



February 14, 2010

Teaching Assembly 9 AM
Worship Assembly 10 AM

CALENDAR

Today

Adult Classes Meet in the Auditorium

THIS WEEK

Wednesday	Lent Service 7 PM
Thursday	Men's Basketball 6 – 8 PM

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.

Elder Prayer Time

Our elders meet to pray every Sunday morning during the 9:00 AM class period. They would like to remind everyone they are always available during this time period for anyone who desires prayers.

A Weekend to Remember

Chris and Tammy Dickinson are coordinating a group of couples to attend the Weekend to Remember conference in Branson, MO, March 26-28. This is a great opportunity to have fun with other couples, reconnect with your spouse and strengthen your marriage! See Chris or Tammy for more details.

Lent Service February 17

A Lent Service is scheduled for **THIS Wednesday, February 17, at 7:00 PM**. Please plan to attend that evening when we will take time to prepare our hearts and minds as we look forward to Resurrection Sunday (Easter), April 4.

A Dad-Sized Challenge

Geyer Springs First Baptist Church is hosting a seminar for dads of boys February 21, 4:30 - 7:30 PM called "A Dad-Sized Challenge." It's a seminar for dads with sons ages birth-teenage years. This half-day will inspire and challenge you. It's a great investment to make in your children. Reserve a spot now by contacting Geyer Springs First Baptist Church at 455-3474. Cost is \$15. See Chad Nall if you have any questions.

Directory Pictures

David Cranford will be taking directory pictures Sunday, February 21 and Sunday, February 28. New LRC members and those who would like a new picture taken should meet David upstairs on the north end of the Nichols Building after worship.

Special Collection for Angola Mission – February 21

Jordan is close to her fundraising goal. Please prayerfully consider giving on February 21 to help her as she prepares for her mission to Angola.

Foundations Class

Foundations Class will be held February 21 at 9:00 AM. We host Foundations Class to share important information about LRC for those considering LRC as a church home. The class will meet in the middle classroom of the multipurpose room.

Congratulations

Colin Graham Walker, son of David and Stephanie Walker, and grandson of Glenn and Regina Graham, was born Monday, February 8.

Elizabeth Ballard will be coordinating meals for the Walkers beginning today. Please contact Elizabeth by email, eballard6@hotmail.com or phone 864-921-0292.

Congratulations

Colbie Jean Jones, daughter of Daniel and Melanie Jones, and granddaughter of Mike and Jeannie Cagle, was born Tuesday, February 9.

Baby Shower honoring Nicole Welsh Mills

A baby shower honoring Nicole Welsh Mills, daughter of Ronnie and Gina Welsh, has been rescheduled for Saturday, February 20, 2:00-4:00 PM at the home of Gina Welsh, 3011 Sawmill Trail, LR, AR 72206. It's a boy and Nicole is registered at WalMart and Target (*Opal Nicole Mills*).

Bridal Shower honoring Erin Reed

All ladies are invited to attend a bridal shower for Erin Reed on Sunday, March 7, from 2-4 PM at the home of Jeannie Cagle, 23 Kanis Creek Place, Little Rock. Erin is registered at Bed, Bath, and Beyond.

All-Church Retreat March 19-21

Make plans to attend the all-church retreat at beautiful Camp Tahkodah. We are planning a time of worship, fun activities, teaching, devotional, food, and alone-time.

Cost is \$30 for adults, \$25 for age 10-17, \$20 for age 5-9, and children under age 5 are free.

Registration forms are available on the table at the rear of the auditorium and need to be returned to the office by March 7. You may pay one-half now and the rest when you arrive at the retreat. We do not want the cost of the retreat to keep anyone from attending. If you need scholarship assistance, please see Lynn Cook.

We encourage every member of LRC to attend the retreat.

Little Rock Church Purposes:



Magnify



Unify



Evangelize



Mature



Equip

All-Church Retreat "Seeking God's Face" March 19-21



Camp Tahkodah
Registration Deadline
March 7!
(Deposit: Half of Total
Due with Registration)

Lynn Cook

Email: lynn@littlerockchurch.org

Cell or Text: 529-9138

Retreat Information:

Cost:

Adults	\$30
Teens 12-18	\$25
Children 5-11	\$20
Children 0-4	\$0

Recreational activities available:

Sand Volleyball, Basketball, Hiking, Ultimate Frisbee
Softball, and Fishing.

What to bring:

Sleeping bag or other type of bedding, Pillows, Towels
Tennis Shoes, Bible

Optional items:

Bicycles, other recreational items, Fishing equipment
And Cameras

Child care

There will be child care, children's worship and Bible
lessons for children birth-6th grade. Students in grades
7-12 will fully participate in the weekend.

**REGISTRATION FORMS ARE ON THE TABLE
NEAR THE KITCHEN -- RETURN TO LYNN!**

Mike Cagle

Email: mike@littlerockchurch.org

Cell or Text: 246-6141

Jordan's Angola Update



February 21, 2010...

will be my send-off Sunday at LRC. I am mourning this loss, but excited about fulfilling my call. On February 23 I fly to Lisbon, Portugal for 9 months of Portuguese language school. Next Sunday will include a special offering to cover the expenses of this time. Our goal is \$8,500. Anything that is raised over this amount will go toward my Angola work fund, which will be used for outreach in Angola. Please pray about giving for Angola next Sunday.

