



Chapel Chatter



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Welcome to February's Chapel Chatter



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Q & A With Pastor Chris

Q). What did the Westmorelands do during the first snow of 2017?

A). Took in the sheer beauty. There might have been some snow angels involved as well.

Q). What are some of your favorite movies to watch on these frigid winter days?

A). We watch a lot of movies. Anything animated gets our attention for family movie night. On a side note, Camron is going through a Glee phase.

Q). What's the last movie you saw at the movie theater?

A). Kristin and I recently watched Passengers while the kids were next door watching Sing.

Q). We know you're a big basketball fan. How have you been enjoying the season so far?

A). No comment :- (Kristin's Tarheels are doing better than my Devils, but it's still early.

Q). Any predictions about teams who will make the playoffs?

A). I fill out a bracket every year and I almost always pick Duke and occasionally I'm right.

Q). Do you have any exciting Valentine's Day plans?

A). Not yet. I'm sure the night will involve a family dinner somewhere in Waynesville. I am a good planner of special occasions but don't always plan them well enough in advance (that's a nice way of saying I procrastinate making plans and when we travel, Hotwire is my best friend). But the gift of love will be celebrated for sure.

Cross Ties



Basketball



We are in the thick of basketball season, and I do love some ACC Basketball. I think what I admire most about the game is that it appreciates individual talent but flourishes as a team sport. I love that balance where individuals are gifted and can allow their talents to shine as part of a team. Very few folks (if any) can “carry” their team to victory but those that can need a solid team around them that functions as a unit of one. That’s five folks on the floor functioning as one. Our daughter Abby has been playing for Waynesville Middle School’s girls’ basketball team, and I have LOVED watching this team gel and play together and excel at this beautiful game.

I believe “church” is the original team sport. We believe that the three best ways to discuss the personality and expressions of God are as Trinity (Father, Son and Holy Spirit). Three different expressions of the same ONE God. It tells us that in God’s own identity, community happens and isolation is rejected. In church life, individual gifts can shine, and God has gifted our folks in such amazing ways. When those gifts work alongside the gifts of others, there is no telling what we can do to help God break through the powers of darkness with the light of His love. I heard a coach say once, “There is no ‘I’ in the word T-E-A-M”. We can accomplish far more together than we ever could apart.

"Talent wins games, but teamwork and intelligence win championships." --Michael Jordan

"Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much." --Helen Keller

"It takes two flints to make a fire." --Louisa May Alcott

"To me, teamwork is the beauty of our sport, where you have five acting as one. You become selfless." --Mike Krzyzewski

I am struck that late in Abraham and Sarah’s life, God said, “From you I will bring about a great nation.” And late in Moses’s life, he was reminded that he couldn’t do all of the work of the Exodus on his own but he needed to rely on others. And early in Jesus’s ministry, He called 12 disciples to walk closely with Him so that together they could change the world. In some ways, it would have been easier for all of them to work on their own to accomplish the calling of God, but God sent word they would need the gifts of other people to accomplish this vital and important work.

Ultimately, the punchline is simple - God invites all of us to join with Him and others to accomplish the work of the kingdom. Sometimes that makes it easier and other times it feels harder, but God invites us to join the most important team that the world has ever known. And this team is meant to accomplish the most important mission any team has ever seen. God is inviting the team that is the Church to help Him in the work of redeeming the world.

I don’t know about you but some of the most uncomfortable moments of my childhood happened on the playground when we would choose teams to play ball of some sort. It was an awkward moment when there were two teams and only two people left. Somebody was gonna get chosen last. God’s team doesn’t work that way - God doesn’t pick us for His team because He has to, but because He wants to.

John 15 is where Jesus says, “You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit--fruit that will last. . .” God chooses you for this work and God never makes mistakes. I invite you to claim that you are chosen and beloved. I invite you to claim that you are on God’s team and that means we should always play well with others. I invite you to embrace the gifts God has give you and the gifts of others.

Blessings,

Chris Westmoreland

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Announcements

Publication Deadlines

- ◆ **For the weekly Chapel Connection:** requests for bulletin announcements and/or verbal announcements are due in the church office on Tuesdays no later than noon (for the upcoming Sunday's publication).
- ◆ **For the monthly Chapel Chatter:** requests for newsletter articles/info are due on the 8th of every month no later than noon (for the following month's publication).



Please make requests by completing **Publicity Request form** on the LCUMC web page under **Resources, Forms & Documents**. Then email form to officemgr@longschapel.com.

Lost & Found

We have accumulated various items in the Lost and Found bin over a number of months. It's time to clean out the collection! If you're missing anything, please check the list below and go by the coat closet in the Gathering Area to claim your belongings. Any items remaining at the end of February will be donated to the Open Door.

See below for Lost & Found Items

1. Man's light-beige cap
2. Several pairs of glasses
3. Small black plastic garbage can
4. Lady's fur-lined black leather mittens
5. Several coffee mugs
6. 5 Bibles--some blue, some black
7. Box of Christmas cards
8. Large red and black umbrella
9. Child's scooter
10. Large gray and orange back pack
11. Child's sm. cardigan sweater w/ hood, orange w/ gray stripes
12. Black cardigan "Forever" sweater
13. Black weather-proof jacket 3XL
14. Assorted jewelry
15. Man's black Saddlebred long coat
16. Size 6B boots
17. Size W-6 fur-lined boots
18. Spiderman toboggan hat
19. Black ladies gloves
20. Black XL right hand man's glove
21. Ladies black fur-lined gloves
22. Dark green 24M child's zip up with hood sweat jacket
23. Bible in 90 Days book

Safe Sanctuary Training



Interested in working with young children or learning how Long's Chapel provides a safe environment? You're invited to Safe Sanctuary training on Sunday, February 12, in the Venue from 1:30 to 3:00 pm. Please contact Pam Hayward at hayward@longschapel.com to sign up.



