

January 2017

*Liberty Chapel United Methodist Church*  
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Church Office Hours M – F 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

SUNDAY WORSHIP HOURS – 8:15 A.M. & 10:30 A.M.

SUNDAY SCHOOL – 9:15 A.M.

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

*Return Service Requested*



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## Sunday Worship Times:

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

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## Sunday School:

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 7 pm Men's Basketball	3 6 am Charlie's 3-5 pm ROCK 6 pm Trustees 6 pm Beth Moore Bible Study 7 pm Ladies of Liberty 7 pm Finance 8 pm Ad Council	4 10:30 am S.H.O.P. 3-5 pm ROCK 6:30-7:30 pm WNM 6:30 pm Pastor Brad Bible Study 7 pm Firestarters YF	5 3-5 pm ROCK	6	7 7am Men's Prayer Time
8	9 8 pm Worship	10 6 am Charlie's 3-5 pm ROCK 7 pm SPRC 7 pm Ladies of Liberty 8 pm Men's Basketball	11 10:30 am S.H.O.P. 3-5 pm ROCK 6:30-7:30 pm WNM 6:30 pm Pastor Brad Bible Study 7 pm Firestarters YF	12 3-5 pm ROCK	13	14 7am Men's Prayer Time
15 6-7:30 pm Girl Scouts	16 6 pm UMM 6-7:30 pm Bountiful Blessings & Clothing Closet 7:30 pm Evangelism	17 6 am Charlie's 3-5 pm ROCK 7 pm Ladies of Liberty 8 pm Men's Basketball	18 10:30 am S.H.O.P. 12 pm Senior Luncheon 3-5 pm THE ROCK 6:30-7:30 pm WNM 6:30 pm Pastor Brad Bible Study 7 pm Firestarters YF	19 3-5 pm ROCK 7 pm team	20 9-11 Bountiful Blessings & Clothing Closet	21 7am Men's Prayer Time
22	23 Newsletter Articles Due 7 pm Missions 9 pm Men's Basketball	24 6 am Charlie's 3-5 pm ROCK 7 pm Ladies of Liberty	25 10:30 am S.H.O.P. 3-5 pm ROCK 6:30-7:30 pm WNM 6:30 pm Pastor Brad Bible Study 7 pm Firestarters YF	26 3-5 pm ROCK	27	28 7am Men's Prayer Time
29 10:30 am—Combined Service 11:45 am YF Spaghetti Dinner 6-7:30 pm Girl Scouts	30	31 6 am Charlie's 7 pm Ladies of Liberty				



# ChapelChatter

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## Press on!

*"Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus."*

--Philippians 3:13-14.

One of the best weapons in basketball is the full-court press. When properly executed, the opponents are unable to get the ball across the time line to their end of the court. The press can create many transition baskets that can not only demoralize a team but create a mathematical hurdle too great to cross.

If a press is so effective, why not do it the whole game? It is too demanding for most teams to play all out the whole way. But at crunch time in a close game, it may be necessary to keep pressing and not let up.

When a team gets a commanding lead, there is a tendency to let up. A good team cannot let that happen and allow the other team back in the game.

*Enough of sports. What about the our spiritual life?*

Not only has Liberty Chapel prospered in 2016, many of us have marked higher lines on our spiritual growth charts. We have been blessed with spiritual insights and depth in our Christian walk.

After a busy, hectic, holy, festive season, the natural thing is to take a breather. In your spiritual life you cannot do that.

There are five soul exercises that will keep you growing in the faith:

- 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 a Lifestyle of Tithing and Generosity

Continue these practices in the rhythm of your spiritual life, or add them in with your resolutions for growth in the new year.

We're ahead! But we can't let up! Press on!

Best of all, because of Jesus' birth, death, and resurrection from the dead, we know that our team will ultimately win. We are winners! But press on! We want more winners on our team with us.

See you Sunday,





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It's a new year. With every new year, it causes you to reflect. I've been doing some reflecting on my time here at Chapel. January 1<sup>st</sup> marks my 2<sup>nd</sup> year of being with you all, and it has been an incredible time. God has challenged me, taught me, and helped me grow in many different areas of my life. One of the biggest things that God has changed my perspective of is the meaning of church. Growing up, I always went to church but wasn't really involved. I was a spectator in church. I went away to college and never really got plugged into a church. I tried a lot of different churches but never found one I could call home. Looking back, I realize I was looking for the wrong things. I looked for churches that had great speakers, an awesome band, and friendly people. Chapel has taught me that the reason I didn't find a church to call home was because I never got involved in a church and didn't commit to one.

