

May 9, 2021



## God's Word for our Moment

Psalm 5:7–8 (NLT)

<sup>7</sup> Because of your unfailing love, I can enter your house;  
I will worship at your Temple with deepest awe.

<sup>8</sup> Lead me in the right path, O Lord,  
or my enemies will conquer me.  
Make your way plain for me to follow.

## Our **Current** Gathering and Events Guidelines

These guidelines were effective April 14, 2021 and will automatically expire on June 1, 2021.

1. At our public events, we will provide for social distancing for those who want or need it. For our worship gatherings, we will continue to provide the overflow room with no singing and masks required.
2. *While the Elders are not mandating masks under our authority over church gatherings, we are reminding all who attend that the Ohio Department of Health order does not exempt Chapel gatherings or events on our campus from mask wearing. Please be sure that you understand how these orders apply to you and the Scriptures' commands to submit to our government, while keeping your conscience clear.*
3. Anyone who is sick, has a fever or has well-known COVID symptoms should not attend our gatherings or events and join us online.
4. Anyone who has tested positive may not attend for ten days beginning on the date of test (not the date of the results).
5. Ministries may set Ministry Focused Guidelines for their ministry teams and events. Guidelines must be submitted to and approved by the Elders. Current approved Ministry Guidelines automatically renew until June 1, 2021
6. 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.

## Nursery Need

"The Chapel nurseries are in need of workers and people willing to be on the list of subs. Please contact Kellie Hines ([kellie.hines@clearcreekchapel.org](mailto:kellie.hines@clearcreekchapel.org)) if you are interested in serving."

## COVID-Related Assistance

A national program has been designed to assist families who have lost loved ones due to COVID-19 over the past year. Financial assistance is available for COVID-19-related funeral expenses. If you would like information on this program, visit <https://www.fema.gov/disasters/coronavirus/economic/funeral-assistance> or [www.turner.house.gov](http://www.turner.house.gov). More information is also posted on the church bulletin board.

## This Sunday's Gatherings 5/09:

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

**Sermon Title: The Authority of Jesus in the Mission**

**Text: Matthew 10:1-42**

**Speaker: Pastor Russ**

Overflow for NON-Singing preference, masks required is OPEN  
Nurseries are OPEN

### 11:10am - Noon - Education Hour

Group	Class	Location
Adults	Holiness of God	Auditorium
Deaf Adults	Exodus	125
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

### 5:30pm - Evening Gathering

**Sermon Title: Why Fight for Truth**

**Text: Jude**

**Speaker: Russ Kennedy**

Overflow is OPEN  
Nurseries are OPEN

Grades 1-6	Primaries - Juniors	135
Age 4 - K	Beginners	134
0-3	Nurseries	111-115

Our Overflow room is designated as a Mask required and No - Singing Zone.

All gatherings are live streamed on Facebook, [www.facebook.com/Clearcreekchapel](http://www.facebook.com/Clearcreekchapel)

Our archives are stored on [SermonAudio.com](http://SermonAudio.com) & [YouTube](http://YouTube) (published Wednesdays)

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 office; we are taking special precautions to keep the building sanitized and ready for use on Sundays.*

Sunday 5/09:

Monday 5/10: **Counseling by Appointment**

Information about our counseling program can be found at [www.chapelcounseling.org](http://www.chapelcounseling.org)  
If you are in need of counseling: please email Jayne at [counseling.admin@clearcreekchapel.org](mailto:counseling.admin@clearcreekchapel.org)

Tuesday 5/11:

Wednesday 5/12: **Flock Meetings**

Time & Location Varies Contact the Chapel office to be connected with a Flock Group - 937-885-2143; [secretarial@clearcreekchapel.org](mailto:secretarial@clearcreekchapel.org). Your Flock Elder or Coordinator will have more specific times, locations and details.

Thursday 5/13:

Friday 5/14:

Saturday 5/15: **ADVANCED COUNSELING CLASS**

Final Advanced Class for 2021: Counseling, Justification, Grace and Moral Effort, Saturday, May 15<sup>th</sup> 9:00am-12:00pm. You must have completed the Fundamentals/Basic Course to attend. This will be taught by Pastor Tim Pasma. Email Jayne to register or register online at [www.chapelcounseling.org/programs.php](http://www.chapelcounseling.org/programs.php)

## Upcoming Events

### SPRING WORKSHOP FOR WOMEN - May 18

What: Scribbles and Laments - "An Introduction to Prayer Journaling"

Where: Clearcreek Chapel

When: May 18 from 6:30-8:00 pm

The discipline of lamenting to the Lord through the written word is as old as the Bible itself. Come learn the beauty and blessing of communing with God through your pen. Refreshments served. Sign up at the information table in the lobby.

### YOUTH SERVICE EVENT - MAY 22

Who: CCYM

What: BOGG Food Packaging Service Event

When: Saturday, May 22nd

Where: Southbrook Church

Time: 10am - 12:45pm

NOTE: Please join us in serving our Dayton area! This is a service event packing food for families. Sign up using the Google Form link emailed to parents and youth. Youth leaders will provide

carpooling. Please meet at the Chapel at 10am. Pick-up will be around 12:45pm at the Chapel. See Jordan Frye with any questions.

