

Dear Chapelites,



August 2020

## **August Uncertainty - Mask Wearing - This Sunday - Sunday Schedule - Healthful Choices - August Certainty**

I was pondering traditional August newsletter article topics:

Henry County Fair - nope

VBS - nope

Back to school - yes

Back to in school learning - maybe - hopefully

Fall Youth Ministry - hopefully - plans are being made

Baseball - here for now - and I'm enjoying it!

Chapel Burgers - not this year

Jesus loves me - yes

Wednesday Night ministries for children - maybe - September

Worship outside - yep! - good to go

Worship inside - for now - wear a mask

Sunday School - yes for now - wear a mask

Hot weather - check - undoubtedly

Football - LC Tigers - college - NFL - maybe - hopefully

Rock after school ministry - not inside - snacks for kids to pick up two days a week

Jesus has got the future - yes

Rain - please

Vacation - nope

Life plans in general - ???

My list left me confused and perplexed. Just what can we count on? What can we do?

I remember three points from one of Dad's sermons: Expect the best. Prepare for the worst. Take whatever comes.

That seems to work in "normal" times, and it will continue to work in abnormal times.

So we continue to plan for the future. We know some of those events will happen, some won't happen, and others will be drastically altered.

### **Mask Wearing**

Persons need to wear masks inside the church (with exceptions allowed by health department orders.)

I don't like wearing a mask, but I realized during worship, that even with my mask on, Jesus could still hear me sing. He is the one I'm singing to.

If you do not want to wear a mask, come to 8:15 worship or worship outside at 10:30 under a tree with a radio and a blanket or bag chair. Or worship online.

## **This Sunday**

Tom Gerberich will return and preach during both worship services. He will share with us his call to be a missionary in Bowling Green.

## **Sunday Schedule**

### **Option 1: Drive-in/Outside Worship. (8:15 am)**

Worship leaders will stand on the platform near the propane tank. Park in that area, and worship in your car. Or worship on the lawn with a blanket or a bag chair and an FM radio. Tune your FM radio to 90.5. Our broadcast range is limited, so you need to be on the church property to hear. In case of rain, the worship leaders will move to the porch.

Sunday, we had sound issues. We think we discovered the problem and corrected it.

### **Option 2: Inside Worship. (10:30 am)**

Seating will be at each end of every other pew. There will also be additional seating and TV screens in the fellowship hall and the welcome center.

While no nursery will be available, parents with small children can stay with them in the family room. The worship service will be on the TV there.

Masks are required (with exceptions.) Masks are available at the door.

At 10:30, you can sit in the church yard or in your car and listen on the radio - FM 90.5.

Last Sunday, we had issues with the sanctuary air conditioning. That has been corrected.

### **Option 3: Worship online Live or Later.**

We will Live Stream the service on YouTube at 10:30 am. Liberty Chapel's YouTube channel is <https://www.youtube.com/c/libertychapelc>

You can watch the service on your computer or mobile device live. The service will remain on YouTube so you can watch it later. If the live stream does not work, the service will be uploaded soon after church, and you can watch later.

### **Sunday School (9:15 am)**

About half our classes have changed spaces. A map in the welcome center and signs on the doors will direct you. Or just ask.

Masks are required (with exceptions.) Masks are available at the door.

Children, sixth grade and younger, must be escorted to and picked up from their classes by a parent or the adult who brought them. If you need assistance, please let someone know.

Nursery will be provided for the Sunday School hour only. Parents and adults who bring children will take turns watching the children while other parents go to class.

We will not receive an offering during Sunday School.

The Explorers Class taught by Joe Gillen is meeting in Terry Hoffman's building with fresh air and physical distancing. If you are concerned about meeting in the classrooms, you are welcome to join them.

### **Healthful Choices and Risk Mitigation**

If you or someone in your household has a fever, or if you are not feeling well, please do not come to inside worship or Sunday School. Our ability to meet in person depends on our ability to trust one another.

