shout-Out to the Chow Chowers as champions for the elimination of the mortgage. Recently they donated $1,000 of sales in helping the cause to eliminate the mortgage in 2026. That's a lot of chopping of veggies like carrots, celery, pickles, cauliflower, peppers, etc. And a lot of jar prep, canning and selling. Chow chow is sold all year round: $10 qt. and $5 pint. Contact the church office or Jerry Henry 717-968-7806 if you would like to purchase. Talk to Jerry if this is a venture you would like participate in.

Car Show: September 19, 2026 – good used or new items needed for silent auction - doesn't have to be car related. Drop off Fri. Sept. 18 after 5:00 or before 10:00 Sat. morning. Calling Chapel's bakers for donations!!! Any and all questions about car show or donations, contact Whitey Breeden @ (717) 501-5031. See separate articles for more details.

2026 ANNUAL CAR, TRUCK, & MOTORCYCLE SHOW

Chapel CHURCH

3050 Cape Horn Road, Red Lion, PA 17356
(717) 244-6375 | CHAPELCHURCH.ORG

Organizer Contact:
Whitey Breeden
(717) 501-5031

SEPTEMBER 19, 2026
10:00 AM – 2:00 PM
Registration: 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

$5.00 VEHICLE REGISTRATION
ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT CHAPEL CHURCH OF RED LION BUILDING FUND



RAIN DATE: SEPTEMBER 20, 2026
1:00 PM – 5:00 PM
Registration: 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

- Dash plaques to the first 75 registered vehicles
- All vehicles of interest are welcome, including clubs
- Judging by participants and spectators
- Food, drinks, bake sale, and music
- Trophies, Pastor's Pick, and Best of Show
- Door prizes
- Silent auction

Chapel Church of Red Lion is not responsible for ANY damage or injury on campus during the show. Chapel Church of Red Lion is a zero-tolerance campus. Alcohol, drugs, smoking (including vaping), and weapons are prohibited.

Baked Goods Needed for Car Show: We are in need of baked good items to sell for breakfast and dessert in the Parish Building during the car show on September 19th. Popular items are pies, cakes, muffins, cookies, whoopie pies, fudge and other assorted baked goods. Baked good items may be dropped off at the Parish Building on Friday, September 18th from 4-7pm or Saturday, September 19th from 8am-10am. If you have any questions, please contact Bonnie Bluett by email at bonniebluett@yahoo.com or by cell/text at 717-515-4995. Thank you so much for your blessed service!!

8am Choir and Special Music schedule:

September 6 – Jess Kessler

September 13 - Choir

September 20 – Dave Hake

September 27 – Jim and Deb Fickes

October 18 – Dawn Snyder

October 25 – Choir

November 1 – Bud Warner

November 29 – Muriel Slenker

December 6 - Choir

December 13 - Choir

December 20 - Choir

December 24 (Christmas Eve)



Welcome to Missions! Have a need that you want to share with Missions, know someone who may need assistance, want to get involved but you're not sure what opportunities are available... email: missions@chapelchurch.org.

Susan Workinger

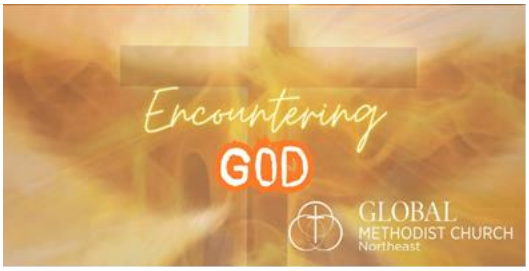
Missions Chair



All Church Volunteer Event, Saturday, October 10th, 8am breakfast and fellowship in Parish Building. Then volunteering in the community. All projects will be completed between 1-2pm. Signups will be coming soon!

