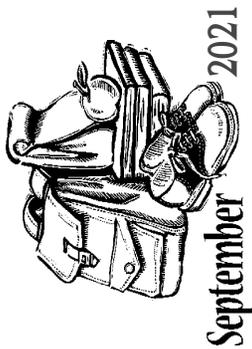


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*Celebrating the Good News of the risen Christ especially to:*

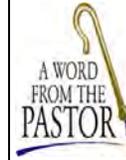


# The Chapel Messenger

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*Christ is our hope.*



Well, the pandemic goes on. School is about to start again for the year. The beauty of autumn is about to explode on our area and life is good. But, the talk is that there are many new cases of the delta variant and that we need to look seriously again about doing the things we did in the beginning, like masks. There is talk of doom and gloom all over again. There is a greater push for the unvaccinated people to step up and be vaccinated for the good of everyone else. Vaccinated people are now going to need a booster because the vaccine is losing its punch. Numbers have been inflated and cases from several days have been rolled together to give an inaccurate headline for the sake of the movement. Honesty is out the window.

There is good news today, however. Our God is on the throne and He loves us. He is not surprised by any of the things that are going on in the world. Nothing happens that He is not aware of. Can any of us even comprehend the sadness that the LORD must feel for those who don't want to have a relationship with Him. Those who do not want to trust Him? Sadly there are those who find this world so appealing that they care about nothing else. "God so loved the world that He gave His only Son." His only Son is Jesus. The problem with Jesus is that He is honest. People have a difficult time with Jesus Christ

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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

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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY  
WISHES TO:**

- |    |                               |    |                                |
|----|-------------------------------|----|--------------------------------|
| 2  | Ryan King                     | 18 | Avery Smiach                   |
| 3  | Taylor Smith                  | 19 | Courtney Smith                 |
| 5  | Brittany Weimer<br>Abby Stene | 21 | Aleeyia Pritts                 |
| 7  | David Rogers                  | 22 | Glenn Millin                   |
| 8  | Ciara Rogers                  | 23 | Forrest Stark<br>Jim Augustine |
| 9  | Michael Ohler                 | 24 | Kyle Temple                    |
| 10 | Lorie Skelton                 | 25 | Sandy Stevanus<br>Todd Pritts  |
| 11 | Amy Brlansky                  | 26 | Joey Sechler                   |
| 13 | Dominic Ulderich              | 28 | Steven Walter                  |
| 15 | Aiden Kohan                   |    |                                |
| 17 | Chad Miller<br>Allen Tubbs    |    |                                |



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|----|-------------------------------------------------|----|----------------------------------------------|
| 2  | Skip & Maxine Temple (61)<br>Jim & Doris Walter | 17 | Randy & Michele Klein<br>Mark & Rene Temple  |
| 6  | Rich & Marsha Beahr                             | 18 | Forrest & Barb Stark                         |
| 8  | Delbert & Tammy Lechliter                       | 21 | Russ & Sarah Pletcher<br>Max & Paige Sechler |
| 13 | Dale & Vicki Merchant                           | 26 | Kyle & Samantha Temple                       |
| 14 | Cody & Leanne Henry                             |    |                                              |
| 15 | Scott & Keri Fortune                            |    |                                              |

Remember God loves the world enough that He gave His only Son and that continues with *“whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life”* (John 3:16).

*“Trust in the LORD  
with all your heart...”*  
Proverbs 3:5

Believing is a mighty important concept. Most of us go to bed at night believing we will awaken in the morning here in this place. Most of us believe that when Monday comes we will be here when Friday comes. There are those of us who believe that we have salvation in the saving blood of Jesus Christ. If we believe that He can save us for eternity, what keeps us from believing that He can guide and protect. He can keep us safe and keep on the straight and narrow path.

We have been studying Romans in our Tuesday night Bible study and we just finished chapter 10 where it states in verse 9, *“if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.”*

Saved from what, saved for what? We do believe that we will be saved to spend eternity with the Lord Jesus Christ in heaven; we believe He is able to save us. So let us trust Him with all of our life here and now. Let us give to Him our health, or finances, our families, our jobs, our futures and rest in the thought that He is able to keep us in His care. Jesus said we do not need to be anxious about anything. We only need to put our complete and total trust in Him.

