

Now, I would challenge you to hear with confidence: this is just a conversation. The best thing we can do is talk among ourselves and look for ways we can help, support each other, and wrestle with what God is doing in our community. The demographics are changing; we as people are changing (yes, I know I am getting older and I am wrestling with that), but God is not. God is our rock and our foundation. How can we show others the same love that God shows us? So, take this and listen to the sermon from today, and let's wrestle with what we are CALLED to do!

Pastor Glenn

Prayer List:

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| Carla Chaney | Charlie Thacker | Phyllis Ackerman |
| Terry Wharam | Claude Baker | Monica Bowling |
| Andy and Brenda Price | Todd Simmons | Mike Harrison |
| Judy Harvey | Roy & Sandra Davidson | |
| Lowell Thomason | Marie Crawford | |
| Anne Thomason | Ainsley Foster | |
| Donna Chisholm | The Family of Gwen Moseley | |
| The Family of Michael Evans | Ralph and Leona Walker | |
| The Family of Rick Reid & WCUMC family | | |



NURTURE

There will be a Potluck Luncheon on June 14th following church service at 11:15 am. We will have a representation, Bill Humphries from Carter Hospice, to speak after lunch. Join us for the Potluck Luncheon and information.

Missions

The Mission Team donated \$750.00 to the Chesterfield County Food Bank in July. We also received and donated snacks for 60 kids for 5 days and 60 backpacks to the Chesterfield County Sheriff's Department summer camp program.

We are gearing up for our Red Cross blood drive on September 9, from 1-6pm.

We have a 100 units goal challenge to meet!



In Need of:

- Plastic Bags for recycling through Trex Company
- Volunteers for Ettrick Elementary (Brenda Price)



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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

- Be on the Lookout for new upcoming meeting dates



Wrestling...

As I have been preparing for this week's sermon, I have had many opportunities to define the word wrestling over the last few weeks. I will share some of these in this week's message, but I wanted to share with you the fruits of some people's wrestling with God's call. In Genesis 32:24 Jacob wrestles all night. We all have those days where we lose sleep, worrying about what is to come and trying to figure out what to do. Wrestling can be a metaphor for trying to figure something out.

This year at Annual Conference, they presented an idea: "become a congregation of call," and I was intrigued. As I looked into it, I realized just how many people we have who are exploring new ministries and how God is calling them. We have candidates for Youth Council for the conference, Earth Keeper, Certified Lay Minister, Certified Lay Servant, and Deaconess. So, what does that mean? It is evidence of the fruit of the Spirit at work right here in our midst. Let's start talking more about what we are called to do. I challenge you not to be afraid (the Bible says this over 100 times) and to talk about the call. It is just a way for us to talk about how the Spirit is at work.

TRUSTEES



Updates:

The Trustees have install a new playground for your family to enjoy. The second

Playground (lifetime model 19200) was install on July 27th and 28th, right next to the first one.

The kitchen hood fire system has had its 5-year update as well.

UMMEN

We will resume meeting in September. All men of Wesley Chapel are welcome to attend!



WOW

WOW—what is WOW?

WOW stands for Women of Wesley! We are a group of faithful servants striving to be the hands and feet of Jesus in our community.

We are excited to resume our meetings on Sunday, August 23, at 11:15 a.m. During this gathering, we will discuss an upcoming fundraiser and future projects.

We would love for you to join us—come be a part of what God is doing through WOW!

PLASTIC COLLECTION UPDATE

Wesley Chapel continues to be good stewards of the beautiful earth God has entrusted to us. Thanks to your efforts, we have collected an incredible **878 pounds of plastic in just 7 months!**

To learn more about which plastics are accepted, scan the QR code or visit: <https://bit.ly/4v4dlDR>.

Thank you for helping care for God's creation!

ETTRICK ELEMENTARY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Ettrick Elementary School is seeking volunteers to help stain 19 picnic tables this fall. All supplies will be provided—just bring your willingness to serve and lend a hand!

If you're available to help, please contact Brenda Price at 804-720-3013.

Thank you for supporting our school community!

FAMILIES IN WORSHIP!

As the Summer comes to an end, we are excited about the ministries that are planned. First, Hatching Faith is the committee that focuses on discipleship and education. Our mission is to help all who come to Wesley Chapel grow in faith and become Disciples of Jesus Christ. We do this through families in worship, Biblical Studies, and youth ministries.

Families in Worship is a Sunday when families stay for the worship service, and we have a service that connects us all together no matter our age. The Next Families in Worship service is Sunday, Aug 16th, our BACK-TO-SCHOOL LUAU! During our service, we will learn about church and family. We will say a prayer for our teachers, have a blessing of the backpacks, and pray over the school supplies that we have collected for the local schools. Afterward, we will have a big cookout with waterslides, bounce houses, yard games, and plenty of food. Pastor Glenn and Terri are providing pulled pork and pulled chicken so we can all enjoy some yummy foods. We are asking you to bring your favorite cookout side! Let's celebrate the end of summer and pray for the upcoming school year!

Our Weekly Bible study will resume on Aug 18th at 10am in the Adult Sunday school class. We will begin with the Scripture Exodus 1: 1-8. The focus will be on memories fading. Hope to see you then!

YOUTH

Here we go! Youth group starts Sept 16th! Another school year is kicking off, and youth group is ready to begin. I am excited to say we are growing in number and in faith. We have three new members joining the group. Each week we will meet from 6:00-7:30. Twice a month we will pack snack bags for Matoaca Elementary, so kids will have food to take home on the weekends. Those days we will have challenging and exciting, Bible fun, and Prayer time. The other two weeks of the month, we are bringing in a new program offered by UMC Discipleship. It has icebreakers, games, and Bible study based on the scriptures that are preached on Sundays. I am excited to help our youth understand the text and dive deeper into a personal relationship with Jesus. Come and join the fun. If you have a child from 6th-12th grade and have questions, feel free to contact pastor Glenn!



Notes From the Office:

-Office hours are Tuesday 9:00-3:00, Wednesday 1:00-6:00 pm and Thursday 9:00-3:00

-As the summer ends, many meetings, practices and gatherings will be held, be on the lookout for dates.