

THE PLEASANT TRAVELER
September 2021

Pleasant Chapel Community Church
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Worship 10:00am



¹⁹ For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. ²⁰ Ever since the creation of the world his eternal power and divine nature, invisible though they are, have been understood and seen through the things he has made...

Romans 1:19–20a (NRSV)



SEPTEMBER 2021

Birthdays

Sep 2 Justin Barber
 Sep 11 Virginia Rogers
 Sep 15 Griffin Zahm
 Sep 17 Carolyn Dolby
 Sep 21 Allison Hicks
 Sep 23 Mark Hoffman
 Sep 23 Jason Parsons
 Sep 24 Andrea Amick
 Sep 27 Missi Paul
 Sep 29 Kasey Wisel

Greeters

Sep 5 Cindy and Vicki
 Sep 12 John and Deloris
 Sep 19 Andy and Andrea
 Sep 26 Mike and Cory
 Oct 3 Monica
 Oct 10 Griffin and Kendall
 Oct 17 Larry and Joyce
 Oct 24 Tom and Tammy L.
 Oct 31 Ryon and Gavin

Acolytes

Sep 5 Hands
 Sep 12 Ayers
 Sep 19 Hands
 Sep 26 Wisels
 Oct 3 Amicks
 Oct 10 Colclessers
 Oct 17 Magnusons
 Oct 24 Amicks
 Oct 31 Hands

Anniversaries

Sep 12 Phil and Nicole Colclessers
 Sep 19 Mike and Cory Ayers
 Sep 24 David and Cindy Fairchild

June Swing address:

Heritage of Huntington
 Room 15
 1180 500 N
 Huntington IN 46750
 260-355-3103

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Events

Sep 1 – Brofest 7:00 am
Sep 1 - “Can You Believe It?” Bible Study 6:30 pm
Sep 6 –Bible Study @ Parsons 6:30
Sep 8- Pleasant Chapel Women’s meeting. Time and place to be announced
Sep 9-11 Fall Fest
Sep 12 – 10:00 worship time resumes
Sep 12 – Grandparent’s Day
Sep 13 –Bible Study @ Parsons 6:30
Sep 14 – Executive Board at 6:30
Sep 15 – Brofest 7:00 am
Sep 15 - “Can You Believe It?” Bible Study 6:30 pm
Sep 20 –Bible Study @ Parsons 6:30
Sep 27 –Bible Study @ Parsons 6:30
Oct 2 – Soup Supper 4-7

grade. Thank you to Ellen Colclessers for teaching the boys and girls and also to each one that helps her.

September 12th
 Return to 10:00
 Worship.

Celebrating our Youth

On Sunday August 29th we celebrated our youth by recognizing those entering a new school year, the work force, or college.



Each youth received a gift bag from the church.

Bible Studies - All are invited to Parson’s home each Monday at 6:30 (unless otherwise announced) for an hour of study and discussion.

Thank you to each one who has furnished snacks for the coffee/cookie table. Everyone enjoys this!

Children’s Church is held each Sunday morning after the children’s story for preschoolers and p to third

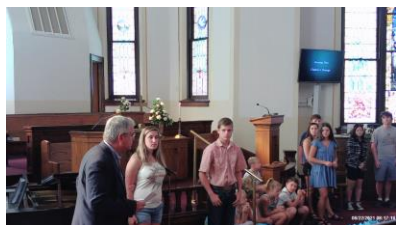
We had four students graduate from high school:

Reece Colclessers – going to Anderson University studying Exercise Science

Matt Hicks – Going to Ball State studying Film

Seth Johnson – working for a local landscaping company

Josie McClure – Going to Hope College studying pre-Med.



Let us support our youth and continue to pray for them throughout this coming year.

Aaron Amick
Austin Amick
Lane Ayers
Lilly Ayers
Daxton Barber
Kingston Barber
Peyton Barber
Lizzie Colclessor
Reece Colclessor
Carissa Gasper
Addy Hall
Hannah Henline
Hope Henline
Harley Henline IV
Chris Hicks
Matt Hicks
Olivia Hicks
Sawyer Hoffman
Eliza Hoffman
Vivian Hoffman
Audre Johnson
Dalen Johnson
Lindsay Johnson
Seth Johnson
Gavin Magnuson
Ryon Magnuson
Josie McClure
Collin Paul
Lexington Penrod
Remington Penrod
Kensington Penrod
Gwen Penrod
Taylor Kelly
Annabel Rice
Oliver Rice
McKinley Rogers
Lillyan Wegmann
Asher Wisel
Eden Wisel
Griffin Zahm
Jayma Zahm



