The MESSENGER

April 2018

A Letter from Pastor Brendan

"Raising Up Fully Committed Followers of Jesus Christ."

The Day of Resurrection! Just the sound of those words fills my heart with wonder and amazement. Celebrating that moment Christ conquered death and the grave, is a central moment of the Christian faith. However, I hope that you also view the Day of Resurrection in a personal light. In Christ, we too have the promise of resurrection to our eternal home in heaven. What a great day of reunion!

Throughout the season of Lent, we've been on a journey studying the Implications of Eternity. In this series, we've looked at a variety of Biblical teachings on the afterlife. We've talked about the Minute after Death, we've talked about Heaven & Hell, and we've talked about Judgement and the Justice of a Good & Loving God. I pray that your heart has been stirred, and that you've grown deeper in your walk with the Lord.

I also pray that you will allow the reality of Heaven to be reestablished to a place of greater prominence in your heart and mind. While we love this life and seek to live it to the fullest, nothing here on earth can compare to what God has in store for us in Heaven. As Christians, the joys of Heaven should be quick to our lips; not in the attitude of escapism, but as a message of hope and promise to a wandering world.

The great Pastor Charles Spurgeon once said, "When God's people do not have Heaven on their mind, the Church becomes indulgent, and self-centered, and weak. And often its present comfort grows to consume its thoughts...because Heaven is just an afterthought." What are those things in your life that stir up AWE within you? Tap into that. That is the very image of God within you. He has implanted within the heart of every person a desire for "things to come". Don't allow the distractions of life to steal your AWE. What could you do this week, to fuel the Awe of God in your life?

Let's live as Children of the Resurrection.

In Christ,

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Chapel Family Meeting

Sunday, April 29

9:15 - 10:15 AM

Fellowship Hall

Join us as we come together as a church family to communicate what God is doing in our midst, and where He is leading us, as we continue in this exciting year of ministry!

Church Secretarial Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday, & Friday:

9:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Wednesday & Thursday:

9:30 AM - 3:30 PM



Worship Update

Jen Clubb - Director of Music

Music Ministry News

Special Thanks:

Thanks everyone for the great response to the Children's Music Ministry. Several of you shared how much you enjoyed the kids last song using the bells. You will hear the kids perform on bells again on May 27th, with the choir. This will be their last performance for the season. We appreciate all the positive feedback we've received about this ministry this year and look forward to next year.

Elementary Choir to Visit in April:

Once again, I've invited the LJM and NHW choruses to perform at Chapel Church. They will be visiting with us on April 22nd, during both the 8:00 and 10:30 services. They will be sharing a song called "We Will" which was written after 9/11. The message of the song is about hope and leadership and moving forward. I hope you are able to join us.

In Need of Special Music:

If you would like to share a song with the congregation for the months of April or May, the sign up sheet is looking very empty! Please see me or sign up on the sheet located under the announcement screen in the lobby.

I hope you have a wonderful spring!

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Matt Logan - Worship Leader

Who You Say I Am

We often sing songs that depict God's holiness, provision, and redemption, but we don't always sing songs that discuss our identity in Christ. It may seem odd to sing about ourselves, but when we frame it in a certain way, it can have a great impact! Hillsong Worship, a popular contemporary worship group based at an Australian church, recently came out with a new song, "Who You Say I Am," which, I think, helps us affirm our identity in Christ. See the lyrics below:

Who am I that the highest King would welcome me; I was lost but He brought me in, oh, His love for me;

Who the Son sets free, oh is free indeed; I'm a child of God, Yes, I am;

In my Father's house, there's a place for me; I'm a child of God, Yes, I am

Free at last, He has ransomed me, His grace runs deep; While I was a slave to sin Jesus died for me;

As you see, the song first lays the foundation of God's royalty, and goes on to focus on God's welcoming grace to us; that He rescues us, loves us, and adopts us. Singing it also allows us to affirm ourselves as children of God. Personally, I think our identity in Christ is something to celebrate, and something worth our worship. I'm really looking forward to incorporating this song into our worship, and hope you connect with its significance.