CAN YOU HELP? The Long's Chapel Benevolence Fund and the Pastor's Discretionary Fund need to be replenished. These are important funds that provide assistance to members of our church family who find themselves temporarily unable to meet the basic necessities of life. Just a few examples of those needs would be: medical care, pharmacy assistance, food, temporary shelter, and basic clothing needs as a result of catastrophic loss. We are able to help many in time of need because of your willingness to help your brothers and sisters. If you can help with any amount, please make check out to Long's Chapel and indicate either Benevolence Fund or Pastor's Discretionary Fund in the memo line. Many thanks in advance for your generosity!

Announcements

What to do when it snows on Sunday...

When winter weather is a factor, we will post any changes in the worship schedule on the church answering system at 456-3993, ext. 40. Changes will be posted no later than 7:40 am. Those with internet access are asked NOT TO CALL the church office but to visit our website (LongsChapel.com). You may also tune into WLOS TV and watch for church closings or check Facebook at Facebook.com/longschapel.

Western North Carolina Christian Writers Fellowship



On Wednesday, February 15, the monthly meeting of the Western North Carolina Christian Writers Fellowship will be held from 1:00 to 3:00 pm in Room. #210.

All welcome. For more info, contact denise@lightningeditingservices.com

CONVERSATIONS OF HURT & HOPE

Have you or someone you love been impacted negatively over LGBTQ life issues? Join us Wednesday night, February 1, at 6:15 pm in the Venue Prayer Room (Room #204) as together we share hurts and hopes for a world in which all God's children are valued and loved.



Sending Love to the Long's Chapel Family

**Gratitude Brunch
&
You're Invited**

**Sunday, February 19
11:00 am - 1:00 pm
Fellowship Hall**

**Call church office
to RSVP
456-3993**



Operation Christmas Child February Collection

It's already that time again! In February, we'll begin collecting materials for our Operation Christmas Child Packing Party in November. Each month, a bin will be in the Gathering Area where you can put specific items. In February, we are collecting items for children's hair including combs, brushes, hair bows, ponytail holders, hats, visors, etc. As always, we appreciate your support of this ministry so very much!

Sincere Condolences to...

- ◆ Teresa Spencer and family on the death of her father, Malcomb Newberry, on December 22, 2016.
- ◆ Rob Huckaby and family on the death of his mother, Adelaide Owens Huckaby, on December 23, 2016.
- ◆ Charlotte King and family on the death of her husband, Stephen King, on January 7, 2017.
- ◆ Teresa Jones and family on the death of her husband, Hugh (Mac) Jones, on January 9, 2017
- ◆ Lynn Ebsen and family on the death of her husband, Paul Ebsen, on January 11, 2017.
- ◆ Linda Poppenhagen and family on the death of her husband, Gil Poppenhagen, on January 22, 2017.



Did you know?

- ◆ Did you know that three female LCKids ran their first 5K on December 4, 2016 for Girls on the Run? Congratulations to Jordan Webb, Gabriella Renegar, and Kenna Lawing for completing such a big event on such an icky, cold, rainy day!
- ◆ Did you know that we have three lay servants who serve Holy Communion to eight of our homebound & extended care folks each month?
- ◆ Did you know that The Open Door serves warm meals 365 days a year?
- ◆ Did you know that kids in the **eleven05** for Kids service are learning about how to apply God's wisdom to the decisions they make each day?
- ◆ Did you know on December 20, 2016, the Tuesday before Christmas, 14 volunteer servants from the Tuscola First Fruits Ministry, filled and handed out 300 gift bags to the bus students and others?

Ash Wednesday on March 1

The exact date of Easter each year is based on the lunar calendar, so it can change dramatically from one year to the next. Last year, Ash Wednesday was on February 10 and Easter on March 27. This year Ash Wednesday is on March 1 and Easter is on April 16. We hope to see everyone at our Ash Wednesday services on March 1 at 6:30 pm in the Sanctuary. Stay tuned for March's Chapel Chatter for a comprehensive look at Holy Week and Easter activities and worship information.

A Valentine Prayer

I said a Valentine prayer for you
and asked the Lord above
to fill your heart and bless your soul
With the precious gift of love.

I asked Him for sincere love
The kind that's meant to stay
Just like the generous love
You give to those you touch each day.

I prayed for love from family
And from every cherished friend
Then I asked the Lord to give you
His love that knows no end.

(Author unknown)



The Open Door and Second Blessing Thrift Shop



Housing – A Great Need



We had the privilege this past summer of providing support for a woman who came to us in great distress. She was accompanied by three children ranging from eighteen years to sixteen months old. As is so often the case, her family was riddled with dysfunction. Her circumstances had her jobless, homeless and hopeless.

With the help of The Open Door, several other ministries and caring individuals, she was able to secure lodging for her family in a local motel. We continued to meet with her and stand alongside through all the twists and turns of securing housing. She was also very responsive to the spiritual and emotional support we offered her during this time.

