

**Dear Chapelites,**

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- Healthful Choices**

For the last month, every newscast has been dominated by two topics: Covid-19 and the Election. It seems like every conversation circles back to them. Writing last week's letter, I consciously decided to write about anything but those topics. This week, I address both.



**Covid-19**

Previously, two persons in our church tested positive for the virus. One worships outside in their vehicle, while the other has not been able to attend for a while. They are both recovering and back to work. We are thankful for answered prayer.

This week, two of our inside worshipers tested positive for Covid-19. One person did not attend this Sunday, but their spouse and children did. The other person and their family were not here this week.

Monday, I talked to the Henry County Health Department to see what measures we should take. This is what they told me:

Anyone who tests positive must quarantine until they are free of the virus. When a person tests positive, the Health Department determines who was in contact with them two days prior to symptoms.

Anyone who is within 6 feet of that person for 15 minutes is considered to be a contact. Contacts have to quarantine for 14 days.

Anyone who is within 6 feet of a contact for 15 minutes is considered to be a contact of a contact. Contacts of contacts do not need to quarantine.

In this case, no one outside the family would be considered to be contacts, so there are no additional steps for any individuals.

The Health Department recommended the following precautionary steps:

Sanitize the area where the family sat and the classrooms they were in. Our custodian always pays extra attention to the three rooms our youngest children use, because small children have good hand to mouth coordination. She regularly sanitizes the sanctuary.

Practice six-foot distancing in pews and classrooms. We are lax on this in our sanctuary seating. Sunday School classes are pretty good at this—except for the youngest who don't understand physical distancing.

Wear masks - especially for singing and unison reading. We are lax on this. Children and youth are pretty good at mask wearing in Sunday School. Adults not so much. We must improve distancing and mask wearing.

Provide alternative worship settings for those who are high risk. We do that with our outdoor service and with online video worship. Inevitably, we will move the 8:15 service inside. When we do, masks will be required at that service. I thought the live stream issue was corrected. It is not yet, but we have not given up.

### **The Election**

Vote, if you have not already done so, and if it is not too late.

Both parties have some good ideas on the virus, the economy, and other issues. Both have some ideas that I really don't think are very good.

After the election is settled, I hope all these good ideas could be negotiated and enacted. The best ideas for the common good generally are bipartisan solutions.

Scripture tells us to pray for government leaders. (1 Timothy 2:1-2) Whoever is elected deserves our respect and prayers.

I am heartbroken that there needs to be preparation for potential unrest and destruction in several major cities. That is not the American way. I pray that cooler heads and wiser minds will prevail.

Neither of the political parties have a corner on public policy that is prudent and just. Neither has the solution for what truly ails our country. We have a spiritual problem, and the only solution for that is a movement of the Holy Spirit. Pray for another great spiritual awakening.

### **All Saints Day**

Sunday was All Saints Day. We paused to remember church members who have passed away during the last year—Carol Frysinger, Kenneth Silveus, Arleen Weaks, Luetta Linthicum, and Leo Barlow. We pray for comfort for their families and for other families who have lost loved ones this year.

### **Mission Opportunities**

Sunday will be the last day to get an envelope for the Youth Pumpkin Patch fund raiser. Donations will go to their mission trip.

Bring your shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child either of the next two Sundays.

Agape Pakistan will be the beneficiary of a silent auction November 22.

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

See you Sunday,  
Pastor Brad

P.S.

### **Teach us to Pray**

Our current teaching series is “Teach Us to Pray”, based on the Lord’s prayer. The disciples knew that Jesus’ wisdom and power came from his prayer life, so they asked him to teach them to pray. We do well when we tap into the rich resources of prayer as we connect our hearts with our Father’s heart.

Here is the series:

“Hallowed Be Thy Name” - Matthew 6:5-9 - October 11  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zgtd5Sk\\_Xjs&t=803s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zgtd5Sk_Xjs&t=803s)

“Thy Kingdom Come” - Matthew 6:10a - October 18  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2nzrsxCT0as>

“Thy Will Be Done” - Matthew 6:10b - October 25  
(Two parts because the LiveStream was interrupted)  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-Sg5MBhrBT0> - Part 1

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ChFyKyadwPw> - Part 2

“Give Us Our Daily Bread - Matthew 6:11 - November 1  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6QwHlJQsCsk>

“Forgive As God Forgives - Matthew 6:12 - November 8

“Save Us from Evil” - Matthew 6:13 - November 15

“My Life Is Yours” - Matthew 6:13 - November 22

### **Sunday Schedule**

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

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.

### **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 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. Choose the option that is best for you and your family, but continue to worship.