

THE CHATTER

Letter from the Pastor - "Mixed Messages"

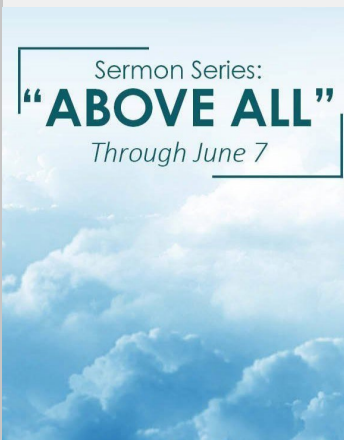


LONG'S CHAPEL

REACH • GROW • SERVE

Beginning June 1, Long's Chapel will enter into Phase 2 of our reopening plans. To read more about our proposed phases, please visit our website at <https://www.longschapel.com/post/reopening-phases-plans>

TAKE OUR REOPENING SURVEY HERE



Sermon Series: **"Above All?"**

Through June 7

Whether you are seeking, brand new to the faith or a longtime Christian - there is a question that is helpful to spend time reflecting on - Who is God? Time spent pondering what the Scriptures say about God's nature and character helps us understand the object of our worship and draws us deeper into relationship with God. Lots of names are attributed to God but none more than these:

May 31, Pentecost: Holy Spirit (Comforter)

June 7: Jesus (Savior)

Download this Sunday's Worship Guide

Ways to connect with our Sunday stream - Find out more at <https://www.longschapel.com/onlineworship>

PENTECOST

in the parking lot

Long's Chapel
Sunday, May 31
10:00 am

In addition to our three streamed services this Sunday, May 31 (9:00, 10:10 and 11:11), you may participate in drive-in church at 10:00 am. Cars will be parked with spaces in-between, and we will share some time of live worship together. You are encouraged to wear masks, especially if you need to use the restroom inside or are outside of your car. You may remain in your cars or bring lawn chairs to help with hearing sound right outside your car. Bring your water, tea, or coffee and join us!



THE OPEN DOOR MINISTRY – Starting Monday, June 1, The Open Door, in partnership with The Salvation Army and St. John's Catholic Church will be going mobile with food distribution. From 11:30 am to 1:00 pm, daily carry-out hot lunches and overnight food bags will be served to those in need from St. John's parking lot. While this is a significant change from how The Open Door has served this community for over two decades, we will continue to explore how we can be well-positioned to meet the needs of the under-served residents' of Haywood County. The Open Door is also sheltering 18 vulnerable individuals during the COVID-19 pandemic right now, who also have support from a caseworker. Please consider donating as you can The Open Door - thank you for your support thus far. You may give online [HERE](#), then select "The Open Door". You may also mail a check to the church with a line item for "The Open Door". For any questions about The Open Door, please contact [Bill Guy](#).

SECOND BLESSING THRIFT SHOP - Now accepting donations on MWF, 11:00 am-2:00 pm. DO NOT bring donations outside of this time as volunteers may not be available to bring items inside. All donations, including furniture, are to be set inside the opened gate onto the dock. Dock assistance will not be available. Six-foot safe distancing will be enforced and practiced if volunteers are available to assist. Donations will only be accepted if:

1. Clothes must be in TIED BAGS
2. Items must be BOXED
3. Furniture must be LOADED onto dock

FIREWOOD MINISTRY GOLF TOURNAMENT - This year, you can feel the satisfaction of keeping a family warm while helping our local businesses and restaurants. Our traditional golf tournament fundraiser has been cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic, but your participation and support can continue! Funds are still needed as we begin our spring wood project which allows us to provide next winter's wood for heat-insecure folks in Haywood County. If you are interested in contributing to the Firewood Ministry, download [THIS FORM](#) and mail back to us! If you have any questions, contact Richard Reeves at [828.734.9272](tel:828.734.9272).

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD - Last call for May items including toys for either girls or boys i.e. jump ropes, harmonicas, small puzzles, etc. June collection items includes: Boys' items i.e. matchbox cars, flashlights with extra batteries, balls etc. Remember that items must fit into a shoe box along with other items. If you have questions about anything, call Becky or Bill Jarrell.

