

Dear Chapelites,

December 2020

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Advent Prayer

Beginning November 29, Advent is a season of spiritual preparation for Christmas. Here is a prayer for this season.

Dear heavenly Father,

In the darkness of the world
In dark, dark year,
We need your light.

Your Son is our only hope.
You Son is the only One
who can bring light and hope
into our darkness.

This year, may Jesus be born anew
in our lives, in our homes,
in all our busy spaces.

We pray in his name.
Amen!



Advent Candles

A family or a group of friends will light our Advent candles at the beginning of our inside and outside services. If you would like to do that, please contact me right away. I am developing that schedule.

No Christmas Dinner

Our traditional Christmas Dinner will not happen this year.

Children's Program

The Children's Program will be shown December 13th during our 10:30 service. This prerecorded segment will be part of our YouTube worship that day. Typically, our sanctuary is packed for that service. We hope it will be packed again in 2021, but this year due to health concerns, you will not need to be present to watch it. (We will have our "normal" 8:15 worship service outside.)

Cantata

The Christmas Cantata will be performed December 20th during our 10:30 worship service. You will be able to watch it in person or you can watch it live or later on YouTube. We plan to resume our Cantata sanctuary packing in 2021, but this year due to health concerns, you will be able to watch at home. ("Normal" drive-in worship at 8:15.)

Christmas Eve

There will be three Christmas Eve services this year.

Indoor Christmas Eve services at 5:00 and 8:00 will feature Christmas carols and lighting real candles. We will limit sanctuary seating to 80 for each service. In order to sign up for your reservation, please call or email the office between December 14-21.

In the past, we have had around 200 for our single Christmas service. Currently, our inside worship averages around 65. We don't know what to expect on Christmas Eve, so our sanctuary may not be filled for either service. If you choose not to reserve a place but decide at the last minute to attend, please come. You may or may not have a seat in the sanctuary. We will have overflow seating available.

Outdoor Christmas Eve service will be at 6:30. It will also feature Christmas carols. We may have battery-operated candles. I will let you know details as we figure them out.

Christmas Eve online: One of our indoor services will be live streamed so you can worship live or later. I will let you know which one after a decision is made available.

Mission Opportunities

The Salvation Army kettle will be at our church, November 29. Bring your donations and your spare change. All gifts will be used for local relief.

"We Care"—gifts of clothing and toys for area families. A garland immediately inside the back door has tags with shopping lists for families. Bring your gifts to the church by December 13.

Our Christmas Eve offering will go to Life Wise Academy. This is a program that provides Bible education to school students during the school day. We hope this will be available in Liberty Center beginning Fall 2021.

Continue to care for one another. Pray for an end of this plague.

See you Sunday,

Pastor Brad

P.S.

Sunday Schedule

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

Outside Worship

Yes, we still have Drive-in Worship. Worship in your car or outside on a lawn chair with your parka. Tune your FM radio to 90.5. Our broadcast range is limited, so you need to be on the church property to hear. Our Christmas Eve drive-in service will be at 6:30. Invite your friends.

I have no plans to end this service, but “Plan B” resides in the back of my mind. For example: If there is lightning in the area, remain in your cars. I will move inside. You will still be able to hear. People questioned my sanity during last weeks’ snow squall, so I don’t know the threshold for when the weather will force me indoors. If it does, you can remain in your cars. You will still be able to hear. You can even leave your windows down and visit.

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

Please observe physically distant seating and wear masks. The family room is available for parents with small children. The TV there will show the service. While we have overflow options, they have not been used . . . yet. You can worship outside in your car—FM 90.5.

Option 3: Worship online Live or Later.

The service is live streamed 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)

Children, sixth grade and younger, must be escorted to and picked up from their classes by a parent or the adult who brought them. Currently, there is no nursery, but if you need this service, please talk with Pastor Brad. Masks are a healthy choice. The Explorers Class meets in Terry Hoffman’s building.

Healthful Choices

If you or someone in your household has a fever or other Covid symptoms, please do not come to inside worship or Sunday School. Our ability to meet in person depends on our ability to trust one another. Choose the option that is best for you and your family but continue to worship.



YF had a great November with a theme of "Thankfulness". During this crazy time of year, and with the pandemic we can sometimes lose sight of being "Thankful" going about our everyday life. Our students have continued to embrace the unknown trusting in God's plans and promises with a thankful heart.

This December we have a lot of great happenings for students to be a part of. After spending November with the theme of "Thankfulness" the Advent season is upon us. The season of Advent lasts for four Sundays leading up to Christmas. Advent begins on the Sunday that falls between November 27th and December 3rd each year. 2020 Advent begins on Sunday, November 29th and ends on Thursday, December 24th.

In the midst of the 2020 pandemic I, like most, can feel a little overwhelmed. Maybe even you and your family have gone through that at some point. We want to prevent "COVID brain" that can distract from the "reason for the season", which is celebrating Christ birth.

So to encourage and uplift our students and YF families, we as a youth group will be participating in a twenty-five day Advent devotional. Starting Sunday November 29th until December 24th, every night students can read on their own or with their families from the devotional. We as a group will discuss the advent devotional during youth group December 2nd, 9th, and 16th. Again, it is our hope that you find this Advent devotional uplifting and encouraging during this Christmas season.

