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The Chapel Messenger

Greetings saints,

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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

Notes Pastor's

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Love one another.

Here we are in May. Where we see all the May flowers that the April showers brought us. It is so exciting to see the changing of the seasons. It is also an exciting time in the life of Wesley Chapel. We had 2 children join the church through confirmation. We will have new adult members joining the church. So the church is growing, and we must praise God for that. This month is the Annual Conference for the Global Church in Mt. Vernon, Ohio. I would encourage each of you to keep the conference covered in prayer.

I came across this article which is a good reminder for each of us. It is entitled Seven Wonders.

A group of geography students studied the Seven Wonders of the World. At the end of the session, the students were asked to list what they considered to be the Seven Wonders of the World. Though there was some disagreement, here is the list they came up with.

Egypt's Great Pyramids

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- 3 Colt Berkey
- 4 Tommy Pritts
- 5 Emily Boothby
- 7 Dan Shroyer
- 8 Joe Smiach
- 9 Darrell Pletcher Victoria Hearn
- 10 Brad Pletcher
- 11 Jack Pletcher
- 12 Leon Ohler Steven Merchant
- 14 Paula Draheim
- 15 Mike Hearn Michael Pletcher Cathie Lester Lauren Hardwig
- 16 Jill Shultz Reed Breegle

- 17 Lori Pletcher
- 19 Ashton Kellman
- 21 Harry Hoover Miranda Rush
- 22 Sara Blough
 Tricia Martin
 Danyelle Burkholder
- 25 Kelly Smiach Ethan Pletcher
- 28 Mark Temple
- 31 Mary Ellen Hoover Ryan Sechler Hannah Kohan

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- 2 Tom & Lorie Skelton
- 3 Kris & Andrea Kellman
- 8 Rob & Christine Singo
- 11 Jarod & Kristy Hoover

16 Matt & Kaitlyn Miller

Anniversaries

- 25 Michael & Erin Heiple
- 30 Bryan & Crystal Smith Darrell & Angie Pletcher

While gathering the votes, the teacher noted that one student, a quiet girl, hadn't turned in her paper yet. So she asked the girl if she was having trouble with her list. The quiet girl replied, "Yes, a little. I couldn't quite make up my mind because there was so many." The teacher said, "Well, tell us what you have and maybe we can help." The girl hesitated and then read her list.

To touch

To taste

To see

To hear

To run

To laugh

And to love

It is far too easy for us to look at the exploits of man and refer to them as "wonders" while we overlook all God has done, regarding them as merely "ordinary." May you be reminded today of those things which are truly wondrous.

—copied

In service with and for the Master,

Pastor Roger





Our Country/Leaders Our church/Wesley Chapel New Pastor for Wesley Chapel Presiding elder Doug Burns Pastor Roger & Lois Ethan, Forrest & Barb Stark Skip & Maxine Temple Chop Pletcher Darlene Stevanus Gail Minerd Marijke Tubbs Persecuted Christians Police officers/military First responders Medical personnel Unsaved loved ones Rex Temple Kristi Burkett Jade Hetz Chun Myron Deal Terry & Kathi Schmuck Leon & Cook Ohler Gary Weimer Maxx Stevanus Travel mercies Unspoken Jenn Dickey Mara Kurtz Maxine Augustine Brandon Sechler Brandon Younkin Marty Kammerer family Bob Courtney family Judy Pletcher Brenda Slingouff Danyelle & Mike Burkholder

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Military/Families

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"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

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Serving this month

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	GREETERS	OFFERING TEAMS
May 5	Mark & Sandi Sechler	Mark & Sandi Sechler & family
May 12	Jamie & Mindy Singo	Jamie & Mindy Singo & friends
May 19	Ryan Sechler family	Ryan Sechler family
May 26	Cody Henry family	Cody Henry family

If you are unable to acolyte, greet or usher on your Sunday,
<u>please</u> find a replacement. Thank you.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

May 5	1 John 5:1-6	Mark Temple
May 12	1 John 5:6-13	Jason Breegle
May 19	John 15:26-27, 16:4-15	Mark Millin
May 26	John 3:1-17	Grace Sechler

