



CHAPEL ROCK Newsletter



CARING ENOUGH TO
HARDHEADED

EMBRACE A DIFFICULT CALLING

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Lead Lines

The first recorded use of the English word “hardheaded” was in *Foxe’s Book of Martyrs*, which was first published in 1563. In Book 8 of the *Actes and Monuments* (AKA, *Foxe’s Book of Martyrs*), the author is describing various heretical or sectarian groups that had arisen in earlier centuries in England and Europe. He often lumps them together as being obstinate or unwilling to submit to the authority of the Church. The word’s first usage in context is (with modernized spelling for clarity): “*There sprang up in the days of King Henry certain new sects, a **hardheaded** and stubborn sort of people, who refused the ordinances of the Church and would not be ordered by reason or authority.*”

Foxe is talking about groups that were active during the reign of King Henry the 8th (after his break with Rome and the Catholic Church) that Foxe considered difficult, rebellious, and obstinate in their views. So, the earliest use of the word “hardheaded” is about a person who is simply stubborn to the point of folly, and not in the sense of being persistent, tenacious, or unyielding. Interestingly, Foxe is lumping together those who rejected infant baptism as having any saving value; but also those who deny the Trinity. While we would certainly be included in the former group, we must most forcefully reject the later group.

Foxe is using the word negatively, which is interesting because in his *Book of Martyrs*, in the letter from Dr. Brooks, Bishop of Gloucester to Dr. Thomas Cranmer, Archbishop of Canterbury, he speaks very highly of the prophet Ezekiel. Now, if you want to talk about someone who is hardheaded (in the more positive sense – persistent, tenacious, unyielding), then Ezekiel should be at the top of your list. **He had a specific call from God to be hardheaded in a world that seemed like it was falling apart. Sound familiar?** We must learn this vital skill from the Old Testament prophet. This fall, we’re going to be working our way through the book of *Ezekiel*, specifically focused on what it can teach us about faithfulness to God and what I call “holy stubbornness” and tenacity in a world that’s often apathetic (or even openly hostile) to the Lord.

Along the way, we’re going to build house walls for a deserving family in our parking lot with the Fuller Center for Housing on Saturday, September 6, and there will be a four-week Wired Class (our primary mechanism for those who are interested in joining Chapel Rock as members and/or getting plugged in and serving here) starting on Sunday, September 14. My hope for this fall is that we can redeem the term “hardheaded” and make it a positive: we will be as unyielding in our commitment to the Lord and His Word and His mission in the world as Ezekiel was.

Leading as I follow,
Casey



Wired is a four-week course designed to help you find your place at Chapel Rock. Upon completing this class, you can decide if you want to become a member of Chapel Rock. We ask that you attend a minimum three of the four weeks. Join us Sundays, September 14, 21, and 28, and October 5, at 11 a.m. in FH 14/16. Register using the QR code.

Fuller House Build



The Fuller Center House Wall Build is Saturday, September 6, from 9 a.m. to noon at Chapel Rock in the south parking

lot and there is something for everyone to do! Many volunteers are needed. Children are welcome, but must be supervised. Use the QR code to register your family. Please contact Ron with questions at ron@chapelrockcd.org.





Fall in the Word

As an alternative to a fall Bible Study, the Women's Ministry has developed a reading plan and a link to a two-part video series (use QR code to access) on *Ezekiel* to go along with Casey's sermon series beginning Sunday, September 7. Copies of the reading plan are available at the Welcome Center. Both men and women are encouraged to participate! The Women's Ministry is looking for facilitators for morning and evening spring Bible Study classes. If you know someone, or are interested yourself, please contact Jenny Knoebel at knoebeljenny@gmail.com.



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Aspire Women's Event

Aspire is a one night, three-hour event sponsored by Bluff Creek Christian Church. Speakers are Heather Dixon, and Kay Dodd, and music by Jamie Jamgochian. You can learn more about this online at aspirewomenensevents.com and purchase tickets for \$30 or Women's Ministry will have a few tickets available for sale for \$25 on Sunday, September 28, at the kiosk in the Foyer.

Fall Shopping Trip

The Women's Ministry Fall Shopping Trip is Saturday, October 18, 2025, at The Outlet Shoppes of the Bluegrass. Registration begins Sunday, September 28, and runs through October 12th or until the trip is full. Please note this event fills up quickly. Cost is \$10.00.

Save the Date

Women's Ministry Christmas Tea is Wednesday, December 3.

Chapel Rockets Seniors Ministry September Events

- ⇒ Thursday, September 4, Rockets monthly pitch-in lunch at 11:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Entertainment will be provided by the two man band, "Biscuits & Gravy" at 12:45 p.m. Please bring a side dish and enter door #3.
- ⇒ Thursday, September 11, Keenager's Day at Camp Allendale. Cost is \$10 and includes lunch. The bus will leave the church at 9:15 a.m. Register with Ann at 317-238-0127.
- ⇒ Tuesday, September 16, Lunch Bunch trip TBA. Register with Ann at 317-238-0127. Note: Please meet at door #10, at the west end of the building, under the overhang.
- ⇒ Thursday, September 18, Movie Day in the Family Room at 1 p.m. Please bring a movie snack to share and enter at door #3.
- ⇒ Wednesday, September 24, Lunchtime Care & Share at noon in Connection Corner. Please bring your own lunch and beverage.



**Operation
Christmas Child**

What a wonderful church we have! Operation Christmas Child continues to be blessed! September's need is clothing for ages two to four as well as WOW gifts. A WOW gift could be a soccer ball, a doll, or any item that a child would be excited to see at the top of his/her shoe box gift. **People who are knowledgeable about fishing are needed** to create fishing kits out of clean medicine bottles. If you are interested, please call Judy Heuss at 317-702-0508.

OFFICE CLOSED

The church office will be closed Monday, September 1, in observance of the Labor Day holiday.

Men's September Breakfast and Devotion

The men's monthly breakfast and devotion will be Saturday, September 6. Coffee and fellowship time begins at 7 a.m. with the breakfast being served at 7:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Please enter at door #3 or #12.

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Mission Trip to Kenya

Chapel Rock is returning to Kenya with Disciple Makers in August 2026. Tom Schneller will host an informational meeting on Sunday, October 19, at 12:30 p.m. in WC 113. Come and learn what God is doing in Kenya and how you might be involved!



Homeless Ministry Needs

The Homeless Ministry is in need of items for both warm and cool seasons. Items can be placed in the DropZone bin in the Foyer. Needed items are: baby wipes, toilet paper, socks, t-shirts, deodorant, tooth paste and tooth brushes, shampoo, and body wash.



Chapel Rock's Food Pantry operates on the first and third Thursdays each month. Both monetary and food donations are encouraged. Please write "Food Pantry" on the memo line of checks. Non-perishable food donations may be put in the DropZone bin in the Foyer. Contact Cindy West at 215-570-8578 if you would like to volunteer with the Food Pantry.

By the Numbers ...

	7/20	7/27	8/3	8/10	8/17	2025 Average Attendance.....658
Worship Services – campus	436	443	452	446	395	(includes live streaming)
Worship Online – live streaming	219	196	220	181	256	Baptisms for 202515
In-person & Virtual Small Groups	150	149	147	167	142	Transfers for 202520
Children/Middle School/High School	112	118	104	97	127	

Financial Report ending July 2025

General Fund Offerings – YTD\$1,070,804 Missions Funding..... \$124,662

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