

BIBLE STUDY

- Sunday 9:45 am
- The Epistle from the Weekly Readings – Room 9
- Children’s Sunday School – Rooms 2 & 4
- Junior and Senior High – Youth Room
- Wednesday 6:30 pm
- Study of David – Room 9
- Discovery Class – Room A
- First and Third Tuesday
- Women’s Bible Study-Biblical Heroines of Faith. – Room 8

Announcements

Highlighting 60 Years of Chapel Ministries and Organizations – Chapel’s Grief Share Program. As part of Chapel’s 60th anniversary celebration, over the next months we will continue to highlight the many ministries and organizations offered here. The purpose is to make you aware of the various opportunities to serve and be a part of Chapel. This month we feature Chapel’s Grief Share Program which is a support group for those in a grief situation. It provides help and guidance for anyone who needs help coping with life after the death of a loved one and is led by Session Facilitator, Vanessa Morris with assistance from Bill Rusnak. If you have any interest in joining or learning more about Chapel’s Grief Share program, please contact the church office and they will put you in touch with Bill or Vanessa.

From the Call Committee: As we seek to call our next Director of Music we are asking our congregation for candidates they know who may be available to fill this important position. Please contact Call Committee Chair, Patrice Skellett (prskellett@att.net or 314-306-4540) or Pastor Laesch with the potential candidate’s name, phone number, and any other pertinent information, or if you have questions about the process. The deadline for submissions is November 23, 2025. The committee is looking forward to your participation and contributions in our process to call our next Director of Music.

Save the Date for Chapel’s 60th Anniversary Celebration. The weekend of October 18/19 we will celebrate Chapel’s 60th anniversary in our church services where Pastor Mark Koschmann will be our guest preacher. Then on Sunday, October 19 the celebration will continue with a Potluck Luncheon in the gymnasium following the late service. Our guest speaker for the luncheon will be Dave Funke, Chapel’s retired Director of Adult Ministry. Signup sheets are now available in the Fellowship Commons. Please provide your name, telephone number, number attending, and whether you will bring a salad, side dish, or dessert. Signup deadline is October 4/5. We hope you will join us for this milestone occasion.

Flower Valley Quilting Guild: On behalf of the Flower Valley Quilting Guild, Judy Kooi and Sandy Otto would like to invite you to our Quilt Show 19 to be held here at Chapel. The show will feature the work of many talented local quilters. There will be full size quilts, wall hangings, miniature quilts, quilted clothing and more. The show will be Saturday Sept. 27 and Sunday Sept. 28 from 10 am – 4 pm each day. Admission is \$10 for ages 12 and up.

In Our Prayers this week...

Those with Health Concerns:
David Applebaum (family member of Bill and Marilyn Miller)
Steve Becker (friend of John Zvirgzdins)
Tanjila Bolden
Mardell Brown (friend of Georgia Thomas)
Ivy Rose Clark (relative of Alexis Cunningham)
Ruthie Crawford (friend of Julie Griffith)
Morgan Cunningham (friend of Jon Rogers)
Hannah Diamond
Matthew Dina (relative of the Uttley family)
Clyde Dempsey (father of Julie Seibert)
Shari Lou Eakins (friend of Jon Rogers)
Stanley Elder (food pantry)
Aulderay Fields
Darlene Franklin (friend of Georgia Thomas))
John Gassner (cousin of Gloria Uttley)
Ruthanna Garrison (friend of Joanne Fansin)
Carolyn Hanneman
Rita Hayes (sister of Jim Crosier)
Donna Heinrich
Ashley Hochuli (grand-daughter of Marilyn and Bill Miller)
Virgil Hoffmann
Dennis Iborg (brother-in-law of Dawn Iborg)
Marlo Johnson
Shirley Johnson (friend of Jon Rogers)
Jordan Jones (friend of Ervin Wilson)

Ali Kloppenburg
Joyce Lackey
Audrey Luedtke
Bill Madison (son-in-law of Bill and Marilyn Miller)
Arminius Matthews (son of Alicia Harris)
Alex Metz (friend of Steve and Julie Seibert)
Joan Milligan (friend of Alexis Cunningham)
Peggy Miller
Joe Miano, Sr. (father of Joe Miano)
Patricia Miano (mother of Joe Miano)
Magnolia Morrow (food pantry)
Karen Rae (relative of Mairé Trelz)
James Rogers (brother of Jon Rogers)
Annette Rueckert
Jill Seibert (mother of Steve Seibert)
Jim Seibert (father of Steve Seibert)
Edna Shanklin (friend of Alexis Cunningham)
Gail Shultz
John Simon
Johnnie Spears
Pam Taylor
Dale Ternaprovich (brother of Joyce Lackey)
Jean Thomas
Anne Walkenhorst (friend of Steve and Julie Seibert)
Mickie Wallerstein (friend of Bill & Marilyn Miller)
Eric Williams (son of Betty and Les Williams)
Celita White (co-worker of John Jordan)

Those who celebrate: Mark Deddens and Linette Hermanns who were united in marriage on September 27th.