LONG'S CHAPEL EACH DUPLEX - Our Long's Chapel EACH Duplex is coming along! We are in need of handyman volunteers and those willing to paint trim, touch up walls. Most need for help is interior and easily social distanced. To volunteer, contact Charlene Ashley at 214-497-1974. We hope to have the duplex completed by summer's end and host an Open House for congregants to come see the new duplex! See photos below of the progress!



SUMMER SMALL GROUPS (JUNE-AUGUST)

The Summer Trail Guide will be released early next week. Watch for an email to check out summer small groups and opportunities to get connected!

GUIDE TO SMALL GROUP MEETINGS ON CAMPUS

As Long's Chapel begins Phase Two of the campus reopening plan, the campus will be open for small groups or classes of 10 or less participants. The modular (Room 600) and the Dugan/Lundy room (Room 210) will be available for scheduling. **ALL ON-CAMPUS meetings/classes must be scheduled on the calendar through Lynn Carpenter, Office Manager. Facility use requests must be submitted via [THIS LINK](#).** A confirmation email will be sent once the meeting has been approved and scheduled on the calendar. For questions, please contact Lynn.Carpenter@LongsChapel.com.



Many of you responding to our reopening survey indicated you would be willing to SERVE on hospitality teams to help clean our facilities as we begin reopening phases. If you were one of those persons, please reach out to Elizabeth Meschke at Serve@LongsChapel.com. Thank you for helping us SERVE and keep our church clean and members healthy!



WAYS TO CONNECT WITH LCKIDS THROUGHOUT THE WEEK!
1 Sunday - Connect through one of the three services to worship with a Moment from LCKids. Sunday school will follow after the morning services via Facebook Live. All information for the lessons will be posted in LCKids Facebook group. There families can find lesson videos, worship music, crafts, games, and deeper Bible study to go along with the topic of the week.
2 Wednesday - 5:30 pm, Shawn 'n Sally Show. Join us as we interview famous folks of the Bible.

If you haven't already, request to join the LCKids Facebook Group [HERE](#). For more information or questions, contact Sally.Hundley@LongsChapel.com.



CONNECT WITH REVOLUTION STUDENTS ONLINE!

1 12:30 pm Youth Zoom lunch schedule is as follows:

- Mon: 6th-7th grade
- Tues: 8th-9th grade
- Wed: 10th-12th grade

2 Shawn n' Sally Show, Wednesdays, 5:30 pm

3 Sunday Youth, 4:00 pm

Join us via Instagram at [@lcrevyouth3.0](#), or via our Revolution Students [Facebook Group page](#).



2020 GRADUATION CELEBRATION & PARADE

Sunday, May 31, 4:30-5:30 pm

Join us to celebrate all our Spring 2020 graduates - both high school and college/university graduates! We will be hosting a drive-by parade on Sunday, May 31, 4:30-5:30 pm on our campus. Decorate your cars with posters and balloons, drop off gift cards, write letters of encouragement, and honk for our graduates! Graduates will be set up at various spots in our parking lot. We will have personnel directing you through our parking lot for the parade where you can celebrate our 2020 graduates in a safe and socially-distanced way.

We don't want to miss anyone!! If you are a Spring 2020 graduate, please email Shawn ASAP so we can celebrate your accomplishments! Shawn.Winburn@LongsChapel.com



The CEC continues to follow all required protocols and guidelines for operation. Attendance will be moving back towards normal beginning in June - allowing non-essential workers' children back for child care.

The construction and remodel in the CEC is coming along! Flooring is going down in three rooms this week and then three rooms will be ready for inspection and occupancy. Special thanks to Mace Lookock and Jerry Southard for all their hard work in refinishing book shelves and rocking chairs for the remodeled classrooms. It is going to be a gorgeous facility!

Also, thank you to our CEC staff for all the extra cleaning and work that they have done during the COVID-19 pandemic to keep us meeting all our cleaning guidelines.



