

**What's Happening at
Chapel of the Cross**
Sunday, December 8, 2013

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Chapel's Elders are there for You

As a member of Chapel of the Cross, you have a person working for you whose duties are to "Be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care" (1 Peter 5:2) If you have questions, concerns, or if you or someone you love are simply having difficulties and aren't sure if you need pastoral care, please pick up the phone and call your elder.

If your last name begins with:	Your Elder is:	Contact Number:
G, T-Tho	Doug Broste	636-734-2077
A, R	Wyatt Gross	636-459-5496
S-She	Dan Heidelmeyer	636-240-1951
H	Allen Herbst	636-240-4527
Ti-Tu, W	Martin Koeneman	636-916-3507
F, I, N, O, Q	Art Goltz	636-978-3990
C,	Wade McKee	636-928-3699
Shr-Sw	Rich Minasian	636-447-5354
M-Men, Z	Michael Moellering	314-922-7405
B-Be, D	Dave Riedemann	636-447-2427
K, X, Y	Doug Seifert	636-278-2782
Bi-By	Duane Theilen	636-387-3683
J, P, U	Bob VanGilder	314-650-2053
E, Mey-My	Richard Matt	636-970-2196
L, V	Justin Yockey	314-973-6618

Elder Chairman is Chris Becker 636-288-3664

Vice-Chairman is Dan Heidelmeyer 636-240-1951

Chapel's First Fruits of Faith				
Income: Weekend of December 1, 2013	This week	Yr to Date	'12 YTD	
Budgeted Income Required:	\$ 13,796.15	\$ 662,215.20	—	
Actual Budget Funds:	\$ 19,338.19	\$ 674,796.93	\$ 680,637.06	
Electronic Giving (included in line above)	\$ 3,985.00	\$ 152,840.00		
Abundant Giving:	\$ 5,252.50	\$ 29,222.00		
CRC India: Began 6/1/13	\$ 310.00	\$ 2,711.00		
Attendance: Week 48	'13 Actual	'13 Wkly Ave	'12 Actual	'12 Wkly Ave
	645	481	542	505

And they did not do as we expected, but they gave themselves first to the Lord and then to us in keeping with God's will."
 "2 Corinthians 8:5

PRAYER CHAIN: Do you wish to have the Prayer Chain started for yourself or a loved one? Please call Marion Harris at 636-922-1278 or Ruth Koeneman at 636-916-3507. You are always welcome to join us as a Prayer Partner of the Prayer Chain.

Our Sunday Bible Studies Begin at 9:30am

Adults in the Education Wing

“Scriptural Songs of the Advent and Christmas Seasons”
with Pastor Robert Hoehner in Room A.

“The Walking Dead—The Letter of James” with Pastor James Uglum in Rm B.

“Christian Basics Class” with Pastor Mark Hoehner in Conference Room

“Genesis-Rooted in Relationship” with Anita Clausing in Room D. If you have toddlers not old enough for Sunday School, we have a nursery attendant in the same room.

High School Youth Bible for youth and friends entering 9th grade is downstairs in Daniel’s Den. Led by Andrew Nelson.

Children in Sunday School. Opening in the Gym/Fellowship Hall.

Our Weekday Bible Studies

- Tue:** **Ladies Tuesday Morning Bible Study** Every first and fourth Tuesday at 9:30 am in Rm 12. You are welcome to join us at any time. Any questions? Call Linda Little at 636-272-2701.
- Wed:** **Early Morning Bible Study** with Bob VanGilder at 6:30am at Bob Evans on Zumbahl Road. Our new topic is “The Book of Hebrews”. For more information, call Bob VanGilder 314-650-2053.
- Wed:** **Evening Adult Bible Study** meets in Rm A at 6:30pm. “The Words of Ezekiel” with Pastor Bob Hoehner.
- Wed:** **Chapel High School Youth Group Bible Study** meet downstairs from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm for Open Gym, Games, Bible Study & Prayer.
- Sat:** **Men’s Bible Study.** We meet the 2nd & 4th Saturdays of the month from 7:30-9:00am on the lower level. A light breakfast is served at 7:30am. Our study begins at 8:00am. Questions? Call Butch Schleicher 636-946-3681.

Daily Bible Readings for 2 yr. Reading Plan

(may be started at any time)

"Today's Light" Bible is available from CPH. Daily readings are accompanied by study notes.

DEC	9:	3 JOHN	1	DEC	12:	REVELATION	2
DEC	10:	JUDE	1	DEC	13:	REVELATION	3
DEC	11:	REVELATION	1	DEC	14:	REVELATION	4-5

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Today in Sunday School, all children 8th grade and under will continue rehearsing music for the Christmas Program and then return to their classrooms for their Sunday School lessons.