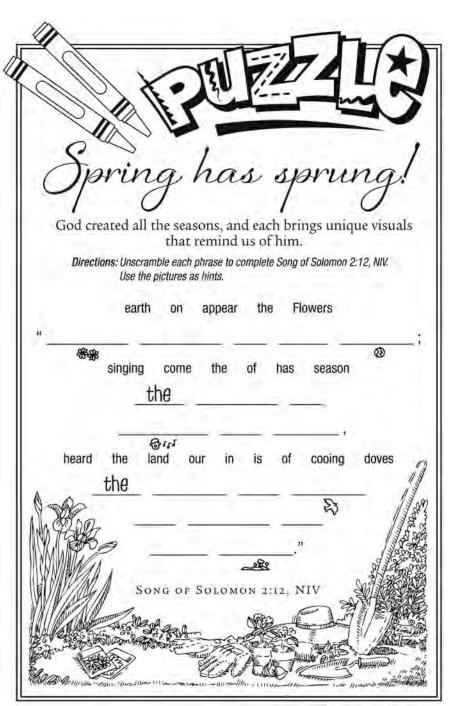
SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

	Psalm 98:1-9	Rene Lemple
May 5	Psalm 1:1-6	Shanna Breegle
May 12	Psalm 104:24-34	Angie Millin
May 19	Psalm 29:1-11	Joseph Sechler
May 26	F Saiiii 27.1-11	'

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 offering teams 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?

Sanctuary flowers for Sunday worship may be reserved in honor or memory of a loved one. Two vases are \$30 and may be taken home to enjoy after worship. Sign up chart is posted by the office door. Please make checks payable to Somerset Floral Co. and give your payment to Cathie Lester. Thank you.



Answers: "Flowers appear on the earth; the season of singing has come, the season of doves is heard in our land."

"Mother and Child"

"I love you,"
said a great mother.

"I love you for what you are,
knowing so well what you are.
And I love you more yet, child,
deeper yet than ever, child,
for what you are going to be,
knowing so well you are going far,
knowing your great works are ahead,
ahead and beyond,
yonder and far over yet."
—Carl Sandburg



~Taken from Word Content, May 2014

Eighteenth-century brothers John and Charles Wesley, co-founders of the Methodist Church, were prolific hymn writers. At one point, they made a concerted effort to increase the number of Pentecost-related hymns available to worshipers.

Use Charles Wesley's hymn "O Thou Who Camest From Above" as a prayer that the Holy Spirit will burn brightly in your heart and life today:

O Thou who camest from above, the pure celestial fire to impart, kindle a flame of sacred love upon the mean altar of my heart.

There let it for thy glory burn with inextinguishable blaze, and trembling to its source return in humble prayer and fervent praise.

Jesus, confirm my heart's desire to work and speak and think for Thee; still let me guard the holy fire, and still stir up thy gift in me.



~Taken from Word Content May, 2015

Memorial Day

Of all our brave, then put away
The thought until a year has sped?
Is this full honor for our dead?

Is it enough to sing a song
And deck a grave; and all year long
Forget the brave who died that we
Might keep our great land proud
and free?

Full service needs a greater toll,
That we who live give heart and soul
To keep the land they died to save,
And be ourselves, in turn, the brave!

—Annette Wynne

~ Taken from Word Content, May 1998

SPRING

Make this beautiful craft to remind you of God's gift of new life at springtime.



What you need:

- White 11" x 17" paper
- Acrylic paint (various spring colors, including green)
- Paintbrush
- Empty two-liter plastic bottle
- · Paper plates
- · Paper towels

What you do:

- With the paper placed vertically, paint stems and leaves with green paint.
- Pour a different color of paint onto a paper plate. Then place the bottom of the bottle into the paint.
- Using the bottle as a stamp, press it onto the paper to create a flower atop a green stem.
- Repeat with different colors on different plates, cleaning the bottle each time, to create a beautiful spring bouquet.



This year's Vacation Bible School theme is Summer Camp. Lace up those hiking boots as you join the campers of Wesley Chapel in a fun filled week of excitement, adventure and growth learning how to follow Jesus' pathway.

Stay tuned for more information.

