

CALENDAR

Today **Class 9:00 AM**
 Worship 10:00 AM
 Hope Fund Luncheon - 11:30 AM

THIS WEEK

Monday	Food Bank – Helpers Needed at 7:30 AM & 4:30 PM
Wednesday	Refuge: 6:45-8:00 PM – Dinner@ 6:15
Wednesday	Mundo de Fe 6-8 PM Worship Center

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.

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. They will meet again for this purpose on May 9.

Hope Fund Luncheon

Join us today after worship and enjoy authentic Costa Rican cuisine prepared by LRC’s own Alonso and Vera Arias. This delicious luncheon celebrates LRC’s new initiative to encourage and support adoption, THE HOPE FUND. The cost is \$8 for adults and \$5 for youth ages 5 through 10. Children 4 years and younger eat free.

Baby Blessing – May 15

A special has been set aside to provide a blessing to our new babies and their parents during worship May 15. If you wish to have your child included, please contact Krissi Fry: krissi@littlerockchurch.org or 837-7574.

Youth and Family Ministry Calendar

Senior Sunday

Senior Sunday is May 8. Graduating seniors include Adam Dell, David Downs, Jay Higgins, Alex Philbrick and Hope Williams.

Entering 7th Graders

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Parents of current 6th graders, please contact the church office to let us know if you will be there for this occasion on May 8.

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Junior High Trek

May 27-29 at Mount Eagle Retreat Center near Clinton. Cost is \$35. Sign up and pay Chad by May 15. Information is available on the LRC Student Ministry web page under “forms.”

Help Needed at ReNew Community Church

ReNew Community Church needs help with childcare Sundays at 10:00 AM. If you can help, contact Spencer Dunlap at 501.743.9899 or Spencer@reNewCabot.org.

Mundo de Fe Cinco de Mayo Celebración

Mundo de Fe has invited Little Rock Church to join them in a Cinco de Mayo celebration May 7 at 7 PM in the Nichols Building. Come and join them in a great evening of food, music, and fun.

Little Rock Church Purposes:



Worship



Community



Outreach



Spiritual Formation



What a Day for the Kingdom!

I wanted to share with you guys that LRC had its 2nd largest Easter service ever with 413 people in both assemblies! The largest since we kept records was 423, so we were really close to setting a new attendance record on Easter. Thanks for inviting your friends and family!

Gateway Church (LRC Plant #1 in 2007) in Benton set a new attendance record with their Easter service and the grand opening of their new building at 145 people. They also baptized five people.

Renew Community Church in Cabot have averaged over 60 each week and they also baptized two people Sunday

Mundo De Fe Christian Church that meets in our building also set a record attendance Sunday (95) and baptized two people. They also baptized nine people on April 17.

God is doing great things for the Kingdom! LRC is helping the Kingdom expand in many ways! Keep up your support for these new and growing churches.

Special Sundays Coming at LRC!

Sunday, May 1

Focus on Adoption and the LRC Hope Fund
Sermon, Testimony and Information!
Special All-Church Meal

Sunday, May 8

Mother's Day and Senior Sunday Celebration
Highlight incoming 7th Graders and Graduating Seniors
Special Gift for each mother present!

The Exodus Preaching Series resumes on Sunday, May 15 with a sermon by Lynn Cook. Please note that on Sunday, May 1 and 8 we will NOT have house church study questions in the bulletin. We will resume the study questions on May 15, 2011.

House Churches should use the next two weeks for a time of prayer and/or a fellowship meal. If you want to use the church's building for a meal gathering or game night, please call Dave to reserve a space.

Supporting Recovery with a Towel and a Dish LRC hosts Union Rescue Mission event

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Compassionate. Supportive. Open-handed. Generous.

These adjectives appropriately described those at LRC who provided food and served dinner at last week's ceremony to honor three men completing the Recovery Program of Union Rescue Mission.

Several house churches jumped into the mix and a host of people contributed food, time and energy (all while under the threat of tornados!). I'm glad for the ways we served together, and did so to support men we've never met and a ministry that is unfamiliar to many of us.

Though God's people ought not serve to be recognized, the Bible does instruct to "give honor to whom honor is due," and to demonstrate a spirit of gratitude. So I want to write "Thank you, thank you, for serving together!"

But what were we supporting through the service of food and time and energy? The short answer is: recovery in Christ.

The Union Rescue Mission's purpose is to create an environment where the love and compassion of Jesus Christ helps people live faithfully through life's adversities. The Residential Recovery Program of URM supports men as they seek to experience a recovery from addiction and surrender to Christ. On Tuesday, three men completed a nine-month program designed to help them get on the road to recovery with Christ. Our food and time and energy were gifts to these men who seek to know Christ.

