



CHAPEL ROCK Newsletter



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Lead Lines

We are entering my favorite time of year, the 'ber months! (SeptemBER, OctoBER, etc.). I'm always energized by this time of year, but this year is especially exciting! One of the things I'm excited about this fall is welcoming Martin Hinten as our new Kids Pastor. Martin comes to Chapel Rock with a lot of experience in children's and Next Gen ministry, but what stood out to us was the way he thinks about the work. His goal isn't simply to create great programming for kids. He'll do that, but he really wants to partner with parents as the primary disciple-makers in their children's lives, to teach Scripture well, to develop volunteers and leaders, and to help kids (and their parents) actually grow up following Jesus.



That is SO important to us. And, in a way, Martin joining our team connects really well with the conversation we're having right now about our **Seven Practices**. Here's one thing I want to make sure is clear: The Seven Practices are not seven new values. We didn't spend all this time deciding that Chapel Rock suddenly needs seven more things to care about. They aren't replacing our mission, our vision, or the things that have shaped this church for years. The Seven Practices answer a slightly different question.

Our mission and values tell us what matters to us. The Seven Practices help describe **how we want to live those things out together**. That's why we call them *practices*. They aren't another set of statements to memorize or put on a wall. They are **habits** we want to increasingly become our normal way of following Jesus together. These will shape how we serve, how we lead, how we disagree, how we welcome people, and how we carry out the mission Jesus has given us. And that brings me back to Martin.

Having a Kids Pastor isn't a new direction for Chapel Rock – we've had one for a long time. But we do want to be more intentional about how we live out the convictions that we have held for a long time: children matter, families (no matter how they're formatted) are important, discipleship is non-negotiable, and Scripture is core. Martin is joining a team that is committed to getting better at living those convictions.

So when you see him, introduce yourself. Welcome him. Encourage him. And if you have kids in your home, get to know him. I'm really grateful God has brought Martin to Chapel Rock, and I'm excited about what lies ahead as we practice becoming those who God has called us to be.

Leading as I follow,
Casey

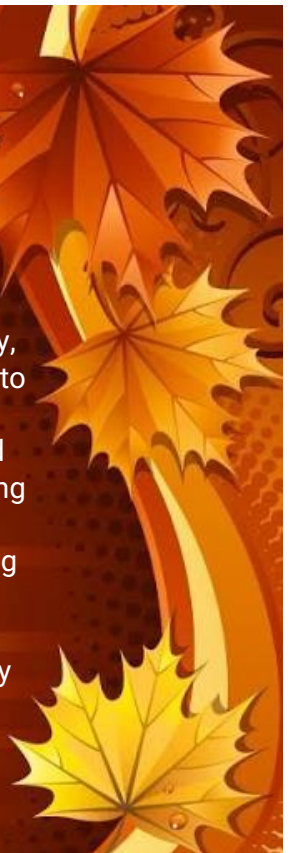
Order Your 7 Practices T-Shirt

Practicing Wholeness is the brand-new sermon series designed to help us put Chapel Rock's core values into action. Together, we'll explore 7 Practices that can help us live with greater purpose, connection, and wholeness every day. Two t-shirt designs are available to order, and both come in white. The last day to order is September 6.



Children's Ministry Family Fall Party

Families are invited Friday, September 25, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Nehemiah Ranch (1420 N County Rd 600 E, Avon) for an evening of hayrides, food, games, and a bonfire. Please bring your own lawn chairs and invite friends and neighbors. This is a family event, no drop-offs please. More information coming soon!





30 Years of Impact Gala

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Mission Indy began at Chapel Rock Christian Church in 1996, following a youth mission trip to Venezuela. In 2001, Mission Indy became a separate non-profit ministry supported by Chapel Rock. Every summer since 1997, there has been a week of Mission Indy hosted at Chapel Rock, and many from our congregation have served in a variety of ways. Numerous student groups from Chapel Rock have attended Mission Indy over the years, and some have served as summer interns. Several Chapel Rock families have served as host families for some of those interns. The Mission Indy Board has members from Chapel Rock. This October, Mission Indy will celebrate 30 years of ministry, and we hope you will thank God with us for His faithfulness through the years. We look forward to many more years of offering service and learning opportunities to churches around the country. If you'd like to know more, contact us at info@missionindy.com or call 317-538-9565.

Chapel Rockets Seniors Ministry Events

- ⇒ Tuesday, September 1, Mystery Trip is filled. Waiting list is available. Please call Ann at 317-238-0127.
- ⇒ Thursday, September 3, Monthly luncheon at 11:30 a.m. Please bring a side dish or two and enter door 3. Brian Wilkes from Channel 59 Fox News will be the guest speaker at 12:45 p.m.
- ⇒ Wednesday, September 9, Movie Day at 1 p.m. in the Family Room. Please bring a movie snack to share. Enter door 3.
- ⇒ Sunday, September 13, Westside Hymn Sing at The Church by the Side of the Road from 4 p.m. The address is 10323 E County Rd. 100 S, Avon, IN (at the corner of Ronald Reagan and 100 S). There will be no bus provided. Please drive on your own or car pool.
- ⇒ Tuesday, September 15, Keenager's Day at Camp Allendale. Leave the church at 9 a.m. Cost is \$10 and includes lunch. The program is from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- ⇒ Wednesday, September 23, Local Breakfast Bunch at Charlie Brown's Pancake House in Speedway at 9:30 a.m. You must sign up in advance with Ann at 317-238-0127.
- ⇒ Wednesday, September 30, Care & Share in the Chapel at noon. Please bring your own lunch and beverage. Enter door 16.



women's MINISTRY

Coming in September - **Come Sew with Us**

We make dresses for the girls of one of our missionaries. No experience needed! We will find a spot for you. Watch for more information coming soon.

