

**CALENDAR**

**TODAY**

**Class 9:00 AM**  
**Adult Classes in Auditorium**  
**Worship 10:00 AM**

**THIS WEEK**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Food Bank – Workers Needed</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Men’s Fraternity Resumes – 6 AM</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Teen Refuge – 6:45 PM</b>
	<b>Dinner @ 6:15</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Mundo de Fe 7 - 9 PM</b>

**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-6<sup>th</sup>

**Monday Evening Shepherd Prayer Time**

Our Shepherds 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, January 16. *The elders have set aside this time to meet with anyone with questions or concerns regarding the vision and or budget for 2012.*

**Men’s Fraternity**

Men’s Fraternity will resume January 11 at 6:00 AM in the Nichols Building Teen Room.

**All-Church Fellowship Meal – January 15**

We’re planning an all-church potluck meal Sunday, January 15 after worship. Pulaski County folks are asked to bring soup or a pot of beans and Saline County folks are asked to bring salad or dessert.

**Meeting with the LRC Leadership Team January 16**

The elders and staff will be available during their bi-weekly prayer time January 16 at 6:00 PM in the multipurpose room to answer any questions and/or address concerns anyone might have regarding our plans for 2012.

**Faith Decisions Class**

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, and 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.

**Helping Neighbors in Need**

Every other Monday the Food for the Hungry Ministry serves neighbors who live near us.

Please also consider these opportunities to help “neighbors” in other places:

**Adami Tulu School Building project:** Casey and Mary Beth Picker are helping a group of Christians build a school at Adami Tulu, Ethiopia. For more information, go to [www.caseypicker.com](http://www.caseypicker.com). They need to raise \$30,000 this year.

**Heifer Project International:** Give a livestock animal or chicken to a family in a poor country to help the family climb out of poverty through growing their own food. For more information, please go to [www.heifer.org](http://www.heifer.org).

**Mananutrition.org:** Alumni from Harding University are starting a non-profit based in Rwanda, Africa. They are using a peanut-based nutritive aide feed young babies on the front end of starvation which helps them regain weight quickly. The product is produced in Africa, so the crops and factory jobs are sustainable.

**LRC’s Own Hope Fund:** Please see the flyer on the bulletin board in the back or on the church website at <http://www.littlerockchurch.org/ministries/outreach/hopes-embrace/>

Little Rock Church Purposes:



Worship



Community



Outreach



Spiritual Formation

## A Sending Church.....

In the book of Acts, we learn much about the church in Antioch. The Antioch Church was a large church with both Jewish Believers and Gentile Converts. But, they had a wonderful characteristic about them in that they were a sending church. The Antioch Church was described first in Acts 9. In Acts 13 we learn that it was the Antioch Church that the Holy Spirit directed "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them." The text goes on to say "after they had fasted and prayed, they placed hands on them and sent them off." The Antioch Church obeyed the Holy Spirit and so were born the first Christian Missionaries – Paul and Barnabas.

Can you imagine the early church without the missionary journeys of Paul and Barnabas? They planted many of the early churches. Apostles and evangelists were sent out primarily from two of the early churches in the book of Acts – Jerusalem and Antioch. Paul planted at least 7 of the early churches and probably more. But, he could not have done this if it were not for support of these two key SENDING CHURCHES. They supplied emotional, spiritual, and financial support for his work as an apostle/evangelist. The Good News of Christ was proclaimed in more places through this effort.

As we begin 2012, it is my heart's prayer and desire that LRC continues to be a sending church. I hope that we continue to find those among us that are being called to work among international people groups like Jordan Yarbrough did in 2011. I believe that God is going to call more of us at LR Church to serve those that are lost in the world. Have you ever asked the Holy Spirit if he is calling you to go to another country?

There are also other ways to be a sending church. For example we are a sending church when we send out families to help in the new churches that are planted in Central AR. We sent out 30 people to start Gateway Church in Benton. We sent out two families to help start Renew Community Church in Cabot. We also had several contacts in the Cabot area that were very helpful to Spencer and Jennifer as they began their ministry. We also sent financial, emotional and spiritual support to both of these churches (and we still do, when needed!)

We can also consider how your house church can be a sending house church. Is there someone in your group that feels called to go on a short term mission trip to another place or country? Is there a teen in the group that is going on a mission trip this summer? How can you as a house church offer them emotional, spiritual, or financial support?

## LRC Members Travel Abroad to Mission Locations

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Several from Little Rock Church began the New Year by visiting Christians in two African locations.

Casey and Mary Beth Picker, along with Phil and Starla Goad traveled to Adami Tulu, Ethiopia where local believers direct a school for young children, especially those without parents. Combining their professional skills with a passion about God's loving heart children. The Pickers are investing in this mission work through advocacy, fund raising, encouragement and prayer. The Pickers would quickly add the local Christians are teaching them much about ministry that focuses not only on quickly meeting short term needs, but is committed to long-term development of children and a ministry organization that is locally sustainable. The Goads, seeking to encourage the Pickers and learn more, also joined the Pickers on the ten-day trip. To learn more, go to [www.caseypicker.com](http://www.caseypicker.com) or follow them on Facebook and Twitter.

