

CALENDAR

TODAY

Worship 9:00 AM
Class 10:00 AM

THIS WEEK

Wednesday	Teen Refuge 7-9 PM
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 15.

Jordan Yarbrough, LRC Missionary is now in Huambo, Angola

Jordan's Blog Address:

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

Angola Team Website:

<http://www.angolateam.org>

Red Cross Blood Drive Today

The Red Cross blood drive at Little Rock Church is today, 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. The Edible Arrangement Company will give a little box of 6 pieces of chocolate-covered fruit to all donors. (Coupons, that is, which can be redeemed at the store.)

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.

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

The Women's Ministry at Pleasant Valley Church of Christ invites our ladies to the study Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus – a study of how Jesus valued women authored by Linda Smith. The class begins Tuesday, September 13, 2011, 9:30-11:00 AM at Pleasant Valley Church of Christ. RSVP to Debbie Watson @225-5818 or email alicebishop@prodigy.net

Little Rock Church Purposes:



Worship



Community



Outreach



Spiritual Formation

Response to Financial Need

Last week we mentioned that our contribution has been down quite a bit this summer, averaging \$9665 per week or \$1735 less than our budget.

Thank you for your incredible response. Our contribution was \$23,185, and helped make up over half of the summer's deficit.

If you have not had the opportunity, please prayerfully consider if you can help with this need.

Operation Christmas Child

We will be collecting your Operation Christmas Child boxes every week through Sunday, September 11. Last year during Operation Christmas Child as a church we donated 105 boxes to children in Haiti, India, and a few other countries in Africa and South America. We hope to collect at least 91 this year, the goal being at least one box for each child at Little Rock Church.

The OCC pamphlets are available at the Hope's Embrace table or at samaritanspurse.org, where you can pay using the "easy give" option that also lets your family track your boxes around the world.

Famine Crisis in East Africa

A crippling drought in the Horn of Africa has affected about 11 million people in a region straddling Somalia, Ethiopia and Kenya.

For more information about how you can help contact Casey and Mary Beth Picker at marybethpicker@gmail.com or caseypicker@gmail.com.

Seasons of Life Seminar

This is a seminar designed to give practical advice from a Christian physician and Christian attorney concerning the unique challenges faced as we approach the final season of life. Dr. David Smith will speak about the medical issues involved and Attorney Kevin Keech will speak about dealing with legal and social issues. This is a free seminar and will be held at the Pleasant Valley church of Christ August 27th in the e-wing, 9:00a.m. to 12:00p.m. For more information call Linda Thompson at 821-7774.

Men's Basketball

Men's basketball resumes Tuesday, 6:30 PM, August 15. See Jon Aven for details and to sign up.

Bridal Shower Honoring Summer Combs Mojica

A bridal shower honoring Summer Combs Mojica is scheduled Sunday, August 28, 3-4:30 PM at the home of Pam Reed, 1100 Kings Mountain Dr, LR, AR 72211. Summer is registered at Wal-Mart, JC Penney, and Sears.

**Enduring Word Seminar
By Dr. Rusty Maisel**

Saturday, August 20 6 – 8:30 PM

In this session, Dr. Maisel will cover development of the Bible's Canon from the early manuscripts through the printing press.

Sunday, August 21 9 AM Session

Dr. Maisel will discuss the development of the Dead Sea Scrolls and their impact on the study of the accuracy of the Bible. Dr. Maisel has translated part of the Dead Sea Scrolls.

Please remember that Sunday lunch is on your own, but be back at 1 PM for a great time of learning.

Sunday, August 21 1 – 3 PM

The seminar will focus on the development of the English Bible from the Printing press forward. The end of the time will be spent on understanding current translations and making good choices for studying.

Childcare is available if you call the church office to sign up at the Children's Ministry desk or email Dave@littlerockchurch.org.



**Men's Fraternity
"The Quest for Authentic Manhood"
DVD Workshop
by Robert Lewis**

Coming to Little Rock Church in the Fall 2011

**Begins on Wednesday, Sept 7th
6:00 AM in the Multipurpose Room**

This series is planned for Wednesday mornings in the fall. If you have feedback about a better day, please send me an email or phone call. All men interested in finding authentic Christian Manhood are welcome regardless of age! We will have workbooks available for those who do not have a copy. I have checked around the city and cannot find other churches that are offering the seminar this year. Please come and attend!

Ron Cook
ron@littlerockchurch.org
Cell: 850-9061

Home Away From Home ministry has space for you

God may be calling you to use your time and talent to support families suffering from cancer or other life-threatening illnesses.

Home Away From Home is a ministry of LRC that manages fifteen apartments that are available for rent primarily to cancer patients and their caregivers who must reside in Little Rock while receiving bone-marrow transplants and other cancer treatments at the Arkansas Cancer Research Center. The ministry furnishes each apartment and coordinates maintenance and repairs. Additionally, Home Away From Home provides each family a hospitality gift from LRC, offers advice on how to get around in Little Rock, may provide a "listening ear" and share words of encouragement, and encourages intercessory prayer for each family.

Would you consider ways you might participate in this ministry of hospitality?

To learn more about Home Away From Home, contact me or Regina Graham, who serves as ministry leader, at hafh@littlerockchurch.org or glennreginagraham@sbcglobal.net. Or, visit our website at <http://www.littlerockchurch.org/ministries/outreach/home-away-from-home/>.



