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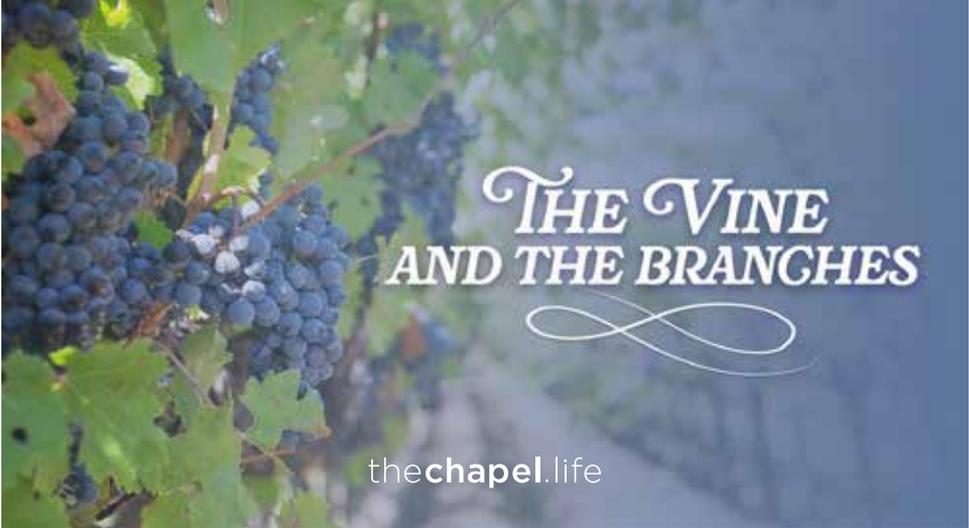
# WELCOME



Welcome to The Chapel - we're so glad you're here! Stop by our Resource Center in the lobby to find out more about how to get involved. Connection Cards and information about God's free gift of salvation are in the back of each pew.

**TODAY'S SCRIPTURE:** John 15:1-11

**SETLIST:** *Battle Belongs*  
*Great Are You Lord*  
*Build My Life*  
*Turn Your Eyes*



*THE VINE*  
*AND THE BRANCHES*

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# WE ARE THE CHURCH



Thanks to the 25+ volunteers who worked tirelessly to help make Christmas a little brighter for children with incarcerated parents. Kathy Su and Lynn Klein, pictured here, helped organize gifts to be distributed at our annual Angel Tree party. This year, 150 children from 73 families also received handmade quilts made by Chapel quilters.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS

### COMING IN JANUARY

#### WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES

Beginning Tuesday, January 16  
9:30 - 11:30am (with childcare)  
6:30 - 8:30pm (no childcare)

No matter where you are in your walk with the Lord, come dive into God's Word with us.

#### MIDWEEK CLASSES

Beginning Wednesday, January 17  
6:30 - 8pm

Two 6-week sessions. Choose one class per session, plus Membership Class starts Feb. 28. Kids programming available for nursery - 5th grade.

#### BAPTISM CLASSES

January 21  
Adults: 9am, Room 153  
Children & Youth: 10:40am, Room 352

This class is required for any person seeking to be baptized at The Chapel.

**Find more information and to register, visit the Events page of our website.**

#### WINTER BLAST

Sunday, January 14  
6:30 - 9pm, Lock 3

Join us for a FREE family fun event at Lock 3 in downtown Akron. Enjoy ice skating, bumper cars, outdoor putt-putt and more.

Meals are \$6 and snacks/beverages available for \$4 or less.

*\*High School will be attending Winter Blast instead of meeting at The Chapel.*

#### ANNUAL MEMBER MEETING

Sunday, Jan. 28, 12:15pm

Plan on staying after services for our annual member meeting where we will present the financial report for Fiscal Year 2022-'23 and give a recap of how God has been working in our church. Members and attenders are welcome to attend.

Joy says,  
'I'm not going to allow my circumstances to control my emotions because I have faith!'

- Tim Marrero

### YEAR-END GIVING

Through your generosity, and selfless service, God has continued to provide for the needs of our church. As the calendar year comes to a close, today is your last opportunity to give, and have your financial gift applied to your 2023 giving statement. We praise God for His faithful provision and are thankful for the generosity of His people!

#### VOLUNTEER NEED: SPECIAL NEEDS CLASSROOM HELPERS & LEADERS

Our Special Needs Ministry is looking for classroom helpers and leaders. The ministry meets 2nd and 4th Sundays at 10:40am.

If you can help, please contact [jeremy.poundstone@thechapel.life](mailto:jeremy.poundstone@thechapel.life)

### SAVE THE DATE

#### WOMEN'S 2-DAY RETREAT

Friday, Feb. 2, 7 - 9pm  
Saturday, Feb. 3, 9am - 4pm

Join us for a 2-day retreat where we will worship, learn and grow together. Register on the Events page.

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## THE VINE AND THE BRANCHES

*John 15:1-11*

*Denny Adams*

*12.31.23*

### 1. The Father is the Vinedresser.

How does He prune?

### 2. Jesus is the Vine; we are the branches.

What does it mean to abide?

### 3. Branches and fruit:

What is our fruit, and how is it produced?

### 4. Abiding in Christ

How can we abide more fully?

Many types of Bible-reading plans are available online or in Bible apps. Here are three we recommend:

- **Genre Bible reading plan** - 15-20 minutes each day, seven days a week. Each day is a different genre (Epistles, The Law, History, Psalms, Poetry, Prophecy and Gospels)
- **Chronological Bible reading plan** - 15-20 minutes each day, five days a week (to allow catch-up time).
- **New Testament reading plan** - 5 minutes each day, five days a week.



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