

January 2016

CHAPEL

Chatter

## I like New Year's

I like New Year's. For me, it has always been the metaphorical blank slate/new adventure.

For some of us 2015 has been an awesome year. I have celebrated many blessings with you all. I graduated and became a new daddy which makes me sound young adultish, but I also became a grandpa which is probably more appropriate to my age bracket.

For some of us 2015 has been an awful year. We can't wait to tear the page off the calendar and burn it. I have also sympathized and cried with many of you.

What will 2016 bring? No one knows, but with optimism and anticipation I lean into the new adventure it will bring.

What to do with the clean slate of 2016? How about amping up your spiritual disciplines and walking closer to Jesus?

Our teaching series in January will be a five-part "Spiritual Growth Plan".

- 1 - Attend worship weekly
- 2 - Read your Bible and pray daily
- 3 - Commit to a small group
- 4 - Commit to a God job and serve every week
- 5 - Commit to tithing and a lifestyle of generosity

Invite your friends to come to Chapel with you. They may be making New Year's resolutions and spiritual growth and church attendance often make those lists. Your invitation might be just the thing that helps them on their spiritual journey.

It's been great serving Jesus with you in 2015. I appreciate all of you willing servants who make Liberty Chapel vital. I look forward to serving with you in the new year.

See you Sunday,



## Pastor Brad's Bible Study

Wednesday at 6:30, during Wednesday Night Ministries, Pastor Brad is leading a Bible Study on the book of Philippians. Please join us.

As I was thinking about what to write for this newsletter article, I was reflecting on this year. On January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015, I celebrated the New Year in Indianapolis at a conference with a ministry I was involved in during college. Some of my best friends and I worshipped in the New Year together and then headed over to Steak N Shake. I went to bed around 2 only to wake up at 6 so that I could drive with these same friends to Cincinnati to get dropped off at a random gas station off of I-75. I got out of the car, took all of my stuff, said goodbye to my friends and searched the parking lot for a white church van filled with young adults I had never met before. While I was searching, a red van with a trailer caught my eye. I walked over to it and saw the words Liberty Chapel written on the side of it and knew I was in the right place. It totally threw me off because I had only seen white church vans before. So, like most sane people do, I loaded my stuff and climbed into a van full of total strangers and embarked on a journey down to the passion conference in Atlanta, Georgia.

It's crazy to think that I have only known you all for a year. It has been a great year filled with a lot of adventures and a lot of firsts. In my first year as a youth pastor, I ran my first lock in, lead my first mission trip, and had my first group of graduating seniors. There were so many things that happened this year that I can't list them all, so I'll just share some of my highlights from the year with you. I loved going on the mission trip to Louisiana, installing flooring, and playing five crowns every single night. I enjoyed throwing several parties for the kids down at the Rock including a back to school party with over 30 kids. I appreciated forming relationships with neighboring youth pastors and working together on several different events including 5<sup>th</sup> quarter dodgeball. I had an incredible time experiencing my first Tiger football game and seeing this community all rally around one cause. I loved coaching cross-country and getting to go to the State championships. And most of all, I've enjoyed building relationships with so many people in this wonderful place and having the opportunity to work here. It has been a great year and as January is here again, I look forward to an even better 2016.

Happy New Year! Tom



## Prayer Requests

**Family and Friends of Billy Sharpe** – Billy passed away Sunday, December 27, **Jamie Tallman** – Health concerns following hospital stay, **Johnny Russell** – (Grandson of Steve & Mary Segrave) passed away, **Family and Friends of Jake Baldwin** – Jake passed away Monday, December 21 due to a car accident. **Jim Leatherman** – recovering from heart surgery at home, **Carla Gillen** – Health Concerns, **Norv Volkman** – (Mary Lou Leatherman's brother) Health Concerns, **Anthony & Robin Griffith** – (Grandson of Collier's) Health Concerns, **The Tahir Masood Family**, **April Mozingo** – Surgery recovery, **Branden Kramer** – (Fetterman extended family) – 4yr old, diagnosed with Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia. **Austin Foster** – (Friend of Rebecca & Nathanael Stuhmer) – Deployed member of the Army, **Long-term needs: Leo "Bud" Zenz, Patsy Leatherman, Cole Spangler, Ruth Gramling, Winnie Leatherman, Kent Spiess, Francis Brown, Joyce Schwyn** (sister of Max Fetterman) Also, members of the military and their families, our missionary families and our **Lay Witness Mission** – March 4-6, 2016 at Chapel.

