

Dear Chapelites,



September 2020

First Day of School - Sunday School - Healthful Choices

Our 165-day summer vacation ended abruptly this morning.

In mid-March, under the growing gloomy pall of the global pandemic, we sent our children to school for what we expected to be their last day. At noon, Sherry and I enjoyed a last dinner date. The calendar date? Friday the 13th, 2020. [Cue creepy violin music.] We have been around 2020 long enough, that such weird occurrences ironically seem normal.

I began singing a song from my high school days by Alice Cooper: "School's out forever!"

165 days.

Five months, THIRTEEN days.

We spent a couple months shut in our houses and left only for groceries and essential matters. We spent three months playing outside creating happy memories. We spent the last several days wondering if and how school would start.

Today, I find myself reminiscing about another high school days "song" by Cheech and Chong--"Sister Mary Elephant." The class assignment: "How I spent my summer vacation." A student reads his unfinished essay: "The first day of my vacation. I woke up. Then I went downtown to look for a job. Then I hung out in front of the drug store. The second day of my summer vacation. I woke up. Then I went downtown to look for a job. Then I hung out in front of the drug store. The third day of my summer vacation. . ." The substitute teacher calmly asks him to stop. [Not so] precious memories.

Like any other school year, the last several days saw our home filled with excitement and plans. After five and a half months, students will be happy to see their friends. With the new year, the school will be filled with energy for discovery and learning.

Like any other 2020 event, we parents face the year with concern. Will in-person learning last through the year? Will students, teachers, and staff stay healthy? No one knows. The unknown quite often brings fear as a companion. I choose faith instead of fear. As we face a Fall filled with more questions than answers, I plan to be faithful and resolute.

This morning, as a dad and grandpa, I pray for two precious children, and three precious grandchildren. Dear Jesus, keep them healthy and safe. Fill them with a hunger for discovery and knowledge. Give them good friendships. Keep them grounded in your truth. Thank you for these gifts you have given me. Amen!

As a pastor and friend, I pray for friends of all ages as they head back to the classroom. Lord, please keep them healthy and safe. Thank you for the opportunity for intellectual and social growth. Keep them grounded in your truth. Amen!

Last evening, over three dozen community members met at the school to pray. We interceded for students, teachers, staff, parents, and our community. "If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land. (2 Chronicles 7:14 - ESV) We pray that God will end this plague and heal our land.

I need to bring this letter to a close, because Sherry and I have a long-anticipated dinner date scheduled.

See you Sunday,
Pastor Brad

PS. While my primary attention is focused on school, I am mindful of events in the news.

I pray for liberty and justice for all and for the end of the plague of racism. Lord, heal our land.

I also pray for persons in the path of hurricane Laura, especially for friends made on mission trips. Lord, heal our land.

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.

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

There will also be additional seating and TV screens in the fellowship hall and the welcome center. While we have overflow options, they have not been used....yet.

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.

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/libertychapellc>

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....but continue to worship.



The Trustees will be having a church wide work day on Saturday, September 12th from 8 am -12 pm. Any one that would like to help, please see Lee Starkey. If you can come the whole time or only part of the time, all help would be greatly appreciated!



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; Connie Arps McDonald (Carolyn Arps' daughter) – Cancer; Dawn Sharp – Recovering from knee surgery; Pete Leatherman – Recovering from knee surgery; 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.



What's that old saying? "Time flies when you are having fun." Even in these unique times of 2020, summer just flew by a little too fast. At least it did for me. Now that school is starting again, it's a friendly reminder that I need to get back to a routine of sorts. Michael Jordan said, "You must expect great things of yourself before you can do them." My hope for you this school year is that you look at the start of it with great expectations for yourself and continued spiritual growth. This is a great year for you, I just know it. September activities at

youth group can be a good start.

