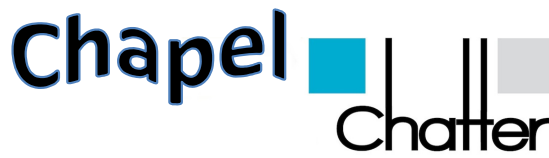


Dear Chapelites,



April 2021

Biblical Holy Week Timeline - Relax and Reopen - Easter and Holy Week Schedule

The holiest time of the Christian year is upon us as we reenact and reflect upon the central story of our faith. While it is difficult to lay out a precise timeline from the Bible, here is a good summary.



Palm Sunday

On the Sunday before he gave his life, Jesus sent his disciples to find a unbroken donkey colt. Fulfilling ancient prophecy, he made his triumphal entry into Jerusalem. "Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey." (Zechariah 9:9 ESV) The crowds waved palm branches, welcomed him, and shouted, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David! Hosanna in the highest!" (Mark 10:9-10)

March 28, at our drive-in (8:15) and inside (10:30) worship services, we will wave palm branches, shout "Hosanna", and sing praise to Jesus as we welcome him into our hearts.

Monday of Holy Week

Jesus cursed a fruitless fig tree which represented God's judgment on the religious leaders and all those who show outward religiosity but are inwardly spiritually dead and have no fruit of good works. Arriving at the temple, his heart broke at the corrupt schemes of the money changers and merchants. He overturned their tables and cleared the temple. He said, "It is written, 'My house shall be a house of prayer,' but you have made it a den of robbers." (Luke 19:46)

We will not have services on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday. Read the Holy Week stories in the Bible, and spend time in reflection and prayer. On Monday, read chapters Matthew 21:1-28:10.

Tuesday of Holy Week

As Jesus taught in the temple, the religious leaders were jealous of his authority and tried to trap him in his words. He evaded their traps and called them spiritually dead hypocrites. In the afternoon, he went to the Mount of Olives and taught about the end times, his second coming, and the final judgement.

Read and reflect on Luke 19:28-24:12.

Wednesday of Holy Week

The Bible does not say what Jesus did on Wednesday. He stayed all week with his friends Mary, Martha, and Lazarus in Bethany which was three miles from Jerusalem. He rested and prayed in preparation for his journey to the cross.

We will celebrate communion and worship on Wednesday, March 31. In conjunction with Wednesday Night Ministries, 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. This service will be live-streamed. You can worship and celebrate communion with us live or later.

In your personal reflection time, read Mark 11:1-16:8.

Maundy Thursday

Jesus and his disciples met in the Upper Room in Jerusalem to celebrate the Passover Feast. Jesus washed his disciples' feet. The word "Maundy" is related to Jesus' foot-washing command. During supper, Jesus instituted holy communion and said that the bread was his body and the cup was his blood. After teaching, encouragement, and prayer, Jesus and his disciples went to the Garden of Gethsemane. Jesus prayerfully submitted to his Father's will. Judas betrayed him, and Jesus was arrested and taken for trial.

Read and reflect on John 12:12-20:18.

Good Friday

In the middle of the night, Jesus was taken to the home of Caiaphas, the High Priest, where the Sanhedrin had gathered for trial. In the courtyard, Peter denied knowing his master. In just a few hours, the rush to judgment included four trials—the first before Caiaphas, the second before Pilate, the third before Herod, and the fourth before Pilate again. Pilate declared him innocent and washed his hands of his guilt. The crowd incited by the religious leaders called for Jesus' crucifixion. Before a riot broke out, Pilate conceded and sentenced Jesus to death. He carried his cross to Golgotha, and by noon, he was nailed to the cross. He screamed in agony as the sins of the world were laid upon him. At three o'clock, he gave his life to save a lost world. His body was taken down from the cross and was hastily laid in a borrowed tomb.

In your personal reflection, catch up on the parts of the Holy Week Bible story you did not get done. Reflect on your need for a Savior and your gratitude to Jesus for the gift of salvation.

We will take part in our Community Good Friday Service, April 2, at 7:00 at Shiloh Christian Union Church. Pastor Phil Dickey will bring the message. You may be able to worship online through Shiloh's Facebook page.

Holy Saturday

Roman soldiers guarded Jesus' body as it lay in the tomb. The disciples hid in fear that the authorities might come for them next.

