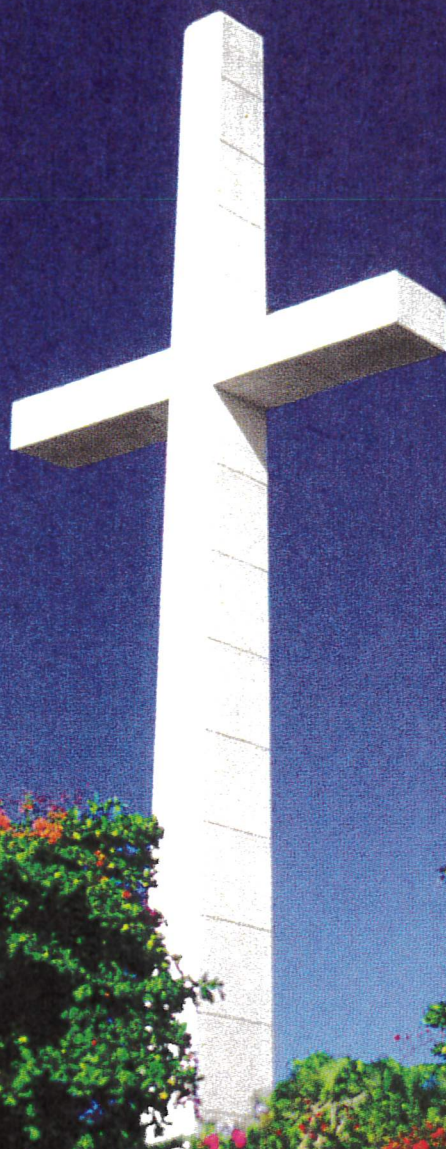


JESUS CHRIST

the same
yesterday,
and today
and forever

- *Hebrews 13:8*



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Worship Service – 10:15 am

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October 18, 2026

PRELUDE: “This is My Father’s World” Van Denman Thompson

WELCOME

HYMN: “Here I Am To Worship”

Praise Book #8

HYMN: “Our God Is Greater”

Praise Book #25

PRAISES AND PRAYERS

PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERING

OFFERTORY: “Courante”

G. F. Handel

DOXOLOGY

BLESSING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

THE LORD’S PRAYER

SPECIAL MUSIC: TBA

SCRIPTURE: Genesis 3:1-13

SERMON: “Take a Bite. Just a Little Bite.”

Rev. John Hyter

HYMN: “The Church’s One Foundation”

Hymnal #206

BENEDICTION: “Go Now in Peace”

POSTLUDE: "Postlude in B Flat"

Joseph Prentiss

Serving You This Week:

Guest Speaker

Organist

Secretary

Rev. John Hyter

Charles Chevront

Pat Grossi



Prayer Concerns: Missionary James Reynolds, Paul & Melissa Busick's Prison Ministry, Scarlet Rettig, Tom & Sarah Moneer, Betty Carr, Mike Lautzenheiser, Connie Ryan, Rob Hyter, Sheila Coon, Christian, Tessa Money, Remy Hefner, Marisha Collier, Kameyan Campos, Charles (Jill's Dad), Karen, Anna, Don, Ruth Ann Russell, Randall Allen, Jr., Jill Thomas, Sue Jamison, Dennis Gladfelter, Danielle McNamara King, Jennifer Lewis and Keith McGloughlin.

Life Situations: Pray for the protection of our elected leaders and their families. Give us wisdom and discernment as we cast our votes in November. Pray for persecuted Christians worldwide and the spiritual and physical protection of children in homes and schools.

And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus. Now to our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen (Philippians 4:19, 20 NIV)

Shut-In of the Week: *Sarah Moneer* is our shut-in of the week. Please take time to send her a card and pray for her. Her address is Springview Manor, 883 W. Spring Street, #310, Lima, OH 45805.

Pondering: "Let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath." (*James 1:19*) It takes far more strength to restrain the tongue than to unleash it.

Fill in the blank: In the _____ of words sin is not lacking, but he who _____ his _____ is wise. (*Proverbs 10:19*)

ANNOUNCEMENTS



For October, **CUP** would like soap or body wash. **CUP** can also use plastic grocery bags. Thank you for your generosity!

The church received a newsletter from the *Allen County Council on Aging*. This organization is a great resource. It mentions vaccines and free health screenings. On the third page there is information about home energy assistance to help with winter heating costs. This newsletter is posted on the bulletin board.



The next Ladies Aid meeting is November 4 at 1 PM here at the church for fellowship and dessert.

Volunteers are needed to make desserts.

Please call Pat if you can help out in this way. 419-222-6700 or 419-371-1505.



Please remember to save your receipts from Chief's/Community Markets for the Ladies Aid. You can collect them from family and friends. There is a basket near the elevator for the receipts. The Ladies Aid gets a small percentage of receipts turned in. This helps fund their projects. Thank you very much!