Remember—Christ wants to adopt you into His family.

P.S. If you aren't familiar with the song, I'd encourage you to look it up!

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CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

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

April Theme

Our theme for Children's Ministry in April is **Patience: Waiting Until Later for What You Want Now!** In our current culture, it seems hard to wait for anything! Our Bible stories for this month show us the rewards of patience and that God is in control. If we're patient, we can have hope that things will work out in the end according to God's plan.

Our Bible memory verse is, "Wait for the Lord. Be strong and don't lose hope. Wait for the Lord!" Psalm 27:14 NIrV

Easterrific Thank You!!

I wanted to thank all of you who volunteered or donated items to help make our Easterrific event successful!! Texas Roadhouse also donated free kids' meal coupons for our event! It was so amazing to see so many children participating! Thanks to all of you for making this a blessed outreach to families in our surrounding community!!

Tweens - Bounce into Spring

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 next Tween Event will be Friday, April 13th.

This event is a Pizza Dinner followed by Bounce House fun!

<u>Time</u>: 6 - 8 PM | <u>Location</u>: Bonnie Brenner's house, 30 Sheldon Dr., Red Lion, PA 17356. <u>Cost</u>: \$3/Tween to help cover the cost of the pizza dinner.

Please RSVP & pay \$3 to Bonnie Bluett by April 8th.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY (CONTINUED)

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Vacation Bible School

<u>Dates:</u> June 17th – June 22nd, 2018

Times: 6 – 8:30 PM

<u>Ages:</u> 4 through completing 6th grade

<u>Theme:</u> Shipwrecked: Rescued by Jesus!!

<u>VBS Coordinator:</u> Peggy Fry, Cell #: 968-6286



More details to come!

Volunteers are always needed for our Special Events. If you would like to help in some way, please contact Peggy Fry at 968-6286. Thank you so much for your blessed service for our children!

Summer Church Camps

There are a variety of church camps being 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.

Please note that if you have financial need for more than one-half the registration fee, we have received some donations to help cover this amount, so please let us know as soon as possible if this is your situation. We hope to help as many kids as possible to attend this wonderful opportunity to experience God's love while having fun at camp!!

CHAPEL STUDENT MINISTRY

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CSM Schedule

- **1** Easter!
- **5** Youth Night 6:30-8p
- 8 Sunday School 9:15-10:15a
- **12** Youth Night 6:30-8p
- **15** Sunday School 9:15-10:15a
- **19** Youth Night 6:30-8p
- 20 Laser tag and bowling! Stay tuned for times!
- **22** Sunday School 9:15-10:15a
- **26** Youth Night 6:30-8p
- **29** Sunday School 9:15-10:15a

Volunteers

I would still love to see a few people that are passionate about Youth step up and join us in the ministry to the youth here at Chapel!

The youth are truly a blessing to those people that work with them and also they are the future leaders of the church. They want people to step up and be a part of their walk with Christ as they seek to become fully devoted followers of Christ!

Sunday School Plans

In March we finished up our series on Apologetics. This was a key time of learning and discussion as we talked about what it means to articulate our faith in an often unresponsive culture. Keep our students in your prayers, as they continue to build up their faith.

In April, we will be continuing our study on some of the unlikely people that God has used to carry out His mission. We will also be continuing our study of Hebrews in the Sunday School hour.

"Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need."

Hebrews 4:16

SAVE THE DATE - Confirmation Sunday

Sunday, June 3, 2018

10:30AM Worship Service

*More information coming soon!



ADULT MINISTRY

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Small Groups Info

Our small group classes are an excellent opportunity for fellowship among the members of our church. The classes have been studying a variety of topics. The topics are all very interesting, engaging, and most importantly, show us how to be fully committed followers of Jesus Christ.

I encourage you to check our web site for the most updated information about our class offerings. It is never too late to join a small group class. If you are feeling the call to lead a class on a topic close to your heart, or want to know which class may be best suited to your needs, please contact George Bradshaw.

Men's Ministry

Mark your calendars for a Delicious Breakfast!!