Finally, in September of this past year, she was able to get housing through Rapid Rehousing, a program available through government funds, administered by Southwestern Child Development. This program provides funding for rent, utilities and deposits for up to three months for qualifying families. Unfortunately, the average wait time for families needing support from programs like this is approximately three months.

Today, she and her family are housed and happy. She is working two part-time jobs and is finding fulfillment volunteering in a local animal shelter. She has been able to lay back some savings and her landlord has agreed to a rent-to-own arrangement.

Please pray for brave souls like this dear lady because we come face to face with them every week.

As I pen these words, we are anticipating the arrival today of the first snow this winter. For those who are nestled inside homes, we may greet this news with a sense of excitement as we imagine waking up in the morning with a view of white blanketing our county. For those who are experiencing homelessness, it is a deepening awareness of the harsh realities of their plight.

In Christian Love,

Perry

Perry Hines
Director of The Open Door



We continue to be blessed with donations this new year, especially clothing. Much of it comes in during the day, and a significant amount is left on the dock after hours. All of it is appreciated!

With this blessing comes the need for more hands to gather, sort, organize, and hang the clothing. Usually the same volunteers sort and organize, while the task of hanging is accomplished by others.

Volunteers work as often as they like, usually 1 or 2 days a week, as it suits their personal schedules. Our current clothing guru has volunteered 3 days a week for over six years! Her skills and dedication are remarkable; however, we need more folks to join our volunteer crew.

If you would like to consider volunteering in the thrift shop, we hope to hear from you. Please feel free to call or drop by any day and meet our crew. In addition to accomplishing a lot every day, we are a social group that has fun. We would love to have you join us!

Deborah Kasbeer, Manager
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Prison/Jail Ministry

Prison/Jail Ministry Approves Grants for Ministries

The Prison/Jail Committee approved a series of financial grants for 2017 from the 2017 Mission Budget. Grants of \$500 each were approved for: Disciple Bible Outreach Ministry; Ministry of Hope in support of the chaplaincy ministry for Swannanoah Women's Correctional Institution, Black Mountain, NC; Kairos Prison Ministry of NC; Prison MATCH of NC and Yokefellow Prison Ministry of NC. These grants are given to ministries that are not supported by the budgetary process of the State of NC. Funds come solely from donations by churches, individuals and a few foundations.

Easter Cards to be Addressed on Wednesday, Apr. 5 at 4 pm. Names, plus opus numbers and current address (prison unit) are welcomed. Please submit full information to the church office.

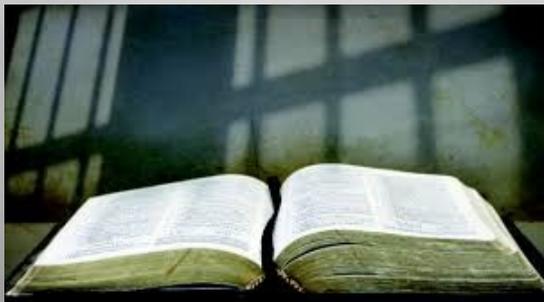
Thank You Notes Received:

Thank you so much for your recent gift to support the work of our chaplains. Especially at this season, their days can be long, but because of your generosity, the lonely have a chaplain when need arises. ~ Margaret Whitt for the Board of Ministry of Hope, Swannanoa Correctional Center for Women, Chaplaincy Committee

To Long's Chapel UMC: On behalf of Yokefellow Prison Ministry, I would like to thank you for the \$1,000 contribution. What an incredible gift! We are grateful for this most generous expression of support of Yokefellow Prison Ministry and the many lives it touches. Thank you for your faithfulness to our ministry. The foundation of our commitment is found in the invitation by Christ our Lord in Matthew 11:29-30. ~ In Christian gratitude and love, Sarah Carver, Interim Executive Director

Dear Friends,

Thank you all so much for your faithfulness in service to inmates; you are so faithful to remember me throughout the year. It's not unnoticed or under-appreciated. I am grateful for fellow Christians who I know remember me as I continue through this trial God has laid before me. I've no idea who you are, nor no doubt you've no idea who I am, and still you're faithful. Thanks for your prayers, love and support. May God richly bless you this season and throughout 2017. ~ In Christ, Jeff, Craggy Correctional Center



*Happy Valentine's Day
from the staff at Long's
Chapel!*



There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love. We love because he first loved us.

-John 4:18-19

New Staff Spotlight

Meet Deborah Kasbeer
Manager at Second Blessing Thrift Shop



Q). What is your new position with Long's Chapel and when did you come on board?

A). I became manager of Second Blessing Thrift Shop in August of 2016. My husband and I moved to Waynesville three years ago. A little while after we moved, I began volunteering at The Open Door. I cooked, cleaned, and helped in any way I could. One of my main responsibilities was organizing the food pantry which I thoroughly enjoyed. Last summer, the thrift store manager position opened up. I applied, interviewed, and was overjoyed when I received the position.

Q). What does your position as manager involve?

A). I oversee and work alongside our staff and volunteers. At this time, we have four employees and a handful of experienced volunteers. Together, we ensure the shop is clean and organized, and that we offer quality merchandise to our customers. I'm available to assist everyone as items are sorted, priced, and sold. I look forward to work every day and love the team I work with.