Part of my job is getting involved at the heart of the church which means getting to know everybody in the church (at least to some extent), serving on different committees/ministries, and making it to church even when I'm exhausted and want to stay in bed (yes, even pastors feel like that some Sundays). I have known for a long time in my head that church is the body of Christ, but it isn't until I came to Chapel 2 years ago that I started living that and really understanding what it meant. Getting involved in the center of the church has changed church from something I had to attend on Sundays to a supportive community that is worshipping and serving Jesus together. If you aren't involved in the church and you're just a spectator, I'd urge you to add a New Year's resolution to your list (that you actually keep) and get more involved at church. It will change your perspective on church and you will see God work in some awesome ways. Go out of your way and talk to people you don't yet know at church, find a way to serve within the church, and go to church even when you're exhausted and don't think you'll get anything out of it.

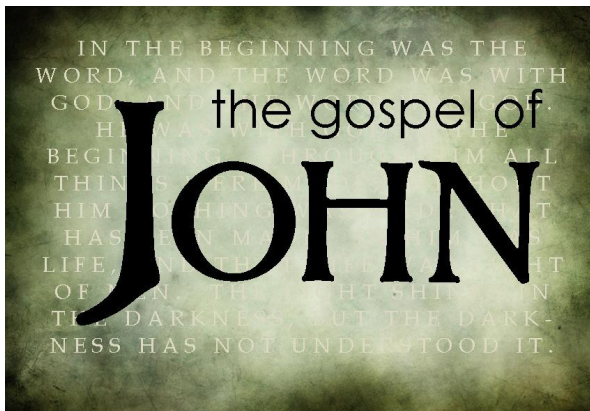
One quick piece of business: the Sr High YF group will be going to Birmingham, AL in June for our mission trip. As of now, we have 20 students signed up. We will be doing some fundraisers in the next few months, starting with a Spaghetti dinner after church on January 29<sup>th</sup>. There are always students who come back changed from these mission trips, and it is because of such a supportive congregation that we can continue to experience this every year. Thanks for letting me work here for 2 years now and being so supportive! You're all awesome! Have a great January... and keep those resolutions (for more than a month this time)!

Tom

## January Servant Schedule

	January 1	January 8	January 15	January 22	January 29
<b>8:15 Door Greeters</b>					
<b>8:15 Nursery</b>	Quigley Family	Karen Mohler	C. Carter Family	Todd Shafer Family	S. Tedrow Family
<b>S. S. Door Greeters</b>					
<b>S.S. Nursery</b>	Gutierrez Family	Cathy Leatherman	Starkey Family	Bostelman Family	Howe Family
<b>10:30 Door Greeters</b>					
<b>10:30 Nursery</b>	Vicki Leatherman	J. Sharpe Family	Brenda Saneholtz	Gillen Family	Starkey Family
<b>Greeters Welcome Center</b>	Hoffman Family	T. Keller Family	Strayer Family	Spangler Family	Masood Family

Join us each Wednesday for Pastor Brad's Bible Study from 6:30 to 7:30. We are studying Gospel of John. Bring your children to Wednesday Night Ministries and then go to the Bible Study in the library until they are finished. If you have any questions, contact Pastor Brad.



### Snow Removal

Jan. 1-7	Logan, John, Joe
Jan. 8-14	Tom M., Roger, Tyler
Jan. 15-21	Jake, Tom O., Randy
Jan. 22-28	Logan, John, Joe
Jan. 29-Feb. 4	Tom M., Roger, Tyler





