

We're starting to see clearly (is that a song too?) the ministries and missions that get us excited. We see the community around us and how it is changing yet staying the same. In that change, we are finding ourselves with many new opportunities to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We are connecting with new groups and rekindling old relationships. SO, as fall is upon us and the Holidays approach, how can we continue to share the love of Jesus with others? How can we meet the needs of our community members who need help? We see the future coming, and that future is made possible by our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, who is constantly working on our hearts, and by the Holy Spirit, who guides our steps in this beautiful creation of God!

Peace be with you!



Prayer List:

Claude Baker	Phyllis Ackerman	Terry Wharam
Sandy Haney	Bobby Tipton	Charlie Thacker
Mike Harrison	Judy Harvey	Marie Crawford
Monica Bowling	Andy & Brenda Price	Melissa Chance
Ralph & Leona Walker	Roy & Sandra Davidson	Burt Cragg
Lowell & Anne Thomason	Jeff Haddon	
Todd Simmons	Ann Marie Camody	Maryann Ferland
Donnie Campbell	John Mark Taylor	



NURTURE

There will be a potluck luncheon on Sunday, Sept. 27th, following church service at 11:15 am. Come and bring your favorite side dish and enjoy fellowship with the church family and tell everyone about your summer adventures.

Missions

We are gearing up for our Red Cross blood drive on November 9th, from 1- 6 pm. We have a 100-unit goal challenge to meet! Please sign on to the American Red Cross to donate and schedule your appointment. If you have questions or problems signing up, please contact Shelia Wharam [at 804-840-5881](tel:804-840-5881) or Mary Thompson [at 804-720-0725](tel:804-720-0725).

In Need of:

- Plastic Bags for recycling through Trex Company
- Volunteers for Trunk-ot-Treat
- Volunteers to donate and volunteer for Feed the Hungry
- Volunteers to help Feed Matoaca Football team



WESLEY CHAPEL FAMILIES IN WORSHIP EVENT SCHEDULE

March 29 th	Palm Sunday –“Hosanna” Easter Egg Hunt & Hotdog Lunch
May 31st	Summer Kick Off/VBS Kick off/Honor Graduates
June 8 th – 11 th	Vacation Bible School- “Rome! Paul the Underground Church” 5:30 pm Dinner/6:00 pm Programing
August 16 th	Back-to-School Bash
October 31 st	Trunk-or-treat
November 8 th	Veteran Day Celebration –“Generation of Gratitude”
December 13 th	Christmas Pageant –“The Not-So-Silent Christmas”
February 14 th , 2027	Valentine’s Day –“The Greatest Love Story”
March 21 st , 2027	Palm Sunday –“The King is Here” Easter Egg Hunt

ANNOUNCEMENTS



- Everyone is invited to the Open House @Riggs home Oct 10 @2:00
- Wesley Chapel will be Feeding Matoaca Football team Oct 13,15, 27 & 29th



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Turn, Turn, Turn!

Did you know the Byrds' popular song is based on Ecclesiastes 3? Except for the repeated title phrase ("Turn! Turn! Turn!") and the final line pleading for peace, the lyrics use the first eight verses of Ecclesiastes almost verbatim.

I love the scripture, so I love this song, I guess?... LOL. When I read the scripture, the song comes to mind, and when I hear the song, the scripture comes to mind. But I guess that is true with so many parts of our lives. We are reminded of our faith through community living, and we are reminded of community living through our faith. Over the last few months, I have seen people care for each other in times of deep loss and sadness. Yet I also see the joys shared through weddings, anniversaries, and birthdays. Turn, Turn, Turn. As we approach the end of the year, we are reminded of the exciting future that we have at Wesley Chapel.

FAMILIES IN WORSHIP!

Over the past year and a half, Hatching Faith has been prayerfully working to involve our children more fully in the life and ministry of the church. While this important focus will continue, we are excited to share that we are now merging with the Discipleship Committee.

This new step will allow us to partner more intentionally across all areas of the church as we grow toward meaningful intergenerational worship—bringing together children, families, and individuals of all ages. Please stay tuned for more updates as we continue seeking ways to strengthen and enrich the ministry of Wesley Chapel.

Our next *Families in Worship* service will take place on November 8, as we honor our veterans. We invite you to join us for this special service, which will include heartfelt interviews conducted by our children with several of our veterans.

Finally, it's that time of year again—time to begin preparing for our annual Children's Pageant! Plans are already underway for the December 13 program, and we hope your child will take part in this beautiful celebration as we share the story of the birth of our Savior. Most of the parts are non-speaking parts, and there will only be one Sunday afternoon practice. All ages are welcome. Contact Melinda Manz by phone or at mindynscott@gmail.com if your child(ren) would like to participate, or if you can help in any way.

UMMEN

The Methodist Men's October Meeting will be held on Monday, October 19th at Lowell Thomason's Club Shed. Meeting time is 6:00 PM and includes dinner. All men of Wesley Chapel are welcome to attend. Hope to see you there!

WOW

We had a very productive meeting in September and are excited about what's ahead. Plans are underway for a Soup Luncheon on October 25 following worship. We will be serving stew, a variety of soups, breads, and desserts.

We hope you will join us for this special time of fellowship and support our fundraising efforts.

Our next meeting will be held on November 15.

Trunk or Treat

Have you prayed about how you will participate in our Trunk or Treat on October 31?

Everyone is invited to join this special ministry to our community. The United Methodist Men will be preparing hot dogs, served with potato chips and bottled water.

We are also looking for volunteers to decorate their trunks and share treats with our trick-or-treaters—a wonderful way to spread joy and connect with families.

The fun begins at 5:00 PM and continues through 7:00 PM.

If you plan to participate, please let Tasha know. For more information, contact Pastor Glenn or Brenda Price.

PLASTIC COLLECTION UPDATE

We have collected an incredible **1,118 pounds** of plastic so far this year—thank you for helping us be good stewards of God's creation!

Please note that Trex is **no longer** accepting **animal feed bags** unless they are marked as recyclable.

To learn more about which plastics are accepted, visit: <https://bit.ly/4v4dIDR>



YOUTH

The youth group has gotten off to a great start this school year! We have 11 youth participating, and they have enjoyed the lessons, ministry, and games each week! In October, we are excited to do a craft for our shut-ins, pack meal bags, and host Trunk-or-Treat! We are also planning to participate in the regional youth gathering at Chester UMC on Sunday, October 11th. If you would like to carpool, or if your youth needs a ride, just let us know; we would be glad to help! Our youth group schedule is a little different this month, so please review the attached calendar and keep an eye on the announcements!

Worship Team News

The Worship Team met on September 29th to work on plans for upcoming events.

There will be a Blessing of the Animals on Sunday, October 4 at 4:00 p.m. Load your animal(s) in your car or truck and drive by the prayer garden for a blessing by Pastor Glenn. Bring a horse trailer if necessary.

Fall décor will go up in the Smith Center on Thursday, October 8th at 10:00. If you would like to help, please join us. Call Anne Bardo for more information (804 720-7684).

Sunday, November 1st is All Saints' Day. Loved ones who have passed since the last All Saints' Day will be honored with candle lighting and verbal recognition. If you have a close family member who may have passed in that timeframe and you would like them remembered, please let Pastor Glenn know the details. Designated candles can be kept by the families. There will also be a table of votive candles available for lighting during communion as you remember other loved ones.

The Worship Team is also finalizing details for Advent and Christmas. We will be asking for help decorating and helping with service details during the season. More details in the next newsletter.