

Dear Chapelites,

**Fair Weather Christians - Last Sunday/Next Sunday - New Video System - Valentine's Day - Ash Wednesday - Sunday Schedule**

Our current cold snap made me wish for fair weather.

Our friend the dictionary has two definitions for "fair-weather". One is an activity "suitable for or done during fair weather." For example, I am getting to the point where I am a fair-weather golfer. I like to play when it is shirt-sleeve weather with no rain and little wind. Although I am not a fair-weather preacher, I long for the day when shorts and Hawaiian shirts are appropriate Sunday garb. Last Sunday it was proved that "foul-weather preacher" is another word for "insane."



The second definition is "loyal only during a time of success." An example is a friend who supports others only when it is easy and convenient to do so. "I thought he would always stick by me, but when I got into trouble, he turned out to be a fair-weather friend."



My thoughts led me to the concept of "fair-weather Christians." A cartoon portrays "The Lite Church. 24% fewer commitments. Home of the 7.5% tithe. 15-minute sermons. 45-minute worship services. We have only 8 commandments—your choice. We use just 3 spiritual laws and have an 800-year millennium. Everything you've wanted in a church. . . and less!"

Fair-weather Christians follow Jesus for an hour a week when they do not have a better offer. They serve the Lord when it benefits themselves. They are stingy with time, talents, and treasure.

They dust off their Bible every once in a while.

Trying to motivate a fair-weather Christian, a pastor said, "You need to join the Army of the Lord!" The man whispered back, "I'm in the secret service."

I am not criticizing anyone for Sunday morning decisions due to weather or the virus. Please be prudent and prayerful.

However, it is time for lukewarm, fair-weather Christians to find their faith strengthened and their zeal renewed.

Storms of life will come—spiritual blizzards, tornados, floods, and droughts. While we always desire spiritual fair weather, we know times of trial and testing are parts of our journey. Will fair-weather Christians be prepared to weather the storms of life? With a strong faith and a deep

personal relationship with Jesus Christ, you can survive and even thrive in the midst of the storm.

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**

Message: "The Golden Rule" - Matthew 7:12 - Teaching Series: "Living into His Vision" -  
YouTube Link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jGcnLsEvsmo>

### **Next Sunday**

Message: "Mountain-Top Moments" - Matthew 7:1-11 - Pastor Phil will preach -  
<https://www.youtube.com/c/LibertyChapelLC>

### **New Video System**

A new video system was installed last week, and the picture quality on the screen up front is crystal clear. We plan for the audio upgrade portion of our project to be completed soon.

Enhanced network wiring has been installed, so there is now quality sound and picture on the televisions in the Family Room, Nursery, Welcome Center, and Fellowship Hall. We love the sound of small children, but when they need to go to another space, parents can watch and worship in one of those other areas.

### **Valentine's Day Celebrations**

This coming Sunday is Valentine's Day. You are asked to wear red or pink. (If you are wearing red or pink pajamas, please come to the outside service and stay in your car.) A bit of Valentine fun is being planned.

### **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 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.



The service will be live streamed: <https://www.youtube.com/c/LibertyChapelLC> Watch it live or later. Be prepared for communion.

### **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)**

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