

**Dear Chapelites,**

**Expect the best - Prepare for the worst - Take whatever comes**

We survived Snowmageddon 2021. Meteorologists originally predicted 4-6 inches but downsized each day closer to the event. We wound up with ice from freezing rain and a half inch of snow. I am not complaining. A coating of snow is just as beautiful as mountains of the fluffy, white stuff, and it is much easier to shovel and drive through.



Back in the day, a storm like this would deplete supermarket shelves holding bread, eggs, and milk. With four teenage children, we went through a lot of milk. As I checked out four gallons, the cashier asked if I was stocking up for the blizzard. I said, "Nope. It's just Tuesday. I get this about every other day." Sherry and I surmised that Kroger sponsored the forecast, and forecasters with their conflicts of interest inflated their numbers.

Today's blizzard jogged my memory of the three points for one of dad's sermons.

**Expect the best.** My essential optimism comes from this basic life philosophy. I expect good things to happen. If it snows, it will look beautiful. If it is cold on Sunday morning, the air will be clear, and we will enjoy nature together. If God blesses us with another child, I may need to rethink that optimism.

**Prepare for the worst.** "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure." We did not need to lay in extra supplies for this storm, because my bride keeps us well supplied. Even at the darkest hour of the toilet paper shortage, she still had a couple of packages squirreled away. Preparations and contingency plans must be made, and I usually have a plan B in mind. Prayer is always good.

**Take whatever comes.** What else are you going to do??!! If blessing comes, thank the Lord. If adversity occurs, thank the Lord for strength to get through it. We have laughed our way through a lot of tough times, and we have cried through a few of them.

Expect the best. Prepare for the worst. Take whatever comes. That got me through Snowmageddon 2021. That has brought me this far through this Covid thing. That has worked in life and in ministry. Because God is good, all the time.

*"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." (Philippians 4:6-7 ESV)*

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

See you Sunday!  
Pastor Brad

### **Last Sunday**

“Judging Others” - Matthew 7:1-6 - Teaching Series: “Living into His Vision” - YouTube Link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zsYy8NJrdA>

### **Next Sunday**

Message: “Ask, Seek, Knock” - Matthew 7:7-11

### **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)**

### **Ash Wednesday - February 17 - 7:00 - 7:30**

Our Ash Wednesday service will be held in conjunction with Wednesday Night Ministries again this year. We have ordered packets of ashes for each family or individual so ashes can be imposed safely. 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.

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