CHAPEL YOUTH HAPPENINGS:

Sr. High Bible Class begins a new Bible Study: "Called It!" During Advent, we will study the Old Testament prophets who correctly "called" the events surrounding Christ's birth, and discuss why it matters to us that those things came true. This week: Why does it matter that Christ was born a king?

Wednesday Evening (6:00-7:30 PM) Open Gym, Games, and Bible Study.

BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR JESUS

This annual children's and family event will be **Saturday, December 14**, beginning at 11:30 AM; following the Christmas program dress rehearsal. Children age 3-5th grade, along with their families, are invited to join us for FUN and FOOD. There will be carnival-style games, a hot dog lunch, and a live Nativity Story; not to mention the birthday cake!

SR YOUTH CHRISTMAS PARTY:

Chapel Youth will celebrate Christmas together on Saturday, December 14 from 3-7 PM. We will play games, exchange gifts, and enjoy Christmas snacks; as well as shopping for and wrapping Christmas presents for a needy family in the area. Youth are asked to bring \$5 for shopping & a wrapped \$1 Store present. Please sign up with DCE Andrew Nelson.

SR HIGH NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY & LOCK-IN

The party will begin at 9:00 PM on Tuesday, December 31. "Dress to Impress" for our New Year's Eve Party to be entered into a **prize drawing**, then bring other more comfortable clothes to wear for the rest of the night. All high school youth and friends are invited to spend the night dancing, eating, playing games, watching movies, and spending time in God's Word as we ring in the new year together. The event will conclude at 7:00 AM. Please bring \$5 and a snack/soda to share.

SHOP PAMPERED CHEF—HELP CHAPEL YOUTH!

Chapel's Youth Group is having a Pampered Chef fundraiser to help raise money for our 2014 Summer Mission Trip. Shop for all your Christmas baking needs or for Christmas gifts! All orders placed by Dec. 15th will be delivered in time for Christmas. Visit <http://www.pamperedchef.biz/barbcooks4u> enter "Chapel" as first name and "Youth" as last name for host under kitchen shows or go to <http://new.pamperedchef.com//barbcooks4u/guest-landing/8849407229083> to go directly to the show. If you have any questions, please call Barb Woodworth at 636-577-1233 or email at barbcooks4u@yahoo.com. Thank you for supporting Chapel's Youth Group!

OTHER CHAPEL ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHRISTMAS COOKIE SALE

Today between church services and after late service (if the cookies last) the Chapel Circle is holding its annual Christmas Cookie Sale in the Coffee Shoppe. Yum!

ANNUAL MITTEN & GIVING TREES

Dear Chapel family, we want to share with you that as of Sunday, November 24th, you will have the following opportunities to share the love of Christ for the 2013 Christmas Season. All gifts need to be received at church by **Sunday, December 15th** in order to be able to distribute the gifts in time for Christmas.

MITTEN TREE: Help inner city adults and children and Seminary families by decorating our tree, which is placed in the narthex, with mittens, gloves, hats and scarves.

GIVING TREE: Help families who are in need by taking an ornament and purchasing a gift card. Some of these families the Pastors will have been working with, but we are also asking for you to share with us if you know of any families that are in need.

BEYOND THE GIVING TREE: Anyone who would like to Adopt a Family for Christmas, please see one of the Pastors.

THANK YOU!

ADVENT SOUP SUPPERS WILL BE HERE SOON!

Here is the Hosting Schedule:

December 11 - Youth Group

December 18 - Ushers

Hosts provide set up and clean up. The dinner is a pot luck of soups and desserts that everyone brings.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

The Christmas season is right around the corner. This is an important time to celebrate the birth of our Savior. Nancy Seifert has again volunteered to lead the Children's Christmas Program for her 20th year. This year's Christmas Program is called, *The Big, Big Story*. Through the children's words and song we will again relive the blessed Christmas story. This important program will be presented on the evening of **Sunday, December 15** at 6:30 pm. This presentation is not just for the children and their parents and family, but for the entire Chapel of the Cross congregation. Please plan on joining us!

