

**CALENDAR**

**TODAY**

Class 9:00 AM  
Worship 10:00 AM

**THIS WEEK**

Wednesday	No Teen Refuge
Wednesday	Mundo de Fe 7 - 9PM
	Worship Center

**Nurseries Available**

During the worship assembly, LRC has nurseries available for children ages birth – two years of age down the Preschool Ministry hallway.

**Children's Church**

Children's Church meets during the adult preaching time (Children age 3 through Pre-K). Children ages K-6<sup>th</sup> will also meet at this time to practice for the Family Christmas Experience.

**Monday Evening Elder Prayer Time**

Our elders meet to pray every other Monday at 6:00 PM. Anyone desiring prayer with the elders may come to the multipurpose room during this time. The elders will meet again for this purpose on Monday November 21.

**Canned Food Challenge**

The 2011 Canned Food Challenge concludes today. Thank you to everyone who participated. We will tally the numbers and announce the winner of this year's challenge Sunday, November 27.

**CALL Informational Meeting Monday, November 21**

LRC will host a meeting 6:30-9:00 PM, Monday, November 21 presented by The CALL in Arkansas providing information to prospective foster parents. If you plan to attend and need assistance with childcare, please contact the church office. For more information about The CALL, go to [www.thecallinarkansas.org/](http://www.thecallinarkansas.org/).

**Men's Fraternity on Wednesday Mornings**

Men's Fraternity will not meet on Wednesday, November 23. Meetings will resume on Wednesday, Nov. 30 at 6 AM in the Student Ministry Room.



**LRC Children's Christmas Program Practice**

K-6<sup>th</sup> graders who are participating in the children's choir and the drama team will practice for the Family Christmas Experience during the sermon time (Nov. 13, 20 and 27, Dec 4 and Dec. 11) in the Nichols Building. They will be dismissed along with Children's Church. Krissi Fry and Katie Mitchell will lead the children's choir. Zach and Emily Cheatham are working with the drama team. Contact Chad Nall if you have any questions.

**House Churches Can Learn About The CALL**

House Churches are asked to sign up for a date to have David and Becky Cranford come share important details about LRC's partnership with The CALL. A variety of LRC members are asking how to consider adoption, learn more about foster care, and ways to support those serving local children. As adoptive parents who were served by The CALL, the Cranfords have both the passion and experience to encourage your HC members and answer questions. In July 2011 David and Becky became liaisons for LRC and our work with The CALL. To set a date for David and Becky to visit your HC, email them: [david@davidcranford.com](mailto:david@davidcranford.com) or [becky@beckycranford.com](mailto:becky@beckycranford.com).

**Decorating for the Christmas Season**

Please note that we will have a decorating party on Sunday, November 27 after the morning worship assembly. We need several families to stay after the worship assembly and help decorate the worship center. Pizza and drinks will be provided for all those who help serve. Please let the church office know that you can help by calling 455.0900 or emailing [dave@littlerockchurch.org](mailto:dave@littlerockchurch.org). Becky Cranford will be the lead decorator if you have questions.

Little Rock Church Purposes:



Worship



Community



Outreach



Spiritual Formation

## Food For the Hungry Ministry

### God Continues to Bless!

"I was at Food for the Hungry yesterday shooting video. I was amazed at the number of people who were there all day (from before 8 AM until after 7 PM) and how hard they worked! They all worked very hard but especially the ladies who worked ALL DAY in that hot kitchen preparing an awesome meal for a couple hundred people (maybe closer to 300)! They are definitely dedicated to feeding and ministering to our neighbors who are in need! If you've never been, you really need to go experience it at least once. They can always use more help and I think most people who go once will see how awesome a ministry it is and will want to go as often as they can to help. I got comments from a few of the guests for the video and every single one of them said they come for the fellowship, because the food is great and because they feel genuinely loved! I love LRC. It's small enough that it feels like a family, but large enough to be able to have a real impact in our community." *Posted By David Cranford on the LRC Facebook page.*

## House Churches Support

### Food for the Hungry Ministry

Thanks to the support provided for the Food for the Hungry ministry by the house churches of LRC! Many house churches have signed up for a night of service to clean up after the FETH event on Monday nights. The house church groups show up at the Nichols building and clean up the gym area, putting up tables and chairs, sweeping, wet mopping, cleaning up the kitchen, and putting things back in their place. This has been a huge source of encouragement to the regular workers of the food ministry. As David Cranford's note in the previous article indicates, the group works all day to get the meal and boxes ready. After dinner is served and the boxes are distributed, it's clean up time, and they are very tired and need some help. Please call Ron and get your house church on the list for 2012. Also, thanks for the great response to the Canned Food Challenge! This makes such a difference in getting enough food for the year for the ministry.

