



Bell Chapel UMC Newsletter

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Ringin' out with the Good News

The Gospel of Jesus Christ

April/May

Bell Chapel UMC Our Schedule

Sunday

Prayer

Time.....9:30am

Worship:.....10:00am

Fellowship.....after service

Sunday School:.....

10:15am

UMM Bible Study

8:00am

Apr. 14th

Apr. 28th

May 12th

May 26th

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From Pastor Jeff Proya's Desk

Dear Child of mine,

It seems spring is just around the corner, and this journeyman whatever I am can hardly wait. Long days no snow, warm rains, no ice, soft fields, no frozen tundra, well you get the picture. There is a time for everything or at least that's what I have read, and come to accept. A balance if you will to the living of life, a time to speak up and a time to keep silent, the latter seems to go against our nature. We seem to be in the midst of a speaking up movement as the youth of our nation wrestle with their understanding of living in a culture of violence. It is their time and perhaps their voice will be heard, time will tell. Changing our slaughter house mentality for a love your neighbor as yourself will certainly be a challenge for all who

hold our freedom dear. However, long days, warm rains, soft fields certainly will be a welcome sight for those who have weathered a long December. In the stillness of the moment one can feel the gentle breeze of change, normally this would frighten us the way the unexpected always frightens us. Our humanity has a penchant to fear the unknown, resist change, but there comes a time when the Spirit gifts us with faith greater than our fear and grace that if we are willing, well imagine if you will the joy of long days, the feel of warm rains, the bounce of soft fields. Listen to the wisdom of the youth that was birthed in pain. Thus begins the long hard road from heartache to

hope or should I say from Easter to Pentecost. There is little time and much to learn; there comes a time, a balance of what has been with what could be if only!



BIRTHDAYS

Dan Holt	Apr. 3rd
Charlotte VanNuys	Apr. 5th
Cindy Monte	Apr. 6th
Jean Moore	Apr. 8th
John McCullough	Apr. 9th
Sam Brown	Apr. 12th
Peri Lissi	Apr. 12th
Sharon Pool	Apr. 12th
Dave Taylor	Apr. 13th
Katie Alvey	Apr. 15th
Chris Haught	Apr. 15th
Perry West	Apr. 21st
Kathy Proya	Apr. 23rd
Tammy Sapphore	Apr. 23rd
Delores Barcalow	Apr. 24th
Keum Yon Clark	Apr. 25th
Argie Kisner	Apr. 27th
John Dennis	Apr. 29th

BIRTHDAYS

Wayne Barcalow	May 5th
Larry Moore	May 6th
John Tressler	May 8th
Debbie Kavanagh	May 9th
Sue Lissi	May 10th
Sarah Ross	May 14th
Delbert Furbee	May 18th
John Moro	May 18th
Linda Wise	May 19th
Patty Barnett	May 21st
Keith Jackson	May 24th
Janet Carr	May 26th
Theresa Reese	May 27th
Austin Roush	May 27th

**PLEASER PRAY FOR****Constant Prayers**

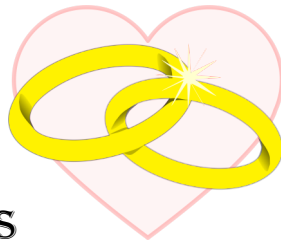
Little David	Robbie
Brandon	Marissa
Valerie	Preston
Sydney	Joe
Dave S.	Mary
Bob	Eva
Calla	Evie
Faith	Mary Jane
Patty	Bill N.
Grace	Devon
Jim and Clara	
Jonathan	Tammy
Janet and Dan	Rhonda
Leslie	
Lori	Sally
Cathy	Ben
Peggy	Helen
Chanoski family	Lynnette
Mike and Linda	Joe
Simone	
Ian	

Our Shut-ins

Richard and Vera
Tim
Teresa and family
John and Nancy
Ray
Esther

**SERVICE PERSONNEL**

Aaron Ensminger	Justin Louk
Gene Zrinyi	Brock Taylor
Lt. Col. Dave Irvin	Richard Davis
Wesley Streblo	Corey Thomas
William Burns	Major William Booth
John Steedman	Ryan Gorby
Josh Bain	Daniel Decker
Jeff Toney	Jasen Pederson
David DeGarmo	Bill Prosko-Army
Lt.Col. Glenn Reinhold	ranger
Pt. Ian Fulmer	Major Rich Sapphore
Staff Sgt Garrett Waller	Kendall Fulmer
Brian Furbee	Sabrina Chwalek

