



# THE CHAPEL Weekly

February 15, 2026

## BIBLE STUDY

### Sunday 9:45 am

"Short Studies on tough topics" – Room 9

Children's Sunday School – Rooms 2 & 4

Senior High Youth – Youth Room Confirmation – Room 8

### Wednesday 6:30 pm

Prophet Isaiah – Room 8

### First and Third Tuesday 10:00 a.m.

Women's Bible Study- Room 8  
"When you've been wronged"

## Announcements

**Highlighting 60 Years of Chapel Ministries and Organizations – First Friday Men's Fellowship.** As part of Chapel's 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration, we 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 the First Friday Men's Fellowship which offers the men of Chapel the opportunity to study the Word of God and discuss their faith all the while sharing a meal together at a local restaurant. Bill Rusnak is one of the leaders of this group so if you are interested in learning more about it or becoming a part of it, please contact Bill or the church office.

**Marriage Anniversary Sunday:** Please join us today, after the late worship service (around 12:15 p.m.) for our annual Marriage Anniversary Service. All married couples and their families are invited to celebrate and renew their wedding vows. Bring a wedding picture to be displayed.

**Family Night:** Our next Family Night will be Tuesday February 24th, from 5:30-7:30pm. Help is needed with preparing and serving the meal, along with volunteers to help lead the Children's Bible Time. We also want to invite you to come and enjoy a free meal and fellowship! If you would like to volunteer or simply attend, please use the sign-up in the Welcome Center or contact Vicar Chuck.

**LAMP summer mission teams** are now forming. If you would like more information about serving on a LAMP mission team, please come on Sunday February 15 to an informational meeting after late service to learn more. The trip dates are July 22- August 3. We plan to meet in room A. Light lunch will be served. If you are unable to attend the meeting, please contact Ellen or Mike Kehe with any questions. 314-607-3734.

**Operation Christmas Child:** We are now beginning our year-round collection of items for Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes. January and February items are; Warm items (hats, gloves, scarves, warm socks etc.) and Fashion Accessories (sunglasses, sun hats, baseball caps, bracelets, necklaces etc.). Items can be dropped off in the Christmas box in the Narthex. A year-round schedule of items for collection can be found at the Welcome Center.

**The flowers on the altar** are in loving memory of wife, mother, grandmother, Ivy Belinda Rogers. Jon Rogers

## 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  
Norma Conley (friend of Aulderay Fields)  
Ruthie Crawford (friend of Julie Griffith)  
Pam Crecelius (sister-in-law of Roy & Sharon Crecelius)  
Morgan Cunningham (friend of Jon Rogers)  
Matthew Dina (relative of the Uttley family)  
Clyde Dempsey (father of Julie Seibert)  
Shari Lou Eakins (friend of Jon Rogers)  
Cheryl Ehmke  
Aulderay Fields  
Darlene Franklin (friend of Georgia Thomas)  
John Gassner (cousin of Gloria Uttley)  
Carolyn Hanneman  
Rita Hayes (sister of Jim Crosier)  
Donna Heinrich  
Ashley Hochuli (grand-daughter of Marilyn and Bill Miller)  
Virgil Hoffmann  
Alice Holtgrewe  
Shirley Johnson (friend of Jon Rogers)  
Ali Kloppenburg  
Ken Kreitner  
Marlene Kreitner (sister of Cheryl Ehmke)  
Joyce Lackey  
Bill Madison (son-in-law of Bill and Marilyn Miller)

Aminius Matthews (son of Alicia Harrie)  
Alex Metz (friend of Steve and Julie Seibert)  
Peggy Miller  
Joe Miano, Sr. (father of Joe Miano)  
Patricia Miano (mother of Joe Miano)  
**Mel Neustadt**  
**Pat Phipps**  
Sue Plack  
Annette Rueckert  
Rosilyn Cunningham Schmitt (mother of Robert Cunningham)  
Diane Schwede  
Jill Seibert (mother of Steve Seibert)  
Jim Seibert (father of Steve Seibert)  
Gail Shultz  
John Simon  
Johnnie Spears  
Dale Ternapovich (brother of Joyce Lackey)  
Jean Thomas  
Robyn Walen (friend of John Jordan)  
Stephanie Wallace  
Mickie Wallerstein (friend of Bill & Marilyn Miller)  
Eric Williams (son of Betty and Les Williams)  
Marcia Young (friend of Marilyn Miller)

### Those Receiving Treatment for Cancer:

Jay Bentzinger (friend of Nancy Swoboda)  
Barb Carroll (friend of Don Albers & Karen Totra)  
Bob Crecelius (brother of Roy Crecelius)  
Sue Gassner (cousin of Gloria Uttley)  
Damien Gregory (great-grandson of Gale Damm)  
Tenisha Hackett (niece of Carla Rainey)  
Cheryl Hogan (daughter of Lois Hoffman)  
Adrian Hughes (cousin of Aulderay Fields)  
Sonja Hughes (friend of Adrienne Burton)  
Bianca Jackson (friend of Vernida Summers)  
Crystal Jackson (niece of Johnnie Spears)  
Debbie Jenkins (niece of Vernida Summers)  
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)  
Bob Novak (friend of Joe Miano)  
Rosilyn Oldham (friend of Alexis Cunningham)  
Martin Rodgers (cousin of Jerri Bolden)  
Ellen Saville (friend of Keith Neuber)  
Christine Schwepler (friend of Don Albers & Karen Totra)  
Arrion Soll (friend of Jerri Bolden)  
Vernida Summers

# ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

**Friend of Moms:** We are looking for a few volunteers to take home clothing to wash and return to the closet. This can be done at your convenience. We are also in need of diapers and pull ups sizes 4, 5, and 6 and monetary gifts are always welcome. Thank you for your support.