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### FINAL NOTES ON CANNED FOOD CHALLENGE EFFORT TO COLLECT FOOD ENDS THIS SUNDAY

1. If Your House Church Has Extra Funds: As was last year's practice, if your House Church (HC) collects funds that exceed the requested goal, the Food for the Hungry Ministry asks you to consider using the additional money to purchase 18oz jars of peanut butter. Unfortunately, a new peanut shortage has limited the availability of peanut butter. *Consequently, read Note Two.*
2. In Response to Peanut Butter Shortage: Report to Ron Cook or Dave Garner at the LRC office the amount of money your House Church wants to apply to Peanut Butter. Your HC will receive a 1:3 credit based on today's price of peanut butter – that is, 1 jar of peanut butter equals 3 canned goods. When supplies of peanut butter increase, we hope to order a large quantity of peanut butter.
3. When Your HC Orders & Picks Up: Place your order of canned goods with Larry Bartlett, manager of Food Giant at Otter Creek at 501.455.3475. Then, send an email to Ron Cook or Dave Garner to report your order and the total amount owed. LRC will prepare a check in that amount for the Food Giant. Your HC should present the LRC check when you pick up your canned goods at Food Giant.
4. When Your HC Delivers to LRC: Contact Tommy Nichols (590-8583) when your HC is ready to deliver the Canned Food to the Nichols Building. Tommy will show you where and how to stack your product.

### LRC PARTNERS WITH THE CALL MEMBERS CONSIDER FOSTER CARE OR ADOPTION

- This Sunday, November 20, the Heart Gallery comes to LRC, illustrating in picture the children in Arkansas who need foster and/or adoptive families;
- And, this Monday, November 21, LRC hosts an area-wide information meeting by The CALL, to provide an introduction to families who now consider becoming foster or adoptive families.

*To sign up or for more information, contact David and Becky Cranford or Ron Cook.*



## Currently @ Refuge

Just a reminder that there will be no Refuge this week (November 23). We will have Refuge as usual on November 30.

On December 7, Beckham and Karla Allen, founders of **Ozark Water Projects**, will share how following Jesus led them to fight poverty in Africa... raising money by collecting and redistributing shoes. They are preparing for a mission trip to Kenya January 2012. Many of you have heard of them because schools (including Central Arkansas Christian Academy), organizations and businesses have hosted shoe drives.

On December 14, Refuge will include a time of worship and other activities. It will be our last one for 2011. Refuge will resume January 11, 2012.

## End of Year Celebration

Students from Crosswalk, University, Chenal Valley, Gateway, ReNew and Little Rock Church will celebrate the end of the year together Wednesday, December 28. It's going to be amazing! Details coming soon.

## Sticky Faith Book Club

Drs Chap Clark and Kara Powell recently authored a book, **Sticky Faith**. Based on thorough research, experience as youth pastors, and having raised children, they offer practical insight for parents who desire to pass on a legacy of faith to their children.

Parents of 7-12<sup>th</sup> graders, make plans to read it during the months of December and January. We'll read one chapter each week and post reflections and discuss on the Student Ministry blog. Books are \$10.50 if you order them through Chad. Make checks payable to Little Rock Church.

