

CALENDAR

Today **Worship 9:00 AM**
 Class 10:00 AM

THIS WEEK

Wednesday	Teen Refuge 7 – 9 PM
	Nichols Building
Wednesday	Mundo de Fe 6 - 8 PM
	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.

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 August 1.

Jordan Yarbrough, LRC Missionary is now in Huambo, Angola

The team is now in Huambo Angola where they will live and work.

Jordan's Blog Address:

<http://www.jordanyarbrough.wordpress>.

Angola Team Website:

<http://www.angolateam.org>

Women's Ministry Play Day

This week's Play Day is scheduled for Thursday, August 4, at the home of Shailaja Barnett (131 Crestview Dr., Maumelle) from 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Nancy Chandler Prayer Ministry

We are blessed and grateful for Nancy's ministry of prayer on behalf of our church family. Nancy has always been a tremendous prayer warrior and is focusing on that as a ministry to our body during this season of her life.

As you send prayer requests to the office we will forward them to Nancy.

LRC Members Respond to Famine Crisis in East Africa

More Christians in the west are turning prayers toward east Africa, including members of LRC. A crippling drought in the Horn of Africa has affected about 11 million people in a region straddling Somalia, Ethiopia and Kenya.

During lunch today, some members of LRC will gather in the Nichols building. "Instead of eating out," says Mary Beth Picker, "we'll bring simple sack lunches to share together. The money we save by not eating out we can contribute to help those suffering in the famine." And, of course, those gathering that day will intercede in prayer for Africans to receive relief. Funds collected will be given to World Vision.

For more information on the plans for prayer and gifts for the east African famine, contact Casey and Mary Beth Picker at marybethpicker@gmail.com or caseypicker@gmail.com.

-- Ron Cook (ron@littlerockchurch.org)

All-Church Fellowship August 10

Make plans to attend the all-church fellowship scheduled Wednesday, August 10. We are planning a fish fry with all the accouterments from 6 PM to 8 PM. Cost will be \$5 per person ages 6 and up.

Red Cross Blood Drive August 14

The next Red Cross blood drive at Little Rock Church is scheduled August 14, 8:30 AM to 12:00 PM in the Nichols Ministry Building. Blood supplies are extremely low at this time and we ask that everyone who is an eligible donor help with this need.

Enduring Word Seminar

Little Rock Church will host The Enduring Word presented by Rusty Maisel August 20 and 21. The enduring Word is a seminar showing how God's word has come to us over the centuries. Times for the seminar are 6 PM - 8:30 PM Saturday, August 20 and Sunday 10 AM – 11:15 AM and 1 PM – 3 PM. Childcare will be provided through age 5. Sign up at the Children's Ministry desk by the door to the Preschool class area.

Little Rock Church Purposes:



Worship



Community



Outreach



Spiritual Formation



Summer Adult Series
Questions: Growing Our Faith
Through Scripture 10 AM Sunday

Today What is God's Plan for His Money in Your Pocket? Taught by Phil Goad.

August 7 How do we manage wealth in a way that honors God? Taught by Glenn Graham.

August 14 Christian Charity: Good, Bad or Both?

August 20 and 21 "The Enduring Word" Seminar led by Dr. Rusty Maisel on Trusting the Word of God. Schedule will be coming out soon for this weekend event.

August 28 How can we live together as a church when we don't agree on everything? Taught by Lynn Cook

ReNew Community Church Update

As we have shared before, Renew Community Church (LRC's Second Church Plant) in Cabot, AR began on April 10, 2011 with its first public meeting. The group had 65 in attendance. Spencer and Jennifer Dunlap moved to the area from Kansas City to partner with LRC and two other church planting groups to begin this new church in order to reach new people for Christ. They have continued to grow over the last few months. On June 26th they had 81 in attendance, July 10 they had 122 in attendance, and July 24th they had 120 in attendance. They are currently ministering to about 170 people from the community and their grand opening is not until September 11, 2011. Praise God that people are responding to the Gospel message in Cabot and the surrounding area. Spencer has baptized five people from Bible studies and he has four more baptisms set for next week! God is doing great things. Please continue to pray for this new church and Kingdom outpost! If you would like to go over for a visit, please see Lynn or ReNew's website for directions. www.ReNewCabot.org. also on Facebook at www.facebook.com/renewcabot.

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LRC Family Plans Ethiopia Trip

Imagine the chance to encourage a Christian friend who seeks to serve orphans in one of the poorest countries on the globe. As members of Little Rock Church, we have that chance.

Mary Beth and Casey Picker are gathering a team and raising money for an August trip to Adami Tulu, an impoverished village that lies about one hundred miles south of Ethiopia's capital city. They will work with Lifesong Adami Tulu School to construct a classroom building, hold a health clinic for children and mothers, and host a children's Bible School program.

Lifesong Adami Tulu School opened in 2009 through a partnership of Lifesong for Orphans, an international organization devoted to the care and education of orphans, and a local congregation, the Mesorete Christos Church. To find out more, visit the Lifesong website at www.lifesongfororphans.org.

God is using the Pickers to inspire us to hear God's call to join the vulnerable in our world. (Visit www.caseypicker.com to learn more.) Throughout Scripture, the alien, widow, and orphan symbolize people at risk and in need of extraordinary concern. The Pickers' story reminds us that God calls his people in unexpected ways to join his mission and express his love.

If you're a believer, God calls you, too. He may invite you to provide additional care for your aging parent. God may introduce you to a child in your neighborhood who needs the loving attention of another caring adult. He may want your attention on the new efforts of LRC to care for local children in foster care. He calls us in a multitude of ways. But God does call you and me to join his mission.