The Fall season of Wednesday Night Ministries are starting September 9th. Our Wednesday Night Ministries will run from 6:30-7:30 pm for PK-Jr. High. Senior High, grades 9-12, will be meeting from 7:15-8:45 pm. LC youth group provides a fun refuge for teens where they are able to grow in their faith through community, the light and love of Jesus is taught and experienced, students are encouraged to live Christ mission out loud. Come be a part of something bigger than yourself. Friends are always welcome.

Upcoming Happenings:

September 2nd: Back to School Bash

6:30-8:30pm– Jr./Sr. High event (Dinner will be provided)

September 13th: WideWater Service Project (Make-up Day)

12-4pm-Meet @ WideWater (Bring Sack Lunch)

September 9th/16th/23rd: Wednesday Night


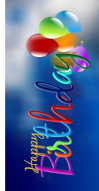

6:30-7:30pm-Jr. High / Senior High, grades 7:15-8:45pm

September 30th: Movie Night

6:30-8:30pm- Jr./Sr. High event

Blessings,


Phil

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Todd & Michelle Shafer	2 Levi Howe Larry Leatherman Ace Atkinson	3	4 	5 Darren Estelle Ben & Peg Zientek
6 Bill Vollmar Tom & Gretchen Tedrow	7 Dexter Spangler	8 Don Meter Marcia Bearley	9 Hannah Tedrow Mark & Penny Jones Kyler & Emily Miller	10 Cheryl Carter Alexa Smiddy	11 Cheri Collier Joe & Carla Gillen	12 Ken & Sharon Stites
13 Kayla Murrey Vondra Oberhaus Terry Shafer Blair Mohler Tom & Tammy Oelkrug	14 Kyler Miller Kennedy Bare	15 Angie Wiechers Juanita Hoffman Tom & Kathy Wolf	16 Terry & Debbye Hoffman	17 <i>Happy Anniversaries!</i>	18 Olivia Leatherman Jason Mohler Julie Masuwa Zeb Orr	19 
20	21 Josh Atkinson Mike & Marty Hamlin	22 	23 Zac Graber JoHanna Young Kelly Stites Randy & Teresa Bostelman	24	25 Megan Peterson Bev Griteman	26 Paul Amstutz
27 John & Kathy Hartford	28 Dan Bare Bill & Marcia Bearley	29 Penny Jones Ken & Leslie Barnes Todd & Carrie Mohler	30			
September Birthdays and Anniversaries						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.



Sunday Worship Times: 8:15 a.m. Outside Worship
 10:30 a.m. Inside Worship
 9:15 a.m. Classes for All Ages

Sunday School:

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 6 pm Trustees 7 pm Ad Council	2 6:30-8:30 pm Jr. & Sr. High YF Kick off	3	4	5 7 am Men's Prayer Time
6	7 Office Closed 	8 6 am Charlie's 3:15-4 pm ROCK 7 pm SPRC	9 6:30-7:30 pm WNM & Pastor Brad's Bible Study 7:15-8:45 pm Sr. High YF	10 3:15-4 pm ROCK	11	12 7 am Men's Prayer Time 8 am -12 pm Trustee Work Day
13 12-4 pm YF Service Project at Widewater	14 6 pm UMM 8 pm Worship	15 6 am Charlie's 3:15-4 pm ROCK	16 6:30-7:30 pm WNM & Pastor Brad Bible Study 7:15-8:45 pm Sr. High YF	17 3:15-4 pm ROCK	18	19 7 am Men's Prayer Time
20	21 9-10 am Bountiful Blessings 6-7 pm Bountiful Blessings 7 pm Evangelism	22 6 am Charlie's 3:15-4 pm ROCK	23 6:30-7:30 pm WNM & Pastor Brad Bible Study 7:15-8:45 pm Sr. High YF	24 3:15-4 pm ROCK	25 5 pm Church Reserved	26 7 am Men's Prayer Time 8 am Church Reserved
27	28 6:30 pm Missions	29 6 am Charlie's 3:15-4 pm ROCK	30 6:30-7:30 pm WNM & Pastor Brad Bible Study 7:30-8:45 pm Sr. High YF			

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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

September 2020

