

CALENDAR

Today *Men's Class Meets in Auditorium*
Ladies Class Meets in Multipurpose Room
Kids K-6th go to Nichols Building

THIS WEEK

Wednesday	Teens - Movie Night @ Riverfront Amphitheater – Meet @ LRC 7:00 PM
Wednesday	Mundo de Fe 6-8 PM Worship Center
Thursday	Men's Basketball

Nursery and Children's Church

During the Worship Assembly, LRC has nurseries available for children ages birth – two years of age down the Preschool Ministry hallway. During the worship assembly, children ages 3-PreKindergarten will be dismissed to Children's Church.

Elder Prayer Time

Our elders meet to pray every Sunday morning during the 9:00 AM class period. The elders would like to remind everyone they are always available during this time period for anyone who desires prayers.



Movie Party

LRC women, mark your calendars for the My Big Fat Greek Wedding movie party on Saturday, June 26, 6-10 PM at the home of Becky Cranford (9 Cambridge Court, LR, AR 72223). See Deana Nall for more information

Help Needed

Becky Huffman, who is visually impaired, needs someone to help her study for exams by reading to her from her textbooks. If you can help, please call her at 554-5428 or email b.huffman@att.net.

Little Rock Church Purposes:



Worship



Community



Outreach



Spiritual Formation

July 4 Summer Celebration

We're planning a special day Sunday, July 4. We have asked Mundo de Fe to join us for worship at 10 AM and afterward we will all eat lunch together – hamburgers, hot dogs, and all the other great picnic stuff. A water slide and games will be available for the kids. Work assignments will be divided among House Churches (see list below). Lunch will cost \$5.00 per person age 5 and up. No charge for guests.

Invitation cards are available on table at the rear of the auditorium. Bring a friend – Life is Good!!!

House Church Work Assignments:

- Prepare Meal – Garner HC
- Clean Kitchen – T. Chandler and M. Chandler HC
- Drinks – Philbrick HC
- Serve Meal – Gaines HC
- Clean Up Dining Area – Dell/Thompson HC
- Children's Water Slides – Cook HC
- Hay Ride – Goad/Moore and Brown HC
- Children's Games – Fry/Dickinson HC
- Snow Cones – W. Chandler HC

Cochrane's New Address

The Cochrane's new address is 6433 Arno Road, College Grove, TN 37046. Please continue to pray for Brian, Kelly, and the kids as they settle into their new home and begin new work.

Moms 'n' More and Summer Play Days

Moms: See the dates of this summer's play days and Moms 'n' More dates on our website. The next event is a Water Slide Play Day tomorrow, June 21, here at the building, from 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM. Bring swimsuits, towels, and lunch.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Mike and Jeannie Cagle on the birth of their granddaughter Emery Claire Jones, to Blake and Julie Jones in Nashville, TN last Tuesday.

Area-Wide Meeting

Southwest Little Rock churches will gather Sunday, June 27, at 6:00 PM for a meeting at River of Life Church, 9800 Nash Lane, which will feature Rebecca Swicegood of the Institute in Basic Life Principles in a dramatic presentation of the first eight chapters of John.



Food for the Hungry Ministry

Well, one thing is for sure Food for the Hungry is not just a name. We really do feed those that are hungry in our food ministry on Monday evenings. I saw it first hand. I worked last week in the ministry to substitute for Mike Cagle while he was in Nashville for the birth of a grandchild. I had not worked in the ministry for some time and was encouraged by what I saw while I was working.

I saw a tremendous response to our request for help. So many LR Church members came to work. Thanks to everyone! I saw members working together in the kitchen who did not know each other before that night. Ministry brings us together. Did you know that we have many people working in this ministry that are not even members of LRC. The head cook, Mrs. Joyce belongs to another church family in our community. One guy who was laid off from his job regularly serves because he received food through the ministry.

I saw us run out of food for the meal after serving about 200 people. It was sad to turn people away. I also saw us run out of boxes of food. I saw one family that had received a number to get a box of food give their number to another family that needed the food more. I was very touched by seeing this. (Don't tell Tommy but we gave them a box of food to make up for their act of kindness.)

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I saw two single moms dividing up food from their two boxes of food so that they could better use it to serve their families. I saw one of their children very excited because he traded for his favorite box of cereal. It made me wonder the last time I was excited about a box of cereal.

I saw the gospel of Jesus Christ being shared by Sergio Macuil, pastor of the Mundo De Fe congregation that meets in our building. He was visiting with all the Spanish speaking people that came to the food ministry. He was sharing the love of Christ and inviting them to church.

I hope you will consider coming up and serving in this important ministry. You will be richly blessed and find some new friends. If you need more information, ask Tracie Vaughan or Mike Cagle how you can get involved.

I am thankful. I am thankful to belong to a church family that gives so much of their time and money to serve those in need in our community. I am thankful that we get to partner with Mundo De Fe to better serve our community. May we continue to follow Christ and serve those in need in the name of Christ!