Collide

Collisions cause change. Just ask anyone who has been involved in one. When two things collide at least one of them must change. The amount of change depends upon the collision. The same is true in a spiritual sense. We are meant to collide in ways that change us, leading us to become more like Christ. We were meant to collide with God. When we collide with God he never changes. We change.

This year's fall retreat (aka Best Friend's Retreat) focuses on the theme of collide. Students from Crosswalk Family of God, Gateway Church, University Church of Christ, Chenal Valley Church, National Park Church of Christ, and more will gather at Camp Tahkodah September 30-October 2.

Registration begins Wednesday, August 17. Students must register by September 19 by completing a registration form and paying. Cost is \$65 per student. Scholarships are available.

Cookout

7-12th graders are invited to the home of Alonso and Vera Arias for a cookout on August 28. Come as early as 3 PM and fish in the pond (bring your own equipment), play horse shoes, washers and other games. Food will be served at 5:30 PM. We'll end with a time of worship and prayer. Guys, bring a 2-liter drink. Girls, bring cookies, brownies or other dessert.

Family Refuge

Parents and teens are gathering this Wednesday night, August 17, for worship, a summer highlights video, and prayer to kick off the school year from 7-8:30 PM. Bring the whole family.

You'll receive calendars, have the opportunity to purchase meal tickets, and register for the fall retreat. Make plans to join us in the Nichols Building.

Looking Ahead

Aug. 17	Parent/Teen Refuge
Aug. 20-21	Enduring Word seminar
Aug. 24	Refuge resumes
Aug. 28	Plug In@Alonso and Vera Arias'
Sep. 11	Plug In
Sep. 19	Fall retreat registration deadline
Sep. 30-Oct 2	Best Friends Retreat
Oct. 22	i-Serve the Rock

Weekly Student Ministry Events

Refuge	Wednesday night 7-8:30 PM
	Dinner (6:15-7:00PM \$3 per person)

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



Grace and Operation Christmas Child

During the month of August, kindergarteners through 6th graders are exploring the virtue of grace – getting something really great you don't deserve. Just as God is gracious, we too are called to develop this virtue in our lives. One way we do this is by offering ways to serve and help others. This month, our children can do this by participating in Operation Christmas Child (OCC). Contact Kim Poteat, pick up an OCC brochure, and pack a shoe box. In doing so, you are extending grace to others. Bring your packed shoe boxes to the Nichols Building by September 11.

Summer on the Rock

Make plans to join your children for Bible class in the Nichols Building September 4. We'll have a time of worship, teaching, video and review for the whole family!

Prayer List



dave@littlerockchurch.org

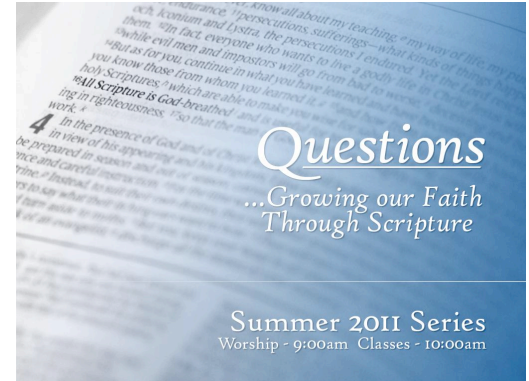
Home Away from Home Patients	Cabot Church Plant
Roger Bertsche, Lynda Herrod, Jay Vineyard, James Pavlik, James Loftis, Linda Oliverez, Doug Ray, Tommy Keen, George Kovacevic, Ivan Szocs, Gerald Gordon, Hubert Conwill	Please continue to pray for Spencer and Jennifer Dunlap as they continue their ministry in Cabot. The official launch date for ReNew is September 10.
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 Update Update Update	Laura Jackson
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 in September.
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	
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.	.

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, Stephanie Shepherd 18-36 Months: Linda and Haley Murphy	<u>Today:</u> Alonso and Vera Arias	<u>Serving August:</u> Mike Chandler HC
<u>Next Week:</u> Sara Gaines, Renee Gentry, Rachael Smith, and Shailaja Barnett	<u>Next Sunday:</u> Chad and Deana Nall	<u>Preparing in August:</u> Philbrick Family

Sunday, August 14

“Questions: If charitable acts are the loving thing to do, then why do I sometimes feel bad about charity?”



Notes:

Questions for House Church Meetings This Week:

1. What is poverty?
2. How does your answer influence the way you respond to people who live in material poverty?
3. Read the passage to which Jesus pointed as the marching orders for his ministry: Isaiah 61:1-4.
4. What categories of people are mentioned in verses 1-2 and what does this “good news” mean for them?
5. In our society, in what ways might we (yes, *Christians*) be “turned off” by poor people, those who troubled in heart, those far away in political captivity, and men and women in our prisons?
6. So, in what ways is it a big deal that God announces (and later Jesus) his central concern for people on the margins of society (i.e., the impoverished, those who feel broken down, those who suffer unjustly)?
7. Look at verse 3-4. Which better describes the ministry of good news depicted by Isaiah: a mission to offer a charitable handout to the needy; or, a relational mission that brings holistic transformation? Why might the difference be important?
8. By the way, look again at verse 4. Consider: *who* will be called “oaks of righteousness” and *who* will “rebuild the ancient ruins” – those who bring the good news or those who receive it? Why might the difference be important?
9. How do these verses instruct God’s people concerning our response to those who are poor or who live the margins of our society?
10. What is the goal of God’s good news that LRC may bring?

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