



February 28, 2010

Teaching Assembly 9 AM  
Worship Assembly 10 AM

CALENDAR

Today

*Adult Classes Meet in the Auditorium*

THIS WEEK

Wednesday	Teen Refuge - Dinner @ 6:15 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.

Angola Mission

Jordan arrived in Portugal Wednesday to begin language study. The special offering last week totaled \$10,183. Thanks to everyone who gave Sunday and also to everyone who has already given in support of Jordan's work in Angola. Her blog spot is [www.jordan.yarbrough.wordpress.com](http://www.jordan.yarbrough.wordpress.com) and her email address is [jordanyarbrough@gmail.com](mailto:jordanyarbrough@gmail.com).

Directory Pictures

David Cranford will be taking directory pictures again today. 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.

Arkansas Shepherding Conference March 4-6

The second Arkansas Shepherding Conference will be held at Pleasant Valley Church of Christ March 4-6 with the purpose of equipping elders and church leaders to lead congregations for the glory of God. See Lynn or Brad Dell if you would like more information. Cost of the conference is \$25 per couple and you may register at [www.pvcc.org](http://www.pvcc.org).

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 ask every member of LRC to attend the retreat.

Please note that we will not have a worship assembly at the LRC building on Sunday, March 21 so that everyone can attend the retreat. Please sign up today.

Student Ministry Fundraiser Lunch - March 14

March 14, immediately after worship, the student ministry is hosting a fundraiser lunch. Enjoy a Costa Rican meal prepared and served by parents and students immediately following the worship assembly for \$6 per person. There will be a kid's menu for \$3 per child. **This lunch replaces the large fundraiser auction of past years. It's a great opportunity to enjoy fellowship and good food as we help raise funds for this year's Trek.**

Bridal Shower honoring Erin Reed - March 7

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.

A Weekend to Remember - March 26-28

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.

Women's Brunch Bunch - April 24

LRC women please mark April 24, 8:30-11:30 AM on your calendar for a time of food and fellowship and plan to bring a friend. The meal will be provided. More details will be coming soon.

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**

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## 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 AT  
THE REAR OF THE AUDITORIUM.**

**Mike Cagle**

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## Trying Versus Training

When someone says, "I'll try that" that implies an effort will be made but no commitment to really making it a part of their life. We have tried many things. "I'll try to forgive." "I'll try to read my Bible every day." "I will try to show up to help in the food ministry." "I'll try to remember to call my friend after surgery." When you try that means if the activity is convenient I will. I really don't have a plan but will try. I kind of want to but I don't know. Just trying doesn't get it.

God has called us to training. It implies that we have made a commitment to a plan and a process. We have decided that we must be diligent. We are looking for a particular outcome. 1 Timothy 4:7-8 (The Message) *"Stay clear of silly stories that get dressed up as religion. Exercise daily in God—no spiritual flabbiness, please! Workouts in the gymnasium are useful, but a disciplined life in God is far more so, making you fit both today and forever."*

As we train it's important to remember that soul training exercises do not make us holy. Participation in the exercises puts us in a position by which God can transform us and therefore care for others. Last Sunday I talked about the exercise of *meditative reading*. I hope you have taken time this past week either as an individual or as a group to spend time mulling over God's Word. This exercise gives Him time to speak to us in a very personal way. It gives us time to stop and listen attentively. God wants to speak into your lives in a very meaningful, personal, and fulfilling way. Please give Him that chance.

Mike



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### Youth Huddle

7-12<sup>th</sup> graders, invite a friend and head over to Chad and Deana's home (1615 Kensington Dr, Bryant) for a cookout from 5-7 PM. You don't need to bring a thing.

***Wilderness Trek \$100 payment is due next Sunday, March 7.***

## LRC Kids Ministry

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### Parents of 6<sup>th</sup> Graders

You should have received a letter detailing some basic information about the LRC student ministry. Hopefully, you've had time to look at the information.

In addition to the mission trip, entering 7<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to our spring junior high retreat April 23-25 at the Goad's cabin near Mountain View. Information sheets about this retreat are available on the table at the back of the auditorium.

In the meantime, don't hesitate to contact Chad Nall with any questions you might have.