In your personal prayer time, reflect on memorable parts of the Bible story and your relationship with your Lord. Listen to Christian music that focuses on the crucifixion and resurrection.

Easter Sunday

The women went to the tomb to finalize the preparation of Jesus' body for burial. To roll away the stone, Peter and John accompanied them. They found the stone removed and the grave clothes in place, but there was no body. Triumphant over the forces of sin and death, Jesus had risen from the dead. He appeared to Mary and most of the disciples on Easter.

We will celebrate the risen Lord in Worship, April 4.

8:15 Sunrise Service. Outdoor drive-in service. The Youth will lead us in worship.

9:15 Sunday School

10:30 Easter Worship Celebration! Inside worship. Hymns, special music, and a scriptural message will help us greet our risen Lord.

With you, I look forward to reenacting, re-reading, and reflecting on this holy story of our salvation.

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

See you (in person or online) Sunday!



Pastor Brad

Relax and Reopen

On Easter April 4, we will remove the ribbons from the pews on Easter, and we will no longer ask people to sit in every other pew.

We still request that people wear masks. Most of us do. None of us like them.

Nursery will reopen during the 10:30 inside worship service, April 11—the Sunday after Easter. The schedule is printed in the directory. If you are not comfortable with serving in the nursery at this time, please let Julie Masuwa, Sherry Martin, or the church office know. With our upgraded video system, the service can be watched in the nursery.

We will continue to hold the 8:15 service in the parking lot for the foreseeable future. The people who attend that service will decide how long that continues.

Coffee, hot chocolate, and tea will be served in the welcome center. We are not ready to serve snacks or food yet.

We have resumed Sunday School collections. Children (and adults) enjoy bringing their gifts and learning generosity to the Lord.

We need Sunday School teachers for the Kindergarten and Third and Fourth Grade classes. Please pray and volunteer. If you serve, you would alternate with existing teachers and teach every other month.

The Senior Luncheon will be inside and in-person April 21. Rather than sitting around a long table, we will spread out through the fellowship hall.

With our upgraded video system, the service can be watched in the family room, the welcome center, and the fellowship hall. If you want more space than is available in the sanctuary, you are welcome to watch in one of those areas.

We know that we are not of one mind about the pandemic and what to do about it. We have different opinions of space bubbles and masks and vaccines and other issues. That is okay. Do not judge people who think differently. Respect and love one another. Be sensitive to those who need larger space bubbles than you. We know that as the pandemic ends, people will return to church at different paces. While we may not be of one mind, we are of one heart. We pray for . . . we long for the day when we all can gather together again.

Last Sunday

Message: "God is my refuge and my fortress" - Psalm 91:1-16

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-YyVjsqV-tA>

Next Sunday

Message: "Hosanna!" - Luke 19:28-40

<https://www.youtube.com/c/LibertyChapelLC>

Holy Week and Easter

Palm Sunday - March 28 - 8:15 & 1030. We will wave palm branches as part of our inside and outside worship services. "Hosanna!" "Hosanna in the highest!"

Holy Week Communion - Wednesday - March 31 - 7:00-7:30.

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"Christ is risen!" "The Lord is risen indeed!"

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)

YF: Youth News You Can Use!

YF APRIL 2021:

Jr. & Sr. High students have combined groups during Wednesday Night programming. YF meets 7:15-8:45pm. YF 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 yourselves. Friends are always welcome.

Our students have been working hard to prepare an outdoor Easter Sunrise service April, 4th @ 8:15. Hope you can join our youth Easter Sunday, celebrating the resurrection of our Lord and Savior.

Blessings,
Pastor Phil

IMPORTANT CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENT FROM OUR YOUTH:

Due to circumstances out of our control regarding Widewater and uncertainty with the covid-19 virus, we have changed the direction of our 2021 mission trip.

Our new direction for a mission trip will still be a "stay @ home experience", taking place June 5th-6th. Students will be camping outside on Liberty Chapel grounds in a box-city environment for 30 hours. During these 30 hours students will spend some time traveling around our community doing several service projects, and/ or acts of kindness. Because of this necessary change, we are looking for and requesting work projects students can do. If you have or know of any projects, please fill-out the form provided in the Welcome Center.

We will also be ending our 2021 water bottle fundraiser April 4th. After Easter Sunday we will no longer be fundraising for this year's trip. Thank you for your continued support for our students at Liberty Chapel.

