

September 13, 2020



God's Word for our Moment

Ephesians 3:14–21

¹⁴For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, ¹⁶that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, ¹⁷so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, ¹⁸may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

²⁰Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, ²¹to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

Elder's Revised Guidelines for Public Gatherings and Events

The Elders have continued to seek God's wisdom and receive and weigh congregational input on our guidelines for our Chapel gatherings. As scheduled now, all current guidelines are set to expire on September 1, 2020. We are revising the guidelines for our public gatherings and events. All present guidelines are rescinded and are replaced by these new ones. These guidelines went into effect on August 13th, 2020 and will automatically expire on December 1, 2020.

1. At our public events, we will provide for social distancing for those who want or need it.
2. At our public events, we ask but do not require people to wear face coverings.
3. At our public events, we ask people to apply Romans 13:1-7 and 1 Peter 2:13-17 with respect to our current circumstances.
4. Ministries may set stricter guidelines for their ministry teams and events. Guidelines must be submitted to and approved by the Elders.
5. The Bible in Ephesians 4:29-5:2 and Romans 14 commands us, in our attitudes and actions, to be generous and gracious to those holding opposite views.

The Elders *ask* reflects both our view that wearing the face covering is wise and that we are trying to allow for some liberty in this.

As noted in number 4 above, the Elder approved guidelines for Children's Ministry Teams will be in force beginning September 1.

Please do not allow this to deter you from coming to and participating in our gatherings Sunday or any others as scheduled. We should so crave being together that inconveniences and hindrances are overcome for our spiritual good.

Please remember our core imperative to put the other person's interests above your own (Philippians 2:3-5, 14-15)

Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus,

Do all things without grumbling or disputing, that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world...

Each of us has our own opinion about these guidelines. The Bible calls us to be wise and discerning and that is well and good. However, these guidelines for our gatherings we believe are best and wise. Caring for one another means we humbly set aside our rights and opinions to submit to leadership and to put others' interests first.

Current Crisis Update from 8/9/2020 Elders Meeting

Please pray for your elders as we continue to seek God's wisdom for reopening our gatherings and events.

We are open for AM Gatherings at our regular worship time of 9:30am. The building will be open at 9:00am. The auditorium and overflow room will be available. The overflow room is fully social distancing configured, masks required and a non-singing room for those who prefer that.

Our PM gathering is open to all this Sunday evening at 5:30pm. The building will be open at 5:00pm. The auditorium and overflow room will be available.

For all our gatherings, we are asking you to abide by our guidelines and to respect one another. We are requesting all our church family to wear a face covering to our gatherings. We are now allowing doors to be closed.

This Sunday's Gatherings 9/13:

****Praise the Lord! The Nursery needs have been filled!***

Thank you to everyone who prayed for and responded to this need!

Our Nurseries will now be open for ages 0-3, in the morning and evening.

Please use the Children's Kiosk prior to the beginning of service to check-in your whole family.

A staff member will be there to assist you.

9:30am - 10:40am - Morning Gathering

Sermon Title:

A Charge to Keep

Text: 2 Timothy 4:1-8

Speaker: Pastor Russ

Nurseries & Overflow OPEN

11:10am - Noon - Education Hour

Group	Class	Location
Adults	Ezra/Nehemiah	Auditorium
Adults	Chapel Starters	Kitchen
Grades 7-12	Youth	132/133
Grades 4-6	Juniors	136
Grades 1-3	Primaries	135
Age 4 - K	Beginners	134
0-3	Nurseries	111-115

4:00pm - 6:30pm - G3 - Youth

Gospel, Games, Grub; for all ages 7th - 12th grades. Please RSVP to Leah Shouse to help with dinner plans. Youth are encouraged to bring friends! Hope to see you there!