The Pickers hope to raise \$7,000 before departure. These funds will pay for the construction of one simple classroom to serve orphans of the Lifesong Adami Tulu School. If you want to become a financial partner with Mary Beth and Casey, or learn more about their plans, contact them or visit with me.

-- Ron Cook



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Good News

"Blessed are the feet of those who bring good news."

It's been a terrific summer at Refuge. Each week students shared stories of what God is doing in their lives. One thing that all of them had in common was how God worked in their lives on mission trips and other experiences where they served the Lord, demonstrated compassion, and helped others. We heard stories of digging wells, passing out water bottles, reading to children and more.

As we anticipate the school year, my prayer and hope is that 7-12th graders will find ways to bring good news to others every day. I'm excited about what the Lord can do in the hearts and lives of our children. I look forward to dreaming with our teens about how God might use them to bring good news to others this school year.

Food for the Hungry

7-12th graders. Food for the Hungry. Arrive as early as 5 PM to help serve food, drinks, carry boxes, play with children and other things as needed. We'll finish around 7:30 PM.

Casting Crowns Concert

Celebrate the end of summer at Magic Springs on Saturday, August 13. Casting Crowns is in concert that night. Bring the whole family.

Cost is reduced to \$18 for 7-12th graders. It's \$28.50 for adults. We'll leave LRC at 3:30 PM and return after the concert that night. The deadline to sign up and pay is August 3.

Parent/Teen Refuge

Refuge for parents and teens. Wednesday, August 17, 7-8:30 PM. Games, worship, testimonies about the summer are part of the night! Join us as our students share about their summer experiences!

August Refuge Schedule

Wednesday, August 3, is our last summer Refuge. August 10 is an all-church fellowship. August 17 is Refuge for parents and teens. Refuge will resume with a meal Wednesday, August 24.

Looking Ahead

Aug. 3	Last summer Refuge
Aug. 8	Food for the Hungry
Aug. 10	All-Church fellowship
Aug. 13	Magic Springs
Aug. 17	Parent/teen Refuge
Aug. 20-21	Enduring Word seminar
Aug. 28	Plug In
Sep. 30-Oct 2	Best Friends Retreat



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Perseverance

Life is just plain hard sometimes. It's hard for kids and grown-ups. It's hard for "good" people and those who aren't so good. It's even hard for people who believe in Jesus and have a lot of faith in God. Sometimes people expect life to be great—or at least to be easier—when they become a Christian. But that's not the way life works. Sometimes it requires a lot of perseverance: ***refusing to give up when life gets hard.***

Thankfully, God is in the perseverance business. He created it, so no one exemplifies it better, and He instills it in us. He's been helping people through seemingly impossible situations from the very beginning, and He'll help them, too. Who knows what God will do through us when we persevere?

Prayer List



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Home Away from Home Patients	Cabot Church Plant
Jay Vineyard, Linda Herrod, Roger Bertche, Marvin Winegar, James Loftis, Linda OliVerez, Doug Ray, Misty Day, Bob Perry, Tommy Keen, George Kovacevic, Ivan Szocs, Greg Hilton, Gerald Gordon, Hubert Conwill	Please continue to pray for Spencer and Jennifer Dunlap as they continue their ministry in Cabot.
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
Please continue to pray for Jerry and his family. He is at home and continuing chemotherapy. If you would like to send a card, his address is 3202 Travis Pkwy, Bryant, AR 72202.	Laura Jackson, former LRC member, will begin treatment for a recurrence of melanoma.
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.
Rick Brady	Carolyn Wallis and Shirley Nipps
Rick Brady, father of former LRC member Ritchie Brady, was recently diagnosed with lung cancer.	Larry and Linda Miller have asked for our prayers on behalf of their friends who have been under treatment for cancer. Carolyn is in hospice at this time Shirley's tumors have decreased in size or are gone.
Andrew Vaughan	Bill Oakley
Andrew graduated from basic training, but will be in California for a while, and still would appreciate cards and letters. His address is: Vaughan, Andrew C 1 st BN Delta CO Platoon 1062, 4000 Midway Ave., San Diego, CA 92140	Cindy Stanford's father, Bill Oakley, is recovering from back surgery.
Brenda Graham	Don Lowery
Brenda had surgery recently to treat pancreatic cancer. She is at the home of Jim and Donna Hathcock and has begun chemotherapy and radiation treatments.	Jim Hathcock's, brother Don Lowery, is being treated for prostate cancer.
Lawrence and Dozier Families	Thomas Hathcock
Wilma Lawrence's son, Jimmy Dozier, passed away recently.	Thomas Hathcock, son of Jim Hathcock, is in ICU with complications from an abdominal injury.

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 18-36 Months - Joy Wallace and Susan McDonald	<u>Today:</u> Lynn and Michelle Cook	<u>Serving July:</u> T. Chandler & Reed HC's
<u>Next Week</u> Sharon Gray, Jan Abbey, Bethany Aven Madhu Nelaturi	<u>Next Sunday:</u> Alonso and Vera Arias	<u>Preparing in July:</u> Welsh Family

Little Rock Church,

Words cannot express how deeply moved we were with all the love and support received after our house flooded. Thank you to all the people who pulled carpet, baseboards, cut out dry wall and pulled wet yucky insulation. Those who have helped us pack up and move out, brought us food, let us store our things in their homes, gave us a place to stay, helped take care of our children and those that came and served our elderly neighbors! Some of The people who came we barely even knew at all and yet they came that next day to help out. Then, there were the people who helped financially. We don't even know who all gave, but we are thankful for that incredible blessing.

We are blessed to be a part of a church who are the "hands and feet" of Jesus. That a joy to know and worship with you. We thank you and love you so much.

In Him.
Mike and Shailaja Barnett