The church has recently installed an add-on to our Heating/Air system. The purpose is to help reduce airborne contamination in an effort to help reduce the spread of bacteria and viruses. From the company:

iWave Air Ionization Systems are bipolar, meaning they use two emitters to create equal amounts of positive and negative ions. When these ions are injected into the air stream, they reduce certain VOCs(Volatile organic compounds), pollutants and airborne gases. The emitted ions will also reduce certain viruses and bacteria. Contact with ions has microbicidal effects on certain viruses and bacteria, which ultimately disrupt their surface proteins and render them inactive. The ions also attach to dust and other airborne particles, causing them to band together until they are large enough to be caught by the HVAC system's air filters. iWave's technology generates the same ions that nature creates with lightning, waterfalls, ocean waves, etc. Nature uses ion energy to break apart molecules, naturally cleaning the air.

What is noticeable already is the mustiness in the church, especially in the basement has been reduced. It is clearly doing something!

Thank you to our donor who has underwritten the cost of the material and installation.

Proverbs 19:21 (NRSV) ²¹ The human mind may devise many

plans, but it is the purpose of the LORD that will be established.

It is great to know and fully embrace that proverb! God's purpose prevails. His will stands. That is not to say that to plan is in itself bad, but to know what ultimately stands is His plan.

What a comfort knowing this. Especially in this time as the church does plan. We are planning about this church as we re-organized and re-group as an independent, non-denominational church. With all that has to be done: legal status, operational rules, theological statement, financial and administrative policies and procedures, etc., it can seem overwhelming. Anxiety can creep in when we face big tasks or challenges. It is possible to look at what needs to be done regarding the creation of an independent church and worry.

But "it is the purpose of the LORD that will be established". Yay! He is in control of all things including Pleasant Chapel Community Church!

Philippians 4:6–7 (NRSV) ⁶ Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

The same truth that he is in control applies to our lives as well. He's got this!

We're called to stay near, be thankful, and seek Him in this church and in our lives.

And then there is a peace that goes beyond all of our thinking and planning and doing. – YAY GOD!

	June 6, 2021	June 13, 2021	June 20, 2021	June 27, 2021	July 4, 2021	July 11, 2021	July 18, 2021	July 25, 2021	August 1, 2021	August 8, 2021	August 15, 2021	August 22, 2021	August 29, 2021
Attendance	50	45	48	37	33	41	46	46	41	30	26	50	50
Giving	1581	1779	1931	1863	1300	1616	1786	1152	1221	1116	636	482	1291

The Executive Board is working on preparing the church's bylaws for a Congregational Vote. The bylaws will serve as a governing document for the church as well as an expression of the church's beliefs. Below is a DRAFT of the document. Something similar will be officially presented to the church for a vote, but it is provided here for you to see and pray through. Once the Executive Board has the final draft completed it will be made available for everyone. We will then have some open discussion meetings (like we did for disaffiliation) prior to the Congregational Vote.

Pleasant Chapel Community Church Bylaws

Article 1.

Section 1. The name of this church shall be Pleasant Chapel Community Church doing business as Pleasant Chapel Community Church.

Section 2. Although Pleasant Chapel operates independently and is not subject to the control of any other organization, we seek to cooperate and partner with other like-minded churches, through ministries that continue in the commission of Christ.

Article 2. Identity and Purpose

Pleasant Chapel Community Church is people who are finding repurposed life in following Jesus Christ. We are responding to his forgiveness, mercy, and grace as we work to fulfill His command to build his kingdom by making disciples of Jesus Christ.

Pleasant Chapel Community Church seeks to provide a place where all are welcome to connect with God by exploring faith and growing in their relationship with Jesus. We provide opportunities for people to worship and be in fellowship with other followers, support one another in life, help those in our communities who are in need, and share the Good News of Jesus with others.

Article 3. What we believe

Section 1. *About God.* We believe in the one true, holy and living God. He is infinite in power, wisdom, justice, goodness and love, and rules with gracious regard for his creation and salvation of humankind, to the glory of his name. We believe he reveals himself as the Trinity: Father, Son and Holy Spirit, distinct but inseparable, eternally one in essence and power.