*“In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight”* (Proverbs 3:6).

May I see you in church?

Pastor Denton



Our Country/Leaders  
Wesley Chapel  
Bishop Cynthia Moore-KoiKoi  
Supt. Rev. Bob & Amy Zilhaver  
Pastor Denton & Cathie  
Ethan, Forrest & Barb Stark  
Skip & Maxine Temple  
Shirley Walter  
Chop Pletcher  
John & Darlene Stevanus  
Denise Phillippi  
Gail Minerd  
Allen & Marijke Tubbs  
Lorraine Kruse & Jeanette Tubbs  
Gabe Ohler  
Mary Ann Leazier  
Todd & Amy Euen  
Unrest in the nation  
Persecuted Christians  
Police officers  
First responders  
Medical personnel  
Unsaved loved ones  
Carrie Beth King  
Richard Dierling  
Tricia Martin  
Jenny & Jim Kauffman  
Harold & Patti Pritts  
Chase Kemp (& family)  
Arlene Singo  
Roger Hart  
Harry & Mary Ellen Hoover  
A youth leader  
Corona virus situation

Nursing home residents  
For America  
Alicia Wallace  
Don Seybold  
Leon Ohler  
Becky Miller  
Larry (Beanie) Pletcher  
Michelle Sechler  
Stephanie Gebhardt  
Kim Vineyard  
Kathi Schmuck & family  
Jeremy Singo  
Rene Temple  
Steve & Mary Weaver  
Harry & Linda Wilcox  
Jamie Tressler  
Susan Makalmer  
Mason Miller  
Danny Harold  
Lillian Pletcher  
Rebecca Latuch family  
Roger Hart  
Byran & Amanda Walter  
Ben King and sister Sarah  
Tammy Newell  
Ruth Ann Burk & husband  
Deb Stark Bingham  
Scott Rush  
Kirby Barclay  
Jim Fraley family  
Tara John family  
Haiti earthquake victims  
Situation in Afghanistan  
Schools opening  
Our military  
Whitney Lauf  
Jonathan & Holly Hayman  
Kevin Yaste  
Bonita Warick  
Scott Walsh



**Military/Families**

Stephen Bigler  
Blake Bruner  
John Benford  
Spencer Cross  
Aaron Engleka  
Joe Gusbar  
Landon Henry  
Jake Johnson  
Richard King  
Denton Lester, Jr.  
Kurt May  
Jamie Miller  
David Rogers  
Max Strasiser  
Randi Thomas  
Charles Trimpey  
Portter O'Neal  
Lexie Knopsnyder  
Gabe Bluebaugh  
Caleb Hoffman  
Grant Hanak  
Keith Henry, Jr.  
Kristi Hopp  
Keith Morgan  
Ross Pletcher  
Families of fallen soldiers



*"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

*Serving this month*

**ACOLYTES** Steven Walter & Owen Maurer

**GREETERS**

**OFFERING TEAM**

September 5

Jake & Deb King

Jamie & Mindy Singo

September 12

Tim & Jill Heiple

Tim & Jill Heiple

September 19

Mark & Rene Temple

Mark & Rene Temple

September 26

Maxine Augustine

Maxine Augustine & Cathie Lester

*If you are unable to acolyte, greet or usher on your Sunday, please find a replacement. Thank you.*

**FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON**

September 5	Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23	Karen Ohler
September 12	Proverbs 1:20-33	Sandy Stevanus
September 19	Proverbs 31:10-31	Rene Temple
September 26	Esther 7:1-6,9-10; 9:20-22	Cathie Lester

**SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON**

September 5	James 2:1-17	Connie Pletcher
September 12	James 3:1-12	Mark Temple
September 19	James 3:13-4:3,7-8a	Dave Henry
September 26	James 5:13-20	Roger Hart

*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 ushers 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? Sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board.



