# **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

# **Announcements**

Greetings from the Call Committee! As we begin the call process for our next Director of Music, we are asking you, our congregation, for candidates whom you might know that may be available to fill this important position. Please contact me with the potential candidate's name, phone number, and any other pertinent information (prskellett@att.net or 314-306-4540). The deadline for submissions is September 13, 2025. Please contact me if you have any questions. The committee is looking forward to your participation and contributions in our process to call our next Director of Music. God's Peace. -Patrice Skellett

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.

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 <u>available in the Fellowship Commons</u>. 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.

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 Roses on the altar are in celebration of Bill and Marilyn Miller's 60th wedding anniversary. Also, in memory of Peggy Datillo and Matthew Datillo, Jayme Zvirgzdins mother and brother

### **Those Who Celebrate:**

Robert Cunningham IV and Faith Laster who were united in marriage Saturday.

Lucian Charles Newton and his family upon his baptism today.

## In Our Prayers this week...

#### Those with Health Concerns:

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) Susanna Gregory (daughter of Gale Damm)

Rev. Lee Hagan Carolyn Hanneman

Rita Hayes (sister of Jim Crosier)

Donna Heinrich Ashley Hochuli (grand-daughter of Marilyn and

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

Milo Lombard

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 Maire Trelz)

Annette Rueckert

Rosilyn Cunninham Schmitt (mother of Robert

Cunningham)
Jill Seibert (mother of Steve Seibert)

Jim Seibert (father of Steve Seibert) Edna Shanklin (friend of Alexis Cunningham)

Gail Shultz John Simon

Mary Simon

Mike Smythe, Jr.

Johnnie Spears

Dale Ternaprovich (brother of Joyce Lackey)

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 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) Rich Ellington (friend of Ken Kreitner) Sue Gassner (cousin of Gloria Uttlev)

Helen Gioia (cousin of Julie Griffith) Janet Goldsboro (cousin of Marilyn Miller)

Tenisha Hackett (niece of Carla Rainey) Wayne Haas (former member)

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) Linda Jones (cousin of Marilyn Miller) 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

**Medical Mission to Kenya** Chapel member, Kristine Geisz, will soon be traveling to Kenya on a medical mission trip with Family Hope Charity. FHC shares health promotion and disease prevention activities and will deliver services to over 2000 patients of all backgrounds and with all types of illnesses. You can help Kristine with your prayers as she travels and serves, and with your monetary donations which will help to purchase medications, supplies, tests, surgeries, transportation to appointments, blankets, and the like. Donation checks can be made out to "Family Hope Charity" and be mailed to: Family Hope Charity; P.O. Box 2838; Palatine, IL 60078

**The Mary-Martha Guild** will again this year be taking preorders for Mixin Fixins. Starting on August 24, through September 28, 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 annual Salad Supper on Monday September 8, in room 8 at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is asked to bring a salad to share. This year we are going to make bible markers to be given out at church on LWML Sunday. We will announce the agenda for the coming months at a short business meeting. All ladies are invited to attend.

**Love**, **laughter**, **and happily ever after!** Join newlyweds, Alex and Rachel Uttley, for a casual, open house style, celebration as they start their new life together in St. Louis. Saturday, September 6th, from 2-5pm at Chapel of the Cross St. Peters (907 Jungermann Rd, St. Peters, MO 63376). Gifts not necessary, your presence is present enough! Kindly RSVP to Christy by text or call 314-452-3464.

**Our Church Sponsored Branson Fellowship Getaway** on September 30<sup>th</sup> - Wednesday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025, has been cancelled, refunds will be processed in the coming days. If you are open to *"Going on your Own"* with carpooling – sign up at the Welcome Center and see who else is interested to work with you to find hotels, tickets and options. See Ken and Karin Gerler for more information.

Crossroads contributions for the fall issue of Crossroads are due by Sunday, Sept. 7.

**Men's Fellowship Breakfast:** Our next meeting will be held at Elicious, 500 S. Florissant Road on Friday, September 5 at 9:30 a.m.

#### **BIBLE STUDY**

Grief Share will resume on Tuesday, August 19 at 2:00 p.m. in the Parlor.

**Small Groups:** As an outgrowth of our 2024 strategic planning – our members told us that -among several things - communications and relationships are top priorities for Chapel of the Cross. Our Small Groups exist for these very purposes – because when people gather together communication increases and relationships are strengthened. This September – we resume with our third round of meetings this year. The display in the Commons lists 4 Host gathering dates and times and topics. Now that we have started the men's group on Fridays – we are hoping to begin a fifth Home Small Group, with an additional host, location, study leaders and participants. Please See Bill Rusnak to discuss this exciting option to build relationships and increase communication.

#### <u>MUSIC</u>

Choral Singers' first rehearsal will be Thursday, September 11 at 7pm. All are welcome to join us and sing to the Lord a new song!

#### **LIFE TEAM**

Only in 1 Corinthians 15:8 ("untimely born") do the Scriptures use a technical term for "abortion." Paul labeled himself like a miscarriage of one designated for intentional termination. But the Lord God intervened by reaching out with the resurrection of Jesus Christ. The Savior dying and rising makes abortion entirely unnecessary-and diametrically opposite to the Gospel message and community.

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:

Ellis Perry, Sr. – September 5 Charlie Scott – September 4 Donna Hoffmann – September 5 Jean Thomas – September 5 David Eggers – September 8 Marilyn Miller – September 8 Karen Schaeffer – September 10

#### MAPP GOD'S WORD

1 John 4:13 - "By this we know that we dwell in him, and he in us, because he has given us of his spirit."

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## Coming up at Chapel

Monday, September 1 Labor Day (office closed)

**Tuesday, September 2** 2:00 PM Grief Share

Wednesday, September 3 6:30 PM Bible Class

**Saturday, September 6** 10:00 AM Spanish Lake Senior Health Fair 5:00 PM Worship Service

Sunday, September 7 8:30 AM Worship Service 9:45 AM Bible Study 11:00 AM Worship Service

#### STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

Luke 14:11 – "For whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."

"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom." That's called humility. The Lord is God and we are not. With that in mind, how could we not seek to follow His Word in all aspects of life? He knows what He is talking about and we don't. If you believe that, then striking out on a path of faithfulness in the realm of stewardship is a lot easier: it just makes sense.

## HIS LOVE, OUR RESPONSE

Last week's attendance (8/24/2025):

• Worship 173 and 10 visitors

Last week's offering (8/24/2025):

- General Fund: \$10,940
- Building / Capital Fund: \$745
- 1-1-1 Dollar for Missions: \$66

#### YTD Offerings:

• General Fund: \$391,991

• Building / Capital Fund: \$50,124

#### YTD Need:

• General Fund: \$493,476

• Building / Capital Fund: \$35,292