

Our brightest days are yet to come

Kids were bouncing in a huge bounce house. Silly string was flying everywhere. There were crazy games of giant volleyball. Look out for the flying eggs!

The band rocked out great Christian music. Students enjoyed participating in prayer and praise.

The coolest place to be in Liberty Center last Wednesday was the Back-to-School Bash sponsored by area youth groups and area churches. I thought that it had to be the coolest youth event that a church I served or a group involving my church had ever put together.

I also realized that both the present and the future of Liberty Chapel are in good hands!

In my dissertation work, I saw evidence of churches that are dying. Many once vital and glorious churches are withering husks of what once was. Their best days are in their rear view mirrors. That's sad.

Liberty Chapel has some really great days in the past. You have reminisced about special events and recounted building projects. You have testified to revivals and spiritual highs. That is the heritage upon which we build the future.

But when you look at current ministries, you realize that these are also good times. Vacation Bible School was awesome! Youth ministries have been vital this summer as has a study group preparing recent grads for college life. The fair stand was hard work, but all who participated enjoyed raising money for missions. There is a great age spread in both worship services. Each week you hear happy learners from the nursery to the Friendly Ambassadors. We have nine Sunday morning classes for adults! Wow! The list could continue; I didn't mean to leave out

All in all, while Liberty Chapel has a great heritage, our best days are ahead of us, because the Lord of the church is also the Lord of the future. To Liberty Chapel he says, "For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope." (Jeremiah 29:11)

I can't wait to see what he will do next! See you Sunday,

Pastor Bran

September Newsletter



After a great summer, school has finally started back up. Students are beginning new classes, reuniting with friends, competing in sports, and starting youth group back up! We started our first youth group off with an

awesome combined event that had over 50 students! Liberty Chapel, Shiloh, Victory Chapel, and LCUMC hosted a back to school kick-off event with an inflatable race course, a few hundred cans of silly string, 4 foot tall volleyballs, a great speaker, and an awesome band. This took place down at the volleyball courts on Cherry St and was the first big event we hosted together.

These 4 churches are also working on future combined events. We will be hosting 5th quarters after every home football game. There will be dodgeball, food, and prizes at these events for 6-12th graders. The first one will be on 9/18 after the Patrick Henry game. We will also be working together to put together a program for See You at the Pole which is a community wide prayer event before school on Wednesday, September 23rd at the school's flag pole. Anybody is welcome to attend.

Youth group will start back up again with our regular meetings on September 2nd with Jr. High meeting at 6:30 and Sr. High starting at 7:15. I'm extremely excited for this year to begin as we have some exciting stuff planned!

Blessings, Tom Fall Hours Have Begun
Tuesday - Thursday3-5 pm
Stop In During the Liberty Fall Festival

Prayer Pals Needed Now!

Our kids face many challenges during the school year. We are looking for volunteer Prayer Pals to be paired up with one of our Liberty Chapel school children to hold them up in prayer during this time. Sign-up sheet is in the Welcome Center.

Want to stay up to date on what is going on in Jr or Sr High? Are you a parent or student in one of these groups? Sign up for our text/email reminders! There are 2 ways to do this. Use the phone you want updates on and text 81010 either the message "@jrhighyf" or "@srhighyf" depending on what group you want updates on. You can also sign up by going to remind.com/join/jrhighyf or remind.com/join/srhighyf and entering an email address or phone number. Feel free to opt in with as many phone numbers/email addresses as you would like and invite relatives to do the same!



Liberty Chapel Movie on the Barn Night

Sat. Sept 12 at the Bare's (10167 County Road T)

6:30 pm bonfire –smores 7:15 pm movie - to be announced

Sign-up sheet in Welcome Center-bring camp chairs, snacks, drinks-all weather permitting (will send message if cancelled) call 419.533.2532 with questions (leave message as needed)

Wednesday Nights and Joy

During Wednesday Night ministries this fall, Pastor Brad will lead a six-week Bible Study: "Philippians and the Joy of the Lord". Beginning September 16 at 6:30, the classes will last an hour. Each week's lesson will be self-contained so you can come once or to a couple of them, or you can shoot for perfect attendance. Please join us and bring a friend.

It's time for Wednesday Night Ministries to begin! We have programs for children ages 4 through eighth grade on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 to 7:30. We will explore God's Word through stories, games and other activities. Here are some things you need to know:

September 9 - 6:00 to 7:00 **NOTE DIFFERENT TIME** WNM kick-off event!!!! We will begin with dinner for everyone at 6:00, then break into groups for different activities. Families are encouraged to join us for the hour of food, games, crafts and stories. Although we have excellent volunteers in charge of activities, more supervision makes the evening go smoother.





September 16 – 6:30 to 7:30 WNM program begins. Pre-school through Kindergarten will meet in the nursery area. Grades 1 through 4 will meet downstairs in the Explorers room. Grades 5 & 6 will meet downstairs in the Discovery room. Grades 7 & 8 will meet in the Youth room.

We are putting programs together and preparing lessons, but we could use more help each and every Wednesday evening. Could you teach a lesson once in a while, provide a SIMPLE snack or just hang out to supervise for an evening? If you have a child attending Wednesday Night Ministries we would especially like you to be involved. One parent helping with the lesson (not in charge, just being there) each week would make a BIG difference. Please call Sherry Martin at 419-533-0866 and let her know you want to volunteer.



Lay Leadership Nominations

It is that time of year again to take time to reflect about your role at Liberty Chapel.