Seasons Blessings,

Pastor Phil

YF Christmas Caroling:

Grab some hot chocolate, turn on the fireplace, and log on to the Liberty Chapel YouTube page. YF Students will be performing a YouTube Christmas Caroling event Wednesday, December 9th from 7:30-8pm. You will hear some of your favorite Christmas songs that will bring some Christmas cheer, and get you in the holiday spirit! Contact Pastor Phil before the event to request a song or a YouTube shout-out.



Thank you so very much for all of the snack donations you have given! We appreciate them and so do the kids.

Some of you haven't been inside for worship and haven't been able to sign up for donations. Please feel free to drop off snacks at the church or at The Rock around 3:00 on Tuesday or Thursday. If you need someone to pick them up for you, contact Kathy, Vondra, Phil or Viki, we will gladly come get them.

With the current conditions our snacks need to be pre-packaged or need little handling. Our goal is to provide healthier snacks, here are some suggested items:

Apples Cheese dip/sticks or crackers Cuties

Granola bars

Hazelnut dip/sticks

String Cheese

Cereal boxes/cups

Uncrustables

Juice pouches

Pastor Phil - Possible back surgery; Russ Strayer - Health concerns; Kent Stites - Health concerns; Holly (close friend of McBride's) - Cancer; Rick & Stevie Kessler grandson - Heart condition; Mike & Cheri Collier - COVID; Medical personnel and First responders.

Long-Term Needs: Connie Arps McDonald (Carolyn Arps' daughter) - Cancer; Tom Tedrow - Cancer; Judy Strayer - Health concerns; Russ Strayer - Health concerns; Carolyn Arps - 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.



December Happenings:

Dec. 2nd: Regular YF

Dec. 9th: 7:15-8:45pm YouTube Christmas Caroling / Game Night

Dec. 16th: 7:15-8:45pm Christmas Party



WE CARE

We Care is up!! The ornaments are hanging on the garland in between the double doors in the Welcome Center. There are 30 children to choose from. Please write your name on the clipboard beside the number of the child you are shopping for. You do not need to get everything they have listed. Those are ideas listed by the parents. All gifts need to be turned in no later than December 13th. Please attach the ornament to the bag that the gifts are in and do not wrap gifts. Please see Cindy Overmier if you have any questions.



Liberty Chapel United Methodist Church

Dec. 13th - Children's Christmas Program at the 10:30 am service

Dec. 20th - Christmas Cantata at the 10:30 am service

Christmas Eve Candlelight services
 5:00 pm - Inside
 6:30 pm - Outside
 8:00 pm - Inside

Christmas Teaching Series
 "My Grown Up Christmas List"

Regular Service Times
 Outside Worship - 8:15 am
 Sunday School - 9:15 am
 Inside Worship - 10:30 am

Church Directory
UPDATE

It is that time of the year again. Work has started on the 2021 Directory. If you have moved, changed numbers, or have anything other updates, please let the office know. You can leave a note in the "Secretary" mailbox or call the church office. Thanks!!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Cheryl Falor	2	3	4 Kenzy Kern Zeb & Rachel Orr	5 <i>Happy Anniversary!</i>
6 Jordan Keller	7	8 	9 Pat Fetterman	10	11 Brenda Saneholtz	12 Scott Slee Darcie Mohler Rick & Cheryl Shadday Terry & Sherri Shafer
13 Stephen Seagrave	14 Allan Starkey Sara Atkinson	15 Tom Tedrow	16 Lucas Young	17	18 Jim & Linda Vollmar	19
20	21	22	23 Ninfa Starkey Mike & Cheri Collier	24 Cathy Leatherman	25 Logan Case	26 
27	28 Linnea Short Hannah Kershner Ted Mohler Tahir Masood & Fouzia Tahir	29 Ken & Robin Carpenter	30 Lydia Sweeney Logan Mack Bill Quigley	31 Alayna Jones Chelsea Howe Alice Leatherman Caroline Booth		
December 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 3-4 pm ROCK	2 6:30-7:30 pm WNM & Pastor Brad's Bible Study 7:15-8:30 pm Sr. High YF 7:30 pm Choir	3 3-4 pm ROCK	4	5 7 am Men's Prayer Time
6	7 6 pm Trustees 6:30 pm Finance 7 pm Ad Council	8 3-4 pm ROCK	9 6:30-7:30 pm WNM & Pastor Brad's Bible Study 7:15-8:45 pm Sr. High YF 7:30 pm Choir	10 3-4 pm ROCK	11	12 7 am Men's Prayer Time
13 10:30 am Children's Christmas Program	14 6 pm UMM 8 pm Worship	15 3-4 pm ROCK 7 pm SPRC	16 6:30-7:30 pm WNM & Pastor Brad's Bible Study 7:15-8:45 pm Sr. High YF 7:30 pm Choir	17 3-4 pm ROCK	18	19 7 am Men's Prayer Time
20 10:30 am Christmas Cantata	21 9-10 am Bountiful Blessings 6-7 pm Bountiful Blessings	22	23	24 Office Closed Christmas Eve Services 5 pm Inside 6:30 pm Outside 8 pm Inside	25 	26 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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