### Mission Ft. Worth

We are once again partnering with 7-8<sup>th</sup> 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 by tomorrow.**

### Important Dates

Today	Huddle@Chad/Deana's
March 1	JH mission trip deposit due
March 3	Small group fun night
March 7	Trek payment due
March 14	Fundraiser Lunch
April 23-25	Jr high retreat@ Goad cabin

### Weekly Student Ministry Events

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

*Calling 7-12<sup>th</sup> graders to become more like Jesus for the sake of others.*

**Chad Nall or Krissi Fry**

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### Red Card Kids

Allan and Cindy Stanford are leading a class for 5-6<sup>th</sup> graders and parents called Red Card Kids. This class focuses our families on God's heart for children who have no families or homes. It's an excellent opportunity for parents and children.

***Children and parents need to sign up for the class by March 28.*** This will help Allan and Cindy prepare for the class. You may sign up by contacting Cindy Stanford or the church office.

The class will be Sunday mornings, April 18-May 16, from 9:00-9:45 AM. Contact Allan and Cindy for more details.

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

# Prayer List



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<b>Home Away from Home Patients</b>	<b>April Chandler</b>
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 still at home and not able to work. She has been undergoing a series of tests to determine the cause of her difficulties.
<b>Vipin Nischal</b>	<b>Danny Steinmetz</b>
Please continue to pray for Vipin's mother who is ill with cancer.	Danny Steinmetz, fiancé of Pat Teezen, is scheduled for surgery March 4.
<b>Lasiter Family</b>	<b>Boyce Mathis</b>
Nora Neict, mother of Bernie Lasiter's daughter in law, passed away recently.	Boyce's sister, Nelda King, died recently
<b>Stacy Peters</b>	<b>Sid Moore's Father</b>
Stacy was recently diagnosed with prostate cancer.	Mr. Moore is recovering from heart valve replacement and double bypass surgery. His doctors are pleased with his progress so far, but expect a slow recovery.
<b>Harold Dean Combs</b>	<b>Linda Mersman</b>
Harold Dean Combs, brother of James Combs, is recovering from bypass surgery.	Linda Mersman, who is from Oklahoma, will be here Tuesday for brain tumor surgery at St Vincents. Her husband Rick asked for our prayers.

## Serving in the Family

<b>Serving in the Nursery (See Krissi Fry for assistance)</b>	<b>Serving on the Playground &amp; Gym</b>	<b>Serving &amp; Preparing Communion</b>
<u>Today:</u> Infant - Sara Gaines 18-36 Months Celeste Knight & Erin Reed	<u>Today :</u> Doug & Stephanie Ehorn	<u>Serving in February:</u> Fry/Dickinson HC
Next Sunday - Mary Mathis, Renee Gentry and Beth Moore	<u>Next Sunday :</u> Brian and Kelly Cochrane	<u>Preparing in February</u> Welsh Family



## Lessons in Love: I John Week Six Discerning

Not all who claim to be Christians teach the same message of salvation.

How do we decide or discern what is true?

John dealt with discernment in his letter to the Ephesians

- Remember, they were dealing with a church split over doctrine
- **Read: 1 John 4:1-4**

The root of discernment was to understand the nature and character of Jesus

- The Ephesians had to deal with false teaching about whether Jesus actually came in the flesh
- We can extend John's teaching to any message that threatens the gospel of salvation by grace through Jesus' blood

Why is it so important to understand Jesus?

- He is the only way that we can truly understand God (**John 14:8-9**)
- He is the way that God has chosen to speak to us (**Hebrews 1:1-3**)

***The burden to discern what is true rests complete with us as listeners.***

Two keys to discernment

- Find Jesus in the Bible, which is in its entirety the story of Christ (**1 John 1:1-3**)
- As we view Christ's glory in the scriptures, let the Spirit teach and transform us into His image (**2 Corinthians 3:18**)

**Questions:**

- Have you wrestled with any confusing messages about Jesus?
- How is the entire Bible a story about Jesus? What about the Old Testament? What about the epistles in the New Testament?
- Explain why it is important to see Jesus clearly when we study the Bible.
- Explain why it is important to study the Bible to see Jesus clearly.
- How has the Spirit helped you understand Jesus better?

**Memory Verse:** (1 John 4:1-2) Dear friends, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world.