5:30pm - 6:30pm - Evening Gathering

Sermon Title:

Preaching at the Chapel

Text:

Speaker: Pastor Russ

**If rain, Overflow room may be CLOSED
because of Youth Event

Children will be dismissed from Auditorium

Grades 4-6	Juniors	136
Grades 1-3	Primaries	135
Age 4 - K	Beginners	134
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Our Overflow room is designated as a No - Singing Zone.

Please wear a mask in that room to respect everyone's wishes in that space. Thank You!

Both Services are live streamed on Facebook, www.facebook.com/Clearcreekchapel

Our archives are stored on *SermonAudio.com* & YouTube <https://tinyurl.com/ClearcreekChapel>
(published Wednesdays)

ASL interpretation available at YouTube & SermonAudio.com

Other resources for our sermons and notices:



This Week's Events:

***Please remember when coming to the building during the week to enter by the office door and check in with the secretaries; we are taking special precautions to keep the building sanitized and ready for use on Sundays.**

Monday 9/14:

- Counseling by Appointment

Tuesday 9/15:

9:30am & 6:30pm Women's Bible Study - room 132/133
7pm Elders' Meeting - room 131

Wednesday 9/16:

Time & Location Varies Flock Meetings:
Please check with your Elder or your Flock Coordinator for times, locations and details Or contact the Chapel office to be connected with a Flock - 937-885-2143; secretarial@clearcreekchapel.org

Saturday 9/19

9am Youth Landscaping

Upcoming Events

Chapel Annual Meeting and Lord's Table

Sept. 27 at 5:30pm we will hold our annual Financial review as well as celebrate the Lord's table. We look at this time as a celebration of remembering all the good He has done while we anticipate His future return.

Deaf Day at the ARK Encounter

Saturday, Oct 10 Our Deaf ministry will be taking a special trip to visit the ARK Encounter in Northern Kentucky. The Ark will have its usual offerings available, and additionally, will have special presentations and interpreters for all displays. This is truly a meeting of both cultures and we invite you to join us. General admission prices apply or use your annual passes. We will carpool from the Chapel at 8am.

Please contact Catherine Ambro if you are interested in joining us or if you have any questions: secretarial@clearcreekchapel.org

Giving Report

Quarterly Financial Report is available at <http://www.clearcreekchapel.org/contact/give>

How to give:

1. Giving Collection Boxes have been installed in the auditorium, main lobby, and east lobby.
2. By Mail or Bill Pay
Send check to Clearcreek Chapel, PO Box 327, Springboro, OH 45066
3. Recurring Direct Payment via ACH transaction
Direct Debit Authorization form is available on our website, link above.
4. PayPal
Our PayPal account to accept donations is: Contributions@clearcreekchapel.org

(Note: there are transaction fees deducted from the amount we receive).
Link for PayPal giving is on our website, see link above.

Giving	Last Week	Year to Date
Actual	14,536.79	14,536.79
Budgeted	11,563.24	11,563.24
Benevolence Fund Balance	5,748.82	

Prayers

- Pray for the Vaughan family as they are recovering from COVID. **If you have had in-person contact with them since September 1, please contact your health provider. Do not return to Chapel gatherings or events until 14 days after your last contact with them.**
- We are praising God for a good report after Greg Cook was admitted to the ER for an infection of bile ducts and liver. He is recovering at home now. Continue in prayer for his smooth recovery.
- Terry Engle is recovering at home from the hospital following his surgery to treat a serious infection. He is thankful for your prayers.
- We have several members who are working as doctors, nurses, support staff, firefighters/paramedics, etc. Pray for protection for our medical professionals & first responders who have a greater likelihood of exposure to the virus. Thank you for serving & caring for the people in our local communities.
- The Elders as we regularly seek God's wisdom to be pleasing to God and to serve well as a church family.
- Pray for our brothers and sisters in China who are suffering under intense persecution.
- Pray for church leaders all over the world who are wrestling with many of the same decisions we are, often under much more difficult circumstances.

Office Hours: Monday - Friday, 9am - 3pm

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Barb: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

Catherine: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday

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Anita: Tuesday, Friday

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