

Dear Chapelites,

Expect the best - Prepare for the worst - Take whatever comes

We survived Snowmageddon 2021. Meteorologists originally predicted 4-6 inches but downsized each day closer to the event. We wound up with ice from freezing rain and a half inch of snow. I am not complaining. A coating of snow is just as beautiful as mountains of the fluffy, white stuff, and it is much easier to shovel and drive through.



Back in the day, a storm like this would deplete supermarket shelves holding bread, eggs, and milk. With four teenage children, we went through a lot of milk. As I checked out four gallons, the cashier asked if I was stocking up for the blizzard. I said, "Nope. It's just Tuesday. I get this about every other day." Sherry and I surmised that Kroger sponsored the forecast, and forecasters with their conflicts of interest inflated their numbers.

Today's blizzard jogged my memory of the three points for one of dad's sermons.

Expect the best. My essential optimism comes from this basic life philosophy. I expect good things to happen. If it snows, it will look beautiful. If it is cold on Sunday morning, the air will be clear, and we will enjoy nature together. If God blesses us with another child, I may need to rethink that optimism.

Prepare for the worst. "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure." We did not need to lay in extra supplies for this storm, because my bride keeps us well supplied. Even at the darkest hour of the toilet paper shortage, she still had a couple of packages squirreled away. Preparations and contingency plans must be made, and I usually have a plan B in mind. Prayer is always good.

Take whatever comes. What else are you going to do??!! If blessing comes, thank the Lord. If adversity occurs, thank the Lord for strength to get through it. We have laughed our way through a lot of tough times, and we have cried through a few of them.

Expect the best. Prepare for the worst. Take whatever comes. That got me through Snowmageddon 2021. That has brought me this far through this Covid thing. That has worked in life and in ministry. Because God is good, all the time.

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." (Philippians 4:6-7 ESV)

Pray for one another. Pray for healing for those who are ill or hurting. Pray for this virus to end.

See you Sunday!



Pastor Brad

Last Sunday

“Judging Others” - Matthew 7:1-6 - Teaching Series: “Living into His Vision” - YouTube Link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zsYy8NJrdA>

Next Sunday

Message: “Ask, Seek, Knock” - Matthew 7:7-11

Sunday Schedule

Option 1: Drive-in/Outside Worship. (8:15 am) - Come to the parking lot, and tune to FM 90.5.

Option 2: Inside Worship. (10:30 am) - Please observe physically distant seating and wear face coverings.

Option 3: Worship online. The service is live streamed at 10:30 am. You can watch it live or later. Liberty Chapel's YouTube channel is <https://www.youtube.com/c/libertychapelc>

Sunday School. (9:15)

Ash Wednesday - February 17 - 7:00 - 7:30

Our Ash Wednesday service will be held in conjunction with Wednesday Night Ministries again this year. We have ordered packets of ashes for each family or individual so ashes can be imposed safely. This service will be both thoughtful and kid friendly.

The service will begin at 7:00 and last for half an hour. Children will come to their classes at 6:30 and then go to the sanctuary for the service. Youth will come early at 7:00 and stay for their meeting afterwards. Adults and families come at 7:00. Plan to attend.

- January 26, 2021





YF: Youth News You Can Use!

It's important to have a prayer life and continued communication with God. We have talked about this multiple times during youth group. I've been going over old/saved emails lately and I came across a pastoral friend of mine who has ingenious creativity to do 30 second devotionals for his church. I of course re-read a few of them and here's something that spoke out to me.

“Have you ever been apart of something that you thought was just completely hopeless...so hopeless that you just gave up and then you found out later on that after you gave up, that had you just hung on a little longer you would have seen something completely different? Here is something I've discovered that God wants every individual to learn: **Sometimes we have to learn to push through walls that most people won't push through...**

Another thing you need to learn if you're going to walk w/God is this: **If you stop before the end, we ALWAYS miss the Miracle.**

There are stories all through the Bible where if we give up to early we miss out on what God is wanting to show us. The best way I can illustrate this is by taking you to I Kings 17:7-13[NIV] I want to encourage you to read this passage. The setting here is a famine. There was no food, the water is drying up, and Elijah had prophesied this would happen due to the wickedness in the land. One thing I want to point out is this: **God demands we obey Him in an ACT of faith BEFORE we see rewards.**”

I took taekwondo classes for years and experienced so many great things. One thing that always stuck with me was his quotes/ motivational talks that actually weren't always as ridiculous as I thought. He said a lot more than once, “When you don't want to do something, or want to back out of something, that's when you need to do it the most.”

This devotional brings back a few memories of things I started and never finished, or just simply put, “something great happened after I gave up, left in middle of an experience, or just didn't care until after I saw how awesome it was. Yes, even when I was told by my taekwondo instructor to finish what I started as a youth, and sometimes as an adult, I don't and possibly regret it later.

Students, with our relationship with God it can go in so many directions at different times in our life. It takes a lot of time and continued faith seeking Him, to push through and see the miracles God has planned for your life. YES, you might fail and miss a few things along the way BUT, one of the BEST things about having a relationship with God is he's always there and will continue to bless you. Just remember that faith comes before the blessings.

We made a few changes for February 2021 and the rest of the Spring Semester. Jr. & Sr. High students will combine groups during Wednesday Night programming. YF will be meeting 7:15-8:45pm. YF 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. Come be a part of something bigger than yourself. Friends are always welcome.