Q). What are your goals for the shop?

A). My overarching goal is to get Second Blessing on the radar as one of Haywood County's premier thrift stores. We want to be known as a shop that offers a vast variety of quality, gently-used products. We've been working very hard to spruce up the place and ensure our different departments and rooms are organized and decoratively pleasing. Our crew believes in the philosophy, "If we build it, they will come." We wanted to expand our children's section, so we enlarged it, and I'm happy to say that children's donations have increased. We are now working on our kitchen section and would love to have more donations of small kitchen appliances (coffee makers, toasters, toaster ovens, hand mixers, etc.) that are in good working condition.



Q). What are your hopes for the shop's future?

A). We often receive items that are broken or in terrible shape. With a small team, we don't have the manpower to dispose of unneeded items while also sorting items we plan to sell. My hope is that community members begin to understand we only offer nice merchandise. I also hope to gain more volunteers. We are busier than ever and do more products than ever, but we're short-staffed. We would especially like some volunteers with strength who can help us keep the dock clear and welcoming. I'm also working to price decorative items according to brand and streamlining some of our processes such as the silent auction in the main showroom.



Q). Tell us a little about your background.

A). I grew up in the Midwest, outside of Chicago. I earned my undergraduate degree at Vanderbilt and my master's at Georgetown. I then taught high school English and German. After my career as a teacher, I became a supervising editor at a software company and freelanced. I also managed a small store in Virginia, but I learned the most about sales when I lived in Texas and became a salesperson at a 2,000 acre ranch and sold tracks of ranchland.

Q). What does being the manager at Second Blessing Thrift Shop mean to you?

A). I absolutely love being manager of the shop. This is the job I never knew I always wanted. Each night I go to sleep excited about the next day. My life is the shop, and I plan to continue working to make Second Blessing Thrift Shop the best thrift store around.



Volunteer Spotlight

Tracy Fisher

Q). What brought you to Long's Chapel originally?

A). My children went to preschool at Long's Chapel. When they were little, we began attending and have all been very involved ever since. That was 18 years ago.

Q). When did you begin volunteering at Long's Chapel?

A). My main volunteer role is with the Friday morning bulletin stuffers. I joined the group ten years ago after I became a worker for an individual named Jason. Jason was already helping with the bulletins before I started working with him, so we continued with this weekly activity. Over the years, the group has grown organically. We now have a mixture of church members, adults with disabilities from various organizations (Skill Creations, Lifespan, HVO, etc). Total, we have 10-12 bulletin stuffers. It's a great group, and I love working with them.

Q). Do you volunteer in any other capacity?

A). I facilitate the Pure in Heart class on Wednesday nights. The same group from the Friday mornings attends the Pure in Heart class. Jason and Mack (pictured in the photo with Tracy) are very committed to both Friday morning bulletin stuffing and the Pure in Heart class. I also work with our youth group and joined them on my first-ever mission trip last summer. My daughter kept encouraging me to go on one. She kept saying the feeling of a mission trip is unreal and amazing. She was right. I've also helped with Mission Haywood and Arts Camp.

Q). What does it mean to offer your skills and services to Long's Chapel?

A). It feels wonderful. This church is like a home. It's like another family. I love to give back and that's what family is about. Helping out, being there for each other. The church has been such a big part of my children's lives and an emotional support system for them and me. It also means a lot to me to offer adults with special needs opportunities like everyone else. The individuals we work with on Friday mornings feel like they're part of a team.



They gain a sense of accomplishment every week when we finish stuffing bulletins. We like to eat with them at Acts 2:42 before our Pure in Heart class. Both dinner and the class offer them wonderful occasions to socialize and have fun. All of that means so much to me and others who work with them.

Q). What would you say to others who thinking about volunteering?

A). Go for it! Volunteering offers opportunities to help and do for others, but what you get in return is indescribable. It's a give and take. We should all be working together as part of the church. In the end, you help others but you also help yourself.






partnering TOGETHER to raise Kingdom Kids

February's Parents' Night Out



Sign up online for a moment to catch your breath as a parent. Our Parents' Night Out in February just so happens to fall the weekend before

Valentine's Day. Saturday, February 11, 5-9 pm. A perfect opportunity for a date night!

Dates for Parents' Night Out in 2017

- ◆ March 11
- ◆ May 13
- ◆ June 10
- ◆ July 8
- ◆ August 12
- ◆ September 16



Fourth Graders are currently taking a specialized class to learn about the Bible and what it means to each of us. The class focuses on the following Scriptures and topics:

- Week One—The Bible is the Written Word of God
- Week Two—The Bible is a Library of Books
- Week Three—A Book by Book Guide
- Week Four—Old Testament History
- Week Five—New Testament Nutshell

- 2 Timothy 3:16
- Luke 11:28
- Isaiah 40:8
- Jeremiah 42:3
- John 3:16



We ask that each of you hold these amazing, young Biblical scholars in your prayers as they take a leap in their journey with God. Join us on March 26 when we present their Bibles from the congregation at the 9:40 am service.



Wednesday Nights in LCKids



We're living in a world of smartphones, tablets, apps, and games, but the same God who spoke to Moses from a burning bush still wants to communicate with us today. In fact, with all of our distractions and entertainment, the most exciting thing in life is getting to know the God who made us.