IMPORTANT DATES AND PRACTICES FOR THE CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM:

Sunday, Dec. 8 Practice Sings during Sunday School opening
Saturday, Dec. 14 9:00-11:00AM Blocking Rehearsal
Sunday, Dec. 15 9:25-10:30AM Full Dress Rehearsal
Sunday, Dec. 15 6:15 PM Children arrive; 6:30 PM Program begins
Sunday, Dec. 23 Regular Sunday School
Sunday, Dec. 30 Sunday School Movie (no teacher lesson)

CHAPEL CIRCLE MEETING NEWS

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 17 at Noon. All ladies are invited to join us for our Chapel Circle meeting on for a brown bag lunch, dessert and fellowship. Our hostesses Judy Wiegand and Jo Scheer will provide our refreshments and desserts. Pat Middendorf will provide our devotion and then after a short meeting, we will have a skit and then play "Rob Your Neighbor." So bring a \$5 gift and join in the fun of playing the game. We look forward to seeing you there. If you have questions, please call our President, Linda Little at 636-272-2701.

CHAPEL CIRCLE IN JANUARY

On Tuesday, January 21, at noon we will host our first meeting in the new year. All ladies are invited to join us in the Fellowship Hall for a brown bag lunch, dessert and fellowship. Our hostesses Carolyn Sestak and Jodi Schneider will provide our refreshments and desserts. Prior to our meeting we will be honored to have a presentation on "Charitable Giving" by Thrivent Committee Engagement Coordinator, Charlie M. Kreienkamp. Janet Minasian will provide the devotion for our meeting that will follow the presentation. We look forward to seeing you there. If you have any questions, please contact Linda Little at 636-272-2701.

CROCHET CLASS

The Crochet Class will **not** meet **Monday, December 23rd or Monday, December 30th.**

MERRY CHRISTMAS CHAPEL OF THE CROSS!

This year we are encouraging all of our members to post your Christmas greetings to each other (in cards and family pictures) on the green bulletin board in the coffee shop. We are a large congregation and this will be a great way for all of us who attend one of our four services to stay in touch!

THANK YOU

A Big Thank You to everyone who contributed boxes and time to Operation Christmas Child this year. 204 filled boxes were donated. That is 54 more than in 2012.

CHILDREN'S BOOKS FOR MILITARY FAMILIES SERVICE PROJECT

The 7th and 8th grade Sunday School class is collecting children's books for military families which will be distributed through Operation Paperback. We will be collecting books **from October 27 through February 9.** Operation Paperback accepts gently used and/or new books. There is a box in the Coffee Shop for your donation. Thank you for supporting or project.

HELP NEEDED

We are looking for a few volunteers to help with streaming our services on the web and with sound tech responsibilities. You do not have to have experience in this area, just be willing to learn. We will train you! If you are interested, please contact Brad Biggers (636-498-5722) or Jerry Mortenson (636-441-3108) or find them in the choir loft.

CHAPEL SCRIP'!!

Need a Gift Card? Stop by our counter in the Coffee Shoppe to see the great selection of cards available for you to buy today, or you can use our convenient order form to order as needed. If you can't be there on a Sunday morning, but would like to order gift cards, please feel free to call Roger and Lisa Kutschkau at 636-926-0986. All proceeds go to help the Benevolent Fund.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

(SEE BULLETIN BOARD FOR FURTHER INFO ON ANY EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES/AREA EVENTS)

CAREGIVERS' RETREAT

Are you a caregiver for a parent or child? Is providing care for others your profession? Could you use a day away to care for yourself? Come to Camp Wartburg on **Friday, January 10 and Saturday, January 11, 2014** to hear from Marty Lintvedt and her team for the 1st Annual Caregivers' Retreat. Registration forms and itinerary are posted on the bulletin board in the coffee shoppe.

SCRAPBOOKING RETREAT

Also at Camp Wartburg on **Friday, January 10 and Saturday, January 11, 2014**, there will be a Scrapbooking Retreat. More information is posted on the bulletin board in the coffee shoppe.

