

Dear Chapelites,

Searching for the Lost

A couple nights ago, I put Gabe outside a few minutes before 11:00. Late at night, it doesn't take him very long. He usually barks, "I'm ready to come in!"

Gabriel Grizzly is a little black Pomeranian. At twelve plus years old, he is pretty much deaf and blind. His heart doesn't work the best. He can come up the steps, but he has to be carried down. He loves us, and we love him.

After about fifteen minutes and multiple trips to the door, he was not in the front yard. You can call him, but it doesn't work because he can't hear.

I was concerned and told Sherry that I had to go look for him. We figured he was probably around back. I threw my parka over my pajamas and headed out.

After several golf cart laps around the house, and a couple of church laps, he was nowhere to be found. I began praying that God would keep him safe and help me find our precious little guy. It was a little below freezing, and I returned home for clothing reinforcements.

I worried to Sherry that he could have been snatched by a wild animal, or if he simply wandered off, I didn't think he could find his way back in the dark. I was pretty sure that he was too frail to spend the night outside.

As I headed out again, blue jeans and shoes, a parka and a stocking cap kept me warm. I was aided by a flashlight, a headlight, and full moonlight. I continued to pray to the Good Shepherd who left the ninety-nine to search for the one lost sheep.

After several more house and church laps, I drove east to Ronnie's and west to the bridge. I was out of ideas. He had been outside for an hour. I didn't want to give up, but I didn't know what else to do. I decided to drive the tree line between the parking lot and Jim's field.

"God, please help me find this little guy. He can't make it on his own."

Almost to the dumpster, I spotted him standing in the parking lot. He was totally lost . . . and totally found. He was shivering from cold and fear. I scooped him up and held him close.

Filled with joy, we returned home, and I shared the good news with Sherry. I thanked Jesus, the Good Shepherd, the finder of lost sheep and dogs.

"The Son of Man came to seek and save those who are lost," Jesus said to Zacchaeus and the crowd. (Luke 19:10 - NLT)

Almost fifty years ago, it was a pretty cold night, when Jesus rescued me.

Poor little black sheep that strayed away,
Lost in the wind and the rain—
And the Shepherd He said, "O hireling,
Go find my sheep again."

And the hireling said, "O Shepherd,
That sheep is black and bad."
But the Shepherd He smiled, like that little black sheep
Was the only lamb he had.

And the Shepherd went out in the darkness
Where the night was cold and bleak,
And that little black sheep, He found it,
And laid it against His cheek.

And the hireling frowned, "O Shepherd,
Don't bring that sheep to me!"
But the Shepherd He smiled, and He held it close,
And . . . that little black sheep. . . was. . . me!
(“The Sheepfold” by Sarah Pratt McClean Green)



I am grateful Jesus saves lost sheep, lost dogs, and lost people.

Pray for one another. Pray for healing for those who are ill or hurting.

See you Sunday!

Pastor Brad



Ash Wednesday Service - February 22 - 7:00 - 7:30

Our Ash Wednesday service will be held in conjunction with Wednesday Night Ministries again this year. This service will be both thoughtful and kid friendly.

The service will begin at 7:00 and last for half an hour. Children and Jr. Hi Youth will come to their classes at 6:30 and then go to the sanctuary for the service. Sr. Hi Youth will come early at 7:00 and stay for their meeting afterwards. Adults and families will come at 7:00. Plan to attend.



Chapel Online

Our worship teaching series and our adult Sunday School classes will continue our study of “The Apostles’ Creed.” The book, “This We Believe” written by Dr. Timothy Tennant, president of Asbury Theological Seminary, is our template. Copies are available by the office door.

“I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; He descended to the dead. On the third day He rose again; He ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic (universal) church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.”

