



CHAPEL ROCK

Newsletter



Merry
Christmas

Glory to God in the highest, and on
earth peace, goodwill towards men.
Luke 2:14

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It's almost that time of year! Yes, you know what I'm talking about: time to binge watch Christmas movies! The advent of streaming media has changed this into a pretty consistent Christmas tradition for a lot of families. It used to be that you had to pay for cable to be able to do that (and only a few channels did it); but now every streaming service offers its version of Christmas movie binge watching. There are

plenty of good ones out there, but one of the all-time classics is *National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation*. A big part of what makes that movie a classic is just how eminently quotable it is. I'm certain that all of you have been at a Christmas party somewhere, sometime; and someone broke out that line, "She's a beaut, Clark." There are a lot of things about that movie that make it memorable (sadly, not all of them are family-friendly), and one of my favorites is when Clark, played by Chevy Chase, gets trapped in the attic, and comes across his family's trove of memories. He sits on a suitcase, dressed in a ridiculous assortment of clothing to keep warm, and watches an old 8mm film of his family on vacation. You can see that he's profoundly moved. The filmmaker gives us the impression that he has completely forgotten about these videos and is rediscovering them. This rediscovery increases his joy in celebrating Christmas.

I hope to do the same for you this Christmas season. Maybe you've had the experience of getting out your Christmas decorations and stumbling across an old ornament that you'd forgotten about? Maybe it was buried in a box that got tucked away for a few years? The truth is, within the Christmas story, there are some very significant "forgotten ornaments." There are themes that tend to get eclipsed by the primary themes of Advent. This Christmas season, we are certainly not going to neglect hope, or peace, or joy, or love. But we're going to look at a few forgotten ornaments that hang on those boughs: repentance, selflessness, lament, and obedience. Those ornaments belong on the Christmas tree of our soul. They're not the main attraction, and they don't often get the spotlight, but they should not be forgotten. I'm looking forward to celebrating this Christmas season with you, as we increase our appreciation for the forgotten ornaments of Christmas.

Leading as I follow,
Casey



Angel Breakfast is a time for children ages kindergarten and under to celebrate the true meaning of Christmas with their families. Join us in Fellowship Hall for food, crafts, games, and storytelling fun. This is a family event. Older siblings are welcome.





Women's Ministry Christmas Tea

Join us for a night of worship, fun, and fellowship to start off the Christmas season, Wednesday, December 3, 2025, at 7 p.m. This year's speaker will be Michelle Medlock Adams. Michelle is an award-winning journalist and best-selling author, which includes her most recent Golden Scroll first place

award in the Best Children's Book category for *Our God is Bigger Than That!*

Michelle is also celebrating the recent release of several of her books. Michelle will be presenting "The Colors of Christmas" and how we can apply those spiritual truths to our lives as we live out our faith during this holiday season and beyond. Our 2025 Christmas Tea offering this year will be given to **Open Arms Christian Ministries**. We also ask everyone to bring a pair of gloves, a hat, or a scarf for the night of the event to support our families in **WELL** (Westside English Language Learning). Cost for the event is \$10. You can register at the kiosk or use the QR code.



Homeless Ministry Needs

The Homeless Ministry is in *great need of blankets and comforters*. Items can be placed in the DropZone bin in the Foyer. Other needed items are: baby wipes, socks, t-shirts, deodorant, tooth paste and tooth brushes, shampoo, and body wash.



Wondering how you will survive the holidays? The *Surviving the Holidays* seminar is for people who are grieving a loved one's passing. Join us Monday, December 1, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. or 6 to 8 p.m. in room WC 100. Register online at griefshare.com.

Questions? Call Jane Rogers at 317-989-8547.



Operation Christmas Child

Thank you to everyone who prayed, donated, packed, and created shoe box gifts during our incredible 2025 Operation Christmas Child season! You are a team that can't be beat and Matt and I are proud to serve alongside you. Please continue to pray for children and their families around the world as they meet Jesus face to face through

the ministry of each shoe box. I pray that each of you has a wonderful Christmas season. Let's keep Jesus the reason for our season.

~Judy Heuss



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.

End of Year Contributions

Planning to make an end-of-year contribution to Chapel Rock? The general rule is a contribution is effective when delivered. Please refer to the following deadlines:

- Online contributions are considered delivered on the date the financial institution pays the amount. To ensure your gift is credited to 2025, your final online donation should be made no later than Monday, December 29.
- All gifts mailed through the USPS must be postmarked on or before December 31. Envelopes arriving with a postmark of January 1, or later will be credited to 2026.
- Should you opt to hand-deliver your gift to the office, you must arrive by 3 p.m. on Tuesday, December 30.

To deduct any charitable donation of money on your tax return, the IRS requires that a donor have either a bank record or written communication from Chapel Rock. We will provide those who donated to the church during 2025 a contribution statement in January 2026.

Men's December Breakfast and Devotion

The men's monthly breakfast and devotion will be Saturday, December 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.



Church Office Holiday Hours

Monday, December 22 - Open 9 to 3
 Tuesday, December 23 - Open 9 to 3
 Wednesday, December 24 - Closed
 Thursday, December 25 - Closed
 Friday, December 26 - Closed

Monday, December 29 - Open 9 to 3
 Tuesday, December 30 - Open 9 to 3
 Wednesday, December 31 - Open 8 to 12
 Thursday, January 1 - Closed
 Friday, January 2 - Closed



If you are new to Chapel Rock or know someone who is and would like to learn more about us, please join us for our Welcome to the Rock luncheon on Sunday, January 18, at 12:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. This is a chance to meet Lead Pastor, Casey Scott, and listen as he shares the vision for our church and our community. Scan the QR code to register.



Chapel Rockets Seniors Ministry December Events

- Thursday, December 4, Rockets Christmas Luncheon at Country Club of Indianapolis at 11:30 a.m. Reservation is required by November 23. A love offering will be collected for the singer, Bryan Hutson.
- Thursday, December 11, Lunch Bunch trip to Lavina's Amish Kitchen. Bus will leave church at 10:15 a.m. Reservations are required. Call Ann at 317-238-0127.
- Wednesday, December 17, Christmas Hymn Sing at 1 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Please bring a dozen cookies to share. Enter at door #3.
- Monday, December 29, Movie Day in the Family Room at 1 p.m. Please bring a movie snack to share.

By the Numbers ...

	10/19	10/26	11/2	11/9	11/16	2025 Average Attendance.....657
Worship Services — campus	402	399	447	421	507	(includes live streaming)
Worship Online — live streaming	286	216	315	179	192	Baptisms for 202524
In-person & Virtual Small Groups	148	158	133	172	146	Transfers for 202527
Children/Middle School/High School	115	106	113	115	89	

Financial Report ending September 2025

☞ General Fund Offerings — YTD\$1,507,176 ☞ Missions Funding..... \$184,011

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SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES: 9:15 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.