

**Dear Chapelites,**

## **Fireworks - Picnic and Outdoor Worship - Announcements**

July will soon be here, and with it the young man's heart turns to fireworks. Across the years, we have enjoyed a myriad fireworks displays with family and friends. They were all spectator events except one.

From Wheelersburg, we went to watch the Portsmouth show, and one year it turned into a participatory sport. The city shot fireworks from the bridge that spans the Ohio River. We took a road on the Kentucky side that goes up a hill and overlooks the bridge. With the other celebrants, we parked our mini-van along the side of the road. In true redneck fashion, we took the bench seat out of the van and used it as a couch for our viewing pleasure.



At the bottom of the hill stood a fireworks stand. Since everyone else was doing it (not a good reason to do anything) and over their mother's protests (also never a good choice), the boys and I bought some bottle rockets and firecrackers and joined the fun. Before the real show began, bangs echoed along that hillside and rockets red-glared in every direction. The male family members really enjoyed the experience.

When the city's fireworks began, we were high enough on the hillside that they exploded at eye level—an interesting perspective for fireworks watching. No one was harmed, and the year we participated in the Fourth of July fireworks show created a memory that I will always treasure.

When I was young, I enjoyed the pretty ones but was not a fan of the loud ones. When our children were little, some of them found fireworks frightening. When the show is across the road from your house, you can take them inside, and they can enjoy the beauty without the banging. That fear wore off as they got older.

If fireworks or anything else in life makes you fearful, remember the Bible has 365 "fear not" verses—one for every day of the year including the Fourth of July.

David writes, "The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?" (Psalm 27:1 - ESV)

Pray for one another. Pray for healing for those who are ill or hurting.

See you Sunday!  
Pastor Brad

## A Few Announcements

**Juanita Hoffman** passed away Monday, June 28. Her funeral was held here at Liberty Chapel, July 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Jenny Hartford** turns 50 on July 8. The family requests a surprise card shower. You can put cards in Leslie's or John's church mailbox.

**John Griteman and Laura Britton** will be married Saturday, July 3 in Hicksville. Congratulations and all God's blessings!

**Current events bulletin board** - We need a volunteer to keep this updated by cutting pictures out of newspapers, etc. and posting them, plus whatever else might spice it up. Let me know you are willing to do this.

**Parsonage Roof** - A group of volunteers is replacing the parsonage roof. Thanks to the workers and those who have prepared meals and refreshments. Volunteers are needed in mornings and evenings to complete the project.

**Picnic and Outdoor Worship** - Last Sunday, we had one service outdoors and a picnic. A good time was had by all. Thanks to the cooks and setup crew. A special thanks to the weather crew.

**Secretary** - We have a church secretary. Please welcome Margaret Whitman to the office staff! Margaret will be in the office Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 10 am -2 pm.

**Some time away** - We will be taking some time off during July. Part of that will be across country to see family; part will be Camp meeting in Eastern Ohio. If you have an emergency or a pastoral need, please contact Pastor Phil.

**VBS** - Vacation Bible School is July 25-29 - Sunday through Thursday evenings. We still need lots of volunteers. Talk to Kara Estelle.

**Voice Mail** - We recently upgraded our voice mail system at the church. I will check it daily. You can leave a message or you can call our home. Pastor Phil will check voice mail daily when we take some time off.

### Last Sunday

Teaching Series: "The Joy of the Lord"

Message: "God Will Supply Every Need"

Philippians 4:14-20

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### Next Sunday

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

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