Join super-app designer Solomon and the amazing creative team at the App Factory, where you not only play the games, but you get into the game, and discover the real life app for all that!

Watch for details on this amazing Musical Ministry in weekly emails and on social media

Team Up Calendar



Have you wondered what was going on around LCKids? Our Team Up calendar is one stop shopping for all things we have going on.

Download the app or check us out online.
teamup.com/ks4d9234f2fce7b7b6



Please make certain that you are holding on to the Security Slip that matches with your child(ren)'s sign in

information. If you lose the sticker, please find a staff member or Welcome Mat volunteer to give you a hand in securing the necessary slip.

A Note from Sally

Do any of you have a time of year that just looms in the background waiting to pounce? 1 Peter 5:8 talks of the enemy circling around like a lion. For me, that's how February feels. I love cold weather and honestly love snow, but there is something deceptive about February. Because of that, I need to stay aware (also prescribed in 1 Peter 5:8) by surrounding myself with people who help me to laugh, foods that make me healthy, music that I sing along with, getting plenty of exercise and good sleep, and honing in on my spiritual disciplines. For me, that is journaling, prayer, and time reading the Bible. With the YouVersion app, I can hop on equipment at the gym and spend time with God while sweating out the February blahs. AND, when I get my feet tangled and fall off the equipment, I am able to bring joy to those around me!

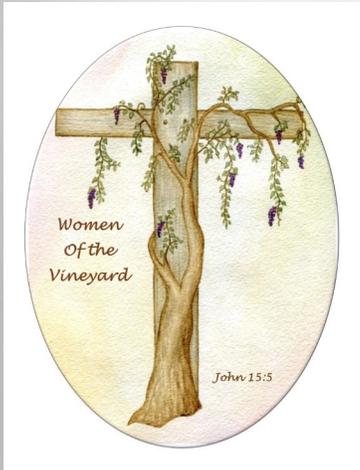
How do you find ways to thrive in the bleak midwinter?

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Adult Ministries

Wednesday Night Women 2 Women Class



“My Child, never forget the things I have taught you. Store my commands in your heart. If you do this, you will live many years, and your life will be satisfying.” Proverbs 3:1-2 (NLT)

Healthy eating habits and regular exercise rank among the top life-prolonging activities. But there is one activity with potentially life-prolonging benefits that you may not have considered: going to church. That’s right - studies show that attending a religious service more than once a week has the potential to help you live longer. Comparing people who do not attend to people who do attend church, temple, or synagogue more than once a week, those attending have the equivalent of a 7.5 year longer life expectancy! Those who do not attend religious services have a 1.87 times higher risk of death for most causes within eight years. It seems that Proverbs’ prescription for a long life has some scientific backing. In Proverbs 3, God tells us how we can “live many years.” Never forget the things He teaches us and store His commands in our hearts. One good way to not forget His teachings is to stay active in church by getting involved. Join us Wednesday nights at 6:30 pm for **Women 2 Women, programming by women for women with guest speakers, testimonies, Bible teaching, music, fun, and female fellowship. Come hang out with us and add some longevity to your life.**

Women’s Bible Study Begins February 2 from 1:00 to 2:30 pm



We will be digging into a study of 2 Corinthians titled All Things New by Kelly Minter. Class will be held in the modular classroom # 505. Call the church office, 456-3993, to sign up for the study or call Sandy Breitmeyer, 456-3455. We’d love to have you join us for study and fellowship! Study books will be available for \$15 at the first class. You can also purchase them on Lifeway’s website or at their store in Asheville. All adult women are invited. We hope to see you there!

THE BOOK OF PSALMS

The Book of Psalms has served as the worship manual for God’s people for more than 2,500 years. Everything we need to know about a lifestyle of praise and adoration is addressed in the 150 psalms. Join us on Monday mornings at 10:00 am in Room 210 for a time of stillness before God so we can focus on His Word. Each class will feature a one-session study of a psalm. We’ll meet every Monday in February, weather permitting. Come one week; come every week. We’ll welcome you either way. Contact Denise Look at deniselook@gmail.com for more information.





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Revolution Student Ministry

Welcome to Revolution Student Ministry at Long's Chapel. We want our youth ministry to be the catalyst in preparing students to live spiritually bold lives in a culture desperately needing the guidance of Christ. The apostle Paul explains we are in a spiritual battle and calls us to "be alert, stand fast in the faith, be brave, be strong and to love without ceasing!" We want our ministry to ignite students into spiritual revolution. Our program is intended to be a training ground for the next generation of more fully devoted followers of Christ. Revolution Student Ministries meets three times per week.

Sunday School (Revelation 101): Our Sunday School class meets in The Underground during the 9:40-10:40 am worship hour. We begin promptly at 9:40. Youth are welcome to come earlier to have some snacks and fellowship before class! We will be studying the book of Revelation this Spring and class will be led by the wonderful Bill Jarrell. We will be going through this book together and dissecting it verse by verse. You are invited to join our lively class as we learn, ask, and grow together!

Sunday Night Youth: Revolution Youth meets from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm in The Underground followed by our Afterglow hangout until 7:30 pm. (Afterglow is simply a chance for youth to carpool over to a local fast food restaurant after Youth to enjoy further fellowship somewhere else in the community) Everyone is invited to gather with us as we play all kinds of unique and fun games, hang out in The Underground, sing our hearts out in worship led by the Youth Praise Band, engage in thought-provoking messages by the Youth leaders, and get into breakout group sessions to get deeper into understanding what it means to be a teenager who wants to be a part of God's kingdom here on earth! Bring money to give to our Compassions Kids each Sunday and come out and be a part of our Youth family! See you then!