LifePath Thrift - Corners of Your Field

Just in time for fall closet cleanout.... Donate clothing, household items, holiday decor and misc. items to one of the four LifePath Thrift Stores. When donating, please let them know to credit Chapel Church. The church receives gift cards quarterly to distribute to help others. Any questions, please email missions@chapelchurch.org.



Thank you, Chapel Church sent 14 children to summer camp! Thank you for your prayers and gifts. Chapel Church had volunteers help during the week. Looking forward to 2027 Camp!



The Beautiful Ways the Holy Spirit Moved at Camp Encounter 2026! Check out the picture gallery on the Northeast Conference website! **northeastgmc.org/camping/**

The dissolution of Operation Strength Inc. after 13 years of mission service.

On behalf of the Board of Director's, I would like to thank Chapel Church for its amazing support both financially and in prayer. In following God's Direction, He opens doors and closes doors leading to further work. I am honored to say that He has directed me to full-time service as Lead Pastor at Vine and Branch Fellowship in Roaring Branch PA. His work will be fulfilled to completion.

In HIS Service

Matthew Wiemeyer

"Lord God of Host, be with us yet, lest we forget—lest we forget!" (Recessional by Rudyard Kipling) The lines from this poem are included in so many speeches— "lest we forget the price of freedom. . . their sacrifice. . . the fallen. . .what happened here.

There are times in our history that we are told to remember, such as the Alamo (Remember the Alamo), Pearl Harbor ("a date which will live in infamy."), the Holocaust ("Never again"), and 9/11 ("Never forget").

Even God asks us not to forget and gave us spiritual memorials to help us to remember—communion, the cross, and believers are God's living memorial.

We have days in our lives that we, also want to remember—birthdays, anniversaries, life -changing moments, baptisms, promotions, graduations, etc. Many times, we remember these occasions by sending cards. A card becomes a mini-memorial stone-a physical reminder that someone is seen, valued, and remembered.

The card racks may just have that card you need. Check it out. And if there is a genre of card that is missing, let me (Barbara Toomey) know. We want to be there to help you send God's love and encouragement one card at a time.



Day Care News

Fall is soon upon us! Where did the summer go? We were so busy at day care this summer and it is carrying out to the Fall. Sadly we continue to see day cares around our area closing. This is keeping everyone else very busy. It is a hard time for parents that have to scuttle around trying to find care at the last minute, but several have found us through it.

I think we offer something different from others in that we can talk about God and Jesus , teach Bible songs and learn about the Bible all while getting ready for kindergarten and beyond. We are lucky at Chapel to have a great staff of workers that I can trust to do the right thing also.

This month we are going to be doing a popcorn fundraiser for next summers activities. We will be selling Popcorn Loft Popcorn. I was impressed that we were able to find a Christian organization in our area that proclaimed their mission and love for God on each of their products. This is a new endeavor with them that we hope will go well. When we get the forms I will put a few out in the narthex if you are interested in supporting us.

Thanks for all your prayers, encouragement and blessings through out the year!

Chapel's Heritage of Sunday School and Day Care

A structured environment for children to grow and learn in a faith-based setting dates back to 1769 in Britain. Small classes were provided to nurture literacy and social skills plus Christian values. Wesley's Methodist Sunday School Union was organized in 1874 at Wesley's Chapel.

In the United States, the movement grew during the 1780s within the Methodist Episcopal Church and other Protestant churches and included adult classes, also.

Predating that was the beginning of the United Brethren Church in 1767 which happened as a result of a meeting in Lancaster County PA in Isaac Long's barn. During the 1800s, adults and children would gather in classes to learn and study with a Bible-centered focus, which also facilitated literacy and social skills. Chapel's congregation was first organized in 1858 as a United Brethren in Christ church, first known as 'The Musser Class' until formally named St. Paul's (Chapel).

By the mid-20th century, Christian Day Care eventually was offered mostly in Protestant facilities, but Catholic schools also offered early learning centers.