Where: Wesley Chapel Church

When: July 8 - 12, 2024

Time: 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Dinner will be provided each evening

There are several gardens mentioned in the Bible. Can you name three?



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3.

Answers: Genesis 2:15; 2 Kings 21:18; John 19:17,41 and many others. We are looking for names of any of our church members who are graduating from kindergarten, high school or college this summer. Please give the names to Connie Pletcher or Pastor Roger with any pertaining information (pictures, etc). Graduates will be recognized Sunday, June 2nd during the worship service.





We will be remembering those who have passed on to glory since last Memorial Day at our Sunday worship service on May 26. Please give Shanna or Pastor Roger any names of persons you wish to be honored.



Our suggested food pantry item for May is laundry detergent. You may bring this or other food donations to the church during the month of May. We are currently supplying the Rockwood Area Food Pantry located at Messiah Lutheran Church in New Centerville. Hours for distribution are 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month. Thank you.



The Laurel Highlands Chorale will present "A Musical Montage" as their spring concert for 2024. The concert will be held at the Somerset Church of the Brethren, Berlin Plank Road, on Sunday, May 5th at 3:30 p.m. and Monday, May

6th at 7:00 p.m. Selections from various musical genre such as *Patriotic, the Blues, Pop, Traditional American* as well as *American Folksong,* and *Christian Praise*. Allyn and Brandon Lambert will add to the concert excitement with their instrumental talents. There will be special entertainment for the intermission music. The chorale is under the direction of Jan Burkett and Rick Showers. Rick Kimmel is the accompanist. Tickets are only \$5.00 and will be available at the door, or from any chorale member. Please contact Dorene Friedline at (814)926-3610 or (814)442-0460 for tickets or more information.

Your fingers and your prayers

- 1. Start your prayer with your thumb. Give a "thumbs up" to God as a sign of gratitude for the gift of your life. Consider all the good things, which you enjoy, all the people that you love, all the blessings you have. Praise God for them.
- 2. Extend your index finger. Point in the direction, as best you can, to where those who are special to you may be. Suppose a loved one is in the hospital, or at school taking a test, or at work dealing with the stresses of a job. Try to point toward them and ask God to touch and encourage them as they deal with life's problems.
- 3. Now let your middle and longest finger remind you of those who have the responsibility of leadership the president and his cabinet, the heads of schools and all teachers, those responsible for running businesses that they may seek the mind of God in all their decision-making, etc.
- 4. The fourth finger is often the weakest finger. Let it remind you of children, of the disabled, the aged, those who simply cannot care for themselves. Lift up the plight of the weakest members of society to Almighty God that they might find help.

5. Now we come to the smallest finger. It can remind us of our own personal needs. "If you ... know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him!"

said Jesus.

So ask, seek, use your hand to knock and see what happens. Remember the advice of the great missionary, William Carey: "Expect great things from God. Attempt great things for God."

Taken from Word Content, May 2002





Our usual workday this year at the church, had several family commitments where many church members worked at different times during the month. But as usual, the congregation of Wesley Chapel pitched in and completed many of the usual areas, both inside and out, on their own time. A couple of the ladies including Pam Weimer, Jill Heiple and Rhonda Ulderich, worked several nights cleaning hallways, bathrooms and the Sanctuary. Thanks to Dale Shultz and Tim Heiple, the leaves were blown away from the building and mulch was placed around the church shrubbery.

On Saturday April 20th, thanks to some willing hearts, we were few but mighty, finishing the fellowship halls and cleaning up the parsonage and material around the mission building. Kaitlyn Miller, Jill Heiple, Brittany Weimer, and Linda Henry worked on the old and new fellowship halls. With the help of Brittany's sons, Caleb and Cameron Weimer, the tables and chairs were wiped down and cleaned. Kaitlyn's son, Talon, helped too by moving some items to the kitchen. Outside, Mark Temple worked with hauling much of the trash away and then worked on the ridge vent of the fellowship hall after lunch. Ralph Pletcher and Harry Hoover limed the church property and arranged for cleaning the cemetery. Dale Shultz, Mark Temple, Tim Heiple, Blaine Walter and Randy Klein helped with removing the trash and finishing work around the church.