Lynn

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David O. Dodd Elementary

"Every Child, Every Day - Whatever It Takes"



"Back To School"

School Supply Drive

June 13 to August 8



Last year we collected school supplies and uniforms for David O. Dodd Elementary. The administration and teachers were so thankful to you for helping provide these items for their children. Dodd works with many families that live in poverty. Two people have already donated money to provide 5000 pencils and 160 back packs each with the Little Rock Church name and/or logo on them. Our goal at Little Rock Church is to fill the backpacks with supplies and uniforms for those who can't afford them. A list of needed items is included on page 4 of our newsletter. Let's give these children every opportunity for success. Boxes will be in the foyer each Sunday for you to deposit your supplies.



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Movie in the Park

Kung Fu Panda (rated PG). Riverfront Park in Little Rock. This Wednesday, June 23 for Refuge. Meet at LRC at 7 PM. Transportation provided from LRC. Movie begins around 8 PM. Students may want to bring money for concessions. Return to LRC around 10 PM.

Food for the Hungry

For 7-12th graders. Help with the Food for the Hungry ministry Monday, June 28. Arrive at 5 PM ready to help serve food, carry boxes and assist in other ways. We'll end the night together at a Travelers baseball game. Tickets are \$8 (\$4 if under 14 years old). Eat before you come or bring extra money for the ballpark. **Sign up with Chad by June 23.**

Rivercity Ministry 5K

Register now for the Rivercity Ministry 5K Walk/Run at the Burns Park soccer complex Saturday, July 17 at 7:30 AM. Rivercity Ministry helps the homeless in Little Rock receive health care, social services, and other help. Find out more about this important ministry and register for the race at www.rivercityministry.org. It's great exercise for a great cause!

Mission Ft. Worth

Mission Ft. Worth team members should complete their work for the last \$50 of their mission trip this week. Please make the final \$50 payment by next Sunday, June 27. Team members will meet for about 30 minutes immediately after Refuge, June 30. Parents are not required to be there. I will give the students a final packing list and schedule to bring home.

Calendar

June 23	Refuge – Movie at the Park
June 28	Food for the Hungry/Travelers game
June 30	Refuge@ Nichols Building
July 7	No Refuge
July 7-10	Mission Ft. Worth
July 14	Refuge
July 17	Rivercity Ministry 5K
July 18	Sr. High Trek cookout
July 21	Refuge@ Nichols Building
July 23-31	Wilderness Trek
July 28	No Refuge
Aug 4	Parent/teen Refuge
Aug 14	David O'Dodd back-to-school bash
Aug 15	Christian youth day at Magic Springs

Calling 7-12th graders to become more like Jesus for the sake of others.

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Rice Bowls

Did you know that our children in grades K-6th are working together to fight poverty and feed orphans throughout the world? Children are collecting spare change all summer for an organization called Rice Bowls.

Rice Bowls partners with orphanages throughout the world including El-Shadai, a home for 50 children in Chennai, India. You can read more about El-Shadai at www.ricebowls.org.

Each family should have received a rice bowl to collect change in. Keep the rice bowl at home until completely filled. Once it is filled, send the rice bowl with your child to Summer on the Rock. We'll keep children updated on how much money is collected throughout the summer.

Leading the next generation to become fully-devoted followers of Jesus.

Prayer List



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Home Away from Home Patients	Boyce Mathis
Carla Ferguson, Tom Wolfe, Gerald Gordon, Romain Gallo, Jean Bryant, Mike Murray, Mike Hunley, Paula Gilmer, Teresa Atkins, John Williams, Lee Hambleton, Eloise Hinton, Pearl McCoy, Howard Wrubel, David <i>Romain Gallo and Jean Bryant are in the hospital at this time.</i>	Boyce is recovering from surgery. He went home Thursday.
Vipin Nischal	Mike Harmon
Please continue to pray for Vipin's mother who is ill with cancer.	Mike's recent PET scan indicated a couple of areas which will be biopsied next week. He is scheduled for a liver biopsy Wednesday and another biopsy on lymph nodes in his neck. The results of the lymph node biopsy will determine whether or not he has surgery Thursday to remove part of his lung.
Pat Downs	Jarrold Vaughan
Pat is scheduled for surgery June 30 at Baptist Medical Center (LR).	Jarrold is in basic training at Fort Benning, GA and would appreciate cards and letters. His address is: PVT Vaughan, Jarrod P RN# 453 B Co, 1 st BN 378 th INF Ft Benning, GA 31905
Nancy Chandler	Doug Hoffman
Nancy is continuing diagnostic testing and may be able to get on the schedule for another nerve conduction test this week. She is scheduled to begin tests at the Mayo Clinic July 26.	Doug is recovering from back surgery.
	Emery Claire Jones
	Emery Claire Jones, newborn granddaughter of Mike and Jeannie Cagle has hip dysplasia. Her doctors are encouraged because she has already shown some improvement.