Chapel Church was part of that movement when we look back through the growth of our outreach and mission efforts. At the beginning of the 1980s, we were developing the planning needed to build an extension onto the 1937 church facility, and a day care opportunity was included for offering the community a faith-based setting for their young children. It opened August 29, 1983, with seven children, and has grown over the past 43 years to include after-school and morning bus pick-up for young grade schoolers, plus summertime classes for them; physical exercise and outdoor playtime in the fresh air, lunch and snacks, chapel time with the pastor plus songs and music, and Bible-based lessons are all part of any day at our Chapel Church Christian Day Care.

We have a rich heritage to share and to continue with our Sunday School and our Day Care, as well as our youth groups and programs. Let's give thanks and continue to carry our heritage forward for the generations coming behind us.

New Bible Study

Wednesday, September 9, we will be doing a small group book study on Key Christian Beliefs. The group will meet the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month @ 6:30 PM in the Ed Wing.

This group will be open to both men and women but limited to 12 participants. Chapel will provide books for those attending. Signup sheets will be in the lobby.

Council News



Angie McWilliams will be leaving our area soon. We are looking for someone to oversee the prayer chain moving forward. We would need someone to collect prayer chain submissions, send email updates, and monthly overviews as Angie has done in the past . This ministry is a vital part of our church. If you feel a calling for this or want more information, contact Ryan Okurgack.

Interested in opportunities for on-line studies for your personal spiritual growth? or perhaps to begin a journey toward being certified laity within the GMC? Check out the 'Spirit & Fire Newsletter' or the conference website at northeastgmc.org

There are condensed copies of the information available on the welcome tables located in the entrance of both campus facilities.

Contact Muriel at murislenk@gmail.com or 717/586-3586 with any questions.



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The Equipping Path

Course Offerings & Information
Faith Deepened. Service Empowered.
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Welcome to The Equipping Path

The Equipping Path is designed to help laity explore opportunities for learning and growth. Whether you are seeking
personal spiritual formation, developing skills for ministry, or discerning how God may be calling you to serve, this
catalogue is intended to guide and support you along the way.
Inside, you will find an overview of the courses and learning opportunities offered through the Laity Equipping Team (LET). The catalogue is organized into sections that describe classes so you can easily identify offerings that match your interests, experience, and sense of calling. Some courses may support
those pursuing certification, while others are designed simply to encourage learning and faithful growth.

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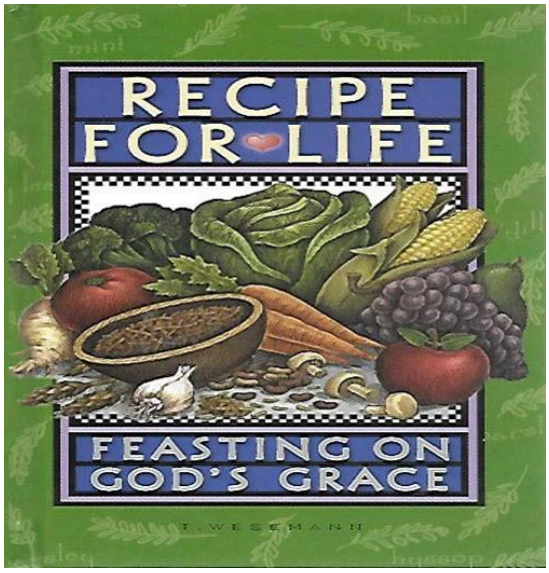
OF THE DAY
LIVE IN CONCERT
CHAPEL CHURCH
3050 CAPE HORN RD.
RED LION, PA
FRIDAY,
OCTOBER 2,
2026
7PM



Women's Fellowship Day

Saturday, November 14, 2026
Registration Begins: 8:00 am
Continental Breakfast: 8:00-9:00 am
Program: 9:00-11:30 am

