

CALENDAR

TODAY

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

THIS WEEK

Monday	Food Bank – Workers Needed
Wednesday	All-Church Fellowship 6 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>

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.

Women's Ministry Play Day

This week's Play Day is scheduled for Thursday, August 11, at the home of Tracy Williams (1021 Cherry Ridge Road, Alexander) from 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Bring swimsuits, towels and sunscreen.

Little Rock Church Purposes:



Worship



Community



Outreach



Spiritual Formation

Financial Need

Our contribution has been down quite a bit this summer. In fact, since the end of April we have averaged \$9665 per week which is \$1735 less than the amount we set as a weekly average to meet this year's budget.

Last week we replaced an air conditioning unit at a cost of \$1988. While we plan for the summer season each year and even set aside some to help carry us through the slow times, this year, particularly with the purchase of the air conditioner, all our reserves have been used.

Please prayerfully consider if you can help with this need.

Operation Christmas Child

We will be collecting your Operation Christmas Child boxes every week leading up to 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.

A change we are making is to start collections now, with the final donation date being Sunday, September 11. The reason for doing Operation Christmas Child early this year is twofold. One, to give us the opportunity to fill boxes at the same time we are doing our back-to-school shopping, taking advantage of the tax-free weekend. And two, to limit the "competition" with other year end financial commitments.

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

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.

Last Sunday 50 members of LRC gathered in the Nichols building and instead of eating out brought simple sack lunches to share and contributed money not spent eating out to help those suffering in the famine. \$1251 was collected.

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.

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

Today 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.

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

September 3 10 AM Adult, Teen, and Children's Classes meet for Summer Wrap Up to the Summer on the Rock Celebration! More Info Coming soon!

**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 to those that 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!

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Prayer requests point to purpose

"I want to pray for my brother-in-law who has cancer." "I want to pray for a job." "I want to pray about my addiction and homelessness." "I want to pray that I get closer to God." These are the kind of prayers written in a recent community gathering here at the LRC building.

During the last Food for the Hungry event, when guests were invited to complete prayer request cards, thirty-seven people responded by writing a prayer need and placing the card in a basket. Of those, twelve people (over one-fourth of those completing cards) said they wanted someone from LRC to call them about their prayer needs.

Such can remind us of a central purpose of the church -- seek meaningful, loving relationships with others that draw us closer to God. While LRC offers a hot meal and a box of groceries without "strings attached," we seek creative ways to make genuine friendships with others in our community, friendships that cultivate deeper love and trust for God.

Is that the goal of your ministry? Is that the purpose of your service?

Home Away From Home ministry has space for more servants

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/>.



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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

Tomorrow night, August, 8. 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.

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

No Refuge this Wednesday, August 10. Instead, everyone is invited to the all-church fellowship in the Nichols Building.

Looking Ahead

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

Weekly Student Ministry Events

Refuge Wednesday night 7-9 PM

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



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The Big Story

The beginning of a new school year is a great time to reestablish, renew, begin or initiate new habits and routines. If you're family is like mine, you are often looking for ways to intentionally teach and instill faith in your children. There are many options and resources available. One resource is "The Big Story" published by the ReThink Group. "The Big Story" is a collection of songs and family devotionals inspired by key stories in the Bible. Learning music, reading Bible stories and discussing them is an excellent strategy for impressing God's Word on the hearts of our children.

Talk to Chad Nall if you are interested in this resource.

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

Prayer List

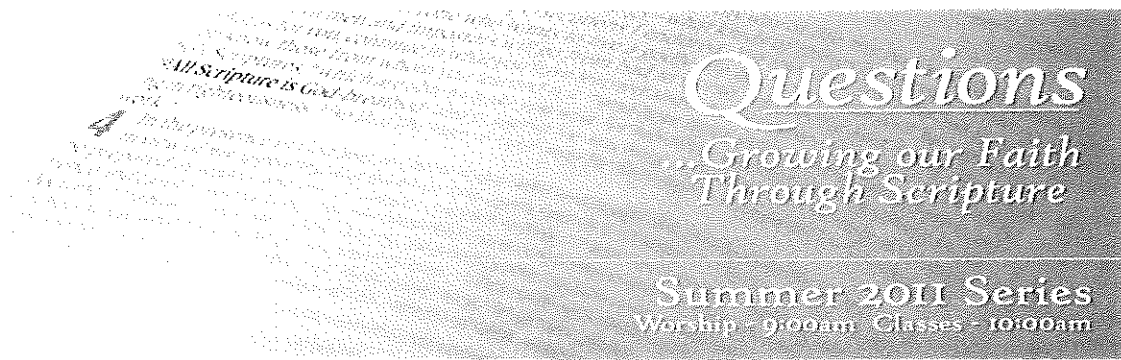


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Home Away from Home Patients	Cabot Church Plant
Roger Bertsche, Lynda Herrod, Jay Vineyard, James Pavlik, James Loftis, Linda Oliverrez, Doug Ray, Tommy Keen, George Kovacevic, Ivan Szocs, Gerald Gordon, Hubert Conwill	Please continue to pray for Spencer and Jennifer Dunlap as they continue their ministry in Cabot. The official launch date for ReNew is September 11.
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 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	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 - Sharon Gray and Jan Abbey 18-36 Months - Bethany Aven and Madhu Nelaturi	<u>Today:</u> Alonso and Vera Arias	<u>Serving August:</u> Mike Chandler HC
<u>Next Week</u> Adrienne Meachum, Stephanie Shepherd Linda and Haley Murphy	<u>Next Sunday:</u> Chad and Deana Nall	<u>Preparing in August:</u> Philbrick Family



Christians: Their Money and Their Stuff

Personal Heart Check-Up

1. Is there anything I own that I am unwilling to give away, sell, loan or allow someone else to use?
2. Do I have an excessive desire and motivation to "make more money?"
3. Has money and the things it can buy become my treasure?
4. Does my sense of peace and well being come from my financial well being?
5. Do financial struggles rob me of my sense of peace and well being?
6. Do I often worry about money matters?
7. Has money come between me and someone I love? Has it damaged a relationship I had with someone?
8. Do I find myself struggling with pride regarding my income or possessions when I compare myself to others?
9. Do I find joy in giving to others, or only a sense of guilt, resentment, or obligation?
10. Do I want others to know when I've given something to someone, i.e., do I want to be recognized for my gift?

Scriptures to Examine

1 Timothy 6:9-10; 1 Timothy 6:17-19; 2 Corinthians 9:6-15;
Matthew 6:19 – 34