# Prayer

♥ *Changes things*

*Let us pray for you with Faith Believing*

HE WILL LIFT YOU UP

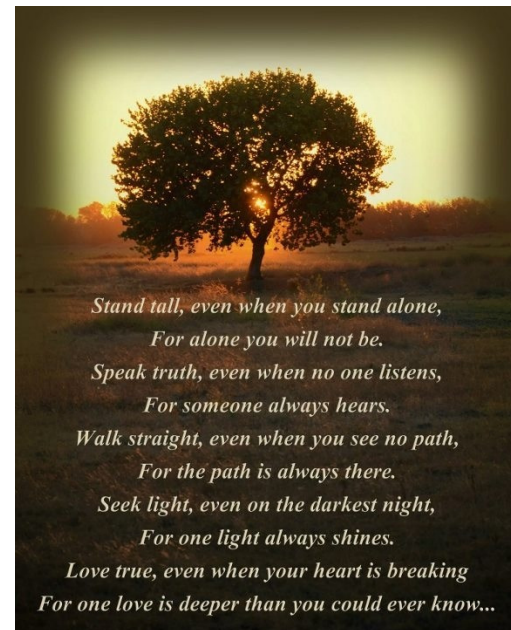
Melvin Mozingo - (Boyd Mozingo's father), radiation treatment; Tahir Masood Family; Branden Kramer - (Fetterman extended family) 4yr old, diagnosed with Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia; Friends and family of Arlene Griteman—Passed away November 26th. Friends and family of Nancy Detty (Sister of Carol Witte) - Passed away November 21st; Denny Upell—Liver Cancer; Friends and family of Winnie Leatherman—Passed away December 9th; April Leatherman—Health concerns.

**Long-Term Needs:** Leo "Bud" Zenz, Patsy Leatherman, 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.

- 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  
Neil Tedrow  
Tom Atkinson  
Sherry Martin
- 18 - Mark Jones
- 22 - Cathy Griteman
- 23 - Austin Smith
- 28 - Leah Martin
- 29 - Claire Atkinson  
Kelsey (Bare) Ford
- 30 - Louise Dalton  
Bob Griteman  
Conner Cobb
- 31 - Hope Oelkrug  
Joe Gillen



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



The newsletter from these missionaries have been uploaded to the church website at [libertychapel.net](http://libertychapel.net):

McClarren (Ethiopia)

Thurston (East Asia)

McClure (H2O)

Woods (Turkey)

Compassion International (sponsored child)





January 29th we will be having our 5th Sunday combined service at 10:30 am with dinner to follow, prepared by YF and will be collecting a free will donation to raise funds for the YF mission trip in June to Alabama.

### **Communicating Cancellations**

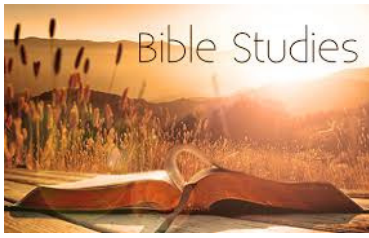
All Sunday Worship Services will be cancelled when the Henry County Sheriff declares a Level 3 Snow Emergency.

All Church meetings shall be cancelled when a Level 3 Snow Emergency.  
(PLEASE NOTE: If the snow emergency is lifted before the meeting time, the meeting may be held at the discretion of the committee chair.)

All Worship Service cancellations will be broadcast on WNDH 103.1 FM radio.

Call the church at 419-533-2881 and listen for recorded cancellation message.

Adopted by the Administrative Council 2/2/2015



Looking to go deeper with your relationship with Christ and connect with fellow Christians in 2017?!?! Not sure where to start?!?!

Ladies—you are invited to join our Ladies of Liberty group that meets every Tuesday starting at 7 pm, here at Chapel.

Gentleman—you are invited to attend Charlie's Café every Tuesday at 6 am and Bible study every Saturday morning, here at the church at 7 am.

All are invited to join Pastor Brad's Bible study every Wednesday from 6:30-7:30 pm.

The United Methodist Men will be meeting January 16th at 6:00 pm. They will be hosting the Henry County Canine Unit. All men of the church are invited to attend!!!



We will be returning to our "Genesis Stories" starting January 8th—February 26th. Join us as we continue to go through Scripture where it all began!



The final preparations are being done for the 2017 Directory!!!! If you have any corrections, deletions, or additions and you have not turned them in, please do so soon!!!!







Business Tagline or  
Motto

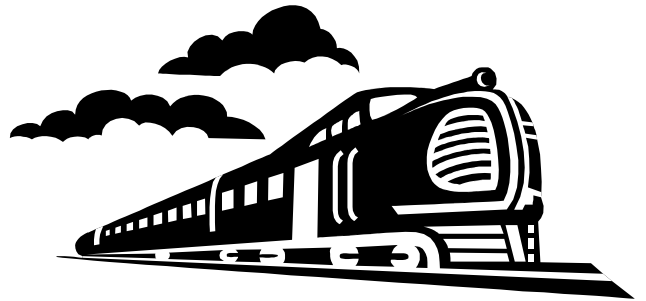
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It would also be useful to include a contact name for readers who want more information about the organization.

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