Life Groups: Life Groups meet on Wednesday nights from 6:30 pm to 8 pm. We have a group that is just right for you! We have middle school and high school groups available:

- * Middle School Girls
- * Middle School Boys
- * Confirmation 2017 (co-ed middle schoolers)
- * High School Girls
- * "Delight" High School Girls
- * High School Boys

Life Groups are a time to connect on a personal level with incredible adults and close knit groups that bring in relevant issues and how Scripture informs the way we are compelled to live our lives! Hangout in the Underground begins at 6:00 pm. Join us for dinner at 5:15 pm in the Fellowship Hall, only \$5 for teenagers!



2017 Youth Calendar On Back!



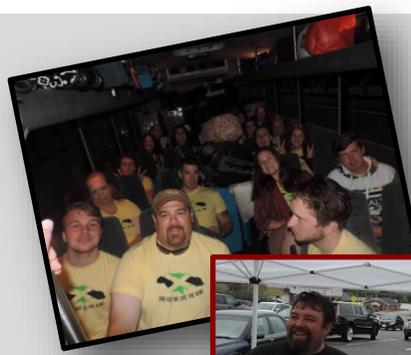
On the back of this page, you'll find our 2017 calendar. We have a number of exciting activities and events coming up this year, and we don't want you to miss a thing. Youth activities are a wonderful way to meet new people, strengthen friendships and grow in your faith. Please cut out this calendar and post on your fridge or bedroom wall. We don't want you to miss a thing, and we want to see your face as much as possible!



REVOLUTION STUDENT MINISTRIES

1 Corinthians 16:13-14

Keep your eyes open, hold tight to your convictions, give it all you've got, be resolute, and love without stopping.



February:

- Wednesday the 1st**– Life Groups and Confirmation
- Sunday the 5th**– Sunday School and Super Bowl Party (from 6:00-9:00 pm in The Venue)
- Wednesday the 8th**– Life Groups and Confirmation
- Saturday the 11th**– Valentines Dance (6:00– 9:00pm in the Fellowship Hall)
- Sunday the 12th**– Sunday School (serve at the Open Door), Sunday Night Youth and Confirmation Parent Class
- Wednesday the 15th**– Life Groups and Confirmation
- Saturday the 18th**– Confirmation Trip to Beth Israel
- Sunday the 19th**– Sunday School and Sunday Night Youth
- Wednesday the 22nd**– Life Groups and Confirmation
- Friday the 24th– Sunday the 26th**– Retreat to Look-up Lodge
- Sunday the 26th**- Confirmation Parent Class

April:

- Sunday the 2nd**– Sunday School and Sunday Night Youth
- Wednesday the 5th**– Life Groups and Confirmation
- Sunday the 9th**– Pancake Breakfast/ Silent Auction Fundraiser
NO SUNDAY SCHOOL and NO YOUTH
- Wednesday the 12th**– NO LIFE GROUPS and NO CONFIRMATION
- Sunday the 16th**– NO SUNDAY SCHOOL and NO YOUTH
- Wednesday the 19th**– Life Groups and Confirmation
- Sunday the 23rd**– Sunday School, Confirmation Class to St. Margaret's Catholic Church, Sunday Night Youth and Confirmation Parent Class
- Wednesday the 26th**– Life Groups and LAST Confirmation
- Saturday the 29th**– Confirmation Rehearsal and Banquet
- Sunday the 30th**– Confirmation Sunday, Sunday School and Sunday Night Youth

SUMMER ACTIVITIES (June, July, and August)

- Wed. June 7th**– Crud Kick-Off (6-8 pm in grass field TENTATIVE DATE)
- Sun. June 11th**– Serve at the Open Door, Tuscola Baccalaureate (1-3pm)
- Mon. June 12th**– Tuscola Graduation (come cheer on the grads with us!)
- Tues. June 13th**– Pisgah Graduation (come cheer on the grads with us!)
- June 25th– July 1st**- Middle School Mission Trip to Richmond, VA
- July 6th– July 14th**– High School Mission Trip to Jamaica
- July 17th– July 21st**– Mission Haywood
- July 30th– Aug. 5th**– Wilderness Trail
- Sun. Aug. 13th**– serve at the Open Door

March:

- Wednesday the 1st**– Ash Wednesday (meet in The Underground at 6 pm)
NO LIFE GROUPS
- Friday the 3rd– Sunday the 5th**– Confirmation Retreat
- Wednesday the 8th**– Life Groups and Confirmation
- Sunday the 12th**– Sunday School (serve at the Open Door), Special St. Patrick's Day Youth and Confirmation Parent Class
- Wednesday the 15th**– Life Groups and Confirmation
- Sunday the 19th**– Sunday School and Sunday Night Youth
- Wednesday the 22nd**– Life Groups and Confirmation
- Sunday the 26th**– Sunday School, Sunday Night Youth and Confirmation Parent Class
- Wednesday the 29th**– Life Groups and Confirmation

May:

- Wednesday the 3rd**– Life Groups
- Sunday the 7th**– Sunday School and Sunday Night Youth
- Wednesday the 10th**– Life Groups
- Sunday the 14th**– Sunday School but NO YOUTH
- Wednesday the 17th**– NO LIFE GROUPS
- Sunday the 21st**– Sunday School and Sunday Night Youth
- Wednesday the 24th**– Life Groups
- Sunday the 28th**– LAST Sunday School, VA Mission Trip Info Meeting (2:30-3:30 pm in The Underground)
- Wednesday the 31st**– LAST Life Group

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Stewardship



The Stuff of Movies

Charlton Heston, Tony Curtis and Deborah Kerr were a few of my favorite actors in Hollywood's version of epic Bible stories. That was until I went to Universal Studios and saw how Moses really parted the Red Sea for the people of God to escape the hands of the Egyptians. Perhaps I may be dating myself since Pastor Chris relates more to the "Star Wars" era.