January 15 - “I Believe in God the Father Almighty” - Genesis 1:1

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GoKmWz6JKNg>

January 22 - “I Believe in Jesus Christ” - “This We Believe” - Hebrews 4:14-16

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l93mwH46cdo>

January 29 - “Conceived by the Holy Spirit, Born of the Virgin Mary” - “This We Believe” - Luke 1:26-27

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zoq6onINuuQ>

February 5 - “Was Crucified, Died and was Buried” - Luke 23:23-35

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g_EiTcLpPmo

February 12 - “He Descended to the Dead” - Luke 23:43

<https://www.youtube.com/@LibertyChapelLC>

February 19 - “He Rose from the Dead” - Matthew 28:1-10

<https://www.youtube.com/@LibertyChapelLC>

February 22 - Ash Wednesday Service

<https://www.youtube.com/@LibertyChapelLC>

February 26 - ‘He Ascended into Heaven’ - Matthew 22:44

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A different point of view

There is an ancient story about three blind men who happen to encounter an elephant. The first blind man touches the tusk of the elephant and declares that an elephant must be smooth and bone-like. The second blind man touches the elephant's trunk and declares, "No, it's more like a leathery Snake". The last blind man touches the elephant's side and declares that an elephant is like a great wall. They were all telling the truth—but were also skewed by their limited perspectives.

As humans, we operate with miniscule, limited perspective on our life and on our thoughts of God. We often fail to recognize the immensity of God's economy, eternity, God's sovereignty, His all-powerfulness and His ability to be everywhere simultaneously, all the time.

One of my favorite movies of all time is "Dead Poet's Society". In one particular scene the class teacher, played by Robin Williams, invites his pupils to climb on top of his desk and see the world from a different perspective. Williams' character seeks to make them critical thinkers instead of students who simply memorize facts and figures. I think this is a good lesson for all of us.

Many of our Junior High students are enduring, with grace, Confirmation Classes this spring. It is true that they will be memorizing information and processing the basic doctrines and theologies of our unique Wesleyan heritage.

But beyond that, they will be personalizing and getting a perspective on the own personal relationship with Jesus Christ. They'll be figuring out who the Triune God is—AND—what their identity is in Him.

It provides an opportunity for each of us to reflect on our own perspective of God and our relationship with the Almighty.

As we approach this season on Lent, let us use this time to reflect on our perspective of who God is and who we are IN HIM.

Pastor Mickey



Mission Trip Update

- The **Junior and Senior High will be hosting a fundraiser lunch after church on Sunday Feb. 19th.** We are asking parents and students to make either a pot of soup, a salad, or sandwiches for the meal. There will be a sign up sheet in the Welcome Center on Wednesday evenings in starting Feb. 1st. In exchange for the meal, we are asking for a free will donation. All donations will go to support the Youth Mission trips. Youth will be expected to serve at the luncheon. A sign up sheet for donations is on the following page.
- There will be a **Mission Trip Parent Meeting on April 30th right after the morning service, in the Fellowship Hall at Church.** Mark your calendars to be there. We will be going over final details for **both the Senior and Junior High mission excursions.** Michael Perry from the Shepherd Community Center will be available to answer any questions.

Game Night!!

Mark your calendars for Sunday Feb. 26th from 2-5 PM. Junior and Senior High have been invited to Kelly and Patty McIntosh's House for an afternoon of gaming and food. You don't need to bring anything, just come and have some fun. The McIntosh's live at 8180 County Road U3 in Liberty Center.



Parents: We need donations of the following for our Fundraiser

____ Crockpot of Soup	____ Salad (feeds 10)	____ Box of Crackers	____ Sandwiches (12)
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* Please sign up to bring one of the above for the Youth Fundraiser. Items should be at the church on Sunday morning Feb. 19th by the end of Sunday School. Lunch will be served for a free will donation following second service.

Safe Sanctuaries Reminders!

This is just a quick reminder for all volunteers of some basic safe sanctuary practices that we employ here at Liberty Chapel

Adult volunteer are to never be alone with a child. This includes during class times, during transportation, or any other occasion. Best practice is to have two adults (not related) present when working with youth or vulnerable adults at all times. When working with youth and children, always remain in view of other adults.

These practices serve two purposes. First it protects all of the youth and children who come to trust Liberty Chapel as a safe and welcoming place. Secondly, it protects our hardworking volunteers from being falsely accused of wrong doing.

Liberty Chapel is committed to the safety of our Children, Youth and Volunteers.

Thank you to the
Men's Prayer Group
for serving Breakfast
at the youth Lock-In
in January!!

Youth: Remember to
return your LC Per-
mission Slips to the
Church office or to
Mickey!



Sara Atlionson—Health Concerns, Russ Strayer – Health Concerns , Pastor Dan Bare—Health Concerns, Nikki Sheppard (Kessler’s daughter) - Surgery, Medical and First Responders.