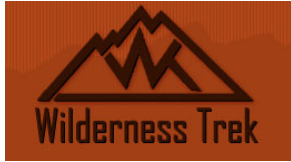
The support that you are providing both as individuals and as a church to help me live out my call to Angola is such a blessing! This is one of many ways that you personally can be involved in the work in Angola. If you are looking for other ways to be involved, consider joining the Angola support team or e-mailing me for suggestions.



Contribution forms are on the Angola board at the back of the auditorium or
@: www.jordanyarbrough.wordpress.org



Chad Nall
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Chad@littlerockchurch.org



Students registered for Wilderness Trek received their participant guides last Wednesday at Refuge. See Chad Nall if you did not receive your participant's guide. The next \$100 payment is due March 7.

Wilderness Trek Fundraiser Lunch
The student ministry is hosting Costa Rican lunch Sunday, March 14 immediately after worship. Proceeds go toward our senior high Wilderness Trek. See Chad Nall for more details.

Youth Huddle
Bowling at Professor Bowl (Rodney Parham in WLR) 6-8 PM. Bring \$5 and money for food and snacks.

LRC Kids Ministry

Parents of 6th Graders
Entering 7th graders transition into the student ministry June 6. You should have received a letter providing information about our student ministry. Please take time to talk to Chad to find out more about our student ministry. There are many opportunities to be involved.

One such opportunity is a 4-day mission experience for students entering grades 7-9 to Ft. Worth, TX. Information about this mission trip is available at the back of the auditorium. A \$50 deposit is due March 1. See Chad Nall for more details.

Mission Ft. Worth
We are once again partnering with 7-8th graders from Crosswalk and University Church for a Junior High mission trip July 7-10. Information sheets are available at the back of the auditorium. A \$50 deposit is due March 1.

Important Dates

Today	Huddle @ Professor Bowl 6-8 PM
February 17	Lent worship service
March 1	JH mission trip deposit due
March 3	Small group fun night
March 7	Trek payment due
March 14	Fundraiser Lunch

Weekly Student Ministry Events

Bible Study	Sundays 9:00 AM
Refuge	Wednesday 6:15-8:15 PM

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

Chad Nall or Krissi Fry
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Chad@littlerockchurch.org

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5/6th Grade Devo
The 5/6th grade Bible class will have a devotional February 27 from 4-7 PM at the Little Rock Climbing Center and Nichols Building. Cost will be about \$15. Contact Chad Nall for more details.

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

Prayer List



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Home Away from Home Patients	April Chandler
John Williams, Carmen Fowler, Alice Waddell, Juanita Rigdon, Lee Hambleton, Shirley Casey, Harvey Moody, Paul Urban, Pearl McCoy, Carla Ferguson, , Earl Siles, Paula Gilmer, and Richard Destatt.	April is scheduled for more tests, but her doctors now believe her problem can be controlled with medication.
Vipin Nischal	Danny Steinmetz
Please continue to pray for Vipin's mother who is ill with cancer.	Danny Steinmetz, fiancé of Pat Teezen, met with his doctor Friday to discuss surgery for a hiatal hernia.
Lathan Gregg	Norma Kaiser
Lathan Gregg, son of former LRC members Rance and Heather Gregg, and grandson of former members Gary and Carolyn Gregg, is being treated for leukemia.	Mrs. Norma is recovering from back surgery. If you would like to send a card, her address is: 2701 Aldersgate Road, #732, LR, AR 72205. Her telephone number is: 225-2187
Tiffany and Paula Smith	Sid Moore's Father
Tiffany and Paula Smith, wife and mother of Brad Smith, who was recently killed in Afghanistan, were in Colorado Springs last Tuesday for a memorial service honoring Brad and others who were killed in the same attack. While they were eating at a restaurant, someone stole laptops and cameras from their car which contained all their pictures from recent memorial services as well as Brad's personal effects which had just been returned. Please pray that the stolen items can be recovered and for God's care of their hearts. Brad was the niece of Ken and Pat Waits.	Mr. Moore father had heart valve replacement and double bypass surgery last Thursday.
Harold Dean Combs	Amanda Leatherman
Harold Dean Combs, brother of James Combs, was scheduled for emergency bypass surgery last Friday after a heart attack. The surgery had to be postponed because of the amount of anticoagulant in his system and will be rescheduled within the next few days.	Amanda Leatherman, niece of Donna Hathcock, was taken to St. Vincents North Thursday. Her doctors determined Friday that she did not have a blood clot in her lung as they thought previously, and were still conducting tests.