Saturday, May 19, 2018 9-10:30 AM in the Parish Hall

At the breakfast, we will offer information about the upcoming Men's Retreat at Camp Hebron, Halifax, PA - Fall 2018.

Jack Dyson, who will be our retreat speaker, will be present to talk to us about the retreat and the theme. Let's use this breakfast meeting to begin praying for this time of personal renewal.

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Raising Up Leaders-Thirsty Thursday

In the weeks following Easter, we will embark on a sermon series studying the book of Nehemiah. In this time in God's Word, we will see when God called Nehemiah, he did not consider himself a leader, and yet, when he opened his heart, he became a profound leader for God's work.

One key area of Adult Ministry in need of leadership is Thirsty Thursday. This free meal is open to the community every Thursday evening, 5:30-6:15 PM, during the fall and winter seasons.

This event not only promotes fellowship and helps busy families, but also encourages participation in our Thursday night Bible Studies, which take place 6:30-7:30 PM.

We saw a significant decrease in Bible Study participation as a result of cancelling Thirsty Thursday. We are looking for a group of leaders who will help set up chairs and coordinate with our church classes and comittees to provide meals for Thirsty Thursdays. If you are able to lead this important ministry, please speak up & contact Pastor Brendan.

Women's Ministry

The Women's Retreat for 2018 was a powerful time of spiritual renewal. Words fail to adequately describe the beauty of God's presence over the weekend! The Holy Spirit was present in a special way-refreshing, encouraging, and inspiring us. There were over 60 ladies who attended this year. We are excited to see how God uses this weekend to grow His kingdom!

If you missed the retreat this year, do yourself a favor, and make plans to attend next year. You will not regret it!

MINISTRY UPDATES & OPPORTUNITIES

Ladies Paint Night



Beth Innerst is hosting a painting class, led by Julie Smith, who is an art teacher. You will be painting this picture.

The event will be held in the <u>Parish Hall on Sunday</u>, <u>April 15, from 1 - 3:30 PM</u>. The cost is \$25/person with the proceeds going to the Building Fund.

Make out checks to Chapel Church with "painting class" in the memo. Place payments in the offering plate, mail in, or place on the desk in the church office to make your reservation for the class (make sure your name & phone # is attached).

All ladies are invited to participate in this fun afternoon of paint & fellowship. Experience in painting is not necessary. Hope to see you there!

Chapel Picnic Quilting

Quilters working on quilts to be sold at "The Great Chapel Picnic" will be meeting on Tuesday mornings, at 9:30 AM in Room A3/A5 in the Education Wing.

We would love to have anyone with experience, OR anyone who would like to learn! More hands would mean more projects finished for the Picnic Auction. If you have any questions, please contact Carol Blessing at 717.244.5293.

Join the Drama Team

We are looking to get a drama team together. Anyone interested in helping with dramas/skits during worship services, please contact Chris Schaeberle at carrottops4@yahoo.com, or call or text (717) 870-4832. All ages welcome!

Chapel Sauce-2018

Save The Dates:

10/3: Apple picking-Woerner's Orchard. Adults Only due to orchard liability.

10/4: Jar Washing-Parish Building10/8: Production-ONE DAY ONLY!10/9: Distribution and Clean-Up

This year, there will be only ONE day of production. Start and end times will be extended. All donation requests will still be fulfilled. Any remaining applesauce will be sold. Orders will be taken in advance and filled if availability permits. Quarts only will be produced. Apple butter will still be made to sell.

Apple butter is available at \$2.50/jar and quarts of apple sauce at \$3.50/jar. Contact Aimee Miller at 717-755-5929 to arrange for pick-up.

Spring Annual Work Day

Saturday, April 21, 2018 | 8 AM-?

Every year the Trustees sponser a work day to care for the facilities on the Chapel Church Campus. Some of the projects will include Cleaning Playgrounds, Prepping Flower Beds, Painting, Organizing Storage Rooms, etc. Thanks in advance for your help on this day.

Good things happen when you help.

