

CHAPEL ROCK

JANUARY 2019



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LEAD LINES

I've been reading through Deuteronomy and several things have been surprising me. For example, I've been surprised at the strong undercurrent of grace in the Law (side note: the longer I study Scripture, the more convinced I become that there may be some tension between the Law and the Gospel, but they are not in conflict). I've also been surprised by how Moses instructed the Israelites to tell the story of God's deliverance of their people as if it happened to them. Even in successive generations long removed from the actual events in time, the Israelites are to speak of being delivered from the Plagues in Egypt, crossing the Red Sea, receiving the Ten Commandments on Mt. Sinai, being fed by manna and quail in the Wilderness, and crossing the Jordan into the Promised Land as if it happened to THEM. This helps them personally appropriate and pass on their faith. The Church could learn something from that.

But the most surprising thing has been just how clear God was in what he wanted from the people of Israel. What God wanted from them was not something they had to guess about. He spelled it out pretty unambiguously in Deuteronomy 10:12-13, ***“And now, Israel, what does the LORD your God ask of you but to fear the LORD your God, to walk in obedience to him, to love him, to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, and to observe the LORD’s commands and decrees that I am giving you today for your own good?”***

When I read this, my first thought was: “That was what Jesus did! That’s why God said, ‘This is my Son, whom I love, listen to Him.’ when Jesus was baptized!” Jesus did those things! So, we go back to the question: “What does God want from his people?” Here on this side of the Cross, the only way to answer that question is like this: to be more like Jesus! Jesus pleased the Father and if we’re going to do that we need to be more like Jesus.

That’s our theme for 2019: “More Like Jesus.” I don’t know about you, but I just want to be more like Jesus. We’re going to start the year with a sermon series of the same name, but we’ll keep coming back to this theme over and over again. As we begin a new year, the question that I keep coming back to is this: How can I be more like Jesus in 2019 than I was in 2018? I hope you’ll be part of our journey together in that way, and bring someone along with you.

Leading as I follow, Casey

FIRST PLACE 4 HEALTH

First Place 4 Health is a 12-week, Christ-centered, balanced weight-loss and healthy living program that addresses the whole person - physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual. The members follow a 12-week curriculum that encourages practical disciplines in all four areas. There will be a First Place 4 Health class offered at Chapel Rock beginning Sunday, January 20, at 9:15 AM in rooms FH 18 and FH 20.

There will be an orientation meeting on Sunday, January 6, in FH 18 and FH 20 which will give you an opportunity to hear more about the First Place program and then sign up if you are interested. For more details or further information see Pearl Spinner or Sheri Rodkey. You can call [Sheri](#) at the Chapel Rock office, 317-247-9739.

CHAPEL ROCK OFFICE HOURS FOR THE HOLIDAYS

The Chapel Rock offices will be working under modified hours this holiday season; see the dates and times below. Even with the modified hours, we will be responsive to emergencies. Should you have a serious illness, injury, surgery, or death in the family, please call the office phone number at 317-247-9739 and listen for the instructions.

Monday, December 24 Closed
Tuesday, December 25 Closed
Wednesday, December 26 9 AM - 3 PM
Thursday, December 27 9 AM - 3 PM

Friday, December 28 9 AM - 3 PM
Monday, December 31 9 AM - 1 PM
Tuesday, January 1 Closed
Wednesday, January 2 Resume regular hours

UPCOMING MISSION TRIPS

Below is a listing of upcoming mission trips involving Chapel Rock during the first quarter of 2019. Those trips which still have spots available are designated, by "Open." If you have questions about a specific trip or would like to help with these trips, please contact Missions Coordinator [Rick Belcher](#).

- There is one Chapel Rock member traveling to Haiti, January 9-17 with Lifeline Christian Mission. (Closed).
- A work team will travel to Rockport, Texas during January 20-26 with Samaritan's Purse. (Open)
- Six Chapel Rock members will travel to Haiti, also with Lifeline Christian Mission, February 22-March 3. (Closed)
- Men from the Monday evening Man-Up Life Group will travel to Dominican Republic on March 16-23. (Open)

SUMMER SHORT-TERM MISSION OPPORTUNITY

If you and your family are looking for a short-term mission opportunity to share the gospel with those eager to hear, then this is the trip for you! English Language camps use the Bible to teach English to whole families and all you have to do is show up and share. The camp this year is June 29 - July 6, in the lovely Mazury lake region northwest of Warsaw, Poland. The plan is to fly over on the June 26 and return late on July 8. The trip cost \$1,550 plus airfare. The cost covers food, camp expenses, and three nights in Warsaw. Airfare to Poland in June is about \$1,300. Bring extra spending money for snacks and souvenirs. Plan to take lots of pictures! Contact Dan or Dorota Laskowski for more info at 317-366-2828.