A big thank you to Jill Heiple and Shirley Walter for providing the lunch. We still have a few more items to complete, but the people of Wesley Chapel always chip in whenever work needs done. If I missed anyone that helped, please accept our thanks and blessings on all you do in the name of Christ.

With a thankful heart, Linda Henry



A very heartfelt thank you to everyone for their prayers and concerns. Also for the delicious fruit basket, beautiful plants, and get well cards. I am grateful for such a wonderful church family and special thanks to Pastor Roger.

Love to all, Maxine Augustine

Dear Wesley Chapel,

We want to say "thank you" for the wonderful fruit bowl that you sent to us. We appreciate all of you! Thank you so much for always praying for us both. God is so good, and I think we are on the mend.

Always, Terry & Kathi Schmuck

You're one of those special churches who make the world better for those who know you, because you remind us God's love is everywhere. Thank you for the "goodie" basket with fruit, very much appreciated...also thank you for phone calls and prayers.

In Christ's name, Dave & Linda Henry





Martin "Marty" John Kammerer, of Somerset, went home to our Lord on Friday, March 22 while in Lake Placid, Florida. Marty is survived by his wife of 16 years, Connie Kammerer, several children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. Marty was Sarah Pletcher's step-father who she loved dearly. Our continued thoughts and prayers of comfort go out to his family and friends. A Memorial Day picnic is planned to celebrate Marty's life.



Wesley Chapel members gathered early on Easter Sunday for an Easter sunrise service. The chilly air and overcast skies greeted us as the service began in the parking lot and continued inside for breakfast and adorning the sanctuary. Approximately thirty persons enjoyed a warm breakfast of egg bake casseroles,

blueberry doughnut casserole, fruit salad, juice and coffee, all made and served by Pam Weimer. Pam, we truly appreciate your love and amazing tasty treats. Thank

you again.















THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:

In a lecture based on his book Twelve Keys to an Effective Church, Ken Kallahan summarized a section dealing with the warmth and winsomeness of the worship service and the congregation by saying that the basic ingredients needed to achieve this are:

- 1. One "new-person" greeter.
- 2. One (or more) usher(s) who usher relationally.
- 3. Two people in the choir who accidentally smile.
- 4. One preacher who appears to be human.

~ Taken from Word Content, May 1998





March 2024

Remittance address: One Mission Society, PO Box A, 941 Fry Road, Greenwood, Indiana 46142



From February 12-15, an OMS Men for Missions (MFM) evangelism team ministered in Cartagena, Colombia. Longtime OMS missionary Gene Pollic led the team. The team partnered with four Colombian churches in the site to reach their

communities. The visiting MFM team members, along with local translators and church members, joined together to make connections, share testimonies, and present the Gospel message. On one day of evangelism, 43 people gave their hearts to the Lord. Praise God!

As always, we are so grateful for your support of OMS that makes ministry like this possible. Thank you! If you are interested in participating on a MFM short-term mission trip, email mfm@onemissionsociety.org

Gratefully, Jeff Edwards, OMS President

To donate online to any of our OMS missionaries or ministries, go to www.onemissionsociety.org/give.

Visit www.onemissionsociety.org for more information about OMS. Email info@onemissionsociety.org to be added to a mailing list to receive general OMS ministry updates or OMS prayer requests.

Easter Egg Hunt Fun!









Many, many thanks to everyone who donated filled Easter eggs for our annual Easter Egg Hunt. Unfortunately, the weather did not cooperate, but that didn't stop Mindy Singo and Shanna Breegle from hiding the 1,000 or so eggs within the Sunday school class rooms and hallway. Special thanks to some of the older kids who helped keep the little ones contained and to help reach some of the eggs hidden in difficult locations. So many smiles and laughs were had. We apologize for any sugar highs that may have resulted in the mass quantities of candy your children brought home.













<u>Update from Pastor Francis who</u> serves in Malawi.

Dear Karen,

Lovely Christian greetings from Malawi. I pray that all is well with you and your husband. Above all, the Saints at Wesley



Chapel Church. I want you to know that you are such an amazing couple to us here in Malawi and the work we are doing. Your local church, and the friends you talk to about Malawi are so lovely to us. You make differences.

