

**Dear Chapelites,**

**You can endure just about anything if you know when it's going to end.**

I learned that adage at a seminar when I was a young pastor. I have walked through many crises and uncomfortable situations since then. Some of them lasted an hour or less, while others drug on for over a year.

They have all ended. Many have been forgotten. Through the grace of God, I have endured. (You could share your own experiences, life learnings, and testimonies.)

I even learned you don't need to know when they're going to end. You just need to know that they will end. The Covid crisis was one of those. In 2020, we knew it would end, but we didn't know when. It ended.

*"Dear brothers and sisters, when troubles of any kind come your way, consider it an opportunity for great joy. For you know that when your faith is tested, your endurance has a chance to grow. So let it grow, for when your endurance is fully developed, you will be perfect and complete, needing nothing." (James 1:2-4 - New Living Translation)*

If all goes as planned, in less than two weeks, I will have a new hip joint. After a couple of months of healing and rehab, I should be close to full strength. I am able endure the time between now and then because I know this experience will end.

I have found joy along the way. Yesterday at pre-op testing, the nurse assessed me, and my blood pressure was 68/33. I asked her if I was dead. The second try was way high—stroke range. The third attempt was in my normal range. We both laughed at the marvel of modern technology. (Shown in the picture.)

I don't remember what was said in our chit chat, but after she assessed me, she prayed for me, and I prayed for her. She was blessed and said that no one ever prays for nurses. We talked about Jesus and church and how unimaginable life would be without faith. My eyes sweated a little. I told her she was my sister from the same Father. The next nurse joined us, and we prayed with her, too. Her son had been "baptized" Sunday. "Where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them." (Matthew 18:20 - New King James Version) In that medical office, we had church.

Another life lesson is producing endurance, and I am finding joy along the way. For that I give thanks.

God is good all the time!

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

See you Sunday!

Pastor Brad



## 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=G0KmWz6JKNg>

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

Pastor Mickey

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l93mwh46cd0>

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=Zog6onlNuuQ>

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

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g\\_EiTcLpPm0](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g_EiTcLpPm0)

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

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=146m-S55Fmo&t=2810s>

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

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UNWdoXFEIry&t=2230s>

February 22 - Ash Wednesday Service

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Gy8eXbtla54>

February 26 - “He Ascended into Heaven” - Matthew 22:44 - Pastor Mickey

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kNK0KZ2LZgQ>

March 5 - “He Shall Come Again and Judge” - Titus 2:11-14

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JZU-QIP\\_GVQ](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JZU-QIP_GVQ)

March 12 - “I Believe in the Holy Spirit” - “This We Believe” - John 15:26

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

March 19 -

“The Holy Catholic Church” - “This We Believe” - Matthew 16:18

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

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