Long-Term Needs: Maribelle Bare - Health Concerns, Cindy Overmier - Parkinson’s Disease, Eva Saneholtz - Health Concerns, Judy Strayer - Health Concerns, Connie Zeiter - Health Concerns, Donna Miller (Sherri Shafer’s sister) - Cancer, Jane Pelton (friend of Cheryl Collier)-Cancer, Rosemary Hartford—Health Concerns, Long term health needs Bill Quigley, Kent Spiess. Also, members of the military and their families, and our missionary families.

Servant Schedule

	February 5	February 12	February 19	February 26	March 5
8:15 Nursery	Neal Carter Family	Luke Young Family	Shadday Family		Jason Mohler Family
S.S. Nursery	Brittany Gillen	Jeanette Saneholtz	Karen Mohler	Martin Family	Brenda Saneholtz
10:30 Nursery	Hausch Family	Trapp Family	Starkey Family	Conner Strauss Family	Jared Bare Family

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Classic Worship	Tom Overmier & Steve Tedrow	Ken Carpenter & Rick Kessler	Dave Mohler Jason Mohler	Todd Shafer Carl Carter	Tom Overmier, Steve Tedrow
Contemporary Service	Kurt Davis, Scott Slee, Tom Myers, Darren Estelle	Roger & Ron Saneholtz, Tenny Nash, Steve Clapp	Lee Starkey, Harold Conner, Jim Leatherman, Terry Hoffman	John Hartford, Tom Atkinson, Tim Mack, Chinjamba Masuwa	Kurt Davis, Scott Slee, Tom Myers, Darren Este;;e

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Patty McIntosh Brody Carter	2 Judy Strayer	3 Alex Tedrow	4 Andy Spiess Dan & Brenda Hogrefe
5 Evan Hogrefe	6 Sharon Sharpe	7	8	9 Brad Howe	10	11
12	13 	14 Todd Mohler	15 Jessica Trapp	16	17	18
19 Josh Wiechers	20	21 	22	23	24	25
26 Lowynn Atkinson Gracie Clapp Hudson Cobb	27 John Sharpe	28	29	30		
					If you don't see your birthday or anniversary on the calendar, and you would like it to be on there, please let the office know!! Thanks.	



Sunday Worship Times: 8:15 a.m. Classic Worship
 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship
 9:15 a.m. Classes for All Ages

Sunday School:

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 3-5 pm The Rock 6:30-7:30 pm Kid's Club 6:30-7:30 pm Jr High YF 6:30-7:30 pm Bible Study 7:15-8:45 Sr. High YF	2 3-5 pm The Rock	3	4 7 am Men's Prayer Group
5	6 6 pm Trustees 6:30 pm Finance 7:00 pm Ad Council	7 3-5 pm The Rock	8 3-5 pm The Rock 6:30-7:30 pm Kid's Club 6:30-7:30 pm Jr High YF 6:30-7:30 pm Bible Study 7:15-8:45 Sr. High YF	9 3-5 pm The Rock	10	11 7 am Men's Prayer Group
12 Gideon Sunday	13 6 pm Liberty Chapel Men 8 pm Worship	14 3-5 pm The Rock	15 12 noon Senior Luncheon 3-5 pm The Rock 6:30-7:30 pm Kid's Club 6:30-7:30 pm Jr High YF 6:30-7:30 pm Bible Study 7:15-8:45 Sr. High YF	16 3-5 pm The Rock	17	18 7 am Men's Prayer Group
19 11:30 am Jr. & Sr. High Fundraiser Luncheon	20 9-10 am Bountiful Blessings 6-7 pm Bountiful Blessings 7 pm Evangelism	21 3-5 pm The Rock 7 pm SPRC	22 3-5 pm The Rock 7-7:30 pm Ash Wednesday Worship 6:30-7:30 pm Kid's Club & Jr. High YF 7:15-8:45 Sr. High YF	23 3-5 pm The Rock	24	25 7 am Men's Prayer Group
26 2-6 pm Jr & Sr. High YF Party at the McIntosh's	27 6 pm Missions	28 3-5 pm The Rock				

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SUNDAY WORSHIP HOURS – 8:15am & 10:30am
SUNDAY SCHOOL – 9:15am

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“A body knowing and growing in Christ so deeply that He is overflowing to others.”

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