Recipe For Life: Feasting on God's Grace

A cup of this, a teaspoon of that, and just a pinch of the other. A recipe shows us the ingredients for something delicious! And our Women's Fellowship Day will feature not only scrumptious breakfast foods, but heart-felt worship, a skit to make you chuckle, and messages that challenge us. Our speaker this year is Pastor Layne Vizthum.
We enjoyed Pastor Layne so much last year that we invited her back!
Our own Muriel Slenker will be our emcee and worship leader. These godly women will help us discover our own "recipes" for living an abundant life with Jesus. Don't miss this opportunity to enjoy food, fellowship and fun with other women – friends and friends-to-be! "Stir" one another on to love…" Heb 10:24
Cost: $15. Registration forms will be available soon in the lobbies. Deadline for registration is November 8th. Questions? Contact the Church Office at (717)244-6375.
Childcare is available – please let us know in the registration form

Adult Small Group Study Classes

CLASS	CURRENT STUDY	WHEN	WHERE	INSTRUCTOR
God & Bible	1st & 2nd Peter	Sunday 9:15 AM	Lounge	Muriel Slenker
Crusaders for Christ	Various	Sunday 9:15 AM	Ed Wing – A4	Various
Families for Christ	Jesus in the Old Testament	Sunday 9:15 AM	Fellowship Hall	Various
Women Together	"Your Story has a Villain"	Sunday 9:15 AM	Ed Wing – A6	Dorain Foote
Couples for Christ	Book of James	Sunday 9:15 AM	Basement- Choir Room	Ogurcak \ McCleary
Men's Class	Romans Part 2	Monday or Tuesday 6:30 PM	A4	Ryan Ogurcak, Ian McKinnell
Women's Class	"Mama Bear Apologetics"	1st & 3rd Thursday 6:30 PM	Lounge	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	Mary Ann & Regena
Women's Prayer Group Initiative		2nd & 4th Monday 8:15 AM	Lounge	Gaye Ludwig
Men's Prayer Group		Monday 6:30 PM	Lounge	
Young Adults	In A Pit with a Lion on a snowy day	Sat 6:00 PM & Sunday 9:15 AM	Basement – B5	Ben Wise , Molly Conrad & Cameron Smith
Women's Bible Study	Romans Part 2	Tuesday 6:30	A6	various
Women's Bible Study	"The Gospel on the Ground"	Thursday 9:00 AM	Phat Cat coffee shop	Kristina Ogurcak

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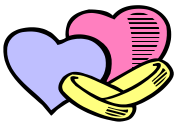

Happy Birthday & Anniversary:

Jerry & Kathy Hutcheson	Sept 1	Matt & Missy Eberly	Sept 25
Jay & Misty Goldstein	Sept 4	Ron & Jean Chubb	Sept 26
Jared & Lorie Conrad	Sept 13	Rob & Aimee Miller	Sept 30



Brian Koons	Sept 1	Zachary Grove	Sept 9
Jean Carter	Sept 3	Tom Landis	Sept 9
Cheryl Reinhold	Sept 3	Lian Schell	Sept 9
Whitney Wargo	Sept 3	Justin Shane	Sept 9
Connor Gingrich	Sept 5	Susa Workinger	Sept 21
Kevin Helmeczi	Sept 5	Precious Moore	Sept 22
Jeff Poff	Sept 5	McKenna Balash	Sept 23
Elliott Toomey	Sept 6	Pat Forney	Sept 25
Wilson Henry	Sept 8	Katie Leber	Sept 25
Ted LeGore	Sept 8	George Bradshaw	Sept 27
Danyiel Wise	Sept 8	**Barry Dehoff**	**Sept 27**
		Regena Reinoehl	Sept 29

The family of Christine Burkins would like to thank everyone for the cards, prayers and other expressions of sympathy following the death of our beloved Christine and also for all the prayers on her behalf as she battled cancer. They mean more than words can say. We look forward to the day when we will all be reunited in heaven.

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Return Service Requested

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And catch up with what’s happening at Chapel!

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