

Thank you, Jesus, for the promise of Spring

The warm spring sun feels good, the spring flowers share their beauty, the birds sing sweet melodies, and the farm fields buzz. Working and playing outside is good. I love spring! It's one of my top four favorite seasons. Thank you, Jesus, for the promise of spring.

As beautiful as it is, there will be some blustery days yet, and probably another frost or two. (Sorry to be a buzz kill.) While my default is optimism, still there are dark days, and the grace of Jesus is sufficient for them.

A couple of weeks ago, we celebrated Easter. Christ is risen! The Lord is risen indeed! The Good Friday/Easter drama reminds us that on the darkest day ever, a miracle was only three days away.

It's good to know, that whatever you face, whatever you are going through, even on your darkest day, a miracle is as close as three days away.

Sunday, we will join together to celebrate the risen Lord who walks with us in sunny days and darkest nights. Thank you, Jesus, for your promise to be with us always.

See you Sunday,

Pastor Brad

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May 2017 Newsletter

Well, it's May. That means the end of the school year is here. We just ended our Wednesday Night Ministries for our younger students and our Sr. High group will be ending soon too.

When it comes to youth ministry, I have a love/hate relationship with summer. It means switching from an every Wednesday approach to a few big trips with a bunch of opportunities to hang out with students outside of church. I really miss Wednesday nights during the summer, but we fill our calendar with more relationally driven events. It's a great time to really get to know students and to be able to hang out with them instead of being the one up front teaching all the time.

We're going to have a big end of the year party on May 24th and then we are going straight into our summer programming, where I plan to have Bible studies at my house, have summer hangzzz that students are hosting, and dive into some big events such as our Sr. High mission trip, VBS, a leadership retreat, fair stand, and OUR FIRST EVER JR. HIGH MISSION TRIP! If you can't tell, I'm pretty excited.

Summer is an awesome time for ministry, but it can also be really challenging as I leave the weekly routine that I've spent all school year settling into and dive into the chaos of grad parties, spending time with students most days of the week, and trying to balance a personal life. Like I said, it's a love/hate relationship. Hopefully this summer it's more on the love side of that! Please pray for fruitful ministry this summer, a good wrap up to the school year, and for energy for all of the trips coming up.

Have a GREAT May!

Pastor Tom

Newsletters

We receive updates from many of our missionaries around the world. These newsletters are uploaded to the church website at libertychapel.net. Be sure to check them out!!!!

The Clothing Closet is in need of boys and girls clothes, all sizes. So if you are cleaning out your closet and have any clothes you are looking to get rid of, we would gladly take them off your hands!!! Please see Kate Bare with any questions.



The U.M.M are collecting your empty pill bottles, with the labels removed. Please place them box in the Welcome Center.

The Maumee Watershed District is presenting

"Connecting Neighbors"

a Disaster Ministry helping families be disaster ready. Participants will be inspired to take action in order to prepare themselves, their households and others before and immediately following a disaster.

Do you have copies of important legal documents, tax returns, birth certificates, wills, insurance policy numbers in a safe place?



May Servant Schedule

	May 7	May 14	May 21	May 28
8:15 Door Greeters	S. Tedrow Family		Hartford Family	Leslie Barnes
8:15 Nursery	C. Carter Family	K. Mohler Family	Stevie Kessler	Overmier Family
S. S. Door Greeters	Bare Family	Eloise Griteman	Hartford Family	Leslie Barnes
S.S. Nursery	Gutierrez Family	Zenz Family	Davis Family	
10:30 Door Greeters	Bare Family	Eloise Griteman		Estelle Family
10:30 Nursery	Oelkrug Family	Spangler Family	O'Neal Family	Graber Family
Greeters Welcome Center	Ted Mohler Family	Jones Family	Estelle Family	Case Family



Lawn Care—Week of

April 30	Joe Gillen
May 7	Tyler Smiddy
May 14	Logan Mack
May 21	Jacob Clapp
May 28	Tom Myers



Prayer
 ♥ *Changes things*
Let us pray for you with Faith
Believing
 HE WILL LIFT YOU UP



- 1 - Tyler Murrey
- 2 - Mary Lou Leatherman
- 3 - Amanda Barnes
- 4 - Randy Bostelman
- 5 - Josh Vollmar
- 6 - Donna Baringer
Elliot Tahir
- 11 - Marilyn Spiess
- 12 - Ashley Bowers
- 13 - Alexis Davis
- 14 - Isaiah Gutierrez
Tyler Smiddy
- 16 - Kenleigh Howe
Jennifer Murrey
- 17 - Marci Nash
- 18 - Kathy Hartford
- 19 - Karen Mohler
Dawn Sharpe
Madison Amstutz
- 20 - Hayley Saneholtz
Christy Myers
- 24 - Teresa Bostelman
- 25 - Makenna Kern
- 27 - Julie Zenz
- 29 - Calla Oelkrug

Denny Upell—Liver Cancer;
 Sara Myles—Cancer; Amy
 (Schimming) Remer—
 Sarcoma; Ken Silveus—
 Health Concerns; Debi
 (Carter) Billings - (Carl
 Carter sister) - Stroke.