Serving in the Family

Serving in the Nursery (See Krissi Fry for assistance)	Serving on the Playground & Gym	Serving & Preparing Communion
<u>Today:</u> Infant - Deana Nall 18-36 Months Jenny Brooks and Terry Allmon	<u>Today:</u> Alan and Jill Dabbs	<u>Serving in June:</u> Cook HC
Next Sunday - Barbara Combs, Sharon Gray, & Vera Arias	<u>Next Sunday :</u> Chad and Deana Nall	<u>Preparing in June:</u> Paul Wallace

LIST OF SUPPLIES NEEDED FOR DODD ELEMENTARY

- ✓ Wide Rule Notebook Paper
- ✓ 300 *Green* Pocket Folders
- ✓ Pocket Folders with 3 Prongs
- ✓ 3 Ring Binders
- ✓ 16 or 24 ct box of crayons
- ✓ Large Glue Sticks
- ✓ Fine Point Dry Erase Markers (low odor – red, black, green, blue)
- ✓ Safety scissors (for younger students)
- ✓ School scissors (for older students)
- ✓ Cap Erasers
- ✓ White Copy Paper

Amy Smith: Fostering an Understanding

There are approximately 7,000 children in Arkansas foster care within a year, but less than 1,000 foster parents available to care for those children. Plus, there are more than 500 children and teens available for adoption through Arkansas foster care. The numbers are staggering and unacceptable.

Even more heartbreaking is the fact that these children are removed from their homes because of abuse, neglect or other safety concerns within the home, all situations completely out of their control. That's where The C.A.L.L. comes in.

Children of Arkansas Loved for a Lifetime (The C.A.L.L.) is a multi-denominational Christian organization created to answer the profound and desperate need for more foster, adoptive and respite care homes for foster children living in the state. Mary Carol Pederson, executive director, spearheaded the creation of the organization in 2006, and along with a team of dedicated people, incorporated The C.A.L.L. in 2007.

Through a partnership with Arkansas Department of Health and Human Services' Division of Children and Family Services (DCFS), The C.A.L.L.'s mission is to "educate, equip and encourage the Christian community to provide a future and a hope for the children in foster care." The C.A.L.L. provides prospective foster and adoptive parents the opportunity to complete state-approved training within a church setting and within a more convenient timeframe.

One of the primary means of sharing the organization's message is through informational meetings, in which a video is typically shown and prospective foster and adoptive parents can begin the paperwork process.

Amy Smith and her husband, Jason, first saw this video about four years ago when The C.A.L.L. visited their church. At the time, the Smith's three biological sons, Luke, Landon and Clay were four, two and 12 months.

"The day the video played, we had no idea how drastically our lives were about to change," said Amy. "Once we were informed of the need for foster parents in Pulaski County, there was no turning back."

Amy—an occupational therapist for Pediatrics Plus, and Jason, an ear, nose and throat otolaryngologist for Arkansas Otolaryngology Center (AOC) in North Little Rock—completed their training to become foster parents in March 2006. "The training is the same for respite, foster and adoptive parents," said Amy. "Respite care is short-term, just a couple of days, allowing another foster family a break."

As trained and certified foster parents, the Smiths took in a newborn in August of that year. "Conner was born on August 6th, and we brought him home from the hospital on the 10th. At the time, we were not looking to adopt, only desiring to

foster. Conner was not an easy baby, and life was not easy with four boys under four. My husband was always the one who kept us focused on our purpose. We wanted to not only touch a life for someone else, but we wanted our boys to learn this life is about helping others by sacrificing along the way.”

After Conner’s first birthday, his birth parents’ rights were terminated and the Smiths adopted him. “He was our son long before that,” said Amy. “Our boys have never been jealous or felt anything but love toward their little brother. They’re the biggest blessing God has ever given us. All four are ‘all boys’—loud, rambunctious and always hungry.”

Amy is now a board member for The C.A.L.L. Pulaski County and is quick to point out that DCFS does the best job they can, under the circumstances. “It is not the system that is broken, but our society,” she said. “DCFS is made up of amazing people, from investigators and case workers, to adoption specialists. Everyone I’ve met along the way loves these children and wants the best for them. The only failure in the system is the lack of enough foster and adoptive homes to serve these children.”

The C.A.L.L. currently has programs in 18 Arkansas counties, in addition to Pulaski. But, according to Pederson, 68-percent of children who come into foster care have to be placed outside of the county, hindering biological parent visitation and forcing the child to switch schools. To help remedy the situation, The C.A.L.L. needs more foster and adoptive parents, as well as funding. “The goal of DCFS,” said Pederson, “is to obtain 1,000 more foster parents statewide.”

Those who want to help, but are unable to foster or adopt could consider becoming a “founding family.” For \$65 a month, founding families help place one child with a caring family.

For more information about fostering or adopting, volunteering or donating to The C.A.L.L., contact Mary Carol Pederson, 425-4735, or visit TheCallInArkansas.org.

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