The Bible is filled with stories of such great and miraculous happenings, so it is easy to understand why it has always been the stuff of movies. King David is a biblical character that greatly influenced my life for many reasons. Not so much for his bravery in facing Goliath with a sling shot, although his faith in God is an unforgettable lesson. No, it was what he did at the end of his life that helped change the direction of my life. His final acts of leadership opened my eyes and heart to better understand God's plan for followers of Jesus.



I Chronicles chapter 28 and 29 tell a dramatic story of the last years of King David. He summoned all his leaders to Jerusalem and told them he had it in his heart to build a house for the Ark of the Covenant, a place for all to come and worship God. Yet God told him that the honor would not go to him, but to his son Solomon. He then instructed all of those assembled to follow all the commands of God and turned his building plans over to Solomon. One can only imagine how difficult it must have been for David to step aside after all the time he spent preparing to build this new temple in Jerusalem. His advice to Solomon is still wise for church leaders today that are trying to build places for people to come and worship God. *"Be strong and courageous, and do the work. Do not be afraid or discouraged, for the Lord is with you."* I Chronicles 28:20

Money to build was a problem then as it is today. David tells his leaders that he is prepared to empty his pockets (and they were quite deep) and asks them to do as well. As the story unfolds, the people rejoiced at the willingness of their leaders to give so freely and wholeheartedly to the Lord. Guess what? Everyone pitched in and a magnificent place of worship was built.

So now it is near the end of David's life and he addresses the whole assembly, giving all the praise and glory to God for the new temple. He reminds all the people that everything in heaven and earth is God's and that all wealth comes from Him. David's message reminded everyone that everything they gave for the building of the temple came from the hand of God in the first place. In leading the people, David passionately praised God and thanked Him for what the people gave. Wow!! Talk about putting things in proper perspective. This concept resonates with me!

King David's life and writings are the stuff of movies, but if Hollywood won't oblige us, we can be thankful God recorded it for us in a book called the Bible. God still owns everything and all that we have comes from Him and He asks us to give generously. Let's rejoice for the people who call Long's Chapel their church home and so generously support the work of ministry. True generosity, David explains in his prayer before the assembly, comes about after we realize that **everything** we have and give comes from God and still belongs to Him. The key word is **everything!** Wonder if John Wesley was so influenced by God's teaching through David that he continually organized his life so that in his later years he was giving 90% to God's work and living on just 10%. Now that is **The Stuff of Movies**.

Tom Fogarty for Stewardship Ministry

"Be strong and courageous, and do the work. Do not be afraid or discouraged, for the Lord is with you."

I Chronicles 28:20

Stewardship Readings for February

February 5: Jesus' Teaching on Giving

"Give and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you."

-Luke 6:38

February 12: Our Sacrifices Please God

How important is it to give up something you want in order to give more for God's work? "And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased."

-Hebrews 13:16

February 19: Basic Biblical Truth about Giving

We can all say to God, "Everything comes from you, and we have given you only what comes from your hand."

-I Chronicles 29:14

February 26: Jesus Says There is More Than the Tithe

"Woe to you Pharisees, because you give God a tenth of your mint, rue and all other kinds of garden herbs, but you neglect justice and the love of God."

-Luke 11:42



As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace. -1 Peter 4:10

AS OF 1.1.17

Memorials

THE OPERATING FUND

In Memory of: **Celia Medford**

By: Virginia Medford
Bruce & Peggy Briggs

THE BUILDING FUND

In Memory of: **Celia Medford**

By: Bruce & Brenda Hipps

In Memory of: **Myrtle Crawford**

By: Jack & Jean Walker

THE OPEN DOOR

In Memory of: **Harold Muddiman**

By: Jose & Lynnette Baez

In Memory of: **Myrtle Crawford**

By: Frances Jaynes

Honorariums

THE FIREWOOD MINISTRY

In Honor of: **Thelma Strong**

By: Scott & Carol Schroeder

THE OPERATING FUND

In Honor of: **The Scott & Kathryn Clontz Family**

By: Janice Simpson

Stewardship Report for Month Ending 12/31/2016

	Received	Expenses	
Operating Budget			
December	195,065	143,574	
Total 2016 (YTD)	1,549,542	1,513,655	
Building Fund			
Total 2016 (YTD)	100,636	70,980	306,034