- We believe the Father is the Creator and Sustainer of all things. The Father can be intimately known by knowing the Son, Jesus.
- We believe in Jesus Christ, truly God and truly man, in whom the divine and human natures are perfectly and inseparably united. He is the eternal Word made flesh, the only begotten Son of the Father, born of the Virgin Mary by the power of the Holy Spirit. He lived, suffered and died on the cross. He was buried, rose from the dead and ascended into heaven to be with the Father, He shall return. He is eternal Savior and Mediator, who intercedes for us, and by him all people will be judged.
- We believe the Holy Spirit is co-equal with the Father and Son as God. He is present in the world to make people aware of their need for Jesus Christ. He also dwells in followers of Christ in order to provide them with power for living, understanding of truth, and guidance to do what is right. He enables followers with gifts and resources to serve and participate in his kingdom. He convinces the world of sin, of righteousness and of judgment.

Section 2. *About Scripture.* We believe the Bible reveals the Word of God. The Bible is God's revelation about himself to humankind and is to be the rule and guide for faith and practice.

Section 3. *About Humankind.* We believe God's special creation is humankind, male and female, bearing his very image. Humanity's original purpose is to bring glory to God in fellowship with him. Sin's effects pervade and corrupt all of creation and all of life including cultural, social, and religious life. All humans inherit sin, are inclined to sin, and are lost without the saving grace found in entrusting one's life to Jesus Christ and receiving forgiveness he provides by his sacrificial death. Because God created humankind in his own image, and that Christ died for humanity, we believe that all persons possess dignity and worth.

Section 4. *About the Church.* The church is the community of all followers of Jesus Christ. Jesus is the head of the church, whose mission is to make disciples and spread the love of Christ. Followers of Christ should

actively engage in the local church to worship Him, to know Him, to pray, to make new disciples, to grow to maturity in faith, and discover and utilize their personal gifts in the life of the church.

Section 5. *About Hope.* We believe that God's plan includes the giving of new life to those who choose to receive the forgiveness found in his sacrificial death of Jesus Christ. New life has real purpose and meaning in Christ here and now as well as an eternal life in the presence of God in the future. We believe in the return of Jesus in glory to bring this age to an end bringing judgement to Satan, unbelievers, and all evil. We believe true followers of Christ will receive a glorified body to be made present with God and with all of the believers from all ages.

Section 6. *About the Sacraments of Baptism and Communion.* Sacraments are special *means of grace* that exceed human understanding. From our traditions, we recognize baptism and communion as sacraments. For us, baptism marks the initiation into the church and signifies the beginning of the process of salvation for the individual. Communion is our response to Jesus' command when he said, "Do this in remembrance of me." We participate in the meal Jesus shared with his disciples on the night before his arrest and crucifixion. It is then we remember what he has done for us, confess our need for him, and proclaim our hope found in him. For more information regarding the church's understanding of the sacraments see the Appendix.

Section 7. *About Human Sexuality & Marriage.* It is not the purpose of Pleasant Chapel's polity to make statements regarding the church's position on every current social or cultural issue. However, because of the current nature of the disaffiliation from the UMC and because human sexuality is such a divisive and yet ambiguous problem within the church, the following reflects the church's belief.

Pleasant Chapel welcomes all people to explore and grow in their faith, to connect with this family of fellow followers of Jesus Christ, and to participate in the church's ministries. All are accepted and all are affirmed as people who have sacred worth and bear the image of their Creator. Accepting and affirming, however, do not mean all behaviors correctly reflect the image that followers of Christ are to bear (this is the basic reason many churches have struggled with the issue of human sexuality). Followers of Christ are called to live holy lives that reflect the goodness of our Creator.

We believe that human sexuality is a gift from God to be expressed within the covenant of marriage between one man and one woman. For more information regarding the church's understanding of human sexuality see the Appendix.

Article 4. Membership

Section 1. Membership into Pleasant Chapel is a step in the journey of faith of the individual who joins. Those who desire to unite with Pleasant Chapel in membership shall become a member upon taking vows declaring the Christian faith through appropriate services of profession of faith and membership. The service calls potential members to:

- confess Jesus Christ as Savior and put their whole trust in his grace, and promise to serve him as their Lord;
- profess their agreement and belief in the basic truths of the church;
- commit to God by committing to this local body of fellow followers of Jesus Christ;
- acknowledge they are vital to the overall health of the body;
- pledge their prayers, presence, resources, skills and their service to God through this church;
- submit to the spiritual authority of the local church.

Section 2. Membership of new persons is a step in the journey of the existing members of the church. Existing members

- commit to uplift and support the new members and welcome them into this community of faith;
- provide the space and opportunity for new members to grow in Christ in discipleship, fellowship, and ministry.

Section 3. With membership comes the privilege to serve on committees and vote in congregational votes.

Section 4. Children and infants baptized are *baptized* members. Professing members are *voting* members.

