

A Letter from Pastor Brendan

“Raising Up Fully Committed Followers of Jesus Christ.”

This month begins the season of Lent – the 40 Days (minus Sundays) between Ash Wednesday (February 14) and Easter Sunday (April 1). **Interesting Note:** Sundays in Lent are not counted in the forty days because each Sunday represents a “mini-Easter”, and the reverent spirit of Lent is tempered with joyful anticipation of the Resurrection.

Lent is a time for Christians to pause and reflect on the Cross of Jesus Christ. We are called to think through and explore again why Jesus had to die, why this event so defines us, and how it becomes more and more central to the life story of each of us as we grow in our walk with the Lord. For a believer, Jesus' death is not philosophical, or just a theological concept, it is personal. We are invited to realize what the Cross means to our lives both now and for eternity.

This year, Chapel will be publishing a Lenten Devotional to accompany each of us through this season. Each day during Lent, you will be invited to read the thoughts and reflections from various people in the Chapel Church family as they provide just a snap shot of how God has been speaking to their heart and soul. Pick up your devotional booklet at our Ash Wednesday Service.

To accompany our Lenten journey this year, we will be embarking on a Series of Messages on Sundays entitled **Resurrection: Implications of Eternity**. As Christians, we are people of the Resurrection! We believe that God not only came to earth in Jesus Christ to show us a better way to live, we also believe Jesus came to earth to break the power of sin, and death's hold over our lives. “Because He lives, you shall live also.” John 14:19

Join us this Lenten Season as we reflect on the promise of Resurrection and the difference it brings to our lives.

In Christ,



Rev. Brendan Hock

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Worship Schedule

8:00 AM - Traditional Worship Service

9:15 AM - Sunday Morning Small Groups

and Sunday School (for all ages!)

10:30 AM - Contemporary Worship Service

Ash Wednesday Service



Date: Wed., February 14

Time: 7 PM

Location: Sanctuary

WORSHIP UPDATE

Jen Clubb - Director of Music

I just wanted to take a minute and thank everyone for their support over the Christmas season. I'd especially like to thank the choir for their dedication and support, as well as for the gift cards they gave to me. It is wonderful working with all of you! I'd also like to thank the congregation for their words of support. This church family is so welcoming and encouraging, and it is wonderful to be a part of Chapel.

As a side note, if you are interested in sharing special music with the congregation in the next few months, please either contact me or sign up on the sheet outside the sanctuary. At this point we do not have anyone signed up! Please consider sharing your gift.

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Matt Logan - Worship Leader

The Presence of God

Worship can be perceived as a complicated act, but in its purest form, worship is the act of joining in the presence of God. As we arrive at worship services, greet each other, sing songs, pray, and study His Word, I'd like to encourage you to take on the mindset that all these things guide us into the presence of God. Rather than viewing church as a place we go full of people we know, view it as a Spirit-filled house of worship where we go to experience the Lord's presence as a community of believers.

Joining in the presence of God in this way allows the Holy Spirit to work in our hearts and minds and in the heart of our church so we can be the hands and feet of our Lord.

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Lenten Sermon Series

Eternity is a pretty hot topic in our culture today. People seem to gravitate to the subject of the Afterlife - in movies, in books, on television. It can dominate our thoughts on many occasions.

But the problem, if we're not careful, is that what we think we know about eternity can be more heavily influenced by pop-culture than what the Bible explicitly teaches. And so we owe it to ourselves to think through this topic Biblically. **What does the Bible say, and what does the Bible not say, to us about Eternity? What is a myth and what can we know for sure?** This is important because what you believe about eternity will determine how you currently live. What you believe impacts the decisions you make and the way you spend your energy maybe more than you even realize.

In the season of Lent, Jesus reminds us of the depth of His amazing love for us. Jesus was willing to die for us. But He rose again to break the power of death's hold on our lives and give us the gift of ETERNITY. Join us this season, as we look at the **Resurrection: Implications of Eternity**.

