

The Liberty Loop

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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, eternality, 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



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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.



*The Lord himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged.
Deuteronomy 31:8*

Last Month's riddle Answer: The Doctor was his mom.

Riddle: I am something people love or hate. I change people's appearances and thoughts. If a person takes care of them self I will go up even higher. To some people, I will fool them. To others, I am a mystery. Some people might want to try and hide me but I will show. No matter how hard people try I will Never go down. What am I?

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.

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 Lock-In in
January!!

Remember to return
your LC Permission
Slips to the Church
office or to Mickey!