# STAY NOURISHED

Eating nutritious foods such as apples helps keep our bodies healthy. But Proverbs tells us about other important sources of "nourishment."

**Directions:** Use the words in the apples to complete Proverbs 3:7-9, NIV.

all body eyes evil crops fear health Honor wise Lord your with

Do not be  in your own  ;  
 the  and shun  .  
 This will bring  to your   
 and nourishment to  bones.  
 the LORD  your wealth,  
 with the firstfruits of  your .

PROVERBS 3:7-9, NIV

Answer: Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the LORD and shun evil. This will bring health to your body and nourishment to your bones. Honor the LORD with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops.

## MATHEMATICS

From a strictly mathematical viewpoint:

What equals 100%? What does it mean to give MORE than 100%? Ever wonder about those people who say they are giving more than 100%? We have all been in situations where someone wants you to give over 100%? How about achieving 101%?

Here's a little mathematical formula that might help you answer these questions.

If:

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

is represented as:

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26

Then:

H-A-R-D-W-O-R-K

$8+1+18+4+23+15+18+11 = 98\%$

And:

K-N-O-W-L-E-D-G-E

$11+14+15+23+12+5+4+7+5 = 96\%$

But:

A-T-T-I-T-U-D-E

$1+20+20+9+20+21+4+5=100\%$

AND, look how far the love of God will take you:

L-O-V-E-O-F-G-O-D

$12+15+22+5+15+6+7+15+4=101\%$

Therefore, one can conclude with mathematical certainty that: while HARD WORK and KNOWLEDGE will get you close, and ATTITUDE will get you there, it's the LOVE OF GOD that will put you over the top!



## MILITARY MOMENT

Master sergeant Denton Lester Jr. is the son of Pastor and Cathie Lester. Denton has been in the Air Force for 17 plus years and has been deployed four times. He is currently serving in Texas. He is married to Nicki and they have three daughters, Jocelyn, Claire and Meghan and a son Garrett.



Denton has just completed work on his bachelor's degree and plans to pursue a career with the Texas State Police when he retires from the Air Force.

## VICTORY!

The world can be filled with its trials and swords,  
Its famines and perils, its peasants and lords,  
With power and heights and bitter despair,  
With sorrow and death and with crosses to bear.

Yet which one alone, or combined with the rest,  
Can wedge out God's love and the Christ he has blessed?  
For, no! There is nothing of evil or worth  
That can separate God from his children on earth!

—Peggy Ferrell

**3** minutes

There are 9 minutes during the day that have the greatest impact on a child:

- The first 3 minutes right after they wake up.
- The 3 minutes after they come home from school.
- The last 3 minutes of the day before they go to bed.



~Make those minutes and help our children feel special, loved and accepted.

~Each day children need meaningful eye-to-eye conversations with a parent. It is especially important to slow down and look them in the eye. Listen and respond with love.

~Hug your children, straighten her hair, pat him on the back and tell them how proud you are of him every day. A simple touch makes them feel connected to a parent in ways that words never will. Remember actions speak louder than words.

-from the internet



## AFTER-SCHOOL SNACK

Enjoy this healthy apple snack after a busy day of learning.

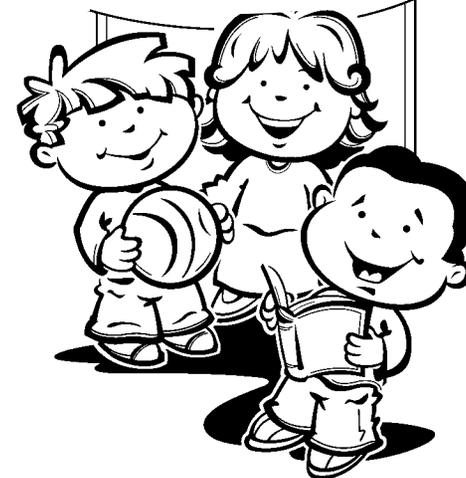
### What you need:

- Apple
- Apple corer (optional)
- Peanut butter (or other spread)
- Pecan pieces
- Shredded coconut
- Chocolate chips

### What you do:

1. If you have an apple corer, remove the core. Then slice apple into thin rings. (If you don't have a corer, slice into rings first and then remove the core.)
2. Spread peanut butter across one side of each ring.
3. Sprinkle with pecans, coconut and chocolate chips.
4. Enjoy with a glass of milk!