Cindy Stanford, mother of Mary Beth, just departed for another three-week visit to Kigali, Rwanda. She joins a local non-governmental organization, African Transformation Network (ATN), a talented and faithful team of Americans who reside in the capital city and work with courageous and visionary Rwandan Christians. ATN is committed to partnership with Rwandans to equip churches for social and economic development and the multiplication of believers and congregations. Cindy will assist ministry efforts among teen orphans and young adults who were orphaned from the infamous genocide of 1994. To learn more, visit <http://atn-rwanda.org/>.



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## Refuge

Refuge resumes this Wednesday night at 6:15 PM.

## Parent/Teen Lunch

There will be a lunch meeting for parents and teens Sunday, January 29, in the Nichols Building. The purpose of the lunch is to present summer events so you can plan ahead and discuss the annual fundraiser to help cover costs of Wilderness Trek and the junior high mission trip. Lunch will be provided for \$5 per person.

## Weekly Newsletter

Stay in touch by subscribing to the weekly newsletter. It included details of things taking place in our student ministry, relevant articles, and more.

## Upcoming Events

Jan. 6-8	High school retreat
Jan.4	Youth staff meeting
Jan. 11	Refuge resumes
Jan. 15	Faith Decisions class begins
Jan. 27	Lock-in
Jan. 29	Parent/Teen lunch meeting
Feb. 19	Winter Jam
Feb. 24-26	D-Now weekend



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## About LRC Kids Ministry Curriculum

LRC Kids Ministry is about spiritual formation of children in grades K-6. Part of that includes teaching children in Bible classes and House Churches. The goal of Bible classes and HC lessons includes providing biblically based teaching that leads children to understand three basic truths:

- 1) I can trust God no matter what
- 2) I need to make the wise choice
- 3) I need to treat others the way I want to be treated

The Bible is the core of our teaching. While it can be taught in many ways, we believe in teaching the Bible by teaching it in a way where children discover how the Bible reveals the nature and character of God as well as how it shapes the character of a child. This is accomplished by focusing on basic truths taught as virtues. Each month, the children explore a virtue. They learn how God embodies that virtue, what the Bible teaches about the virtue, and how they can develop that virtue in their hearts. Each month children learn a specific virtue. They explore one aspect of that virtue each week. Additionally, each month includes one memory verse that embodies or teaches that virtue. Our desire is for children to grow spiritually and begin discovering how the Bible forms our character.

Check out the bulletin board at the back of the auditorium. Each month the virtue of the month along with resources will be available for you to take home.



# Prayer List

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<b>Home Away from Home Patients</b>	<b>Pauline Hoffman</b>
Linda OliVarez, David Tincher, James Szalay, Edward Smith, Beth Myers, Ann Underwood, JoAnn Witkowski, Bertha Sharp, Thelma Crabb, Bill McVay, Kathleen Szuch, Mike Hunley, Sue Young	Mrs. Hoffman is at home recovering from a recent stroke. She is the mother of Sheila King and is a former LRC member.
<b>Sabrina Frazier</b>	<b>Mike Harmon</b>
Sabrina Frazier's daughter, Joy Erica Nardi, passed away last Sunday.	Please continue to pray for Mike and Gina as Mike pursues healthy treatment alternatives.
<b>Jerry Bryant</b>	<b>Laura Jackson</b>
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.
<b>Nancy Chandler</b>	<b>George Schraudt</b>
Please continue to pray for Nancy and her family.	George Schraudt, father of Ann Cook, is in White County Medical Center in Searcy with pneumonia.
<b>Doug Hoffman</b>	<b>Brenda Graham</b>
Doug is recovering at home after being treated for a blood clot last week.	Brenda is at the home of Jim and Donna Hathcock under hospice care
	<b>Eason Family</b>
	Betty Iona Eason, mother of Pat Downs, passed away recently.

## 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 : Kristi Brown and Ann Cook	<u>Today:</u> Doug and Stephanie Ehorn	<u>Serving in January:</u> Poteat/Brown HC
18-36 Months: Lindsey & Arian Curtis and Adrienne Meachum		
<u>Next Week:</u> Angie King, Elizabeth Ballard, Rachel Smith, and Becky Cranford	<u>Next Sunday:</u> Chris and Tammy Dickinson	<u>Preparing in January:</u> Paul Wallace

To Little Rock Church,

Thank you so much for the food and comfort you showed my whole family during this very difficult time. My family was so proud of our close church family. We are blessed to be part of Little Rock Church.

Love,  
Pat, Greg, Laura, and David Downs and the Eason family

To the Congregation of Little Rock Church,

My husband Jim and I are living in Apartment 207 run by your Home Away from Home Ministry. Words cannot express our appreciation for all the prayers and acts of kindness shown to us by you. All the delicious food and the wonderful caroling by the youth have definitely help make our stay here more comfortable and feeling cared for.

We ask that you continue to remember us in your prayers.

Jim and Fay Szalay