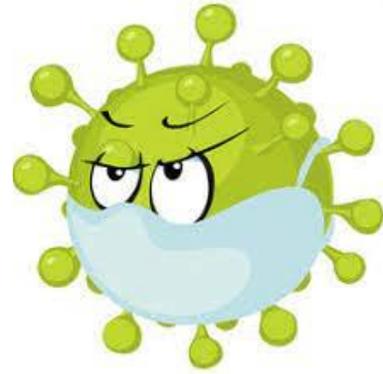


Dear Chapelites,

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Weird Week

What a weird week! Message after message announced that another church member tested positive or that someone else in the church was going to be tested or that another was told to quarantine. I pray for mild symptoms and a rapid recovery for each of you. I also pray that the spread within our church family and our area will slow and stop.



By my count, eight have recovered from Covid, six more have it or probably have it, while five await test results. (Nineteen persons in all.) Several are currently quarantining.

Sunday was the first day we required face coverings in Sunday School and Worship. With the current spike in cases within our church family, the board made the right decision. Some are relieved by this policy and believe that it should have come sooner. Some don't like it at all. I hope through prayer and understanding, that all will accept this policy for the good of the church. No matter what, I pray that love will prevail.

Last Sunday's message was about stumbling blocks that would harm others. I never want to harm anyone's faith. In this environment, I don't want to harm another person's health. The message was not about face coverings. It is a message about sacrifice. I choose to sacrifice my rights and my freedom for the benefit of other Christians and for the church—the community of faith.

Give it a listen. "My Grown Up Christmas List - No Stumbling Blocks" - 1 Corinthians 8:1-13. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aGsN6iQdijc> The message starts at 23:12 in the recording.

This is a challenging time to be your pastor. There are a number of people absent from church. Some have health concerns and need to stay away. I understand. Some don't come because of mask issues. Don't let that keep you away. I miss you all.

"Someone has well said that Christian liberty does not mean the right to do as we like but rather to do as we ought."

Continue to care for one another. Pray for people in our church family and community with Covid and other problems. Pray for an end of this plague.

See you Sunday,

Pastor Brad

P.S.

Coming Attractions

Children's Program

The Children's Program will be shown December 13 during our 10:30 service. This prerecorded segment will be part of our YouTube worship that day. Typically, our sanctuary is packed for that service. We hope it will be packed again in 2021, but this year due to health concerns, you will not need to be present to watch it. (We will have our "normal" 8:15 worship service outside.)

Christmas Eve

There will be three Christmas Eve services this year.

Indoor Christmas Eve services at 5:00 and 8:00 will feature Christmas carols and lighting real candles. We will limit sanctuary seating to 80 for each service. In order to sign up for your reservation, please call or email the office between December 14-21.

In the past, we have had around 200 for our single Christmas service. Currently, our inside worship averages around 65. We don't know what to expect on Christmas Eve, so our sanctuary may not be filled for either service. If you choose not to reserve a place but decide at the last minute to attend, please come. You may or may not have a seat in the sanctuary. We will have overflow seating available.

Outdoor Christmas Eve service will be at 6:30. It will also feature Christmas carols. We will light glow sticks at the end of the service.

Christmas Eve online: One of our indoor services will be live streamed so you can worship live or later. I will let you know which one after a decision is made available.

Mission Opportunities

"We Care"—gifts of clothing and toys for area families. Bring your gifts to the church by December 13.

Our Christmas Eve offering will go to Life Wise Academy. This is a program that provides Bible education to school students during the school day. We hope this will be available in Liberty Center beginning Fall 2021. This video describes the program:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-xz5IKZtwMA&feature=youtu.be>

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)

- December 8, 2020