An Invitation to the Season of Lent

Join us for the Ash Wednesday service on February 14, at 7 PM. This contemplative worship service will include the imposition of ashes, time for reflection, and prayer.

Lent comes from the Anglo Saxon word lencten, which means "spring." Lent begins during the Winter season - signifying the death of Christ on our behalf, and ends at the beginning of the Spring season - signifying the Resurrection and New Life we have in Jesus. Therefore, Lent is a recognition that as Christians we are to die to ourselves and live for Christ in this earth. **Historic Note:** In the early church, Lent was a time to prepare new converts for baptism. Baptisms would then take place every Holy Saturday - when the converts would go down in the water as a symbol of dying to self, and rise out of the water as a sign of their new life in the salvation of Christ.

Lent is a time of repentance, fasting, and preparation for the coming of Easter. It is a time of self-examination and reflection on what Christ desires to do in their lives as they journey in connection with their Creator and Savior. Join us, as we mark the start of this sacred moment in our Christian walk.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Bonnie Bluett, Director of Children's Ministry, 717.244.6375 x 108 / bonnie@chapelchurch.org

Summer Church Camp

During the month of February it's always fun to plan our warm weather events!! There are a variety of church camps offered this summer that focus on hiking, backpacking, soccer, music, drama, canoeing/kayaking, photography, archery, and other adventures! For more information, please go to www.susumcamps.org. Please note that there are discounts for early registration, multiple siblings attending, or referring a friend who has never attended!

Chapel Church is able to pay one-half of your registration fee if you do one of the following by 4/22/18:

- (1) Complete your application online & pay one-half the registration fee with a credit card to hold your spot at camp. Please make a copy of your online application & give to Bonnie Bluett by 4/22/18; OR
- (2) Complete a paper application and send in a check with one-half the registration fee to hold your spot at camp. Please be sure to make a copy of the application and give to Bonnie Bluett by 4/22/18.

Easterrific Saturday

When: Saturday, March 31, 2018 | **Time:** 10:00am – 11:45am | **Location:** Parish Building

Activities: Harvey & Sam Puppet Company, Games, Egg Hunt, & More

**Please pre-register by completing the Easterrific Registration Form online at <http://chapelchurch.org>, or contact Bonnie!*

Save the Date for Vacation Bible School

When: June 17th - 22nd | Time: 6 - 8:30 PM

Ages: 4 through completig 6th grade

Theme: Shipwrecked: Rescued by Jesus!

VBS Coordinator: Peggy Fry | 717.968.6286

**More Details to come!!*

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY (CONTINUED)

Bonnie Bluett, Director of Children's Ministry, 717.244.6375 x 108 / bonnie@chapelchurch.org

Tweens

Our Tweens program is for 4th-6th graders. They meet one Friday night per month from September through May for Christian fellowship and activities under the wonderful leadership of Karla McCleary, Clint Snyder, and Krysta Tyson.

The February Tween Event will be Friday, February 9th. This event is Valentine Games & More!

Time: 6:30 - 8 PM | **Location:** Chapel Church Education Wing.

Please register by contacting Bonnie. More details to follow!

Nursery & Special Event Volunteers Needed

Proverbs 22:6 *"Start your children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it."*

Matthew 18:2-5 *"He called a little child to him, and placed the child among them. And he said. 'Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Therefore, whoever takes the lowly position of this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. And whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me.'"*

This year, we need volunteers for our Nursery. As of now, we only have the Toddler Nursery open, our Infant Nursery is not staffed. As you look around our congregation, you can see that we have welcomed many new infants this past year! I would like to be able to get the Infant Nursery open for our youngest members.

I am asking for you to pray and see if this area of Children's Ministry might be something that calls to you. If 12 times a year seems too daunting, what about 6 times a year (every other month)?

I am also looking for Youth volunteers! These youth volunteers would be in the nursery with 2 adults to give an extra set of hands.

