



# LONG'S CHAPEL

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## THE CHATTER

Letter from the Pastor - "A Few Things"



**Sermon Series:**  
**"Under Construction - A Powerful Start to 2020"**

*January 5 - February 23, 2020*

Long's Chapel is a place that's Under Construction and Renovation. With our campus expansion project, it's hard to come to the church building and not see the progress. It's also a constant reminder that as we prepare for and begin 2020, Long's Chapel and each of us are in a state of remodel and renovation. We too are under construction. There are ways that each of us can use this time to pray about God's renewing and transforming power changing us in healthy ways. Come join us as we become construction workers and use the guidance of God's blueprint for life: the Scriptures.



**OCC** - Last call for February collection items: hair items for boys and girls including brushes and combs. Girls' hair accessories are also accepted! As always, drop off your donations in the bin in the Gathering Area.

**The Open Door had an impactful year in 2019** - 32,590 meals were served and there was a total of 14,400 volunteer hours given. As many of you are aware, The Open Door is in a season of transition and re-visioning. Please continue to pray for our leadership team, ministry team, and The Open Door. One thing will always remain true through this transitional process, which is to maintain the mission of The Open Door and serve a specific population of our community faithfully with food, fellowship, and support. We are looking forward to seeing how God works on this incredible ministry in the coming months!

This spring's adult *GROW* program is underway and our small groups have been full of energy and joy. We have been



intentional this season to broaden our scope of spiritual growth beyond our own church walls and have organized some gatherings out in the community. I want to invite you to jump in to one of our dynamic off-site group discussions. On the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays of the month, our Pub Theology group meets at BearWaters Brewing Co. in Canton at 6:00 pm. This group embraces an environment of open and honest conversation around a variety of topics about faith, life, and the world. On the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays, 7:30 pm at Mad Anthony's in Waynesville, folks are gathering to reflect upon the Early Christian church and the social aspect of the Christian movement as told in Luke and Acts. Check out these and the rest of our spring *GROW* opportunities in our online version of the Trail Guide. All of our class offerings are online at [www.LongsChapel.com/Adults](http://www.LongsChapel.com/Adults).



**Ash Wednesday Worship Service - Wednesday, February 26, 6:30 pm in the Sanctuary**

Ash Wednesday is a tradition that runs deep in Christian tradition. It's a service of worship that allows us to focus on our humanity and obstacles that sometimes get in the way of us receiving God's grace and forgiveness. Come join us for this special evening service.

**Wednesday, February 26 Programming Changes:**

- NO LCKids We Serve Wednesdays
- NO Revolution Students Life Groups
- NO Acts 2:42 Meal



Happy Valentine's Day week! Did you know service is an act of love? Jesus gave a simple illustration of expressing love by an act of service when He washed the feet of His disciples. In a culture where people wore sandals and walked on dirt streets, it was customary for the servant of the house to wash the feet of guests as they arrived. Why not choose an act of service to show someone you love them?

*SERVE* Spotlight:  
Hospitality team - This team makes and serves coffee on Sunday

morning. The team also helps set up refreshments in between services. This service opportunity can be accomplished between 1-3 hours per month. **To get plugged in to a *SERVE* ministry, contact [Serve@LongsChapel.com](mailto:Serve@LongsChapel.com).**

Download the Volunteer Schedule



Before the Ash Wednesday Service on Wednesday, February 26, families can pick up sermon notes for the service and a family guide to Lent and Easter will be available!

Our next Parents' Night Out is scheduled for Saturday, March 14. Register your child(ren) before Thursday, March 12 by emailing [Wendy.McKenzie@LongsChapel.com](mailto:Wendy.McKenzie@LongsChapel.com).



Want to support Big Brothers Big Sisters of Haywood County while having a great time? Join Revolution Student Ministries on March 14 for **Bowl For Kids' Sake**. We will meet at the church at 9:15 am and leave by 9:30 am. Students and adults are challenged to put together teams of 4-5 bowlers and each person needs to raise \$50. Participants will get a free t-shirt and will bowl two games. See Shawn for more information, bowling forms, and to sign up a team!

