

Dear Chapelites,

It Was Just a Cold - Sunday Schedule - Healthful Choices

The rumors of my demise are greatly exaggerated. It was only a cold, and I was told to stay home Sunday and keep my germs to myself. The following is my account which is mostly exaggerated.

Saturday morning, I texted the Staff Parish Relations Committee asking for guidance. I had a cold with no fever or Covid symptoms. I could either come and preach with a mask and distancing or I could find a sub. Safely preaching was my first choice. I received three replies within ten seconds.

The first said she would be wearing a garlic necklace to ward off my cooties.

The second had a more biblical answer. Like a leper, he asked me to stay on my side of the road, cover my face, and announce that I was “Unclean! Unclean!” to each car arriving for church.

The third just sent a picture of a mob with torches and pitchforks.

You don’t have to tell me thrice. I called a sub.

At 8:15, I tuned my radio to 90.5 WLCC Radio and listened to Pastor Phil’s fine message. Through my window, I could see that he was holding something in his hand while he preached.

So I watched the livestream at 10:30 to see what it was. I watched you all gather, and I really missed being there in person, until. . .



Pastor Phil pulled out the grossest, nastiest sermon prop ever! What was that nasty thing? A cow tongue!?? I was both proud of him for his creativity and glad that I wasn’t in the same room with it.

His message about taming the tongue really was relevant and relatable to all.

Sunday afternoon, one of my best friends in the church, grilled that sermon prop to a delightful medium rare and brought it to me.

We have discovered the cure to the common cold. I could tell it worked, since the home test I took came back negative.



I pride myself on my Sunday morning dependability. It was really hard for me to take sick day. I have only had four of them in 45 years. The first three were for a broken back. The fourth one was for a common cold. Normally, I would have put a cough drop in my mouth and preached. If you haven't noticed, 2020 is not normal.

Three serious takeaways from this story.

1) Liberty Chapel is a safe place to be. In these Covid days, your safety and the health and safety of our congregation is paramount. While we cannot guarantee that, we all diligently work toward that.

2) If you are under the weather, please stay home.

3) Pastor Phil's message: The same tongue can praise the Lord or be a weapon of mass destruction. Who can tame the tongue? Jesus.

Continue to pray for the virus to end. Continue to serve Jesus and love one another.

See you Sunday,
Pastor Brad

P.S.

Sunday Schedule

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

Our platform is 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.

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

Please observe physically distant seating. 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/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)

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 are only as safe as what any one of us does. If you go to a party, a social gathering, or a vacation, it is like we are 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.