

Dear Chapelites,

The ice tea in my mug is half full. I'm not a half-empty kind of guy, but I'm pretty sure before long it will be all empty.

My life is really pretty good—much more than half full. A loving family surrounds me. I have great bonds of fellowship with church people and friends. With good health and improving weather, the beautiful outdoors beckons. I have a job and a steady income in these uncertain times. Best of all, Jesus loves me!

So why do I look at the half-empty part of my mug? I miss . . .

It is time to stop looking at the bottom half of my mug. That brings me down.

The top half is more hopeful. Life is good, and I have realistic hope that one day life will return to normal. Not new normal. Normal normal.

Our Ad Board met last evening. We enjoyed updates from each member about life activities. Sunday School class reports of creative distance learning and fellowship methods were given. The lunch program from the Rock and the food pantry have been appreciated. We enjoyed being together.

We made plans for reopening Chapel.

Sunday, May 3rd we will again have online worship and we will share communion together. While bread and grape juice are obvious favored choices, you have discretion to choose appropriate elements from what you have available.

Sundays, May 10th through May 31st, we will have Drive-in Worship services at 10:00 am in our parking lot. The worship leaders will stand under the portico. An FM radio transmitter has been ordered, so we will be able to worship together in your cars. I am pretty sure that a little bit of fellowship will occur six-feet apart through open car windows.

We will live stream services via YouTube beginning Sunday, May 10th. This will allow you, wherever you are, to worship with those gathered at church. The services will also be available on YouTube to watch later that day or week.

We know that some of you will come and gather together. We know that others will not be comfortable attending or will not be able to attend. There is no pressure from anyone. We want to create options. Choose what is best for you and your family.

In June, we hope to move indoors for worship. We are making preparations, and we expect more guidance from authorities. Worshipers will need to wear masks and have temperatures taken as they enter the building. We will create distance in the sanctuary and overflow areas. A team will sanitize the church between services. We need to obtain cleaning supplies. We do not expect at that time to be able to offer Sunday School or children's ministries. We will continue to live stream our services.

Our board discussed a new Youth Pastor but has not finalized that decision. We expect an announcement in the coming weeks.

Liberty Chapel's YouTube channel is <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC5ekLIR4TCiKxVxNmJu2vUQ>. Please subscribe. When we reach 100 subscribers, we can name it something more user friendly. Links for the services are posted on the church website <http://www.libertychapel.net> and on the church's Facebook page. Thanks to those who help produce these videos.

Each week, I have posted Home School Sunday School lesson plans on Facebook. These are designed for our children. Make adjustments for your family, and please, pray together.

We continue to remain in community while we physically distance ourselves from one another.

I received these Sunday School updates: The Crusaders and the Life Class stay in touch through text messages and phone calls. The Discovery Class did a Sunday morning Zoom class meeting. The Warriors have done video meetings. A written letter with lessons was distributed to the High School Class. The first and second graders receive weekly messages and lessons from their teachers. What is your class doing?

Here are a few prayer and praise reports:

David Willeman formerly married to Carol Stover passed. Sympathy and prayers to their family.

We continue to pray daily for our Chapel family.

Pray for an end to this plague.

Our medical workers and first responders appreciate continued prayers.

What else is going on?

Your financial giving is much appreciated. You can mail contributions to the church or drop them off at the parsonage. There is a link to on-line giving on the church website. Thank you for your faithfulness. We are still funding missions and ministries around the world and around our community.

I miss you all. You are all in my prayers. I look forward to the time when we will be able to gather again.

My iced tea is finished, but even an empty mug can be a symbol of hope. As soon as I type my name at the end of this message, I am heading for the kitchen to make some more. My mug will no longer be half empty, it will be full!

Jesus loves you! Keep hope alive!

See you sometime,



Pastor Brad



Family and friends of David Willeman—David passed away April 23rd, Youth Pastor.

Long-Term Needs: Judy Strayer – Health concerns; Russ Strayer—Health concerns; Mike Collier—Health concerns; Bonnie Mohler—Health Concerns; Rebecca Livengood (Vicky Leatherman's mother) - Health concerns; Ken Silveus; Leo "Bud" Zenz, Kent Spiess. Also, members of the military and their families, our missionary families.

We will be honoring our graduates on Sunday, May 24th. Please contact the office ASAP if you have a high school or college graduate!!



Stay up to date with Pastor Brad's weekly letters. If you haven't been getting them by email and would like to, send the church your email address to libertychapel@metalink.net. Or visit our website at libertychapel.net or our Facebook page to read the letter.



The Discovery class met for over an hour on Sunday using Zoom. We had 21 attendees from 11 families. This is the first we had gotten together since we couldn't physically meet. So we spent the time going around the "room" giving updates on our families, how and what we have been doing and sharing some prayer requests. It was quite heart-warming to see each other and to make this connection. We are going to keep meeting this way on a weekly basis until we can gather again and will move back to more of a regular lesson going forward.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<h1>May</h1>					
3 Amanda Barnes	4 Randy Bostelman	5 Josh Vollmar	6 Donna Baringer Elliot Tahir Bill Strauss	7 Jeff & Deb Gillen	8 Tyler Murrey	9 Andy & Susie Miller
10 Michelle Shafer	11 Marilyn Spiess	12 Ashley Bowers	13 Alexis Davis	14 Isaiah Gutierrez Tyler Smiddy	15 	16 Kenleigh Howe Jennifer Murrey Jamie & Staci Cramer
17 Marci Nash	18 Kathy Hartford	19 Karen Mohler Dawn Sharpe Madison Amstutz Brad & Chelsea Howe	20 Haley Saneholtz Christy Myers	21 <i>Happy Anniversary!</i>	22 Neal & Trisha Carter	23
24 Teresa Bostelman Nicole Keller	25 	26 Steve & Tina Tedrow	27 Julie Zenz Bobbi O'Neal Tom & Marin Gerberich	28 June Mack Josh & Sara Atkinson	29 Calla Oelkrug	30
31 Kaydence Rhoads Ashton Kruse	<h1>Birthdays</h1>		<h1>and Anniversaries</h1>			If you don't see your birthday or anniversary on the calendar, and you would like it to be on there, please let the of- fice know!! Thanks.

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overflowing to others.”*

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