Stewardship Update

A Prayer Warrior and A Giving Warrior

What is a "Prayer Warrior?" Do you think you know? Are you sure?

According to Wikipedia, "Prayer Warrior" is a term used by many evangelical and other Christians to refer to anyone who is committed to praying for others. The website "Got Questions" says that a prayer warrior is generally thought of as a Christian who prays continually and effectively for others in the manner of praying taught in Scripture. Prayer warriors pray to Father God (Matthew 6:9) in the power of the Holy Spirit (Ephesians 3:16; Jude 1:20) and in the name of Jesus (John 14:13). To be a warrior in prayer is to engage in the spiritual battle and fight the good fight of faith wearing the full armor of God and "pray[ing] in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests" (Ephesians 6:10-18). Was your "definition" close? Our guess is that you weren't too far from that described above.

Who at Chapel Church would you identify as a "Prayer Warrior?" If you have been attending Chapel Church for a while, you probably have several names in mind already. If not, you would probably not have to ask many people before you could also identify Chapel's prayer warriors.

So what does identifying "prayer warriors" have to do with stewardship? Nothing, really, except to set the basis for the next question: While we can all probably identify some Prayer Warriors at Chapel, could we so easily identify any "Giving Warriors" at Chapel?

Never heard of a "Giving Warrior?" Neither has Wikipedia. That kind of says it all, doesn't it? Randy Alcorn, in Managing God's Money, A Biblical Guide, identifies "Giving Warriors" as, "people who have chosen a modest, debt-resistant lifestyle so they can give away 100% above that [lifestyle] to God's kingdom." Do you know anyone like that at Chapel? Are YOU a giving warrior? Would you want anyone to know if you are (or aren't)? Why or why not?

The reality is this: studies show that the "church" is doing a poor job of teaching and passing on good stewardship practices to the next generation of Christians. Generally, the younger church people are, the lower the percentage of their income/wealth they give to God's work. Jesus spoke more about money and stewardship (and its impact on our spiritual walk with God) than any other topic. Why is it that we do almost the complete opposite? If our "warriors" in any spiritual disciplines are silent, the church (the people) will not learn to pray, study, witness, parent, manage money or give generously. Given the focus Jesus placed on this topic, why are we not doing the same?

Are you a Giving Warrior, or working hard to become one? If so, find a way to get involved in the ministries of Chapel Church and help pass on to others in the faith what God has graciously taught you about money management over the years (See Timothy 2:2).

Not a Giving Warrior, or want to be a better steward of what God has so graciously provided in your life? Please let the leadership at Chapel know how they can best assist you in your walk.

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

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Happy Birthday to...

1 Randy Kopp John Leight

Joan Reichard

16 Denise McCauley

2 Arnie Fritzius Amy Straley

Skip Leiphart

17 Daniel Wise

Jordan Sedgwick

18 Sandy Breeden

Mike Wagman

20 April Ludwig

3 Steven Conner 22 Tim Stem

Hunter Eberly

Steve Wilt

4 Kaitlyn Cooley 23 Gladys Bentzel

Kaylee Henning 5

25 Ryan Everhart

Robert Holtzapple

Ed Warner

Sawyer Lighty

26 Caleb Smith

8

Norma Emenheiser 27 Mary Zurn

Derek Little

28 Linda Ludwig

9

Stephen Sedgwick 29 Deb Angel

Nikki Fry

Esther Hengst

15 Esther Hengst

Sharon Snyder

Happy Anniversary to...

- 2 Leon & Carol Blessina
- 3 Ernie & Cindy Smeltzer
- Whitey & Sandy Breeden 4 Doug & Tammy McWilliams
- George & Kathy Bradshaw 7
- 16 Steve & Sandy Stine
- Terry & Sharon Snyder 21
- Bill & Lisa Livelsberger 23
- 25 Steve & LeeAnn Wilt
- 30 Wes & Linda Willson

Homebound Visitation Schedule

- 1 Need a Volunteer
- 8 Bill & Emilie McIntire
- 15 Marilyn Kotcher
- 22 Need a Volunteer
- 29 Need a Volunteer

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