AGAPE TO BEGIN...



**CALLING ALL KIDS...AGAPE** will begin on Wednesday, September 29 from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. Come and kickoff the new year of learning, fun and adventure. Please contact Mark or Angie Millin if you have any questions.

## Bible Quiz

When Jesus was on his way to heal a young girl, who touched his clothing, and why?



- A. The girl's father, to urge Jesus to hurry.
- B. A boy; he was in awe of Jesus and just wanted to meet him.
- C. Many people; they couldn't help it because it was so crowded.
- D. A woman in the crowd; she hoped that doing so would heal her.

Answer: D (See Mark 5:25-29.)

## A LITTLE BIBLICAL HUMOR

We take Scripture seriously, of course, but God also gave us the ability to laugh — and it's healthy to do so! Enjoy these Bible-based riddles:



Q: Who was the fastest runner in the Bible?

A: *Adam. He was first in the human race.*

Q: Where is baseball played in the Bible?

A: *Genesis 1:1 reads "In the big inning." Then Eve stole first, and Adam stole second. Cain struck out Abel, and soon everything was rained out.*

Q: Who was the best financier in the Bible?

A: *Pharaoh's daughter. She went to the Nile bank and pulled out a little prophet.*

Q: What was Boaz like before he got married?

A: *Ruthless.*



**Pray FOR OUR** Dear God,

Thank you for the gift of my children.

Please **watch over them** as they go back to school, and protect them from negative influences.

**Help them be a light** to others, and help them show love, care and respect to their friends and teachers.

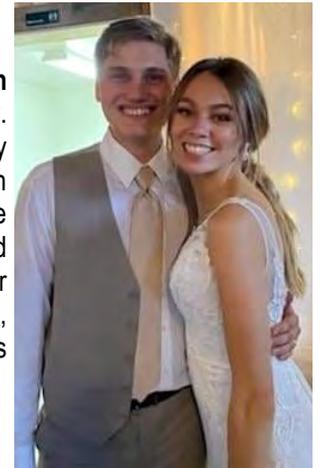
## STUDENTS & TEACHERS

Please **protect them** from bullies, but if they face one, **give them courage to stand up for themselves and for others.**

Help them to remember when they are scared or afraid You are there with them. **As much as I love my children, You love them even more, and I know You will be watching out for them.**

## CONGRATULATIONS MR. & MRS. SMITH!

August twenty-first was the day **Creed Smith** and **Kaylie Miller** joined in Christian matrimony. The ceremony was held at the Huckleberry Mountain Orchard in Berlin. Pastor Denton officiated at the outdoor afternoon setting. Kaylie is the daughter of **Robert & Cindy Miller** and Creed is the son of **Cory & Kristi Smith**. After honeymooning the couple will reside in Berlin, PA. May God shower you with many blessings on your journey together as husband and wife.



Is your soul being fed? Are you hungry for more? Just a reminder that Tuesday evenings we gather for Bible study. You are invited to come and feast on the Word of God. It is our hope you will leave "satisfied & full." See you there at 7:00 p.m.

## GRANDPARENTS ARE GREAT!

"What a bargain grandchildren are," said comedy writer Gene Perret. "I give them my loose change, and they give me a million dollars worth of pleasure."

When it comes to family heritage, grandparents are worth their weight in gold. They serve as storehouses of history and wisdom, helping children see how they fit into a family's legacy. Christian grandparents also provide a faith heritage that passes from generation to generation.

The apostle Paul acknowledged this important role of family elders when he wrote to young Timothy: *"I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you"* (2 Timothy 1:5, NRSV).



**Grandparents Day**



Our Wesley Chapel children kept with their annual tradition of serving communion that was prepared by them. What a blessing for the opportunity for them to participate in the worship service.



