

CALENDAR

TODAY

Class 9:00 AM
Worship 10:00 AM

THIS WEEK

Wednesday	Teen Refuge 6:45 PM - Dinner @ 6:15
Wednesday	Mundo de Fe 7 - 9PM Worship Center
Saturday	Dress Rehearsal for Family Christmas Experience – 10 AM

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-6th 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 December 5.

Home Away from Home Christmas Caroling

Parents and kids, put on your Santa hats and join us as we Christmas carol for Home Away from Home patients this afternoon. Meet at Northwest Hills Apartments, 3 PM (11701 Mara Lynn Road, LR, AR 72211). We will sing and deliver cookies. It's a great time and the patients love it! Contact Chad if you have any questions.

Foundations Class December 11

Foundations class will meet next Sunday December 11 during class time at 9:00 AM. We host the monthly Foundations Class to share important information about our church for those considering LRC as a church home

LRC Holiday Schedule

Little Rock Church will meet for worship only on December 25 and January 1 at 10 AM. Classes and Children's Church will not meet on these days.

The office will be closed December 23 through January 2.



LRC Children's Christmas Program Practice

K-6th graders who are participating in the children's choir and the drama team will practice for the Family Christmas Experience during the sermon time (today and December 11) in the Nichols Building. They will be dismissed along with Children's Church. A dress rehearsal is scheduled December 10 at 10 AM.

Christmas Package for Jordan

Jordan's support team is gathering items to be included in a package which will be shipped to Angola (hopefully) in time for Christmas. Items you might consider purchasing include: light-producing sources (flashlight, small lantern) that won't require electricity (solar charged, wind-up-able, shakable), man-powered kitchen mixer/processor/slicer, small (pocket size) knife/screwdriver/pliers, etc, bar soap face washes, specifically, Neutrogena, Clean & Clear, Chapstick & lotion are greatly appreciated because the air is REALLY dry in Huambo, Sunscreen, Scented Body Spray, powdered electrolyte replacement drink mixes (e.g. Propel), Big Red Gum, Reese's Pieces, flavored powdered coffee creamer, rolls of gauze bandaging make good packing filler, DVD's, Amazon Kindle Gift Cards, and Christmas decorations.

Please take a little time and help make a BIG Christmas package for our dear sister. The team is requesting all items be delivered to LRC on or before December 4. You can leave your items in the box on the table at the back of auditorium by the Angola Mission bulletin board. Also, Gina Harmon (590-2594) will be glad to accept cash donations and serve as your personal shopper.

Christmas Decorations

Thanks to Becky Cranford and her crew for making the building look like Christmas. Elves included the Kings, Wallaces, Frys, Cooks, Sharon Gray and Elvis Payne.

Little Rock Church Purposes:



Worship



Community



Outreach



Spiritual Formation

The Holiday Season Is Here! Hold On!

The Holiday Season (Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Years) is upon us...again. (Yes, I used the word Holiday as an inclusive term for all three, but I did not mean a slight toward the word Christmas. If you have anger issues, come and see me.) The Holiday season can be hard on many of us. Looking back on my childhood, I can remember almost as many family conflicts as I can great memories during this time of the year. The stress in a family can soar as the pressures of finances, family expectations, time commitments, spoken and unspoken traditions, work schedules, and the elusive concept of "creating meaningful family memories" can turn a solid family into an emotional mess. I thought I would take some time to remind all of us to relax. Jesus did not come into this world to give us another holiday. (But, I really am thankful for the time off!) I wonder if Jesus himself could recognize much of himself in all the stuff that we layer on top of our Christmas season. I really do want to make sure my kids enjoy a season that reminds them of God's love and the warmth of a loving family, but I need to remind my

heart that I do that through helping them find Jesus. A deep and personal relationship with Jesus, not a holiday!

I would like to share this thought to help us keep our focus on the person behind the holiday. At best, all that any of the traditions of Christmas we stress about do is point us toward the direction of Jesus. The holiday itself has no power. It is a bright directional sign which can point us to a relationship with Jesus, so perhaps, the best we could do during this season is to keep our priority on taking care of the relationships first.

Remember the Story of Martha and Mary? Mary was sitting enthralled at the feet of the Lord listening to every word He said. Martha was up busy - cleaning and cooking. *Preparing for the Holidays?* Listen to these words: "**Martha, you are worried and upset about many things, but only one thing is needed. Mary has chosen what is better and it will not be taken away from her.**" I say to you, make a better choice.