Compassionate Mission Center is a local faith based Non-Governmental organization. You will need to know that all we do depends on donations. It is people like you and your local church which make sure we have life at what we are doing. We do not have a specific month to month donor. People just feel the lead to help.

The orphanage: We have 64 children at our center who must eat 3 times a day, go to school, and live a complete life of basic supplies. There are time we have to live with one meal at a time, not knowing how the next meal for our children will come. Twice or so, you have supported us, come to our aid when we literally had nothing and there, you just showed up from nowhere! That is how we get by here. We simply must trust the Lord TO USE PEOPLE for His work to be done. Evangelism and Church Planting and Leadership trainings - all these cannot be done without people like you getting involved. It pains when we stay for days without going into the villages, more especially the Muslim communities to tell them about Christ.

Hope for Malawi: This is an outreach for boys and girls who dropped out of school. We need to do this. It is the only hope for the future of these children. Some got married, we pull them out of there. Some started working in the farms, or bars, etc. We need to pull them out of there. Yet it is not easy, it is very expensive. Carl has his own children he pays fees for. Yet there is a lot more who need help. In brief, Karen, these boys and girls cannot have their future in full if we cannot help. How about this 18 year old girl we pulled out of a night club where she was employed selling beers and her body. When I witnessed to her, she accepted Christ and told me, "I am out of there...what's next...bring me back to school." That's what I'm talking about.

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Unusual Answer to a Mother's Prayer

Linda Jo Peters of Terre Haute, Indiana, had her "worry button" pushed when her daughter called from college saying that she was going camping alone in a park in southern Illinois.

Esther, the daughter, said she wanted to spend time alone to sort out what course her life should take in the future. She asked for Bible verses to reflect upon while alone.

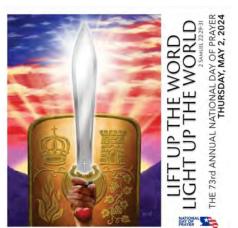
Linda knew that Esther felt strongly about her plan. So what was Linda to do? Immediately after the phone conversation, Linda got on her knees and began what she calls "a dialogue with God." She ended her prayer by saying, "I guess you want me on my knees that weekend." That, of course, is where she was when the time came.

The morning after Esther spent her first night in camp, she called her mother Linda on a cell phone. Esther said that she was all right and that no



one came near where she camped. She reported that all night long a skunk was nearby, circling her tent. Linda wrote later: "There was no way anyone with evil intent would have approached Esther's tent while the power of prayer in the form of a black-and-white critter was circling it."

- Presbyterians Today Taken from Word Content, May 2001



THE NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

Somerset's National Day of Prayer 2024 is to be held at noon May 2nd on the steps of the Somerset County Courthouse. Those interested in attending are encouraged to bring a chair.

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Hunger Crisis: Even being in harvest time, there is nothing to be harvested from the many poor people we minister to. With the devaluation of our currency by 47 percent, now again the USD, everything is getting so expensive. Food prices are up, school fees raised up, fuel, gasoline...it is all against us, I am saying the Lord really uses you to get the people of Malawi helped. Thanks for being there for us.

The only systematic donor is that of solar lights. Their money cannot be used for anything else. It is for the solar lights.

Once again, thank you for your timely answered financial support. I still ask, and believe that there would be people from your local church who would come here minister and see what you all are involved in.

May God keep you. May He bless you. May He guide you.

~Pastor Francis



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5 HOLY COMMUNION Wesley Missions	6	7	Bible Study 7:00 p.m.	8	9	10	BREAKFAST 7:30 a.m.
* for a Sabbath r	*Luke, Telmo est Christian Oh		Lesa Ohler	*Norma Jean Phillippi	*Brad & Lori Pletcher	*Brandon & Wyatt Pletcher	*Bret, Fenna, Elliot, & Elika Pletcher
	Happy Mothers Day	14	Bible Study 7:00 p.m.	15	16	17	18 ARME FORCE
*our mothers & grandmothers	*Bryan & Le Pletcher	eslie *Craig & Pletcher	Charlotte	*Dawn Pletcher	*Dean Pletcher	*Gary, Cindy, & Beth Ann Pletcher	*Jack & Barbara Pletcher
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