Blessings,
Pastor Phil



Upcoming Happenings:

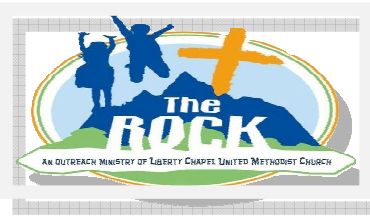
February 3rd/ 10th/ 17th/ 24th:

Regular Youth Group 7:15-8:45

March 3rd/ 10th/ 17th/ 24th/ 31st:

Regular Youth Group 7:15-8:45

THE ROCK MINISTRY:



Unfortunately after opening back up for a couple days in 2021 our Rock Ministry team decided that “The Rock Snack Pack Ministry” has run its course and decided to stop the outreach and look into other options.

Our Rock Ministry team is asking for the prayer warriors of Liberty Chapel and the community to pray for the ministry, pray for the students, leaders, community, and property that we would be able to use “The Rock building” in 2021 and provide opportunities for God to be seen, known, and heard to those that are hurting, tired, and weary during these uncertain times.

As we are in a time of prayer we are also in a time of seeking wisdom to open back up in a safe manner knowing it will look different for a while. Our hope and goal is that we will re-open or have future plans in place by March 2nd. If you have any questions, please see Pastor Phil.

YF FUNDRAISER:



It's that time of year to start collecting your loose change for the YF 2021 mission trip. Our mission trip this year is a “stay at home mission trip” with other youth programs joining us using Camp Wide Water to do local projects and provide a new perspective to students in their communities. To help students attend the “Stay at home mission trip”

the next few weeks will be handing out plastic bottles for you to collect your coins in during both Sunday services. We will be starting our loose change fundraiser February 1st and going through April 4th. If you have any questions ask any of our students or Pastor Phil.

Thank you for your continued support for our Students at Liberty Chapel.



The United Methodist Men will be meeting on Monday, February 8th. If you plan on joining us, please sign up on the sheet in the Welcome Center or contact John Sharpe at 419-533-4172.

Holly (close friend of McBride's) – Cancer; Rick & Stevie Kessler grandson – Heart condition; Vicky Leatherman – Fractured skull; Tania Steffel and family (church custodian) – Tania's father passed away; Family and friends of Jamie Tallman – Jamie passed away January 3rd; Members with COVID; Medical personnel and First responders.

Long-Term Needs: Pastor Phil – Possible back surgery; 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.



The 2021 church directory will be in mailboxes soon!!! Please be on the look out for it. If you attend the outside service or watch from home and are not comfortable coming into the church, please let the office know and we will get the directory to you.

The resurrection of Jesus Christ

from the Books of Matthew and Mark

Bible Crossword No.3

Across

- 1 where they laid Jesus after He died (Matt. 27:60)
- 4 the place where Jesus died (Matt.27:33)
- 5 Jesus and two thieves were _____ together (Matt. 27:38)
- 8 mother of Jesus
- 9 The angel said "He is _____ He is not here" (Mark 16:6)
- 10 They made Jesus wear a scarlet _____ (Matt.27:28)
- 12 Jesus was betrayed for _____ pieces of silver (Matt.27:3)
- 14 Jesus was _____ of any crime (Matt.27:4)
- 15 The 12 companions of Jesus

DOWN

- 2 Jesus shed His _____ for our sins
- 3 Judas Iscariot _____ Jesus (Matt. 27:4)
- 5 Roman commander of a hundred men (Matt.27:54)
- 6 Jesus said " My God, My God why hast thou _____ me" (Matt.27:46)
- 7 a title of Jesus (it means anointed one) (Matt.27:17)
- 11 They laid the _____ of Jesus in a tomb (Matt.27:59)
- 12 Jesus wore a "crown of _____"
- 13 our Lord and Saviour

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
<h1>February Birthdays and Anniversaries</h1>							
1 Brody Carter Patty McIntosh 	2 Judy Strayer	3	4 Andy Spiess Dan & Brenda Hogrefe	5 Evan Hogrefe	6 Wyatt Leatherman Jessica Hausch Stephanie Gillen Sharon Sharpe		
7 Gary & Lori Graber	8 Tim Mack Stephen & Mary Seagrave	9 Brad Howe	10	11 Viki Mack	12 	13	
14 Todd Mohler	15 Jessica Trapp	16 <i>Happy Anniversary</i>	17 Jeanette Saneholtz	18 Matt Orr Deb Gillen	19 Josh Wiechers	20 Lucas Bare	
21	22	23	24 Lillian Case	25	26 Lowynn Atkinson Gracie Clapp Hudson Cobb	27 John Sharpe	
28 Jacob Gillen							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.

FEBRUARY

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	6 pm Trustees 6:30 pm Finance 7 pm Ad Council	2 7 pm Security Team	3 6:30-7:30 pm WNM & Pastor Brad's Bible Study 7:15-8:45 pm Jr. & Sr. High YF	4	5	6 7 am Men's Prayer Time
7	8 6 pm UMM 8 pm Worship	9 7 pm SPRC	10 6:30-7:30 pm WNM & Pastor Brad's Bible Study 7:15-8:45 pm Jr. & Sr. High YF	11	12	13 7 am Men's Prayer Time
14	15 9-10 am Bountiful Blessings 6-7 pm Bountiful Blessings 7 pm Evangelism	16	17 6:30-7 pm WNM 7 pm Ash Wednesday Service 7:00-8:45 pm Jr. & Sr. High YF	18 5 pm ROCK Team	19	20 7 am Men's Prayer Time
21	22 6:30 pm Missions	23	24 6:30-7:30 pm WNM & Pastor Brad's Bible study 7:15-8:45 pm Jr. & Sr. High YF	25	26	27 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

February 2021