**Sausage at Salem Black Jack:** A buffet-style lunch serving Salem's famous sausage will be held on Sunday, March 1. The buffet will be open from Noon through 1:30 p.m. In addition to sausage, sauerkraut, green beans, mashed potatoes, gravy, bread, apple sauce, and dessert will be served. Advanced reservations are required and may be purchased online. You can find a link on Salem's website ([www.salembjmo.org](http://www.salembjmo.org)) or navigate directly to <https://tinyurl.com/p6bfmmbj>.

Please call Salem's church office with any questions (314-741-6781).

**CrossRoads:** Contributions for the Spring issue of CrossRoads are due by Sunday, March 8.

**Trivia Night and Silent Auction:** Let's get ready for the big event on *Saturday, March 7, 2026*.

There will be food, fun, and prizes – all supporting Missions. Questions? Call Bill Rusnak, 314-741-3737.

**6 ways you can help:**

1. Reserve your table. Gather family and friends! Tickets are only \$15 each, tables of 8 are \$120. Registration forms are located in the Commons. Please have your registration in by Monday, March 2.

2. Thrivent Action Gift Cards are needed. See Bill Rusnak for details of areas of support.

3. Donate to the Silent Auction. Donations are needed - include anything you would want to purchase yourself--sports tickets, gift cards, novelties, etc. Bring items to the church office by March 2.

Letters to vendors and businesses are located on the Commons table!

4. Donate Attendance and game prizes by March 2 - winners can select their choice from a gift table.

5. Join the Fun! Leadership Positions are still available to help the night of the auction - ticket takers, Youth table runners, child care, concessions, and more. See the Sign-Up at the Welcome Center.

6. Tell others! Don't miss the first question promptly at 6:30! Doors open at 5:30.

## BIBLE STUDY

**Griefshare:** As we enter the new year – we look forward to the hope found through the 13 weeks of GriefShare. Join us in the Parlor, Tuesdays at 2:00 p.m. starting January 6, 2026

**Ladies Bible Study/Fellowship** - A study on the book "When You've Been Wronged" on the first and third Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m..

**Sunday Morning 9:45 Study** - SHORT STUDIES ON TOUGH TOPICS. See the Welcome Center desk for more information.

**Wednesday Evenings 6:30 pm Bible Study**, Join Vicar Chuck Wallace in room #8 covering the Prophet Isaiah.

## LIFE TEAM

In the Transfiguration of Jesus, we see that the glory of the Almighty God was hidden in the human flesh of our Lord. What a great reminder that God can work remarkable and glorious things through that which the world views as normal and ordinary. God, who can bring about the restoration of the fallen world through human flesh and blood, can also do wonderful and amazing things through surprise pregnancies, people born with severe disabilities, and those with terminal illnesses. Instead of turning to death in these cases, we should look for the ways that God might be hiding His good and gracious will in them.

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 2026, 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:

Barbara Frye – February 22

Carol Laesch – February 24

## MAPP GOD'S WORD

**Philemon 1:25** – "The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen."

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## Coming up at Chapel

### **Tuesday, February 17**

10:00 AM Women's Bible Study  
2:00 PM Grief Share

### **Wednesday, February 18**

**Ash Wednesday**  
11:00 AM Worship Service  
5:00 PM Dinner  
6:30 PM Worship service

### **Thursday, February 19**

7:00 Choral Singers

### **Saturday, February 21**

5:00 PM Worship Service

### **Sunday, February 22**

8:30 AM Worship Service  
9:45 AM Bible Study  
11:00 AM Worship Service  
12:15 PM Marriage Anniversary

## STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

**Matthew 17:8** – "And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only." Jesus is enough. Moses and Elijah point to Jesus and are happy to fade into the background. With our eyes focused on Him and Him alone, the rest of our lives come into focus. He is primary, all else secondary. When that order is right in our lives, things truly fall into place.

## HIS LOVE, OUR RESPONSE

Last week's attendance (2/8/2025):

- Worship 175 and 5 visitors.

Last week's offering (2/8/2025):

- General Fund: \$12,061
- Building / Capital Fund: \$1,195
- 1-1-1 Dollar for Missions: \$43

YTD Offerings:

- General Fund: \$58,988
- Building / Capital Fund: \$7,242

YTD Need:

- General Fund: \$88,920
- Building / Capital Fund: \$6,342