BABY DEDICATION 2019

Our Baby Dedication is an opportunity for parents to make a public commitment to raise their children to know Christ. If you would like to participate in the ceremony and celebration on Sunday, January 27, please contact [Sherry Schwab](#) in the office, 317-247-9739. The participating families will take part in a ceremony during both worship services and a brunch in-between services.

FOOD PANTRY JANUARY REQUEST

One of the longest-running outreach ministries Chapel Rock has, our Food Pantry ministry, has served thousands of households throughout the years. Aside from the obvious of helping to fulfill their physical needs our dedicated Food Pantry volunteers also show the love of Christ while serving which, in turn, allows us to move us closer to our goal — to see "the whole community whole in Christ."

Our Food Pantry operates on the first and third Thursday of each month, from 5:30 — 7 PM. In addition to the products received from Gleaner's Food Bank, we rely on donations from Chapel Rock members. For January the requests are for canned goods, hygiene items, diapers, and pet food. You may place your donations in the DropZone in the Foyer.

Andy and Kim Harris, Food Pantry Coordinators, would like to express their thanks for everyone who volunteered to assist with our special "Christmas" Food Pantry on December 20. Your willingness to help made the evening go so much more smoothly!

MEN'S MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

PASTOR'S BREAKFAST & STUDY FOR JANUARY

The men's monthly breakfast along with Pastor Fred Rodkey's encouraging and challenging message is scheduled for Saturday, January 5. Coffee and fellowship begin at 7 AM. Breakfast will be served at 7:30 AM in Fellowship Hall. Pastor Fred will then give his devotion following breakfast, so be sure to bring a buddy with you. Please enter at door #12.

JANUARY'S CDCMF MEETING AND PROGRAM

The monthly meeting of the Capitol District Christian Men's Fellowship (CDCMF) will take place at [Cornerstone Christian Church](#) on Monday, January 21. Cornerstone is located just north of Brownsburg at 8930 N State Road 267. This monthly men's fellowship supports Camp Allendale. Chris Philbeck from [Mt. Pleasant Christian Church](#) will be the special speaker. Chapel Rock will provide transportation to this event, so plan to be at the main entrance of our building at 5:30 PM. The dinner begins at 6 PM with praise and worship following at 7 PM. If you have questions about this event, please contact Ron Emry at 317-875-6006.

JANUARY CHAPEL ROCKETS LUNCH

Chapel Rock's retiree group, the Chapel Rockets, will begin 2019 with a pitch-in luncheon and program on Thursday, January 3, at 11:30 AM in Fellowship Hall. The program will be presented by Terri Click, the Wellness Coordinator for [Westside Garden Plaza](#). Ms. Click will present, "You're Never Too Old to Exercise." Join us to learn about fitness, wellness, and nutrition for every stage of life. Please enter door #3. For further information, call Donna Brown at 317-271-2397.

FINAL CONTRIBUTIONS FOR 2018

If you are planning on giving a gift to Chapel Rock before the close of 2018, the IRS stipulates that mailed gifts must be postmarked on or before December 31, 2018. If you are delivering your gift to the church office, you must be here before the building closes at 1 PM on Monday, December 31. A check dated in 2018 but given on the first Sunday in 2019 will be credited to your 2019 giving statement. Online gifts must also be completed on or before December 31. The 2018 giving statements will be available by mid-January.

FACTS AND FIGURES

	11/18	11/25	12/2	12/9	12/16	
Worship Services — campus	842	831	815	832	755	Ave Attendance — 2018.....978 <i>(includes live streaming)</i>
Worship Services — live streaming	234	279	214	239	254	Baptisms — 2018.....29
Sunday Morning Life Groups	299	298	298	304	295	Transfers — 2018.....33
Children, Middle School & High School Attendance	132	122	119	132	112	

Financial Report ending November 30, 2018

∞ General Fund Offerings — YTD	\$2,049,341
∞ Missions Funding — YTD (distributed to several ministries)	\$205,596
∞ Budgeted & paid to reduce long-term debt — YTD.....	\$304,975 (mortgage balance is \$2,189,664)