Christmas Worship Schedule

Mid-Week Advent Services

Wednesday, December 4, 11, 18

11 am & 7 pm

**(Hymn sing begins at 6:45 pm– preceded by Soup Supper
Potluck at 6:00 pm)**

Christmas Eve

Tuesday, December 24

3:00 pm Family Communion Service

7:00 pm Candlelight Worship Service

11:00 pm Candlelight Communion Service

Christmas Day

Wednesday, December 25

9:30 am Worship Service

New Year's Eve

Tuesday, December 31

3:00 pm Communion Worship Service

Sun.	12/08/2013	8:00 AM	Worship Service - Lessons and Carols
		9:00 AM	Andrew Pelley Library Open
		9:00 AM	To 9:15 & 11:45 to 12:15 Blood Pressure Checks
		9:30 AM	Sunday School
		9:30 AM	To 10:30 & 11:45 to 12:15 Chapel Scrip
		10:45 AM	Worship Service -Lessons and Carols
		2:00 PM	God & Church Class in Rm A
Mon.	12/09/2013	6:00 PM	AI-A in Rm 13
		12:00 PM	Young at Heart Bowling
		1:00 PM	Crochet Class in Conf Rm
		5:30 PM	Select Team Volleyball in Gym
		6:30 PM	Church Council Mtg in Conf Rm
Tues.	12/10/2013	7:00 PM	Worship Service- Lessons and Carols
		9:30 AM	Quilt Tacking in the lower Level Lobby
		6:30 PM	Zumba Fitness 2 in Gym
		6:30 PM	Griefshare Group
Wed.	12/11/2013	7:00 PM	Chapel Bells in Choir Loft
		6:30 AM	Wed Early Morning Bible Study at Bob Evans
		9:30 AM	Quilt Tacking in the Lower Level Lobby
		11:00 AM	Advent Service
		6:00 PM	Wed Night Fellowship High School/College Youth
		6:00 PM	Soup Supper
		7:00 PM	Advent Service
Thur.	12/12/2013	7:30 PM	Select Team Volleyball in Gym
		10:30 AM	AI-A in Rm 13
		12:00 PM	Home School Class in Rm 13
Fri.	12/13/2013	7:00 PM	Adult Choir in Choir Loft
Sat.	12/14/2013		
		7:30 AM	Men's Ministry Bible Study in Rm 13
		9:00 AM	Children's Christmas Program Rehearsal
		9:00 AM	Zumba Fitness in Gym
		9:45 AM	AA in Rm A
		10:00 AM	Set up for Birthday Party for Jesus
Sun.	12/15/2013	11:00 AM	Birthday Party for Jesus in Gym
		8:00 AM	Communion Worship Service
		9:00 AM	Andrew Pelley Library Open
		9:25 AM	Sunday School Program Rehearsal
		9:25 AM	Sunday School & Bible Studies
		9:30 AM	To 10:30 & 11:45 to 12:15 Chapel Scrip
		10:45 AM	Communion Worship Service
		6:00 PM	AI-A in Rm 13
		6:30 PM	Sunday School Christmas Program

**CHAPEL'S
EVENTS
FOR
DECEMBER
8
through
DECEMBER
15**

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Week Beginning Sunday, December 8	Week Beginning Sunday, December 15
<p>GREETERS: 8:00 Katie & Peggy Clemens 10:45 Marty & Sherry Witmus</p> <p>ACOLYTES: 8:00 Jack Diekemper 10:45 Hayley Stocker</p> <p>NURSERY: Karrin Nettles</p> <p>USHERS: 8:00 Bill Hankins* Beverly Hankins Kathy Collins Rich Minasian Janet Minasian Gary Obernuefemann Brent Pitzer 10:45 Kim Woodworth* Doug Broste Bob Carter Bill Clemens Randy Goltz Tim Meyer Al Schuettpelz Casey Goltz Roger Kutschkau 7:00 Dan & Jake Newsham</p> <p>ELDER ON DUTY: Dan Heidelmeyer</p> <p>TRUSTEE: Tim Weber</p> <p>COUNTERS: Duane & Debbie Theilen Rich & Janet Minasian John & Joy Lomax</p>	<p>GREETERS: 8:00 Butch Schleicher Chris Brooks 10:45 Marty & Kim Macke</p> <p>ACOLYTES: 8:00 Nathaniel Brinkmeier Grace Goris 10:45 Jimmy Stocker Serenna Stocker</p> <p>NURSERY: Karrin Nettles</p> <p>USHERS: 8:00 Steve Junkel Rodney Bloese Bill Clark John Harnagel David Lah Butch Schleicher Robert Vangilder 10:45 Bill Miller Bob Cason Dan Kroehnke Dave Larussa Dale Ledford Dan Heidelmeyer Henry Klein Paul Goris 7:00 Mike & Ruth Conant</p> <p>ELDERS ASSISTING WITH COMMUNION: 8:00 Art Goltz Bob Vangilder Duane Theilen Andrew Nelson 10:45 Dan Heidelmeyer David Reidemann Wade McKee Dave Lafore 7:00 Martin Koeneman David Riedemann</p> <p>ELDER ON DUTY: Doug Seifert</p> <p>TRUSTEE: Karl Sestak</p> <p>COUNTERS: Bob & Jacquie Vangilder, Stephanie Vangilder, Mary Ann Ronan, Jack Muckey</p>

Service Coordinator : Ruby Kramer

ALTAR GUILD

For December: Janet Minasian
Kathy Wilson
Sue Hoehner

COFFEE HOSTS

For December: Open

BULLETIN Bob Renken, Ruby Kramer,
FOLDERS: Betty Choate, Jim Burrows,
Joyce Gaugh, Dotty Willis,
Bev Cossey