**ANNIVERSARIES**

Delbert and Marilyn Furbee	Apr. 7th
Bob and Dickie Gump	Apr. 7th
Kevin and Lisa Burch	Apr. 8th
Jesse and Helen Hill	Apr. 10th
Adam and Jessica Davis	Apr. 20th

ANNIVERSARIES

Ron and Carole Auch	May 2nd
Sam and Gena Brown	May 5th
Ray and Phyllis Selman	May 9th
Justin and Holly Sokol	May 11th
Jim and Vickie Still	May 21st
John and Paula Dennis	May 25th



USHERS AND GREETERS

April



1st

Greeters: Volunteers

Ushers: Glen Furbee, Joe Ross, Dave Rothacker and Debbie Gump

Liturgist: Glen Furbee

8th

Greeters: John Rhine and Mona Lou Chandler

Ushers: Wayne Fulmer, Karen Taylor, Ralph Wise and Kathy Proya

Liturgist: Wayne Fulmer

15th

Greeters: Stan and Amy Kavanagh

Ushers: George Milosevich, Patty Milosevich, Tammy Lemasters, Gary Glover

Liturgist: Tammy Lemasters

22nd

Greeters: Gary and Donna Glover

Ushers: Debbie Parsons, Linda McCullough, John McCullough and John Rhine

Liturgist: John Rhine

29th

Greeters: Olivia and Aiden Ferguson

Ushers: Jesse Hill, Mona Chandler, Sonja Rhine and Debbie Gump

Liturgist: Frances Furbee



May



6th

Greeters: Jesse Hill and Delbert Furbee

Ushers: Tammy Lemasters, Nancy West, Perry West and John Dennis

Liturgist: Nancy West

13th

Greeters: Bob and Arlene Zahniser

Ushers: Glen Furbee, Wayne Fulmer, Ralph Wise and Debbie Parsons

Liturgist: Stan Kavanagh

20th

Greeters: Joe Ross and Dave Rothacker

Ushers: Joe Ross, Dave Rothacker, Jesse Hill and Kathy Proya

Liturgist: John Dennis

27th

Greeters: Roger and Joann Watts

Ushers: John Rhine, Debbie Gump, Karen Taylor and Jesse Hill

Liturgist: Glen Furbee

Busy Needles 2017 Report



Thank You Easter Basket Offering

We thank the congregation for the financial support through the can offerings. Valley Hospice received 114 prayer blankets and 114 crosses. The Trinity West Maternity Unit received 7 blankets, 65 hats, and 1 sweater set. We distributed 31 lap robes to three nursing homes. Pastor Bill took 8 prayer blankets and 3 lap robes to shut-ins. Personally given were 3 lap robes, 1 large afghan, and to the church 2 infant baptismal blankets. Our members have decreased to 4 members and 3 from home, but our ministry of the needles continues.

God is Good,
Lillie Belle Taylor

We collected \$535.00 from our Easter Basket Offering. When Jesus started His teaching, He told us the three most important things were, "Love God with all your mind, heart, and soul and love and do for your neighbor. We do that with our special offerings. Thank you all.

Martha and
the Good
Samaritans



Attention Graduates

As graduation is approaching, we at Bell Chapel Church would like to share in this time with you. We are asking you to please bring into the church office: a graduation picture and a write up about yourself (where you are graduating from, parents, hobbies, accomplishments, future plans, etc ...) You can also e-mail them to cindy@bellchapel.org. Please have them in by May 16th so we can include them in our June/July newsletter.



Peanut Butter Fudge Being Sold

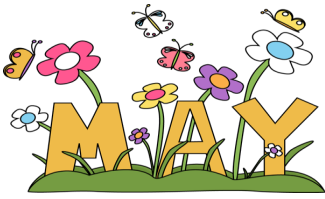
Martha Dean is making peanut butter fudge. Each pound will cost \$10.00 and \$2.00 from each pound sold will go to Bell Chapel. Fudge will be in the Fellowship Hall. There will be a box to put your money in. Fudge will be available beginning Mar. 25th and running through Easter.





Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 EASTER Worship Service @ 10:00am Sunday School @ 10:15am NO Youth Group	2	3 Choir @ 6:00pm Busy Needles @ 9:30am Conversations with the Pastor @ Four Seasons Ministry @ 9:00am-10:00am	4 UMM Meeting @ 7:00pm	5 UMW Meeting @ 7:00pm	6 Food Pickup 8:00am	7 Chicken n Biscuit Dinner @ 3:30pm-6:30pm
8 UMW Sunday Worship Service @ 10:00am Sunday School @ 10:15am Youth Group after church	9 Trustees Meeting @ 6:00pm	10 Choir @ 6:00pm Busy Needles @ 9:30am Conversations with the Pastor @ Four Seasons Ministry @ 9:00am-10:00am	11	12	13	14 UMM Bible Study @ 8:00am
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22 Worship Service @ 10:00am and Sunday School @ 10:15am Youth Group after church	23 Small Group @ 6:00pm	24 Busy Needles @ 9:30am Choir Practice @ 6:00pm Conversations with the Pastor @ Four Seasons Ministry @ 9:00am-10:00am	25	26	27	28 UMM Bible Study @ 8:00am
29 Worship Service @ 10:00am Sunday School @ 10:15am Youth Group after church	30 Small Group Mtg @ 6:00pm	1 Busy Needles Choir Practice @ 6:00pm Conversations with the Pastor @ Four Seasons Ministry @ 9:00am-10:00am	2 UMM Meeting @ 7:00pm	3 UMW Meeting @ 7:00pm	4 Food Pickup @ 8:00am	5
6 Worship Service @ 10:00am Sunday School @ 10:15am Youth Group after church @ Four Seasons Ministry	7	8 Election Day Busy Needles Choir Practice @ 6:00pm Conversations with the Pastor @ Four Seasons Ministry @	9	10	11	12 UMM Bible Study @ 8:00am All Daughter's Banquet @ 6:00pm

May



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		1	2 UMM Meeting @ 7:00pm	3 UMW Mtg @7:00pm	4 Food Pickup @ 8:00am	5
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13 Happy Mothers' Day Worship Service @ 10:00am Sunday School @ 10:15am NO Youth Group	14 Trustees Mtg. @ 6:00pm Good Samaritan Mtg. @ 6:00pm Finance Committee Mtg. @ 6:30pm Admin. Council Mtg @ 7:15pm	15 Busy Needles @ 9:30am Choir @ 6:00pm	16	17	18	19
20 Worship Service @ 10:00am Sunday School @ 10:15am Youth Group @ Four Seasons Ministry	21 Small Group @ the Fulmers' @ 182 Kings Dr. @ 6:00pm	22 Packing Food Boxes @ 8:30 am Busy Needles @ 9:30am Choir @ 6:00pm	23	24 Food Distribution @ 8:00am	25	26 UMM Bible Study @ 8:00am
27 Come As You Are/ Graduate Sunday Worship Service @ 10:00am Sunday School @ 10:15am Youth Group Meeting @ Four Seasons Ministries	28 Happy Memorial Day	29 Busy Needles @ 9:30am Choir @6:00pm	30 Newsletter Folding @ 11:00am	31	1 Food Pickup @ 8:00am	2
3 Worship Service @ 10:00am Sunday School @ 10:15am Youth Group	4 Small Group @ the Fulmers' @ 182 Kings Dr. @ 6:00pm	5 Busy Needles @ 9:30am Choir @ 6:00pm	6 UMM Meeting @ 7:00pm	7 UMW Meeting @ 7:00pm	8 Strawberry Festival @ 4:00pm-6:30pm	9

June

United Methodist Women United Methodist Men

Our April meeting will be held on Apr. 5th at 7:00pm here at the church. Apr. 8th will be UMW Sunday to honor one of our special people. Our speaker will be Mary Ann Hoobler. The Chicken n Biscuit Dinner will be on Apr. 7th from 3:30pm-6:30pm. Come join us, we can always use more help and it's a good time for everyone.

The May meeting will be on May 3rd at 7:00pm. May 27th is Come As You Are Sunday/Graduate Sunday. Lunch will be served at the Shelter-house after the worship service. Bring your favorite covered dish and join us for some fun and fellowship.

Also the Boy Scouts here will be delivering some of the Easter Bunnies with the Scoutmaster on Good Friday and Saturday.



Four Seasons Ministry

Four Seasons Ministry would like to thank the congregation of Bell Chapel for their continued support of Four Seasons Ministry through their generous mission can offerings. We greatly appreciate all that you do.

Our gym is continuing to be used on a daily basis. More people are coming in and familiarizing themselves with what Four Seasons Ministry has to offer. Wood flooring has been installed in the youth group room, the coffee shop and the senior room.