You will find a list of current committees posted on the glass window at the back of the Sanctuary. If you would like to serve on a committee, please write your name on the blanks below the current committee members. If you would like removed from a committee please cross out your name.

The Lay Leadership Nomination Team will review the list and make decisions about the committees. This list will be presented at our Church Conference, October 12 @ 7:00 pm.



Thank you for your help with another GREAT year at the Henry County Fair !! We couldn't do it without you.

Product from the Fair Stand to purchase.

- Chicken Chunks 5# bag \$23.00
- Chicken wings 7 1/2# bag for \$35.00
- French fries \$4.00 a bag/5 bags in case

See Cheryl Shadday for more information

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS!!!

This fall... Coming to a church near you... THE TEN COMMANDMENTS!!!

That's right! Beginning September 13, for ten weeks our fall teaching series will be:

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS!!!

Sunday! Sunday! Sunday! Come and bring a friend!



Family of Jeannie Leatherman Stilwill – Jeannie passed away Sunday, August 30, 2015. Pete Leatherman–Health Concerns, Herb Arps, Jamie Tallman, Larry Leatherman, Richard Watkins - (Eloise Griteman's father) placed in Hospice care, Melvin Mozingo – (Boyd Mozingo's Father) health concerns, Lincoln Matthews - (friend of Patty McIntosh) hipsurgery.

Long-term needs: Cole Spangler, Billy Sharpe, Ruth Gramling, Winnie Leatherman, Kent Spiess, Ruth Whitman, Francis Brown, Joyce Schwyn (sister of Max Fetterman) Also, members of the Military and their Families and our Missionary Families, Lay Witness Mission – March 4-6, 2016 at Chapel.

[Names remain on the prayer list 4 weeks. For continued prayer listing, please resubmit.]

Patsy Leatherman has moved to Alpine Village and she would love to receive cards to brighten her day. Her new address is:

Patsy Leatherman 1032 S. Perry St. Alpine Village Apt. 419 Napoleon, OH 43532

SEPTEMBER SERVANT SCHEDULE

Sept.	8:15 Service Nursery	Sunday School Nursery	10:30 Service Nursery	Greeters	
		N. Carter Family	Case Family/		
6	Howe Family	/Mack Family	Mack Family	Bill Quigley Family	
		S. Tedrow Family/			
13	D. Sharpe	B. Sharpe Family	Kate Bare &	Steve Clapp Family	
	S. Krugh & C. Leatherman/	Masuwa Family/	Spangler Family/		
20	Dave Mohler	Bostelman Family	Bostelman Family	J. Leatherman Family	
		Roger Saneholtz Family/	Kelsey Bare &		
27	Overmier Family	Oelkrug Family	Roger Saneholtz Family	Kenny Barnes Family	

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Levi Howe Larry Leatherman
- 4 Kayla McLaughlin
- 5 Darren Estelle
- 6 Bill Vollmar
- 8 Don Meter Marcia Bearley
- 9 Hannah Tedrow
- 10 Angie Spiess Cheryl Carter Caleb O'Neal
- 11 Cheryl Collier
- 13 Kayla Murrey Vondra Oberhaus Terry Shafer Blaire Mohler
- 14 Kyler Miller Dexter Spangler

- 15 Angie Wiechers Juanita Hoffman
- 16 Breanna Sharp
- 18 Olivia Leatherman Jason Mohler Julie Masuwa Zeb Orr
- 21 Josh Atkinson
- 22 Morris Myers
- 23 Zac Graber JoHanna Clapp Kelly Stites
- 24 Vincent Gutierrez David Kessler
- 25 Shaina Proudfoot Megan Peterson Bev Griteman
- 26 Paul Amstutz

- 27 Levi Frysinger
- 28 Dan Bare
- 29 Penny Jones

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 5 Ben & Peg Zientek
- 6 Tom & Gretchen Tedrow
- 9 Mark & Penny Jones
- 11 Joe & Carla Gillen
- 12 Kent & Sharon Stites
- 13 Tom & Tammy Oelkrug
- 13 Tolli & Tallilly Ocikiug
- 15 Tom & Kathy Wolf
- 16 Terry & Debbye Hoffman
- 18 Ross & Amanda McLaughlin
- 21 Mike & Marty Hamlin
- 23 Randy & Teresa Bostelman
- 27 John & Kathy Hartford
- 28 Bill & Marcia Bearley
- 29 Kenny & Leslie Barnes



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SUNDAY WORSHIP HOURS - 8:15 A.M. & 10:30 A.M. SUNDAY SCHOOL - 9:15 A.M.

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

Return Service Requested

2015





Sunday Worship Times:

Sunday School:

8:15 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 9:15 a.m. Classic Worship Praise Celebration Classes for All Ages (Nursery Provided) (Nursery Provided) (Nursery Provided)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
		3-5 pm THE ROCK 6:00 pm Finance 7:00 pm Ad. Council	3-5 pm THE ROCK 7:15 Firestarters YF	3-5 pm THE ROCK 7:00 pm Christian Ed.		7am Men's Prayer Time @ church
6 Join ELs for WORSHIP 6-7:30 pm Girl Scouts	7 Office Closed	8 6:00 am Men's Study @ Liberty Café 3-5 pm THE ROCK 6:00 pm Trustees 7:00 pm SPRC	9 3-5 pm THE ROCK 6-7 pm Wednesday Night Ministries 7:15 Firestarters YF	3-5 pm THE ROCK 7:00 pm ROCK Team @ THE ROCK 7:00 Nominations	11	7am Men's Prayer Time @ church
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