

WESLEY CHAPEL NEWS



Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. Matthew 5:16

August 2017

A Light In The Darkness

One of my fondest summer memories as a child was catching lighting bugs in the yard. I had a special mason jar that Dad had poked a few holes in the lid so the residents could breathe. As it grew dark outside, I would grab that jar and run out the door chasing those little flashes of light. My general fear of the dark faded away as I focused on the call of those dancing lights. It was a joy and a thrill to spend what seemed like hours running after them.

As I have watched my own children chase lighting bugs, it has reminded me of that joy and excitement I had as a child. It has also caused me to question why I think of myself as too busy to enjoy the simple things of life.

Often in life the greatest joys can be found in the simpler things, yet we busy ourselves with so much we fail to see the blessings around us. I am amazed that many times it is when we focus upon one or two things that we find great fulfillment.

What then should we focus on? There are many things we can choose and there are many things that will demand our attention. Yet I go back to one thing, following a light in the midst of darkness.

That light is no lighting bug. It is the light of Christ. There is great joy and excitement in pursuing His light and when we focus upon Him, fears and doubts fade away. Have you found the light in the midst of the darkness? May His joy fill you as you pursue His light.

In Christ,

Jimmy

Constantly add the private means of grace, particularly prayer and reading. Most of you have been greatly wanting in this; and, without this, you can never grow in grace. You may as well expect a child to grow without food, as a soul without private prayer; and reading is an excellent help to this. I advise you to read, in particular, constantly and carefully, the New Testament.
... John Wesley



Everyone is invited to the Missions Lunch on Sunday August 6 as we SLIDE INTO FALL with a waterslide and more following the 11am service

Men's Breakfast 7:30am Sunday Aug 13

VBS IN THE STREETS

WC will be hosting an afternoon of fun at a MUST Ministries apartment complex Sunday August 13, 2-4pm off of Sandtown Road. We will have games, food, and spend time serving our neighbors. Planning meeting Sunday July 30 @ 4:15pm in the WCGym or see Marcie Millholland



Thursday, August 17
at 12noon in the WCGym
Entertainment provided by
The Moss Family Singers
Gospel & popular songs

74 Meals on Wheels Blessing Bags were delivered this week. Well done, Wesley Chapel!

Birthdays &

Anniversaries

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| August 3 | Laurel Resendez |
| August 3 | Katt Norris |
| August 4 | Larry Stanley |
| August 7 | Teresa Davenport |
| August 7 | Jordan Byrd |
| August 7 | Marcie & Morrie Brunton |
| August 9 | Laura Smith |
| August 10 | Chuck Wiggins |
| August 10 | Jerry & Linda Bramblett |
| August 11 | Mitch & Dawn Anderson |
| August 13 | Kelly Sinclair |
| August 13 | Alan Mabry |
| August 14 | Kristen Posey |
| August 15 | Drew Posey |
| August 15 | Karl & Vickie Mattle |
| August 17 | Sara Tolar |
| August 20 | Sandra Drew |
| August 21 | Dennis & Kathy Rodenroth |
| August 22 | Brooke Rodenroth |
| August 22 | Noah Castillo |
| August 23 | Katie Jung |
| August 26 | Terry Fincannon |
| August 28 | Sue Peters |
| August 28 | Robert & Linda Brock |
| August 30 | Haley Thacker |
| August 31 | Ann Holley |



Join us for Super Hero Sunday School at 10am in the Children's Hallway for students ages 5-5th grade

END OF SCHOOL DAY PRAYER

"Thank you, God, for this day.

For all I did (insert specific accomplishments)
and for all I learned (insert specific learnings.)

Thank you for being with me during the hard times
(insert specific moments)

and the fun times (insert specific moments.)

Help me relax, play, and rest. Amen.

The church daily activity calendar can be found at www.wcmmc.info

Thank you Wesley Chapel Family of Faith for sharing life, love, and the joy of the Lord with us every single day as we served our great God together. Your kindnesses and hope we will hold in our hearts forever. In His Sparkly Name, DeDe & Bob Reilly

How Will You Serve?