## Looking Ahead

Nov. 23	No Refuge (Thanksgiving Holiday)
Nov. 27	Christmas decorating and baking
Dec. 11	Family Christmas Experience
Dec. 21	No Refuge
Dec. 28	End of Year Celebration
Jan. 4	No Refuge (youth staff meeting)
Jan. 11	Refuge resumes
Jan. 15	Faith Decisions begins

## Weekly Student Ministry Events.

Refuge	Wednesday night 6-9 PM Dinner (6:15-7:00PM \$3 per person)
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**Chad Nall or Krissi Fry**

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## Home Away from Home Christmas Caroling

This Christmas season LRC is offering two experiences for families. The first is our annual Home Away from Home Christmas Caroling experience. All families are invited to meet at the Home Away from Home apartments where we will divide into caroling groups, deliver a small gift and sing for clients who are away from home during the holiday season. Meet in the parking lot outside the main office Sunday afternoon, December 4, at 3 PM. Wear your Santa hats, reindeer noses, or other Christmas clothes. Contact Chad for more details.

## Family Christmas Experience

This year we are having a Christmas Experience for the entire church that will feature our children and teens. The night includes skits, worship, music, readings refreshments and more. Children's choir made up of children in grades K-6 will perform. Led by Katie Mitchell and Krissi Fry, they will begin practicing next Sunday, November 13, during Children's Church. The Family Christmas Experience will be Sunday night, December 11, at 5 PM in the auditorium. Contact Chad Nall for more details.



# Prayer List

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<b>Home Away from Home Patients</b>	<b>Cabot Church Plant</b>
Stephen Panther, Pete Riel, Paul Stacy, Jo-Ann Witkowski, Bertha Sharp, Reavis Gibb, James Szalay, Kathleen Szuch, Kevin Lindner, Thelma Crabb, Bob Creese, Edward Smith, Mike Hunley, Roger Bertche, Hubert Conwill.	Please continue to pray for Spencer and Jennifer Dunlap as they continue their ministry in Cabot.
<b>Vipin Nischal</b>	<b>Mike Harmon</b>
Please continue to pray for Vipin's mother who is ill with cancer.	Please continue to pray for Mike and Gina as Mike pursues healthy treatment alternatives.
<b>Jerry Bryant</b>	<b>Laura Jackson</b>
Jerry is being treated for pancreatic cancer. If you would like to send a card, his address is 3202 Travis Pkwy, Bryant, AR 72022.	Laura Jackson, former LRC member, is being treated for a recurrence of melanoma.
<b>Nancy Chandler</b>	<b>McKenzie Cook</b>
Please continue to pray for Nancy and her family.	McKenzie is at home recovering from surgery last week
<b>Rick and Terry Brady</b>	<b>Brenda Graham</b>
Rick Brady, father of former LRC member Ritchie Brady, was recently diagnosed with lung cancer. His wife Terry is undergoing stem cell transplant treatment for leukemia at this time.	Brenda is being treated for pancreatic cancer
<b>Doug Hoffman</b>	<b>Gina Welsh</b>
Doug is being treated for a blood clot in his leg.	Gina is recovering from surgery last week.

## 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 : Adrienne Meachum and Stephanie Shepherd	<u>Today</u> : Chris and Tammy Dickinson	<u>Serving in November</u> : Stanford/Tappe HC
18-36 Months: Linda and Hayley Murphy		
<u>Next Week</u> : Sara Gaines, Renee Gentry, Rachel Smith and Shailaja Barnett	<u>Next Sunday</u> : Rusty and Krissi Fry	<u>Preparing in November</u> : Paul Wallace

## HOUSE CHURCH STUDY QUESTIONS:

### Read: John 8:53-59

- What was Jesus arguing about with the Jewish Leaders? What did he hope to communicate?
- How did the declaration of the identity of "I AM" affect them? Why?  
Read: Exodus 11-15
- How is this text in Exodus connected to the Jesus declaration in John? Why was Jesus making this connection?
- Why is it important for us to understand Jesus as the Son of God?
- How does the fact that Jesus coming as the Son of God to the earth (the advent season) help us understand more about God?
- How will it affect our advent season (Christmas) to focus on knowing more about God through the "I AM" statements of Jesus recorded in the book of John?

Read these passages:

**I am the Bread of Life – John 6:35,48; I am the Light of the World – John 8:12, 9:5; I am the Door and the Good Shepherd – John 10:7, 10-14; I am the Resurrection and the Life – John 11:25; I am the Way, Truth and the Life – 14:6; and I am the True Vine – John 15:1,5.**