On November 15 we will be collecting our **Thank Offering** donations. Envelopes will be provided in your bulletin. This year's collection will go to Samaritan House and the Lima Rescue Mission. Your generosity is appreciated.

READY! SET! PACK!



Ready, set, pack! Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes are available in the lobby. Items to pack might include school supplies, a bar of soap and washcloth, toothbrush, comb, hair clips, socks, hats, gloves, ball, jump rope, stuffed animal.

Do **NOT** include soap, candy, toothpaste, gum, toy guns, knives, or military figures, chocolate or food, glass containers or aerosol cans.

Labels are included to designate whether the box is for a girl or boy and their age. Don't forget to enclose the suggested \$10 donation per box to help with shipping and handling. Or you can pay your donation online if you want to track your box and still bring your gifts to church. Be sure to let me know if you participated through the website to be counted with our group, or I can submit your contribution on your behalf.

You can find various options for giving to this mission and find more information on *Samaritan's Purse* website. Build a shoebox online, provide gospel booklets, discipleship and ministry materials, or plush musical lambs for comfort.

Please bring your shoeboxes to the church by **November 15th!** Thank you for sharing the love of Jesus and bringing much joy to many children.

Shannon Rapp



Additional Prayer Request! Almighty God, prepare our hearts and minds as we head toward voting. We express gratitude for our religious freedom and the right to vote. Empower us to make decisions rooted in the ways of Jesus rather than the ways of the world. Give us wisdom and discernment as we cast our votes. May we be reminded that the candidates we vote for are **not** our savior but that You are the bringer of the heavenly kingdom, and our ultimate hope rests in You. We commend this nation for your care. Amen.



Into the Amazon

with Shoebox Gifts and the Gospel

In the jungles of Peru about 100 miles from the closest town, Operation Christmas Child hosted the first of many outreach events for the children of a community rife with alcohol abuse and ancestor worship. Known as the Chapra, this ethnic group lives isolated from the outside world.

Chapra boys and girls riveted their attention on the colorful posters Samaritan's Purse had brought on the weeklong journey upriver to illustrate the Gospel of Jesus Christ—a message that had only recently reached their region. The team surprised each child with their own shoebox full of toys and other fun items as well as *The Greatest Gift* Gospel booklet—the first printed resource in their language.

A Chapra father and son, Masorashi and Moises, had recently learned about Jesus Christ through a missionary. Giving their hearts to the Lord, they wanted the 31 Chapra communities around them to have that same life-changing hope. Masorashi began pastoring, but his message started to multiply exponentially when Operation Christmas Child helped him produce a Gospel resource in his own language!

One Chapra mother said the Gospel booklet helped her daughter, Kati, share the Good News with others. “She tells her friends about Jesus,” the mother said.

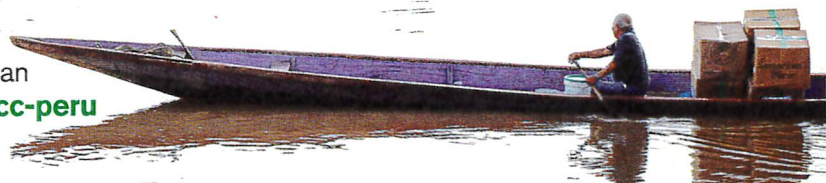
In less than a week, Operation Christmas Child hosted 15 events in 12 Chapra communities.

As a result, 1,058 children received a shoebox gift and a copy of *The Greatest Gift* in their own language. Follow-up discipleship lessons for the boys and girls are now being held in these communities.

“Having the opportunity to have the booklet *The Greatest Gift* translated into their language is something that is incredible,” said a missionary partner of Operation Christmas Child who helped with the translation. “It’s something that will transcend generations.”



For more of the Chapra story, scan
or visit samaritanpurse.org/occ-peru



Gift Suggestions to Get You Started



Gift-filled Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes are delivered together with **the Good News of Jesus Christ** as expressions of God's immense love for a child. *So be sure to make them ...*

FUN: Include a quality "wow" item to delight the child, such as ...

- Soccer ball with pump
- Dolls and stuffed animals

FULL: Fill with school supplies and personal care items, such as ...

- Pens, pencils, crayons, and notebooks
- Sunglasses and flashlights

PERSONALIZED: Make sure every shoebox is unique and covered in prayer. Include a note of encouragement and photo of you, your family, church, or group to further personalize the gift. These personal letters often are children's favorite shoebox items!

You Can Even Learn Where Your Shoebox Went!

A donation of \$10 per shoebox is **critical** to help cover collecting, processing, and shipping gifts to equip local churches for evangelism and discipleship.

If you give that donation online through **Follow Your Box**, you can discover the country destination of your gift!



**"Every box is an
opportunity for a child to
hear God loves them."**

— Franklin Graham,
President,
Samaritan's Purse



Pictured with granddaughter Georgia

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