We're only as safe as what any one of us does. If you go to a party, a social gathering, or a vacation, it's like we're all going with you. Please stay away from risky situations outside of church, and observe proper mitigation precautions.

Choose the option that is best for you and your family. If you are in a higher risk category, you may need to worship outside or at home.

### **August Certainty**

When the future seems uncertain, just what can we count on? The answer is not a "what"; it is "whom". Whom can we count on? Jesus.

"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 - ESV)

An old hymn offers reassuring words:

Many things about tomorrow  
I don't seem to understand  
But I know who holds tomorrow  
And I know who holds my hand (Ira F. Stanphill)

Whatever happens in August, whatever happens this fall, Jesus says, "I've got this." That's good enough for me. That's why He's worthy of our praise.

See you Sunday,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pastor Brad".

Pastor Brad



The Safe Sanctuaries team is planning a brief training to be presented on August 16 during the worship services. Please make every effort to be here that day if at all possible to include as many as possible in one training rather than scheduling several different sessions. (We understand there may be some who can't be here on that day.) If you are still attending from home, please text or call Viki (419-262-7187) or the church (419-533-2881) that you have seen the training and we will add you to the list of completed training.



### **The Rock Ministry**

**What happening with "The Rock" this Fall ?**As you may know "The Rock Ministry" is a safe place for students to come after school and learn about God, and hang out even just for a little while. The Rock leadership team discussed the Fall semester recently, we recognized that we wanted to still make an impact in the community during these uncertain times. Our ministry in the Fall will be handing out, what we call "Rock Snack-Packs", starting September 8th thru October 29th every Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 3:15-4pm. All students 3rd-12th grade can come by, and we will have volunteers handing out "Rock Snack-Packs".

Even though this is different from what "The Rock" has done before, we are committed to sharing the gospel, being a light and hope for students in our community.

### **How can you contribute to "The Rock" Ministry this Fall?**

There are two ways to be a part of the happenings this Fall.

- 1) By donating treats: You can drop treats off at Liberty Chapel UMC, or Liberty Center UMC donation bins. Preferred treat list below.
- 2) Financially (write checks out to: Liberty Chapel / Memo: The Rock)

**Snack List needs:** Uncrustables, Cereal cups/mini boxes, pretzels/crackers w/ cheese, Nutella cups, apples, bananas, Cuties, carrot packs w/ dip cups, Capri-suns and bottles of water.

If you have any questions, please see Phil.



Cory Trapp – Diabetes & Eye surgery; Tom Tedrow – Cancer; Josh Seagrave (Steve Seagrave's son) – COVID-19; Connie Arps McDonald (Carolyn Arps' daughter) – Cancer; Medical personnel and First responders.

**Long-Term Needs:** Leo Barlow – At Heritage Village in Waterville; Judy Strayer – Health concerns; Russ Strayer – Health concerns; Carolyn Arps – Health concerns; Mike Collier – Health concerns; Rebecca Livengood (Vicky Leatherman's mother) – Health concerns; Eric Gutierrez; Juanita Hoffman; Leo "Bud" Zenz; Kent Spiess. Also, members of the military and their families, and our missionary families.



This summer , every other Wednesday night, LC Youth Ministry has meet over the summer 7-8:30pm. LC youth group provides a fun refuge for teens where they are able to grow in their faith through community, and the light and love of Jesus is taught and experienced, encouraging students to live Christ mission out loud.

July had some excitement for the students meeting at the church and play a few water games outside. Along with a fire pit event at Graber's house. As school approaches at the end of August there are a few things to be mindful of during further youth group events. We are asking that masks be worn at all youth group events through August and we will have hand sanitizer available at all times during youth group.

### **August/September 2020 upcoming events:**

Aug. 2nd: Wide water work day 1-4pm

Aug. 5th: Summer youth group 7-8:30pm

Aug. 12th: Youth Leaders BBQ night @ Marci's house 7pm.