Long-Term Needs: Leo
 “Bud” Zenz, Patsy Leather-
 man, Ruth Gramling, Kent
 Spiess, Francis Brown,
 Joyce Schwyn (sister of Max
 Fetterman); Braden Kramer -
 (Fetterman extended family)
 4yr old, diagnosed with
 Acute Lymphoblastic Leuke-
 mia Also, members of the
 military and their families,
 our missionary families.

- 2 - Jamie & Amber Kessler
- 9 - Andy & Susie Miller
- 16 - Jamie & Staci Cramer
- 19 - Brad & Chelsea Howe
- 26 - Steve & Tina Tedrow
- 28 - Josh & Sara Atkinson



Due to the construction that will be happening on State Route 109, the ROCK will be closed May 2nd-4th. If you have signed up that week to bring in food, we will not be needing it. Thank you for being willing to serve the kids in our community.



We will be biking in the annual Memorial Day parade once again!!! We will be meeting at Sharpe Design, May 29th, at 9:30 am. Please join us as we remember those who gave their all for our freedom!



Our annual Fish Fry at Terry and Debbye Hoffman's will be held May 10th at 6:00pm. If you know of someone in the community that would enjoy a meal delivered to them, they do not need to be a member of Chapel, please contact Terry Hoffman. Fish, baked bean and cheesy potatoes will be provided, please bring a dish to share.



**Freedom
School
Partners**

Freedom Schools, through the our District office, is in need of volunteers throughout the summer to help children continue to learn while out of regular school for the summer. Here are some of the dates, times and topics that volunteers are needed:

We are in need for the following volunteers:


- Up to 10 each morning to be a teachers aide in our classrooms from 8:30 a.m. to noon.
- Up to 5 reading tutors each morning from 11:00 a.m. to noon.
- Volunteers who will bring their own bag lunch from noon to 1:00 p.m. and eat with the kids and engage them in conversation about their day and take an interest in the children.
- On Monday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons, for the enrichment experiences, we need 8 volunteers each of these afternoons to assist with art, music, and a variety of other programs such as a mock trial, fire safety, yoga, whatever the day brings. You don't need any experience because these will be led by the students of the Toledo School for the Arts and others in our community! 1:00-3:00 pm.
- Tuesday is an afternoon of gardening, plant care, and experiences with growing things. We need 4 volunteers from 1:00-3:00 p.m.
- On Fridays June 30, July 7, July 14, which are field trip days, we need 10 chaperone volunteers on those afternoons! 12:45-3:00 p.m.

On Friday, July 28, a day at a camp. Final Freedom School day, 20 volunteers are needed for the entire day! 8:30-3:30 p.m.

MAY

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

Sunday School:

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 8 am Ladies Exercise 6 pm Trustees 7 pm Finance 8 pm Ad. Council	2 6 am Charlie's 7 pm Ladies of Liberty	3 10:30 am S.H.O.P 7 pm Firestarters YF	4	5	6 7 am Men's Prayer Time 9 am-12 pm Fellowship Hall Reserved
7 6-7:30 pm Girl Scouts	8 8 am Ladies Exercise 6 pm UMM 8 pm Worship	9 6 am Charlie's 3-5 pm ROCK 7 pm Ladies of Liberty 7 pm SPRC	10 10:30 am S.H.O.P. 3-5 pm ROCK 6 pm Fish Fry at Hoffman's 7 pm Firestarters YF	11 3-5 pm ROCK	12	13 7 am Men's Prayer Time
14 Mother's Day Confirmation Sunday	15 8 am Ladies Exercise 6-7:30 pm Bountiful Blessing & Clothing Closet 7:30 pm Evangelism	16 6 am Charlie's 3-5 pm ROCK 7 pm Ladies of Liberty	17 10:30 am S.H.O.P. 3-5 pm THE ROCK 7 pm Firestarters YF	18 3-5 pm ROCK	19 9-11 am Bountiful Blessings & Cloth- ing Closet	20 7 am Men's Prayer Time
21 6-7:30 pm Girl Scouts	22 Newsletter Articles Due 8 am Ladies Exercise 6:30 pm Missions	23 6 am Charlie's 3-5 pm ROCK 7 pm Ladies of Liberty	24 10:30 am S.H.O.P. 3-5 pm ROCK 7 pm Firestarters YF	25	26	27 7 am Men's Prayer Time
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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