Article 5. Government

Section 1. Organization

Pleasant Chapel Community Church acknowledges Jesus Christ as its head. Scripture, guided by the Holy Spirit, is the guide in matters of faith and church order.

The members of Pleasant Chapel entrust the leaders they choose to govern the church. Leadership, under the guidance of God, governs issues of ministry and business within the church. Pleasant Chapel is governed by the **Church Council** – the Executive Board, the Administrative Board, and the senior pastor. Those matters considered to be of major importance will be presented to the Church Council for approval, such as major financial decisions, capital improvements, nominations, and staff changes. The **Charge Conference** is the entire voting members of Pleasant Chapel and meets when necessary to review annual budget, approve nominations, and for large financial decisions. (the parameters for Church Council and Church Conference need defined here)

Section 2. Committee (Board) Membership and Meeting Procedures

- ¶ 1. Committees are made up of people from Pleasant Chapel Community Church who have been nominated by the *Connections Team (Nominations)* and approved at the annual Church Conference (Charge Conference). Committee members serve a 3 year term and must sit out 1 year before being re-nominated.
- ¶ 2. A target number for the Administrative and Executive boards is 12. There should be 10-12 church members and no more than 2 non church members on the Boards. There should not be 2 or more people on the same committee (board) from the same family.
- ¶ 3. A Chairperson and Secretary will be selected by each committee at the beginning of each year.
- ¶ 4. Each Board should meet at least quarterly. Meetings should be conducted using Parliamentary Procedure. A simplified guideline for Robert's Rule of Order can be found in the Appendix. Minutes should be recorded and stored electronically.
- ¶ 5. In order for a committee or board to meet, quorum (minimum attendance) is required. A quorum for Pleasant Chapel is 2/3 membership or greater present. In order for a motion to be passed a positive vote of 2/3 or greater of those present is required. Proxy (or virtual) participation is acceptable.

Section 3. Serving in a leadership role in Pleasant Chapel is a very important responsibility which requires a great commitment from each member for their time, their abilities, and of their faith. Members acknowledge this commitment for their term of service by agreeing to the Board Covenant Agreement. The agreement can be found in the Appendix.

Section 4. Executive Board

The Executive board deal in matters more *spiritual* in nature. The pastor (staff) reports to this board. Sunday, midweek, and special services are this board's responsibilities. Discipleship, spiritual development, social and service events are also maintained by this board. (From UMC - *Think Staff Parish, Worship, Nominations and GO175 committees*). Members of this committee will commit individually and collectively to

- The prayerful leadership of the ministries of Pleasant Chapel.
- The pastoral care and spiritual direction of the congregation.
- The careful management of church programs, ministry, and staff. This includes the responsibility to hire, license pastors to preach, review (and remove if necessary) staff including pastor, appoint teachers, ministry teams and directors, etc.

¶ 1. The job descriptions for pastors and staff, their selection processes, and review, renewal, and removal procedures may be found in the Appendix.

¶ 2. Requirements to teach/supervise children/youth (this is linked to the Administrative Board policy on Security/Safety) may be found in the Appendix.

Section 5. Administrative Board

The Administrative Board deals in matters more *physical* and *administrative*. Property and grounds, the maintenance of the property, building projects, finance, safety/security, and media (A/V, Webpage, Facebook, etc.) are the responsibility of this board. (From UMC - *Think Trustees and Finance*). Members of this committee will commit individually and collectively to

- The careful management of church property and assets.
- The careful stewardship of church finances.

- ¶ 1. See Appendix for Finance Policies which include Committee description and selection process, reporting process (annual, monthly, etc.), offering collection process, budget development / approval process, definition of fiscal year, and spending procedures (who and how much?).
- ¶ 2. See Appendix for Security/Safety Policies and Procedures.
- ¶ 3. See Appendix for Building / Property use Policy.

1. Salvation

Romans 10:9-13 KJV

That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.

For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed.

For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek; for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him.

For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

John 3:16-18 NIV

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because he has not believed in the name of God's one and only Son.

John 3:3 KJV

Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.

John 6:28-29 TLB

They replied, "What should we do to satisfy God?"

Jesus told them, "This is the will of God, that you believe in the one he has sent."

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1. Salvation

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BACK TO SCHOOL TIME!

The boy was registering for his 4th grade of school. He stopped and thought for a while when he came to the line marked, “person to call if you get injured in school”, then wrote: “anybody insight.”

After a teacher had told his students how they should play the game of life, one puzzled student asked: “but how can we play the game when we don’t know where the goal posts are?”