February Calendar of Events

Weekly Repeats

Sundays

- 8:20, 9:40 & 11:00 Adult Sunday school (8:20: Children's Church #309; 9:40: Children's & Youth Sunday school classes)
- 8:20 AM Contemporary Worship Sanct (Children's msg. 8:20)
- 9:40 AM Contemporary Worship Sanct/Venue
- 11:00 AM Traditional Worship Sanct
- 11:00 AM **eleven05** for Kids (PreK-5th) Venue
- 11:00 AM Disciple's Path class #503
- 11:05 AM **eleven05** Modern Worship Venue
- 3:00 PM TUJ Phase 2 class #210
- 3:00 PM Rev Youth UG/101 (not on 2/12)

Mondays

- 9:30 AM Intercessory Prayer group #204
- 10:00 AM Women's Psalms Bible study #210
- 5:30 PM GS Trps 30098, 1791, 30032 mtgs #108/202/210/Venue
- 5:30 PM Cub Scouts K-Group mtg #102/5
- 6:45 PM Cub Scouts mtgs #101/2/5/8/202/210

Tuesdays

- 7:30 AM Men's Bible study #101
- 12:30 PM Pure in Heart Arts/Crafts/Comp Ed class #102/5
- 5:30 PM **eleven05** Musicians Venue

- 6:00 PM Spirit Builders Men's grp #210
- 7:00 PM Boy Scouts mtg #101/2/5/8

Wednesdays

- 10:40 AM CEC Chapel Sanct
- 5:00 PM Pure in Heart class #102/5
- 5:15 PM Acts 2:42 dinner/programs #101+
- 6:15 PM Bell Choir rehrsl Bell Room
- 6:30 PM Confirmation class #502
- 6:30 PM "Holy Spirit Here & Now" Sanct
- 6:30 PM "Home Run Life" study #210 (begins 2/8)
- 6:30 PM Women 2 Women Bible study Venue
- 6:30 PM "Breathing Under Water" class #503
- 6:30 PM Youth Life Groups UG/MH/202/501/off campus
- 7:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehrsl #413

Thursdays

- 10:00 AM Knitting Ministries #210
- 1:00 PM "All Things New" Women's Bible study #505
- 4:00 PM **eleven05** Band rehrsl Venue
- 6:30 PM Praise Band rehrsl Sanct

Fridays

- 7:30 PM Fresh Start NA Mtg. #210

Saturdays

- 10:00 AM Youth Praise Band rehrsl UG

Wed., Feb. 1

- 4:00 PM Prison/Jail Min mtg #202
- 6:15 PM Conversations of Hurt & Hope #204
- 6:30 PM Andy Griffith Bible Study #210
- 6:30 PM CALLED: One Word, Many Ways class #309
- 6:30 PM Parenting From the Inside Out class #505

Thurs., Feb. 2

- 7:00 AM Haywood Co. Men's Brkfst Terrace Hotel
- 7:00 PM Compassionate Friends mtg #210

Sun., Feb. 5

- 2:00 PM G.S. Troop #30586 mtg #202/204
- 2:30 PM **eleven05** Creative Desn Tm mtg #203
- 6:00 PM Youth Big Game party Venue

Tues., Feb. 7

- 10:00 AM UMW Susanna Wesley Link mtg #102/5
- 2:00 PM UMW Link #2 mtg #210
- 5:00 PM Nominations mtg #503
- 6:00 PM Missions mtg #505

Wed., Feb. 8

- 10:00 AM UMW YES Link mtg #210

Thurs., Feb. 9

- 6:00 PM G.S. Service Unit mtg #505

Sun., Feb. 12

- 11am-1pm Scout Sunday soup fundraiser lunch #101
- 1:30 PM Safe Sanctuary training Venue
- 3:00 PM Age level Sunday school training #101
- 4:30 PM Parent Confirmation class #503

Mon., Feb. 13

- 6:00 PM UMW EVE Link mtg #503

Tues., Feb. 14

- 10:00 AM AGAPE Link mtg Gathering Area/Venue Area

Wed., Feb. 15

- 1:00 PM Christian Writers Fellowship mtg #210

Thurs., Feb. 16

- 12:00 PM Fancy Free luncheon/mtg #101

Sat., Feb. 18

- 9:00 AM Art in Spiritual Direction #210

Sun., Feb. 19

- 11AM-1PM Gratitude Brunch #101
- 2:00 PM G.S. Troop #30586 mtg #202/204
- 2:30 PM **eleven05** Creative Desn Tm mtg #203

Mon., Feb. 20

- 6:00 PM Evangelism Tm mtg #503

Tues., Feb. 21

- 6:30 PM Church Council mtg #505

Sun., Feb. 26

- 4:30 PM Parent Confirmation class #503

Tues., Feb. 28

- 2:30 PM DOC small grp mtg #210
- 5:30 PM Endowmt Tm mtg #503

This Month in Worship

The Gospel According To Star Wars continues...

It has been labelled one of the most engaging and entertaining sagas of all time. Did you know that the Star Wars movies were made with very intentional and specific spiritual themes that run throughout. We will work to find some of the basic principles of the Christian Faith disguised within. We will read some Scripture and play some movie clips and seek to see our faith from a new perspective. If you are a huge fan or even if you bring skepticism about how it will all fit together, come join us for the journey and see if God doesn't use this time to draw us close and near. And this will be a wonderful time to invite friends to worship!!!



February 5, 2017

Sermon Title: The Gospel According to Star Wars – Yoda and the Value of Wisdom

February 12, 2017

Sermon Title: The Gospel According to Star Wars – A New Hope and The Only Hope

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