Our suggested food pantry items for September are **laundry detergent**. You may bring them **or other food donations** to the church during the month of September. We are currently supplying the Rockwood Area Food Pantry located at St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Rockwood. Hours for distribution are 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month. Thank you.



**Operation Christmas Child  
100 ITEM COLLECTION**

September's OCC items are school supplies - markers, calculators. A box is provided for your convenience on the table in the fellowship hall.

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because He tells us we are separated from God because of sin. The desire of the Lord is that none should be separated from Him, that all should come to repentance and be saved by the blood of Christ.

It's time to focus on the truth of God's Word and hold fast to what He has to say. When His disciples asked *Jesus*, "what will be the sign of Your coming and the end of the age" He told them "see to it that no one misleads you" (Matt. 24:3-4).

We can find ourselves being misled today very easily. The movement within the nation is one that is very misleading. We are being told what we must accept whether it is in dealing with science, politics, what is taught in the schools or socially accepted. There is such a great push by the unbelieving public to influence our children and young adults to their way of thinking that we know their desire is to pull people from the truth and from the faith. Satan isn't even hiding anymore and people still can't see him at work.

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**RALLY DAY 2021 HAS BEEN CANCELLED.** We regret to inform you that Rally Day which was scheduled for September 12 has been cancelled due to lack of interest. Thank you.


 September 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
You are encouraged to remove this center page calendar and place it on your refrigerator for the month for reference. *Denotes daily prayer focus.			1	2	3	4
			<i>*Diane Smith</i>	<i>*Matt &amp; Kim Smith</i>	<i>*Tammy Snyder</i>	<i>*Forrest, Barb &amp; Ethan Stark</i>
<b>5 HOLY COMMUNION</b> Conference & Wesley Missions  <i>*for laborers</i>	<b>6</b>  <i>*Shawn, Holly, Eli, Andrew, Sam &amp; Abby Stene</i>	<b>7 NO Bible Study</b>  <i>*John &amp; Darlene Stevanus</i>	<b>8</b>  <i>*Mark, Sandy, Morgan &amp; Maxx Stevanus</i>	<b>9</b>  <i>*Hope Struckoff, Renee &amp; Ira Steyer</i>	<b>10</b>  <i>*Lloyd &amp; Judy Struckoff</i>	<b>11</b>   <i>*Kyle, Symantha, Gunner &amp; Zane Temple</i>
<b>12</b> Grandparents Day   <i>*grandparents</i>	<b>13</b>  <i>*Mark &amp; Rene Temple</i>	<b>14</b> Bible Study 7:00 p.m.  <i>*Skip &amp; Maxine Temple</i>	<b>15</b>  <i>*Rex, Liisa &amp; Riley Temple</i>	<b>16</b>  <i>*Allen &amp; Marijke Tubbs</i>	<b>17</b>  <i>*Calvin &amp; Rhonda Ulderich</i>	<b>18</b>  <i>*Jake, Tonya, Dominic, Landon &amp; Teagan Ulderich</i>
<b>19</b>  <i>*church secretaries</i>	<b>20</b> Newsletter deadline  <i>*Blaine &amp; Shirley Walter</i>	<b>21</b> Bible Study 7:00 p.m.  <i>*Byron, Mandy, Steven &amp; Gage Walter</i>	<b>22</b>   <i>*Jim &amp; Doris Walter</i>	<b>23</b>  <i>*Ethan, Brittany, Cameron &amp; Caleb Weimer</i>	<b>24</b>  <i>*Gary &amp; Pam Weimer</i>	<b>25</b>  <i>*Diane Smith</i>
<b>26</b>  <i>*district superintendents</i>	<b>27</b>  <i>*Page Wetterberg</i>	<b>28</b> Bible Study 7:00 p.m.  <i>*Calvin, Eleas &amp; Everleigh Weimer</i>	<b>29</b> AGAPE BEGINS 6-7 p.m.   <i>*Jim &amp; Bonnie Augustine</i>	<b>30</b>  <i>*Maxine Augustine</i>		