

Dear Chapelites,

What's our next move? September 18. October 2.

Liberty Chapel voted to disaffiliate from the United Methodist Church at our August 21 Church Conference. Leaders are working through the details of the conference process. Our decision is expected to be ratified by a special session of the West Ohio Conference November 19. Disaffiliation will be finalized by the end of the year.

Our next major move will be the decision about future church affiliation. We seek God's will for Liberty Chapel. Will the Global Methodist Church or another denominational affiliation better resource us as we live into the will of God? Would it be better for Liberty Chapel to be an independent congregation as we continue to serve the Lord?



We will decide in a congregational meeting.

This coming Sunday, September 18, at 9:15 during Sunday School, we will have an informational session in the sanctuary. All Chapelites, including the adult and Sr. Hi and Jr. Hi Sunday School classes, are invited to attend.

Information about the Global Methodist Church will be presented. Pros and cons about alignment with the GMC, several other denominations, and being independent will be shared. You will be welcome to ask questions, express opinions, and pray for the future direction of our congregation.

We will have a couple of weeks for prayer and informal discussion.

Then we plan to have another congregational meeting October 2 during Sunday School to vote on this issue. All Chapelites are welcome to attend. All church members are eligible to vote. A simple majority will decide our future.

This decision is huge! This will help chart the course for the next season of Liberty Chapel as we serve Jesus Christ and lean into the will of God for our future. We need the guidance of the Holy Spirit as we prayerfully make this decision. We are ready to move past this decision because that will answer several concerns in our next steps together.

This decision is exciting! Denominational dissatisfaction, disaffiliation, and possible new affiliation have been brewing in our congregation and denomination for a long time. It has affected our vision and ministries for several years. With this transitional period in our rear-view mirror, we will be ready to discern God's next for us.

Please make every effort attend these meetings September 18 and October 2. Please continue to pray for our leaders and our congregation as we make godly decisions.

Pray for peace in the world. Pray for one another. Pray for healing for those who are ill or hurting.

See you Sunday!
Pastor Brad

Chapel Online

Next Sunday - September 18
"The Holiness of Christ" - Colossians 1:15-23
<https://www.youtube.com/c/LibertyChapelLC>

Our fall teaching series on Colossians began September 11. Previous services are available on our YouTube channel.

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