If you would be interested in volunteering your time to our Children's Ministry in the Nursery, **please contact Jennifer Luckenbaugh at jenniferluckenbaugh@yahoo.com**.

Volunteers are always needed for our Special Events, so if you would like to help in some way, **please email Bonnie at bonnie@chapelchurch.org, or call 717-515-4995**.

Thank you so much for your blessed service for our children!!

CHAPEL STUDENT MINISTRY

Ian McKinnell, Director of Student & Young Adult Ministry, 717.244.6375 x 113 / ian@chapelchurch.org

CSM Schedule

- 4 Sunday School 9:15-10:15 AM
- 8 Youth Night 6:30-8 PM
- 11 Sunday School 9:15-10:15 AM
- 15 Youth Night 6:30-8 PM
- 18 Sunday School 9:15-10:15 AM
- 22 Youth Night 6:30-8 PM
- 24 Snow Tubing TBD
- 25 Sunday School 9:15-10:15 AM

Volunteers

We are still looking for some volunteers for the mission trip this summer from the 8th - 14th of July! We will be going to New Castle, PA.

I could always use more men, but I really need more women to volunteer for this. I need a 5 to 1 ratio of students to volunteers for both guys and girls. If you have any interest, please contact me.

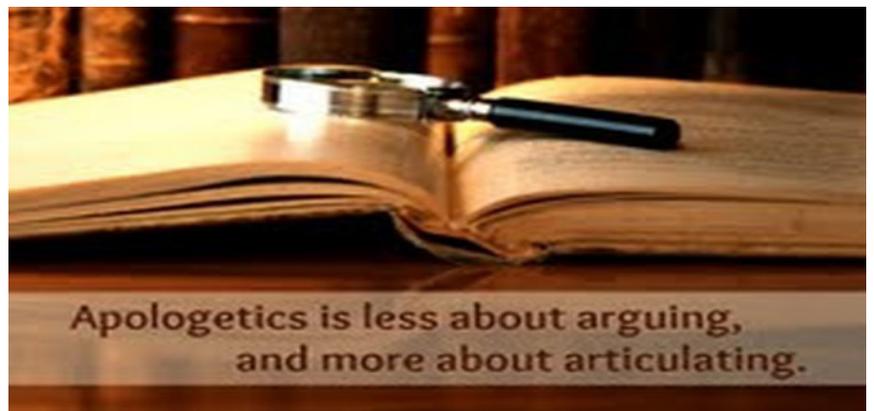
Sunday School Plans

In Sunday school, we will be looking into the book of Hebrews and systematically going through this book.

Youth nights in February will continue to include looking at apologetics. We are also taking a look at how God's love changes us and inspires us to live out and articulate our faith.

The purpose of the apologetics series is to learn to defend our faith through facts that come from research and basic logic. My hope is not to teach the students how to argue with others about religion, but to help them have confidence that what they believe is true. When they are challenged by others (and they will be), they will remain strong in their faith.

"But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect..." | Peter 3:15



ADULT MINISTRY

George Bradshaw, Director of Adult Ministry, 717.244.6375 x 107 / george@chapelchurch.org

Small Groups Info

Our small group classes have started studying a variety of new topics. The topics are all very interesting, engaging, and most importantly, show us how to be fully committed followers of Jesus Christ. It is never too late to join a class.

If you have questions about the classes, or want to know which class may be best suited to your needs, please contact George Bradshaw.

Chapel's Lenten Devotional

This year we are excited to announce that Chapel Church will be developing a Lenten Devotional for 2018. The 40-page booklet will contain a devotion for each day of Lent, written by various people of our Church family. Each devotion will include a Scripture reference and daily prayer.

We invite you to **pick up your copy of the devotional booklet at our Ash Wednesday Service, taking place on February 14, 7:00 PM, in the Chapel Sanctuary.**

I look forward to this great way to have devotions 'together' as a Church family. I pray that you will be blessed by the daily writings of inspiration, renewal, & comfort.