## GRADUATION RECOGNITION - JUNE 6

If you are graduating from high school, technical school or college during the year and would like to participate in our Graduate Recognition service on June 6 at 5:30pm, please fill out a request card at the information table in the lobby and return it to the church office by May 23.

## JONI & FRIENDS (JAF)

Wall of Money Fundraiser

Each year youth provide fundraisers to help offset the cost of attending JAF. This year the Wall of Money is back! Please help support youth by selecting an envelope from the Wall of Money in the lobby. Each envelope has a varying dollar amount from \$1 to \$100. Select an envelope, place cash or a check inside, and return to the ladies at the table. Fundraiser runs May 2nd through May 30th. Thanks for your support!

## COFFEE WITH A COUNSELOR

Do you have simple questions that need answered? Do you wonder how to work through an issue of life but may not be interested in formal counseling? The Chapel Counseling ministry is starting this new service **exclusively** for our church family. Every Friday morning we are offering quick 60-90 minute opportunities for you to come in and chat with one of our biblical counselors about a simple issue of life. These opportunities require no preparation, but we do ask that you call the church office or send an email to [counseling.admin@clearcreekchapel.org](mailto:counseling.admin@clearcreekchapel.org) to make an appointment so that we can make sure we have someone available just for you.

## WALK FOR LIFE 2021

Would you like to support our area Miami Valley Women's Center in a very tangible way? This year's Walk for Life will take place on Saturday morning, May 22nd beginning at Southbrook Christian Church. Stop by the table in the lobby the next few Sundays to sponsor a Clearcreek Chapel walker, sign up to walk, or find out how to get your own sponsors and get a free t-shirt! Click on the link below to sponsor Chapel walkers. See Jayne Nixon if you have any questions. <https://secure.ministrysync.com/ministrysync/event/website/?m=5142669>

The Chapel Team has set a goal of \$1500 in donations to sponsor our walkers. See the table in the lobby for more information.

## 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](mailto: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.

<b>Giving</b>	<b>Last Week</b>	<b>Year to Date</b>
<b>Actual</b>	7,051.00	407,033.06
<b>Budgeted</b>	11,563.24	404,713.40
<b>Benevolence Fund Balance:</b>		4,882.91

## Prayers

- Pray for those in our congregation who are recovering from Covid-19. Please continue to be vigilant in prayers for each other, our friends, family and neighbors and that God will be pleased to halt the spread of this virus. Pray that our care for each other will be pleasing to the Lord.
- 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.

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

**Heidi:** Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday

**Barb:** Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

**Jayne:** Monday, Thursday

**Anita:** Tuesday, Friday

## Contact Information

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## Our Current Gathering and Events Guidelines

After much reflection, discussion, and prayer, the Elders have reconsidered our view on the Ohio Health Department mask mandate. In the beginning, churches were exempt from the mandates and we took measures as a matter of wisdom. When we mandated masks at Chapel Gatherings and Events, we did so because we believed it was best. At that time, it happened to align with what the Health Department was doing and therefore did not raise the questions we now face.

Recently, the governor and the Ohio Health Department consolidated the complicated set of mandates and directives to make them much easier to navigate. This has led to significant discussion about our approach to requiring masks in the Chapel's public gatherings and events. In removing the Elders mandate on March 23rd, 2021, we did so given the best information we had considering the decline of cases, the decline in hospitalizations, the rise in immunizations and other factors.

However, the Ohio Department of Health (OHD), on April 8, 2021, made it clear that they are making the mask orders for all persons over ten years old except for those with certain health conditions. The only exception to the mask mandate that applies in a religious gathering is for the officiant(s). The Ohio Health Department Mask Mandate applies to you even at religious gatherings. The only other possible exception is when you are in a private residence in which a Flock meeting is taking place.

We understand that there are many different opinions about masks. Christians disagree about the necessity, the efficacy, and the legality of their being mandated. Regardless of your personal opinion about masks, if you go to any store or restaurant you usually comply with the OHD's orders as implemented by that particular business. Whether you are required by texts like Romans 13:1-7 and Titus 3:1-2 to comply with the OHD mandates continues to be the subject of many debates. While we want you to be clear in your conscience, the Elders have taught that Christians are to submit to the government and may disobey only when commanded to sin. Wearing a mask might be an impediment to what we do together as Christians, however wearing one does not cause you to disobey God. You can still freely worship, learn and fellowship.

## Children's Ministry Guidelines

- **We are extending the Children's Ministries and Nursery COVID guidelines until June 1, 2021.**

## Chapel Campus Guidelines

- Social distancing is now 3 feet as recommended by the CDC.
- We are ending the Chapel Campus Gathering and Event Minimal Touch Guidelines on March 24, 2021.
- We are extending the Chapel Food Service Guidelines for events with **over 25 people being served** until **May 1, 2021**.
- We are ending Chapel Office guidelines on March 24, 2021 except as required by Law.