Understanding Stewardship

Any discussion about stewardship must begin with a word about God. It all starts with Genesis 1:1, "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth." The first verse of the Bible establishes God's relationship to us. God created all things and sustains all life. That means us and all we have in this world. Are we diminishing that relationship with God with our 'dependence' on our jobs, iPhones, and other social media? What are the most important things in our life? Where does everything we have come from? The answer to that question clearly comes to us in Deuteronomy 8:18. "Remember the Lord your God, for it is He who gives you the ability to produce wealth." Early in Scripture, God tells us we have no right to use

our material blessings to further selfish purposes, but we should use our God-given resources to advance His Kingdom. Ecclesiastes 5:19 tells us that “when God gives wealth and possessions...this is a gift from God.” We receive instructions in 1 Peter 4:10, “Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace.” In order for Long’s Chapel to serve others and advance His Kingdom, now more than ever we need your stewardship of giving to fund both the church operations and building expansion. God’s blessings always follow!



MINISTRY FUNDING REPORT

	APR	YTD	Prior YTD
GIVING.....	\$121,321.....	\$411,400.....	\$447,557
Ministry & Mission ..	(\$89,182)...	(\$434,051)....	(\$492,457)
SURPLUS(Deficit).....	\$32,140.....	(\$22,651).....	(\$44,900)
<i>Other Giving YTD</i>			
Designated.....	\$79,340		
Building.....	\$532,749		
Total Giving.....	\$1,023,489		

2 Corinthians 9:6-8
Now this I say, he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must do just as he has purposed in his heart, not grudgingly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that always having all sufficiency in everything, you may have an abundance for every good deed.

This Bible verse is perfect for this time as so many in the life of Long’s Chapel continue to give faithfully and this is something to celebrate. Thank you to everyone who continues to tithe through Long’s Chapel to allow us to continue to spread the Good News and help to serve the community. Your generous gifts allow the church to do things like continue to work on a plan to find a new way/location to feed people in the Waynesville community.

Long’s Chapel, Child Enrichment Center, The Open Door / Second Blessing Thrift Shop have continued to operate during the mandatory stay at home orders by Haywood County. We have changed how we operate and even have employees doing different jobs in order to keep from laying off any employee. The only area to have not stayed working was the after-school program “The Hangout” which was scheduled to end in May two weeks prior to the end of the school year. We are blessed to have been approved and received funding through the federal program “Payroll Protect Plan”. We received an approximate \$300k to fund two months of wages for all operations in the months of May and June. This will provide an approximate \$75k to the CEC and \$25k to The Open Door/ Second Blessing with the remaining balance towards church operations.

GIVE ONLINE

DIGITAL CONNECT CARD

REMINDERS/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- 1. Our staff is vitally serving virtually from their homes and will begin transition back on campus as they are comfortable in June. Please continue to connect with us whenever needed. Our staff emails and phone numbers can be found [HERE](#).
- 2. The Long's Chapel Prayer Team is here for you! While we do not have a bulletin to submit your prayer concerns/requests on, you may submit prayer requests on our website at www.LongsChapel.com/contact, via our [digital connect card](#), or by contacting pastor Tim directly via [EMAIL](#) or phone at [828.456.3993](tel:828.456.3993) Ext. 202. Our prayer team is also making routine calls to members to check in on you and your families.

Please be in prayer for:
CONGREGATIONAL CARE

For immediate prayer use our TELEPHONE PRAYER CHAIN by calling: Eliza Mathewes, [828.456.1948](tel:828.456.1948), or Sylvia Beasley, [828.734.5015](tel:828.734.5015) (9:00 am until 9:00 pm daily.)
Continuing prayer for: **Frances Williams, Margaret** (Sandy Breitmeier's mom), **Rick Fisher, Jaxton Hurt, Cindy Williamson, Claire Wilkerson, Virginia (Gini) Robertson, Bill Frady, Gene Rucker, Craig Hill, Ray Rouser, Shelbie McCracken** (Donna Sutton's niece), **Julie Lanning** (Karen Lanning's mother-in-law), **Brooks Medford, Bob Nanney, Candy Waldron** (Pam Waldron's sister-in-law), **Maverick Alonzo** (Jim & Lynda Matthew's great nephew), **Dan Stiles, Melissa Blain, Collins Tedcastle, Don Westin, Sue Meyers** (Dianne Klug's sister), **Amy and Ann** (Ellen Russell's daughter & granddaughter), **Mark Clasby, Ginger Tilley, Aleia Grace Sutton, Rufus Brown, Wayne Justice, Ashley & Paula Calhoun** and others we might not know about. (If you would like your name or the name of a family member listed here or a name removed, call 828.456.3993, Ext. 202.)



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