The annual Bell Chapel Easter Egg Hunt was held here on Mar. 24th. "Conversations with the Pastor" (Pastor Jeff) is being held in the coffee shop on Tuesday mornings from 9:00am-10:00am. Prime Time lunches are served daily at 12:30pm. To place a reservation for lunch please call 740-284-7355 and leave a message. Bingo is played in the senior room on Thursdays after lunch. Our Clothes Closet continues to serve area residents in need of clothing and shoes.

Plans are being made for a car show on July 14th in conjunction with Pleasant Hills Community Days.



Chicken n Biscuit Dinner

Saturday, Apr. 7, 2018

3:30pm-6:30pm

\$10.00 for adults \$7.00 for
children 7-12 and children 6

and under are free

Come one, Come all!

We also need people to help with the dinner. We need people all day so if you have any time at all we will find something for you to do. Sign up sheets will be on the welcome center desk for those wanting to donate food and help with this project.



ALL DAUGHTERS' BANQUET

May 12, 2018

6:00pm

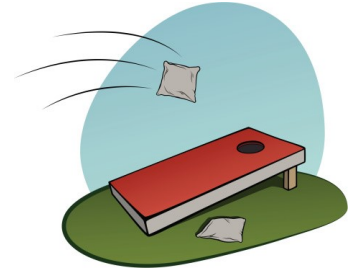
RSVP by signing the
sheet on the Wel-
come Center Desk
or by calling the
church office at 740
-283-2239.

We hope to see
you there.





Come As You Are/ Graduate Sunday



Sunday, May 27th
After our 10:00am worship service

Bring your favorite covered dish and
join us for some fun and fellowship.

Horseshoe Tournaments and Corn
Hole Tournaments will be held so get
your teams formed now.

Coming in June

Strawberry Festival



Friday, June 8th
4:00pm-6:30pm

Sandwiches, Salads, and delicious
treats of the season
Cost is by donation



Monday, June 11-15
9:00am-12pm

Program will be Friday night,
the 15th, at 7:00pm



Happy Mother's Day

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Go therefore and make disciples of
all nations, baptizing them in the
name of the Father and of the Son
and of the Holy Spirit..."

—Matthew 28:19

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Hallelujah He Lives!

What I really want to do is have coffee with Jesus!

I'm serious; I wish I could just call Him up, see if He wants to run by a coffee shop and catch up like I would with any other friend. When I first started getting into my faith I wasn't really sure how someone starts having a conversation with an omnipresent, invisible deity. Learning to pray can be difficult at first but that doesn't mean we shouldn't do it. If you're at a loss for words whenever you sit down to pray I hope these suggestions help you to get the conversation going.

Tell Him About Your Burdens

We've all had those moments where you know you should have studied more but the test is on your desk and you just need to do well to pass the class. Sometimes it's a bit more serious than that. Maybe someone you love is sick and you want their healing more than anything, or your life seems to be falling apart and you're not sure how you're going to keep going on.

These are all crucial times to turn to Jesus. I'm sure you've prayed like this before, "Jesus, please help me" or "God, get me through this." Asking for the help of God when we need it is a very important part of our spiritual life. He wants to know what you are burdened by so that He can help you to go through it. If you're having a hard time sharing your burdens with God here are a few suggestions to get started:

- **Be honest with God.** If you're angry, upset or confused it's okay to be angry, upset or confused. When you pray, you don't need to act or talk a certain way for Him to hear you.
- **Ask Him to help you.** It's great to get all your feeling and frustrations off your chest but don't leave it

there. Jesus either wants to take these burdens away from you or give you the strength to endure them. By inviting God into our problems, we cooperate with His grace and strengthen our relationship with Him.

Share what you are going through with a family member or a trusted friend. God often uses the people in our lives to relay truth or direction to us. Find someone who can help you through these difficult times.

Thank Him for Your Blessings

It is just as important to share with Jesus your blessings as well as your burdens. When I take a minute to reflect on all the good that is in my life it doesn't take long for me to see that I am incredibly blessed. When we spend time thanking God it becomes very apparent how involved He is in our lives. This is a great practice to pick up if you struggle with feeling that God is distant or doesn't care about you. Here are a few ways you can begin thanking God for the blessings in your life:

Him caring for you, let your best friend know that you're grateful for their friendship.

- **Make a list and keep it by your bed.** Before you go to sleep add anything from your day that was a blessing to you.
- **Stop and pray** when you notice something going great in your day. Just take a moment to say, "thank you Jesus for this blessing."

Be more thankful for the people in your life. After dinner thank your mom or dad for all that they provide.

This is the 1st letter on prayer that I have been thinking and praying about and I hope you can understand some of my points.

John

Happy Memorial Day