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 - Tamara Zinck 18-36 Months Bethany Aven and Madhu Nelaturi	<u>Today :</u> Sid and Beth Moore	<u>Serving in February:</u> Fry/Dickinson HC
Next Sunday- Adrienne Meachum, Elizabeth Ballard and Tracie Vaughan	<u>Next Sunday :</u> Jody and Andrea Styles	<u>Preparing in February</u> Welsh Family



Lessons in Love: I John Week Four Obeying

Obey is a “four-letter word” – most people don’t like the idea of obeying

- To “obey” implies conflict and inferiority
- However, the apostle John felt that obedience was pivotal to Christianity

Obedience in 1 John

- John was writing to a church that was doubtful of their own relationship with God, so he taught that obedience was proof of their Christianity
- Two main passages: **1 John 2:3-6**, **1 John 5:1-3**

Understanding our relationship with God

- When we think of God as a loving Father (**1 John 3:1-3**), we understand that God asks us to obey for our own good, just as we do our children
- God’s commands are not burdensome but helpful (**1 John 5:3**)
- As we mature, we obey out of reciprocated love and trust, not just necessity (**John 14:15**)

God’s love is made complete in us

- Jesus commanded us to love just as He loves (**John 13:34-35**)
- John emphasized that to obey the command to love means walking in the light, and he promised that doing so means having a heart that will not stumble (**1 John 2:3-11**)

Questions:

- When you hear the word “obey”, what emotions does it create?
- Explain, from your own personal experiences, why God’s commands are not burdensome.
- Have you ever seen God’s love completed by another person’s obedience?
- What is God asking you to obey in your own life today?

Memory Verse: (*1 John 5:3*) This is love for God: to obey his commands. And his commands are not burdensome, for everyone born of God overcomes the world.

Preparing for Lent 2010
From the LRC Leadership and Worship Ministry

God speaks to His people in many ways. Scripture (which is foundational), prayer, counsel from godly brothers & sisters, the practice of spiritual disciplines, circumstances, etc., are all avenues God can and does use to grow us. Church tradition can also be a helpful place in the life of the church...but one must be careful.

Tradition can be a positive, affirming aid to our walk, or it can be a noose! To be blindly bound to a practice simply because "It's my tradition" is not a good thing at all and can become a legalistic prison built by man. By the same token, to reject a practice simply because it is a "tradition" might cost you a very helpful means by which the Holy Spirit forms the image of Christ in you. No one should be judged for their traditions as long as those traditions are not in conflict with the written Word. If there is no conflict.....we have much liberty!

One of the blessings of being a non-denominational community church is that we have the opportunity to explore and use traditions from many faith-walks. For over 10 years we have celebrated **Advent**, **Christmas**, and to some extent **Epiphany**. Several of you have asked why we don't embrace the Easter season to the same degree that we do Christmas. Good question, since **Easter** is arguably the high point of the **Church Year**.

So what about Lent? Here is a thumb-nail sketch.

Lent is a time of preparation to celebrate God's marvelous redemption through Christ and the resurrected life that we live and hope for as the people of God. It has not been well observed in the Protestant church. Recently it has gained more acceptance and many churches are realizing the benefit of recovering the larger Christian tradition as a means of refocusing on spirituality in a culture that is increasingly secular.

Lent traditionally was a time of preparation for those who were to be baptized. It has now become a call for the whole Christian community to prepare and guard their hearts through introspection, self examination, and repentance.

It begins on **Ash Wednesday (February 17, 2010)** and is a 40 day period of prayer, fasting, penitence, "almsgiving" and self-denial in preparation for Holy

Week culminating on **Resurrection Sunday** (Easter), April 4th, 2010. The number of days (40) is significant...mainly because that is the number of days that Jesus spent in the wilderness being tempted by Satan. We identify with that temptation and acknowledge that our only resource to confront our sin is God through Christ living in us by the Holy Spirit.

Ash Wednesday is a somber day of reflection of what should change in our lives if we are to be fully Christian. Ashes are placed on our foreheads as a sign of our mortality and penitence, and someone says to us, "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return", Ps.90:3, 103:14. So that we may remember it is only by God's gracious gift of Christ that we may have eternal life.

The ashes that are traditionally used are taken from the burning of Palm leaves. The ashes are a symbol of humility, a mourning our sin, of saying "if you only knew the sins that I am capable of (and of course God does know) - then all would see that I too am a sinner".

The LRC worship ministry and leadership is encouraging each LRC member to reflect during this season of Lent on how God can use this season of the church calendar to more perfectly shape your heart into the image of Christ. **Little Rock Church will have an assembly on Wednesday, February 17 at 7 PM for all those that wish to gather together to enter into the season of Lent.** We will also have another assembly at the end of Lent on Good Friday, April 2 to honor Christ's dying on the cross for our sins. Of course, we look forward to gathering on Sunday morning, April 4th to celebrate Resurrection Sunday (Easter)!

Our encouragement regarding this season of Lent would be to pray and ask God if this is something you can use to grow you in Christ. If so, consider whether you are called to fasting, giving, prayer or acts of charitable service that are beyond your familiar routine during the rest of the year. Or God may give you another path to humility.

Remember, this is not bound on you by anyone. There is no expectation that you **have** to do something....only an encouragement to humble yourself before God and His inexpressible gift through Christ our Lord. If you want to ask or talk about this matter just ask Trey Chandler, one of the LRC ministers or one of your elders.