**Revolution Student Ministries Spring Retreat to Look Up Lodge is March 27-29** and all 6<sup>th</sup>– 12<sup>th</sup> grade students and their friends are encouraged to join us for this exciting weekend in Travelers Rest, SC. We have so much packed into this incredible weekend for our teens, including: worship, great food, free time in the air-nasium, soccer in the futsal arena, gaga ball, 9 square in the air, powerful messages and group discussions, marshmallows around a bonfire, paintball, fishing, and tons of fun and great memories! To register and learn more details, please [CLICK HERE](#).

Interested in sponsoring one of our kids for this event? Please contact Shawn if you would like to help a teen attend this retreat! [Shawn.Winburn@LongsChapel.com](mailto:Shawn.Winburn@LongsChapel.com) or 828.456.3993 Ext. 205.



We are excited to announce our Child Enrichment Center was named #2 best child care facility in Haywood County for 2020 by the Best of Haywood contest. Thank you to anyone who may have voted for our CEC!



Recently I heard a story about a man who gave his last \$25 to a homeless woman trying to buy food for her two children. He did this knowing that it was all he had with him at the time and it was supposed to be for gas money for a two-hour drive home. He knew the gas gauge registered almost empty on his

car when he stopped to help her. Somehow the car never ran out of gas on his entire trip home. He told his wife it was a modern-day miracle and that it's important to remember God knows all of our needs and can provide for them. It reminded him of the story of Elijah and the widow. They relied on God for their daily bread and God provided time and again.

When our giving back to God for Kingdom Building stretches us and makes us more aware of our dependence on God for all that we have, we grow in faith and trust in God's provision.



**IMAGINE CAMPAIGN UPDATE**

(as of January 31, 2020)

REMAINING CASH BALANCE.....	\$196,000
PROJECT PAYMENTS PAID.....	\$3,250,000
LOAN BALANCE.....	\$0
TOTAL PROJECT COST (+/- 2%) .....	\$9,150,000

Thanks to your generous donations, our church has not had to pull from our construction loan as of yet, which saves us in interest costs. That is a HUGE celebration! We are projecting the need to begin pulling from our loan in March. As our hearts and lives are also under spiritual construction with our current sermon series, we ask you continue to give to our new building as your hearts are led.



**MINISTRY FUNDING REPORT**

2019

GIVING.....	\$1,438,504
MINISTRY.....	<u>\$1,392,261</u>
SURPLUS.....	\$46,261

Jan. 2020

GIVING.....	\$87,340
MINISTRY.....	<u>\$133,215</u>
DEFICIT.....	(\$45,875)

Ministry costs usually exceed giving during the 1<sup>st</sup> half of the year. Negative monthly balances do not stop our ministry; we use reserve funds to continue the ministries and mission of Long's Chapel reaching others for Christ. Thank you for your generous donations. 2020 is going to be a great year!

**MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT**

The Youth Scholarship Fund of Long's Chapel was established in June, 2008. This fund was designated to provide financial assistance for college or tech school bound high school seniors who were active participants in the life of Long's Chapel. Since inception, there have been 35 scholarships recipients totaling an amount of \$180,000 in scholarship funds. Without annual financial support, this fund would be non-existent. Thank you to all who have given!

**REMINDERS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMUNITY EVENTS:**

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- 1. **Haywood Pathways 2 Annual Empty Bowls** - Thursday, February 27, 6:00-8:00 pm at Hart Theatre, Waynesville. Join us for a meal to help fight hunger and homelessness in our community! Attendees select a bowl handcrafted by local WNC artists and enjoy a meal of various soup tastings, bread and dessert provided by local restaurants. VOTE for your favorite soup. To learn more or purchase tickets online, [CLICK HERE](#).
- 2. If you wish to request a table in the Gathering Area for promotion of an event or ministry, you MUST request *two weeks in advance* by contacting [Communications@LongsChapel.com](mailto:Communications@LongsChapel.com).
- 3. Pick up our new **Long's Chapel quarterly printed calendar**, located in the Welcome Center. This publication highlights church-wide events and happenings January-March. To submit items for April-July 2020, please email [Communications@LongsChapel.com](mailto:Communications@LongsChapel.com) anytime.
- 4. **Inclement Weather** – Those with computer access are encouraged to visit our website, tune into WLOS-TV for church closings, or check our Facebook page for closing announcements. Closures will be decided upon and posted by 7:00 am on Sundays and 1:00 pm on Wednesdays. You may also call 828.456.3993, then press 2, to hear closing information.

Printable Calendar February 21 - March 5, 2020

Calendar of Events



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