Contact Pastor Phil for any questions or projects. Thank you for your understanding and continued support for our students.

Upcoming Happenings:

April 7th / 14th / 21st / 28th:

Regular Youth Group 7:15-8:45pm

May 5th / 12th / 19th:

Regular Youth Group 7:15-8:45pm





Easter Season Services

Holy Week Communion – Wednesday, March 31st at 7:00 pm

Good Friday Service at Shiloh – Friday, April 2nd at 7:00 pm

Easter Sunday, April 4th – Outdoor Sunrise Service at 8:15 am

Sunday School at 9:15 am

Indoor Easter Service at 10:30 am



The 2021 Global Gathering of the Wesleyan Covenant Association

In a world separated by distancing, division, and discord, we need to dedicate ourselves to go global with the grace, the mercy, the justice, and the love of God! We need to touch a hurting, despairing, and sick world with the Good News of Jesus Christ. Now, more than ever, we need to heed Christ's call to go to all the nations to make disciples! Let's prepare to *Go Global!*

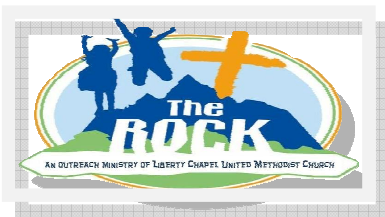
We will be holding a simulcast of this event, here at Liberty Chapel on May 1st from 10 am - 4:30 pm. Lunch will be provided. Please contact the Pastor Brad or the office on how to register. The first 15 registrants are free.



Terry & Sandy Stites – Injuries from car accident; Family and friends of Phyllis Silveus – Phyllis recently passed away; Family and friends of Christine Guilford (Deanna Ramsdail's mother & Lindy Seagrave's grandmother) – Christine recently passed away; (Members with 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; Kent Spiess. Also, members of the military and their families, and our missionary families.

THE ROCK MINISTRY:



The Rock Ministry Opening announcement:

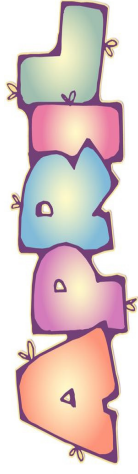
Thursday March, 25th 3-4pm, the Rock re-opened for an Easter party for students 3rd grade and up. We had 15 students show up for decorating cookies, Easter Bible lesson, and egg hunt.

Our volunteer team also wanted to see if we could open safely, with the COVID protocols we put in place. Excitingly, we can and are reopening April 6th. The Rock will be open every Tuesday and Thursday after school from 3-4pm. To make this reopening safer for our volunteers and students we are in need of more volunteers every Tuesday and Thursday afternoon. As before, we are collecting healthy packaged snacks. Our donation bucket will be in front of the Church office. Please, prayerfully consider volunteering for this great immediate mission opportunity. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer let Pastor Phil know.

-Rock Team



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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				1 Jim & Bev Griteman	2 Evan Cramer Tom Oelkrug	3 Everly Spangler Grant Cobb
4 Cara Bowers Adam & Kelly Quigley	5 Logan Estelle Clayton Seel	6	7 Shirley Barlow	8 Ron & Julie Zenz	9 	10 Addison Zientek Lauren Nash
11	12 Emili Cramer	13 	14 April Mozingo Mike Hamlin	15 Keith Kern	16	17 Troy Zenz
18 Carolyn Arps	19 Mary Seagrave Bobbi & Joie O'Neal	20 Henry Young	21 	22 Brantley Wiechers	23	24 Paul Murrey Rosemary Hartford Hayden Saneholtz
25 Kent Stites Bennett Howe	26 Modi Masuwa	27 Dawson Carter Landon Amstutz	28 Jason & Darcie Mohler	29	30 Gary Graber Jayna Small	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	2 7 pm Good Friday Service at Shiloh 	3 7 am Men's Prayer Time
4 <i>Easter</i> 8:15 am YF Sunrise Service - Outside 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Easter Service - Inside	5 6 pm Trustees 6:30 pm Finance 7 pm Ad Council	6 7 pm Security Team	7 6:30-7:30 pm WNM & Pastor Brad's Bible Study 7:15-8:45 pm Jr. & Sr. High YF	8	9	10 7 am Men's Prayer Time
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SUNDAY SCHOOL – 9:15 A.M.

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overflowing to others.”*
Return Service Requested

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