Men's Ministry

Greetings Men and Happy New Year to everyone! A new mission of men's Ministry this year is "Bible Drop."

How many unused Bibles are in your home? We have learned through prison ministry that there's a great need for English Bibles alone. We will be collecting Bibles in our SS room (A2). Please contribute to this mission. There are many inmates who would like a Bible to call their own.

As we kickoff the New Year, we ask you to save the date for our retreat. We, as a whole, have elected to move our retreat to the Fall. September 14-16, 2018, our retreat will take place at Camp Hebron in Halifax, PA. A theme and speaker is yet to be determined - regardless, you won't want to miss the opportunity of fellowship, God's Word, and camaraderie!

Seth Gingrich | 717.542.4332
gingrichseth@yahoo.com

Women's Ministry

Chapel's Women's Retreat is 3/23-3/25. You can find brochures at the Welcome Center in the lower lobby, or contact the office to have one mailed to you. Please look over the brochure and prayerfully consider if this is the year that you either "try it out", or you're a returning guest for a weekend of fellowship, teaching, and some girlfriend time.

The committee has been at work planning a time away for each of YOU and also preparing the "table" for our speaker to share her experiences, teaching, and life lessons learned. Anita Keagy will be with us this year. Anita has led retreats and is quite comfortable teaching and speaking with women, college and high school students, as well as church leadership.

We invite you to be a part of this time, for either the weekend or the day on Saturday. Please fill out the Registration Form inside the brochure and return with a \$25 deposit to hold your room (if spending the night). Any questions? Feel free to contact any member of the Retreat Committee listed on the brochure, or contact the church office | 717.244.6375 | meagan@chapelchurch.org.

Remember, it's more than a weekend....

MINISTRY UPDATES & OPPORTUNITIES

Work as Worship Retreat

FEBRUARY 23, 2018

WORK AS WORSHIP
1-DAY LOCAL CHURCH RETREAT

PATRICK LENCIONI
New York Times Best-Selling Author of *The Five Dysfunctions of a Team*

MATT CHANDLER
Lead Pastor The Village Church Dallas, TX

JOEL MANBY
President & CEO of SeaWorld and Author of *Love Works*

ANNE BEILER
Founder of Auntie Anne's, Speaker, and Author of *Twist of Faith*

PHIL VISCHER
Creator of *VeggieTales* and founder of Jellyfish Labs

CHRISTOPHER BROOKS
Senior Pastor Evangel Ministries Detroit, MI

NORM MILLER
Chairman of Interstate Batteries

TOM NELSON
President of Made to Flourish and Senior Pastor at Christ Community Church

KELLY SHACKELFORD
CEO of First Liberty Institute and frequent guest on FOX, CNN, ABC, and NBC

BRYANT AMBELANG
CEO of NatureSweet Tomatoes

+ MORE TO COME

JOIN OTHER CHRISTIAN BUSINESS OWNERS, CEOs & LEADERS WHO WANT THEIR FAITH TO IMPACT THEIR WORK

As part of Chapel Church's Connection to the RightNow Media Network, which we use to access Bible Study curriculum and other spiritual growth materials, **Chapel Church Parish Hall is serving as a Satellite Location for an Upcoming Retreat on Saturday, February 23.**

This event is particularly geared to people of Various Leadership Positions at their Workplace. RightNow is sponsoring the Work as Worship Conference to bring pastors and leaders together to champion a biblical and holistic viewpoint of work and faith. Whether you are a CEO, young entrepreneur, manager, or supervisor at your work place, you have an enormous opportunity to give people a picture of God by the way you work. RightNow is a non-profit ministry with a passionate team committed to helping people trade in the pursuit of the American Dream for a world that desperately needs Christ. To sign up, go to www.workasworshipretreat.org.

Schedule

8:30 AM: Session 1
10:40 AM: Break
11:00 AM: Session 2
12:45 PM: Lunch Break (Lunch Provided)
2:00 PM: Session 3
3:30 PM: Retreat Concludes

2018 Directories

New Church Directories are available for pick up on the Coffee Table in the Lounge.

