February 19, 2023

# 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.



# WE ARE THE CHURCH

More than 100 women spent last Saturday building intimacy with God at a mini-retreat in our Auditorium. They learned from speakers Katy Epling and Cara Smith, sang Worship songs with Brenda and Anya Burns, spent times alone with God in private prayer and enjoyed a soup and salad lunch together.

As individuals and as a church, let's keep learning what it looks like to draw near to God and call on His name.



# ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS

## TODAY

#### **BAPTISMS**

Congratulations to Gretchen Snyder,
Charlotte Fritz, Truc Nguyen,
Quynh Nguyen and Hoang Duong
being baptized in the 9am service
and Israel Sluder, Emma Sluder,
Emmie Torrance, Sarah Beyea and
Kameron Rudd being baptized in
the 10:40am service.

Baptism is an outward expression of an inward decision to follow Christ and a celebration for the church. As believers, we have been buried with Christ by baptism into death and raised to walk in newness of life!

#### YOUNG AT HEART SENIOR GATHERING

This Thursday, Feb. 23 Memorial Chapel 10 - 11:30am

This month's gathering theme is "Wild Things: Animals and Campers." Special guests will be Akron Zoo and Tom Sullivan.

No need to register - just come.

## MEMBERSHIP CLASS

Four-Week Class Wednesdays, March 1-22 Room 155 6:30pm

If you desire to become a member at The Chapel, you'll want to attend these classes!

Scan the QR code below to register on the Events page.

# The true citizens of heaven are the ones who expect difficult and hard times when they stand up for their faith.

- Pastor Tim Marrero

# SAVE THE DATES

#### **FAMILY TOGETHER NIGHTS**

This Wednesday, Feb. 22 & Mar. 29 6:30-8pm

Discipleship and community building for families with pre-school through elementary children (but kids of all ages welcome!)

Register on the Events page.



# WEEKLY GIVING

LAST WEEK



Actual \$50,032

Budget \$76,669 EAR-TO-DATE\*

Actual \$1,761,521

Budget \$1,766,844

\*Fiscal year Sept. 2022 - Aug. 2023

#### **MENS STUDY GROUP**

Starts this Saturday! Feb. 25 - March 25 7:30-9am, Dining Room

Join Tim Marrero for a five-week study of the book Fresh Wind, Fresh Fire: What Happens When God's Spirit Invades the Hearts of His People by Jim Cymbala.

Register on the Events page.

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#### **SERMON NOTES**

#### KINGDOM IMPACT

Matthew 5:13-16

*Dan Cooper* 02.19.23

Like literal salt and light, we are meant to preserve and shine in a dark and decaying world.

While we cannot lose our citizenship, we can lose our effectiveness.

# While we cannot lose our citizenship, we can lose our effectiveness when...

We intentionally hide for the approval of others and to avoid persecution (Matt. 5:11-12)

We become stagnant in our pursuit of spiritual growth (1 Tim. 4:7-8)

We become more influenced by the world than becoming influencers in the world (Rom. 12:1-2)

We become too overpowering in taste and brightness.