Those Receiving Treatment for Cancer:
Jay Bentzinger (friend of Nancy Swoboda)
Lisa Capehart (niece of Art Williams)
Barb Carroll (friend of Don Albers & Karen Totra)
Bob Crecelius (brother of Roy Crecelius)
Sue Gassner (cousin of Gloria Uttley)
Helen Gioia (cousin of Julie Griffith)
Tenisha Hackett (niece of Carla Rainey)
Wayne Haas (former member)
Linda Hartsey (friend of Karen Schaeffer)
Cheryl Hogan (daughter of Lois Hoffman)
Adrian Hughes (Aulderay Fields)
Sonja Hughes (friend of Adrienne Burton)
Bianca Jackson (friend of Vernida Summers)
Crystal Jackson (niece of Johnnie Spears)
Tom Krauter, Jr. (son of Tom Krauter)
Cheryl Linton (sister-in-law of Joseph Miano)
Shannell McCain (cousin of John and Jay Zvirgzdins.)
Peggy Meisch (friend of Julie and Steve Seibert)
Martin Rodgers (cousin of Jerri Bolden)
Ellen Saville (friend of Keith Neuber)
Christine Schwepker (friend of Don Albers & Karen Totra)
Arrion Soll (friend of Jerri Bolden)
Vernida Summers

The Elder of the Weekend leads prayer in the Prayer Chapel at 10:45 a.m. each Sunday for those on the prayer list. All are welcome to join him. Please also take the opportunity to pray for those on the prayer list during the week.

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

The flowers on the altar are in thanksgiving for answered prayers for my parents. – Joe Miano

The Start of Family Night! Our first Family Night (a partnership between Chapel of the Cross and Bethlehem) is Tuesday, September 30, from 5:30–7:30pm. Families from Bethlehem’s after-school and childcare programs will gather for food, worship, learning, and fun. We need you to make this possible! Roles are available to help cook and serve meals, assist with children’s activities, or lead a practical adult workshop. Sign up to volunteer at the Welcome Center or by contacting Vicar Chuck at vicarchuck@chapelofthecross.org or 985-852-7958

Thank you for continuing to fill the Christmas Box for Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Ministry! We are fast approaching our Packing Date of Sunday November 2 after the Late Service in the Gym! While you can donate any listed item for the shoeboxes at any time, the emphasis for the month of September is small games (Cards, travel games, small Jenga, matching games, tic tac toe, dominoes, etc..). October’s emphasis will be focused on donations for the shipping of the boxes. They can be placed in an envelope indicating that it is for Shoebox ministry. Thank you again for blessing children around the world, and we look forward to Packing Day, November 2!

The Friend of Moms closet is need of NB-size 4 socks. Thank you for your support.

The Mary-Martha Guild Today is the **last** day to place your orders for Mixin Fixin’s, you can place your order at the Crocus Bookstore. A list of Mixin Fixin products we are making this year will be available. The price is the same as last year, \$10.00. You will be able to pick up your orders on Saturday November 1 and Sunday November 2. Fundraiser recipients will be announced later in the Chapel Weekly. Thank you for your support.

The Mary-Martha Guild will hold its next meeting on Monday October 13 at 6:30 p.m. We will meet in room 8. Our guest speaker will be Dan Fuller, a historian from Bellefontaine Cemetery. His topic will be Notorious Women. Refreshments and a business meeting will follow. All ladies are invited to attend.

BIBLE STUDY

GriefShare: We meet on Tuesdays from 2:00 pm. Join Vanessa Morris and Bill Rusnak in the Parlor as we walk together through the journey from mourning to joy.

Wednesday Bible Study: Join us on Wednesday evenings in Room #8 at 6:30pm. Our study of David focuses on the life and faith of this man “after God’s own heart” as one committed to God’s will and commands. Bring your Bible as we too, seek to align our desires and actions with God’s.

Men’s Small Group Study: Friday, October 3, 17, 31, November 7, 21 10:00 a.m. in the parlor. Men, please bring a photo or two of your father. Your all invited to join us at Fast Eddie’s, Alton, Il after the Oct. 3 Bible study.

LIFE TEAM

The God who abides among us in both incarnate body and Holy Spirit knows our material needs. He remembers how we cannot provide for ourselves, much less for each other or anyone else. So He who sends mouths also sends meat. Whether surprise pregnancy, terminal diagnosis, or any other circumstances, He will surround with jars that do not run empty and jugs we cannot exhaust.

We know that God cherishes life at all stages, from embryo to infant to toddler to teenager to adult to old age. Each week during 2025, the Life Team will be recognizing the birthdays of our older members at Chapel of the Cross. If we miss your birthday or if we have the wrong date, please call the church office to get our records corrected. This week, we recognize the birthdays of the following:

Clara Mueller – October 4

MAPP GOD’S WORD

1 John 5:13-15 - "These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that you may know that you have eternal life, and that you may believe on the name of the Son of God. And this confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us: and if we know that He hears us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we desired of Him..”

Coming up at Chapel

Tuesday, September 30
2:00 PM Grief Share

Wednesday, October 1
6:30 PM Bible Class

Thursday, October 2
7:00 PM Choral Singers

Saturday, October 4
5:00 PM Worship Service

Sunday, October 5
8:30 AM Worship Service
9:45 AM Bible Study
11:00 AM Worship Service

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

Amos 6:1a - “**Woe to those who are at ease in Zion.**” The book of Amos is a warning to God’s people who have been given great material wealth. As Jesus Himself mentions, material blessings can turn into temptations – chiefly the temptation to think of ourselves as self-sufficient and independent. What does Amos suggest as a way to combat this temptation? First, faith in the Lord and dependence upon Him! And if our faith is right, we will want to follow the rest of Amos’ instructions – to bless the poor with our alms and to make sure the Lord’s House is properly cared for. In other words, we are called to align our actions with God’s priorities and put others ahead of ourselves.

HIS LOVE, OUR RESPONSE

Last week’s attendance (9/21/2025):
• Worship 202 and 9 visitors

Last week’s offering (9/21/2025):
• General Fund: \$4,493
• Building / Capital Fund: \$637
• 1-1-1 Dollar for Missions: \$27

YTD Offerings:
• General Fund: \$433,248
• Building / Capital Fund: \$55,037

YTD Need:
• General Fund: \$551,532
• Building / Capital Fund: \$39,444