Saturday, October 31, is the annual shopping **trip to the Outlet Shoppes of the Bluegrass**. We will return an hour early this year for anyone with little ones who will be trick-or-treating. Register Sundays, October 11, 18, or 25, or until all spots are filled. The cost is \$10.

Wednesday, December 2, is the **Women's Ministry Christmas Tea**. The speaker will be Patti (Meeks) Vernon. Patti is a gentle and compassionate Spiritual Director with a heart for walking alongside others on their journey with God. She loves creating sacred and welcoming spaces—whether through individual or group spiritual direction, retreats, or speaking engagements—where people can slow down, listen deeply, and encounter God's healing and transforming presence. Patti grew up at Chapel Rock, where her love for God and desire to serve Him were nurtured through the faithful investment of countless people in the church community. Chapel Rock played a significant role in her spiritual formation, and her parents remained deeply involved here throughout their lives. Patti says being invited back to speak feels especially meaningful—a beautiful full-circle moment. Tickets will go on sale Sunday, November 15. Cost for the event is \$10.

Women's Fall Bible Study

Faith Lessons on the Early Church is a video series filmed in Caesarea Philippi, Sardis, Pergamum, Ephesus, and Laodicea with teacher and historian Ray Vander Laan. This study is five Wednesday mornings, beginning September 23, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. There is no cost to participate. For more information, contact Jenny Knoebel at 317-443-4276 (call or text), or by email at knoebeljenny@gmail.com.

Men's Conquer Group



This cinematic teaching series offers men proven principles and practical tools to become a warrior and walk with sexual integrity. This group runs for ten weeks and begins Monday, September 21, at 7 p.m. at the Rapha Cottage, 9218 Moore Rd in Zionsville. Call or text Brent Miller to register at 317-985-4726. All communication will remain completely confidential.



Christ caring for people through people

**STEPHEN
MINISTRY**

Training starts Sunday, September 13, at 8 a.m. in FH 15 for a new ministry called Stephen Ministry, a nation-wide program offering a proven and effective way to organize, equip, and supervise a team of congregation members—called *Stephen Ministers*—to provide high-quality, one-to-one, Christ-centered care to people in our church family and our community experiencing life difficulties. Training is one hour per week for 12 weeks. If you are interested in being part of this ministry, contact Care Pastor, John Noel, at jnoel@chapelrock.org or call the church on a Monday or Tuesday at 317-247-9739.

Faith Driven Foundation Groups Starting in September

Dan Laskowski will facilitate two Faith Driven Foundation Groups beginning Monday, September 28. Both groups will be online via Zoom (in English), one hour each Monday with extended time for fellowship.

Global/Warsaw Group: Mondays at 7 p.m. Central Europe time

Midwest Group: Mondays at 7 p.m. Eastern Time

Links to apply for each group:

Global / Warsaw Group (7 p.m. CET): <https://tinyurl.com/3xr23m6x>

Midwest Group (7 p.m. EST): <https://tinyurl.com/v6fe8x6m>

Go here to find more information about Foundation Groups: <https://tinyurl.com/mpsrzmsv>

20/20/20 Service

Join us Sunday evening, September 13, at 5:45 p.m. in the Chapel for 20/20/20 - 20 minutes of teaching, 20 minutes of worship, and 20 minutes of prayer. Enter at door #16. Kids are welcome, as this can be a very intentional time of family faith formation.

A note from Judy Heuss ~

What a wonderful church we have! You continue to bless Operation Christmas Child. This year is no exception. September items needed are clothing, especially ages 2 to 4, and accessories, particularly non-liquid deodorant, combs, and brushes. Remember, new or gently used donations are accepted until early November, . No soap please! Big praise! We have a prayer coordinator for CRCC. If you are interested in joining the prayer team, please text Judy Heuss at 317-702-0508.



Men's Breakfast and Devotion

The men's monthly breakfast and devotion will be Saturday, September 12. Please note this is a week later than usual, due to the Labor Day holiday. Coffee and fellowship begin at 7 a.m. with the breakfast being served at 7:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Please enter at door #3.



Chapel Rock's Food Pantry operates monthly on the first and third Thursdays. Nearly 400 families are served and five to six tons of food is provided each month. Both monetary and non-perishable food donations are essential. 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.

Versiti Blood Drive

Chapel Rock will host a Versiti Blood Drive on Sunday, September 20, from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Your donation can save multiple lives! Use the QR code to register for an appointment.



Homeless Ministry Needs

The Homeless Ministry needed items are: baby wipes, candles, Bibles, socks, t-shirts, deodorant, tooth paste, tooth brushes, shampoo, and body wash. New items may be placed in the DropZone bin in the Foyer.

By the Numbers ...

	7/19	7/26	8/2	8/9	8/16	2026 Average Attendance.....659
Worship Services – campus	440	409	399	445	448	(includes live streaming)
Worship Online – live streaming	177	205	196	212	185	Baptisms for 202615
In-person & Virtual Small Groups	162	99	113	147	163	Transfers for 20263
Children/Middle School/High School	110	88	80	103	118	

Financial Report ending July 2026

☞General Fund Offerings – YTD\$1,056,681 ☞Missions Funding.....\$107,670

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