Lynn

Pick Up a Turkey This Sunday -- Plan to Serve a Neighbor

LRC members can help prepare a holiday meal for 250 guests at the next Food for the Hungry Ministry event.

- Pick up a turkey this morning in the Nichols Building kitchen after worship. Prepare and deliver it on Monday 12/12. We have 19 turkeys needing to be picked up this morning.
- Prepare a pan of cornbread. Bring it LRC on Sunday 12/11 or Monday 12/12. We need 30 pans of cornbread.
- See Ron Cook, J. R. Cage, or Vicki Erwin this morning if you can help.

Of course, on Monday, 12/12, you can serve in other ways, too, including carving turkeys, preparing cornbread dressing, decorating tables. See Randy or Vicki Erwin for more information.



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REFUGEE

Refuge is on this week same time as usual. See you guys this Wednesday night!

This week 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 School), 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, in the Nichols Building 7-11 PM. Cost is just \$5 per student. Bring a friend!



Faith Decisions

Every other year LRC Student Ministry offers an experience called *Faith Decisions* for 7/8th graders and their parents. Topics covered include truth, salvation, grace, sin, community, mission. Time together includes teaching time for the whole family, separate discussion times for parents and teens, and a family experience.

Faith Decisions will take place Sunday evenings January 15, 22, 29, Feb 12.

Looking Ahead

Dec. 11	Family Christmas Experience
Dec. 21	No Refuge
Dec. 25	No Bible classes
Dec. 28	End of Year Celebration
Jan. 1	No Bible classes
Jan. 4	No Refuge (youth staff meeting)
Jan. 11	Refuge resumes
Jan. 15	Faith Decisions class begins

Weekly Student Ministry Events.

Refuge	Wednesday night 6-9 PM
	Dinner (6:15-7:00PM) \$3 per person)

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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. The Family Christmas Experience will be next Sunday night, December 11, at 5 PM in the auditorium. Contact Chad Nall for more details.



Prayer List

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Home Away from Home Patients	Cobb Family
Beth Myers, Thomas Page, Ellen Butler, Anita Courtney, Thelma Crabb, Paul Stacy, Bertha Sharp, Reavis Gibb, James Szalay, Kathleen Szuch, Kevin Lindner, Bob Creese, Edward Smith, Mike Hunley, Hubert Conwill	James "Bo" Cobb passed away recently. He was the father of former LRC members George Cobb, Barbie McDaniel, and Cathy Woodrome.
Vipin Nischal	Mike Harmon
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.
Jerry Bryant	Laura Jackson
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.
Nancy Chandler	Patrick Dillon
Please continue to pray for Nancy and her family.	Patrick is being treated for a respiratory infection at UAMS.
Rick and Terry Brady	Brenda Graham
Rick Brady, father of former LRC member Ritchie Brady, is in Baptist Rehab after suffering a recent stroke. His wife Terry is also undergoing chemotherapy at this time.	Brenda is being treated for pancreatic cancer
Doug Hoffman	Gina Welsh
Doug is being treated for a blood clot in his leg.	Gina is recovering from recent surgery.
Linda Miller	
Linda 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 : Carol Lybarger and Wanda Walker 18-36 Months: Jill and Emily Dabbs & Ericka Vargas	<u>Today:</u> Brian and Adrienne Meachum	<u>Serving in December:</u> Dickinson/Moore HC
<u>Next Week:</u> Vicki Erwin, Susie Brown, Julie Thompson and Kim Poteat.	<u>Next Sunday:</u> Alsono and Vera Arias	<u>Preparing in December:</u> Philbrick Family

House Church Questions – Week of December 4

1. Chris described the feeling of hope and joy that comes with seeing the light of dawn after a long night of waiting. Have you ever experienced similar feelings?
2. Read Jesus' statement in John 8:12. In the physical world, what are the differences between walking in darkness and walking in the light? How does this relate to a spiritual walk with Jesus?
3. Read Simeon's story in Luke 2:25-35. What has Jesus revealed to you about God's heart? What has Jesus revealed to you about your heart?
4. Discuss some practical ways to focus during the Christmas season on Jesus' role as the light of the world.