Sunday morning parking lot greeter

8:45am Usher

Change Road Sign biweekly

Decorate a Bulletin Board quarterly

Remove playground weeds

Plant flowers

Water indoor plants weekly

Office Hospitality Help

Write birthday cards

Volunteer to serve CLUB345 on 2nd & 4th Sunday beginning in September

Nursery Volunteer

Clean out a refrigerator monthly

Write a newsletter article monthly

Sing or play an instrument in the praise band

Write notes of encouragement for first and second time guests

There is a place for you to get involved at Wesley Chapel. See Pastor Jimmy or stop by the church office.

Youth News

When you go through deep waters, I will be with you. Isaiah 43:2

Thank you to everyone who supported our Summer of Missions through your prayers, gifts and by volunteering to chaperone. We had our largest teams ever—16 went to Hondruas in June and 23 volunteered at Nehemiah Project 2017 in July. We can't wait to share all of the stories and experience with you.

We truly felt God's hand during each of these trips.

Sunday August 6

Sunday School 10am in the WCGym. We will enjoy Sunday school activities all together (Middle School and High School) for the month of August. Plan to meet in the WCGym for lessons, games, challenges and more. We will use this Sunday fun for everyone to get to know one another! If you haven't been to Sunday school in a while this is the time to jump back in!

Worship on the Front Pew at 11am Service!! All of our new 6th graders get to join us on the "WCYOUTH pews" so get there early and welcome our newbies!

NOON Mission Meal and Splash Back to School. Bring your family to lunch in the WCGym and bring your suit and towel so you can get wet, splash and relax after the first week of school.

We will not have any evening UMYF since we are hanging out after church.

Sunday August 13

Sunday School 10am in the WCGym—Middle School and High School together

Worship on the Front Pew at 11am service!!

VBS IN THE STREETS! We will be hosting an afternoon of fun at MUST apartment complex from 2-4pm off of Sandtown Road. We will have games, food and spend time serving our neighbors. We do not have a budget for this so we will be getting creative and inviting the entire church to help!! We will need food and craft donations as well!! Even though school has started (too early!!) it is still Summer in my book and this will be our Summer of Mission "wrap-up"!! Mark your calendar! We will have a quick lunch in the WCGym after church and then pack up and head out to the MUST apartments. Parent Volunteers needed—siblings welcome. This is an outreach opportunity for the entire church!

We will not have evening UMYF since we are hosting VBS IN THE STREETS.

Sunday August 20

Sunday School 10am in the WCGym—Middle School and High School together

Worship on the Front Pew at 11am service!!

UMYF 5-7pm. We can't wrap up our Summer without a little tropical island fun!! We will have games, food, and some beachy island fun at UMYF tonight. Wear shoes that can get wet, hula skirts, beach hats, leis or your coolest shades!! There is a big prize for the person who has the funniest, craziest "Summer Tourist" costume!!

Sunday August 27

Sunday School 10am in the WCGym—Middle School and High School together

Worship on the Front Pew at 11am service!!

Parent/Youth Meeting at 5pm!! Each youth must attend with a parent. We will look at our calendar, talk about 2018 Mission trips, and other plans for WCYouth that are underway!! It should last approximately 1 hour.

Then everyone is invited to play BINGO for prizes of course and have snacks!!

Date to Remember: Saturday October 14th

Pop Up Shop Vintage. Vendor. Art. Craft. Show.

This is a major fundraiser for Youth Missions so plan to help!! We are planning to have a small booth for WCYouth to sell some items that we create as a group.

More details soon.



**Saturday
October 14
9am-4pm**

**Vintage
Vendors
Art and
Craft**

Wesley Chapel will host a Pop Up Shop open to a limited number of vintage dealers, direct sales vendors, artists and crafters. Applications can be obtained from the church office and Marcie Millholland or email craftshow@wcumc.info

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