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

### JANUARY BIRTHDAY

1 - Jennifer Wong  
2 - Bonnie Mohler  
Mary Jane Murrey  
4 - Jessica Clapp  
Francis Brown  
5 - Peyton Leatherman  
6 - Juliette Smith  
Eliza Trapp  
7 - Cheryl Shadday  
8 - Jacob Clapp  
Kelly McIntosh

9 - Lily Wong  
10 - David Hartford  
Eloise Griteman  
Blake Graber  
11 - Kyelar Kern  
Max Fetterman  
13 - Brandi Ernsberger  
John Hartford  
Gretchen Tedrow  
15 - Hanson Saneholtz  
16 - Aaron Shafer  
Nathan Shafer

17 - Amanda McLaughlin  
Laura Case  
Tom Atkinson  
Sherry Martin  
18 - Mark Jones  
22 - Cathy Griteman  
23 - Austin Smith  
24 - Kristen Spiess  
25 - Olivia Hartford  
28 - Leah Martin  
29 - Claire Atkinson  
Kelsey Bare

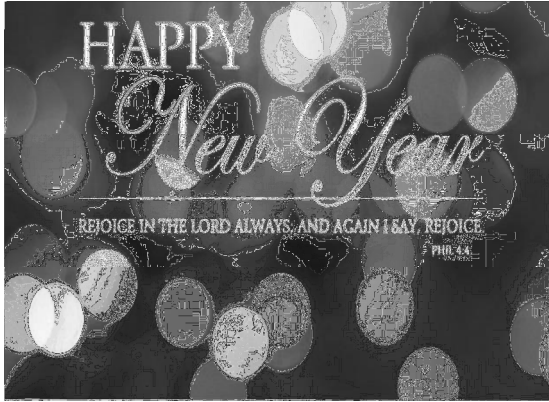
30 - Louise Dalton  
Bob Griteman  
31 - Hope Oelkrug  
Joe Gillen

### JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

30 - Carl & Cheryl Carter  
31 - Courtney & Lavon Patton

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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*

*Happy*  
**January** 2016



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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Offices Closed	2 7:00 am Men's Prayer Time @ church
3 <b>Join Us For Worship</b>  6:00 pm Girl Scouts	4  6:00 pm Trustees 7:15 pm Ad. Council ( @ THE ROCK)	5 6:00 am Men's Study @ Liberty Café  3-5 pm THE ROCK	6 S.H.O.P. 10:30 – 11:30 am 3-5 pm THE ROCK  6:30-7:30 Wed. Night Ministries & Bible Study 7:15 Firestarters YF	7   3-5 pm THE ROCK 7:00 pm Lay Witness Mission Chairpersons	8	9 7:00 am Men's Prayer Time @ church
10 <b>Join Us For Worship</b>	11  6:00 pm UMM 8:00 pm Worship Team	12 6:00 am Men's Study @ Liberty Café  3-5 pm THE ROCK 7:00 pm SPRC	13 S.H.O.P. 10:30 – 11:30 am 3-5 pm THE ROCK 6:30-7:30 Wed. Night Ministries & Bible Study 7:15 Firestarters YF	14   3-5 pm THE ROCK	15	16 7:00 am Men's Prayer Time @ church
17 <b>Join Us For Worship</b>  Church Bowling Party 6:00 pm Girl Scouts	18 <b>Newsletter Articles Due</b>  6 – 7:30 pm Bountiful Blessings & Clothing Closet  7:30 pm Evangelism	19 6:00 am Men's Study @ Liberty Café  3-5 pm THE ROCK	20 Noon- Senior Luncheon S.H.O.P. 10:30 – 11:30 am 3-5 pm THE ROCK 6:30-7:30 Wed. Night Ministries & Bible Study 7:15 Firestarters YF	21   3-5 pm THE ROCK  7:00 ROCK Team	22 9-11 am Bountiful Blessings & Clothing Closet	23 7:00 am Men's Prayer Time @ church
24 <b>Join Us For Worship</b>	25   7:00 Mission Team	26 6:00 am Men's Study @ Liberty Café  3-5 pm THE ROCK	27 S.H.O.P. 10:30 – 11:30 am 3-5 pm THE ROCK  6:30-7:30 Wed. Night Ministries & Bible Study 7:15 Firestarters YF	28   3-5 pm THE ROCK  7:00pm Christian Ed.	29	30
30 <b>Join Us For Worship</b>  Youth Sunday 6:00 pm Girl Scouts						

January  
Servant Schedule

	1/3	1/10	1/17	1/24	1/31
8:15 Nursery	Witte Family	T. Atkinson Family	N. Carter Family	Conner Family	
S. S. Nursery	Clapp Family	Oelkrug Family	Gutierrez Family		Cramer Family
:30 Nursery	Amstutz Family	A. Quigley	Jones Family	Cramer Family	
Greeters	Shadday Family	Ron Saneholtz Family	Nash Family	Masuwa Family	Whitman Family