Aug. 19th: Back2School Rally—Jr & Sr. High YF 7-8:30pm.

Aug. 26th: YF-Jr. High 6:30-7:30 pm/Sr.High 7:15-8:45 pm

Sept. 2nd: YF-Jr. High 6:30-7:30 pm/Sr.High 7:15-8:45 pm

Blessings,

Phil

| Sunday                         | Monday          | Tuesday  | Wednesday   | Thursday                             | Friday  | Saturday  |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|--|---|--------------------------------------|---|---|
|                                |                 |  |  |                                      |   | 1   |
| 2                              | 3               | 4  | 5   | 6                                    | 7   | 8   |
| Ben Leatherman                 | Korey Rhoads    | Jakob Hogrefe<br>Leo Barlow  | Jamie Cramer<br>Darren & Kara Estelle   | Tammy Oelkrug<br>Jeanne Meter        | Audri Trapp<br>Emerie Mohler<br>Tenny Krugh<br>Rachel Orr | Steve & Byronna Bare  |
| 9                              | 10              | 11   | 12  | 13                                   | 14  | 15  |
| Kevin Mohler<br>Mary Lou Myers | Todd Spangler   | Breanna Griteman   | Isaiah Estelle  | <i>Happy Anniversary!</i>            | Mary Beth McClure   |    |
| 16                             | 17              | 18   | 19  | 20                                   | 21  | 22  |
| Bill Murrey<br>Jody Lee        | Ileah Gutierrez |  | Clayton O'Neal<br>Audrie Mohler<br>Kelly & Patty McIntosh                           | Leland Case                          | Kenny Barnes  | Glenda Conner   |
| 23                             | 24              | 25   | 26  | 27                                   | 28  | 29  |
| Robin Carpenter                |                 |  | Hunter Spangler<br>Karson Rhoads<br>Seth Atkinson<br>Jordan McBride                 | Shelley Davis<br>Dave & Karen Mohler | Cole Spangler   | Todd Shafer<br>Tom Overmier<br>Arita Silveus  |
| 30                             | 31              |  | <b>Birthdays and Anniversaries</b>  |                                      |   | If you don't see your birthday or anniversary on the calendar, and you would like it to be on there, please let the office know!! Thanks. |
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Sunday Worship Times: 8:15 a.m. Outside Worship  
 10:30 a.m. Inside Worship  
 Sunday School: 9:15 a.m. Classes for All Ages

| Sunday  | Monday  | Tuesday                | Wednesday  | Thursday               | Friday | Saturday                     |
|---|---|------------------------|--|------------------------|--------|------------------------------|
|   |   |                        |  |                        |        | 1<br>7 am Men's Prayer Time  |
| 2<br>12-4 pm YF service project<br>at Widewater | 3<br>10-2 Office open<br>6:30 pm Finance<br>7 pm Ad Council                         | 4<br>7 pm Christian Ed | 5<br>7-8:30 pm YF  | 6<br>10-2 Office open  | 7      | 8<br>7 am Men's Prayer Time  |
| 9   | 10<br>10-2 Office open<br>6 pm ROCK Team<br>6 pm Trustee                            | 11<br>7 pm SPRC        | 12<br>7 pm YF Leaders<br>Meeting                                 | 13<br>10-2 Office open | 14     | 15<br>7 am Men's Prayer Time |
| 16<br>Fellowship Hall Reserved                  | 17<br>9-10 am Bountiful Blessings<br>10-2 Office open<br>6-7 pm Bountiful Blessings | 18                     | 19<br>7-8:30 pm Jr & Sr.<br>High YF Kickoff                      | 20<br>10-2 Office Open | 21     | 22<br>7 am Men's Prayer Time |
| 23  | 24<br>10-2 Office open  | 25                     | 26<br>6:30-7:30 pm Jr.<br>High YF<br>7:30-8:45 pm Sr.<br>High YF | 27<br>10-2 Office open | 28     | 29<br>7 am Men's Prayer Time |
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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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