In God's economy every dish of hot vegetables and each portion of roasted turkey became a loving expression of support to men who seek to realize the gracious and merciful and powerful transformative work of Christ.

Remembering this, I can't think of any adjectives that adequately describe how good is our God. But I'm sure glad we get to serve with him!



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Yard Sale Fundraiser

Thanks to everyone who worked so hard on this year's LRC Student Ministry Fundraiser. It was a great success. Though tiring, it was a lot of fun working together on this.

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Refuge

We will have a Summer on the Rock work session during Refuge on Wednesday, May 18 from 6:45-8:00 PM. We'll make banners, work on the puppet stage. Go over summer details. Pizza and drinks will be provided for \$3 per person from 6:15-6:45.

Seniors Cookout

High school seniors are invited to Chad and Deana's home tonight at 6 PM. You don't need to bring anything.

Looking Ahead

TODAY	\$40 Jr High mission trip payment due
May 8	Senior Sunday
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May 11	Senior Celebration
May 22	Plug-In (Arias')
May 27-29	JH Trek

Weekly Student Ministry Events

Refuge	Wednesday nights 6:15-8:30 PM (dinner for \$3 per person)
Bible class	Sunday mornings 9-9:45 AM

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

Chad Nall or Krissi Fry

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Entering 7th Graders

"From the womb of the morning like dew, your youth will come to you." – Psalm 110:3

"Adolescence is also a gift, God's gift, to parents in middle-age... For adolescence is not only a process designed by the Creator to bring children into adulthood, it is also designed by the Creator to provide something essential for parents during correspondingly critical years in their lives." – Eugene Peterson, *Like Dew Your Youth: Growing Up with Your Teenager*

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

Prayer List



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Home Away from Home Patients	Cabot Church Plant
Walt Shearer, Mary Wood-Palidino, Ivan Szocs, Greg Hilton, Bill McVay, John Maimone, Carl Duplantus, Steve Panther, Elaine Washington, Gerald Gordon, Hubert Conwill	Please continue to pray for Spencer and Jennifer Dunlap as they continue their ministry in Cabot. They have begun regular meetings on Sundays.
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	
Please continue to pray for Jerry and his family during this difficult time. He is at home and continuing chemotherapy. If you would like to send a card, his address is 3202 Travis Pkwy, Bryant, AR 72202.	
Nancy Chandler	Melvin Young Family
Please continue to pray for Nancy and her family.	Linda Chandler's father, Melvin Young, is in hospice care in Louisville, KY.
Debbie Stewart	Carolyn Wallis and Shirley Nipps
Debbie Stewart is recovering from knee surgery.	Larry and Linda Miller asked for our prayers on behalf of their friends who are both under treatment for cancer.
Andrew Vaughan	Ginny Hunt
Andrew is in basic training in California and would really appreciate cards and letters. His address is: Recruit Vaughan, Andrew C 1 st BN Delta CO Platoon 1062, 4000 Midway Ave., San Diego, CA 92140	Ginny Hunt, who has visited LRC several times, was recently diagnosed with ovarian cancer. She is in room 706 at Baptist.
Harmon Family	Nichols Family
Mike's father was diagnosed with multiple myeloma. Please pray for the family as they are making decisions about treatment.	Please pray for the Nichols family in their loss of Mr. Brooks.

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 - Sue and Libby White	<u>Today:</u> Brian and Adrienne Meachum	<u>Serving in May:</u> Goad/Moore HC
18-36 Months - Joy Wallace and Susan McDonald		
<u>Next Week</u> – Sharon Gray, Jan Abbey, Bethany Aven, and Madhu Nelaturi	<u>Next Sunday:</u> Lynn and Michelle Cook	<u>Preparing in May:</u> Tammy Higdon

No House Church Questions This Week

To all our friends, family, and supporters,

We have some great news! The Angolan Consulate in Houston accepted our visa applications on Wednesday. Praise God! He is overcoming the obstacles one by one. We are one giant step closer to our objective, but we're not through the woods yet. The Consulate will send all our paperwork to Luanda, Angola for official approval. If the office in Luanda feels everything is in order, then they will grant us visas. We know one family who went through this process in 2010. They received their visas within four weeks of the Consulate accepting their applications. We hope to have a similar experience. That would place our arrival in Angola sometime in June or July.

Thank you for your continued prayers. Please keep praying.

In His Service,

The Angola Team