As always, please let the office know if your information is incorrect.

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Heritage Mission Project

To celebrate the 160th Anniversary of Chapel Church, the Missions Team has decided to undertake a home helps project with Servants.

We will repair a house during the week of June 11th to 15th during the Servants home helps week. Funding for the project will come from the Chapel Mission budget. We need prayers and at least 10 volunteers to donate their time and talents to the project.

If you are willing to help or would like more information, please contact Jim Fickes at 717-755-6077, or orioleitis@comcast.net, or any member of the Missions Team.

Thanks for your support!!

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

A Message from the Finance Team

We are off to an exciting year of Ministry here at Chapel Church. Our Pastor and Staff, Sunday School Teachers, and Missions Team Leaders have exciting things planned to help us grow spiritually and celebrate the presence of Jesus in our lives. There is much ministry God is calling us to as a congregation. In order to ensure that ministry outreach and plans are not delayed due to lack of funds, please make plans to regularly contribute to your church.

2018 Marks 160 Years of Ministry for Chapel Church. What a Heritage! Wouldn't it be great, in this anniversary year, to contribute even more to our Mortgage Fund in 2018, beyond our budgeted amount? With the resources you provide through regular giving to the Basic Ministry Budget, commitment of your time, your talent, and your Christian love, we will have a powerful year of ministry and impact on our community. God has blessed us all in so many ways!! It's up to each of us to let our light shine and be a blessing to others. Thank you for your generosity!

Brian Conner, Bill Leight, Debi Deller, Esther Hengst, Pastor Brendan, Paul Saylor, Ron Chubb, Missy Eberly, Ryan McCleary, Brian Koons, & Jim Duff

Ways to Give



In Person

Place checks or cash in an offering envelope and drop it in the offering plate as it goes by.



Text

Set up a one time or recurring donation by texting the amount you wish to give to Chapel's secure finance number (717-553-4294).



Giving App

You can also manage and view your giving from the convenience of your smartphone! Download the 'GivePlus Church' to set one-time or recurring donations.



Online

Visit www.chapelchurch.org/give to set up and manage your one-time and recurring gifts.

Any questions? Call (Debi Deller, Treasurer) 717-757-1234, or email

treasurer@chapelchurch.org

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Happy Birthday to...

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| 1 David Litsinger | Sam Koons |
| Ian McKinnell | Jason LeGore |
| 2 Dean Holtzapple | 19 Holden Smith |
| Ben McWilliams | 21 Penny McClane |
| Kim Uffelman | 23 Gail Lonergan |
| 3 Gary Boyd | Ben Wise |
| 4 Missy Eberly | 24 Joe Clubb |
| 6 Edith LoBianco | Ron Dowell |
| Grace McWilliams | Phyllis Hoffman |
| 8 Clara Bradshaw | 25 Bill Leight |
| Brian Conner | 26 Anne LeGore |
| 11 Peter French | |
| Madison Uffelman | |
| 13 Bill Heindel | |
| 14 Erica Little | |
| 15 Carlon Litsinger | |
| 16 Pam Vucetich | |
| 17 David Schott | |
| 18 Joshua Henning | |
| Johanna Henning | |

Happy Anniversary to...

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| 5 | Bradd & Christine Sprenkel |
| 9 | Ken & Donna Kreiger |
| 22 | Jeff & Chris Schaeberle |
| 26 | John & Brenda Wagner |

Homebound Visitation Schedule

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| 4 | Pastor Brendan |
| 11 | Cheryl Blessing |
| 18 | Nancy Smith |
| 25 | Randy Kopp |

Thank you!

A big Thank You to everyone who brought in cards. The response has been wonderful. One box has already been mailed last week, and box #2 is almost ready to go!

Just a reminder, St. Jude's Hospital will take any kinds of cards - so please continue to bring them in.

-Barb Forry

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sermon series and catch up with
what's happening at Chapel!

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