



April 11, 2010

Teaching Assembly 9 AM
Worship Assembly 10 AM

CALENDAR

Today *Adult Classes Meet in Auditorium*

Next Week *Adult Classes Meet in Auditorium*

THIS WEEK

Wednesday	Teen Refuge – Dinner at 6:15 PM
Thursday	Men’s Basketball 6 – 8 PM (Nichols Bldg)
Thursday	Mundo de Fe 6 – 9 PM (Worship Center)

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.

The Student Ministry Wants Your Stuff

The Student Ministry is planning a rummage sale on April 17 and would like to have your unwanted furniture, electronics, appliances, yard equipment, etc. They will accept anything you would like to donate for this sale. **THEY WILL EVEN PICK IT UP!** To donate items contact Linda Murphy at 351-2107 or linda.murphy@usfood.com.

Wednesday, April 21 - Adoption Fundraiser Coffee House and Auction

Mark Wednesday, April 21 at 7:00 PM on your calendar for a Coffee House and Dessert Auction to help Casey and Mary Beth Picker raise funds in their effort to adopt a baby girl from Ethiopia.

Women’s Brunch Bunch – Saturday, April 24

LRC women please mark Saturday, 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. A sign-up sheet is at the rear of the auditorium.

Adoption Fundraiser Parent’s Day Out – May 8

Help support Jimmy and Kim Poteat in their adoption efforts, by bringing your kid’s to Parent’s Day Out May 8, 1 – 5 PM. This activity is for children of any age with planned games, bubbles, movies, and snacks. Parents enjoy some time out before summer begins. Minimum donation is \$10 (larger donations appreciated). A sign-up sheet is available on the table at the back of the auditorium.

Wedding Shower

A wedding shower honoring Alison Tindall is scheduled April 18, 2-4 PM at the home of Sue White, 31 Jacob Place, LR, AR 72211. Alison is registered at JC Penny, Target, Dillard’s, and Sears.

Mundo de Fe

A Hispanic group of believers, Mundo De Fe, meets in our auditorium and adjacent classrooms Sundays from 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM and on Thursdays from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM. We have agreed to allow them use of our facilities to worship and fellowship and are also exploring ways we can work together. If you come to the LRC building during their gathering, please be respectful of their worship assemblies.

May Festival - May 1

Mundo de Fe has planned a festival May 1 here at Little Rock Church, May 1, from 6 - 8 PM and has invited us to join them. Please plan to come and enjoy a great time of food, fun, and fellowship.

Volunteers in Public Schools

Little Rock Church has been nominated for a Volunteers in Public Service Award in recognition of outstanding service.

This nomination recognizes our involvement primarily at Dodd Elementary, but also for service at Mabelvale Elementary and Mabelvale Middle Schools.

Angola Mission Information

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Little Rock Church Purposes:



Magnify



Unify



Evangelize



Mature



Equip

ADOPTION!

You may have noticed on the front page of the bulletin that we have two opportunities to help LRC families adopt in the coming months. Adoption is such a Godly thing. The Picker and Poteat families have made a commitment to adopt and are putting together funds to help pay for the adoption process. As you know, in our culture, adoption can be an expensive process. If you cannot adopt, it is good to know that this is a practical way to support two young families that are willing to do so. See how you can support them in their effort. Perhaps, you can find a way to give a little. Encourage your family to find a way to make some extra funds by cutting out going out to eat for a week or finding an extra job so that you can donate the money.

Mary Beth and Casey are selling T-shirts as a part of their fundraising efforts. You can order one at <http://www.caseypicker.com/shirts/>. The shirts are cool and they are for a great cause!

You can also help out the Jimmy and Kim Poteat by going to their fundraising page at <http://poteatadoption.gazelle.com/>. There are several ways you can donate including giving directly, donating used gadgets, or telling your friends about their need.

Love, Lynn

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In the preaching series that begins today, I will reference a book by Eugene Peterson entitled "The Jesus Way". I suggest the book as a really good read if you are interested in learning more about the topic of "Following Jesus". Peterson has written other books that I think are great for the modern disciple of Jesus. They are thoughtful and challenging. The books are: ***Christ Plays in Ten Thousand Places, Eat this Book, and The Jesus Way***. They can be found on-line or at your local bookstore.

Another Quote from The Jesus Way, pg. 36

"So. Jesus the Way, the ways of Jesus. He shows the way. He also is the way. He does not point out the way and then step aside and let us get there on our own as best we can. Jesus points out the way, but then he takes the initiative, inviting us to go with him, taking us with him across land and sea, through all kinds of weather, avoiding dead ends and seductive byways, watching out for danger and alerting us to enemies."

Seeking God's Face

Last Sunday, Jeannie and I shared information about the Liturgical Year Calendar. The New Year begins at Advent (five weeks before Christmas). Advent means "coming." We are remembering that Christ was born; He brought the presence of God into the world; and points us to the second coming of Christ. The religious world understands that we don't really know when Christ was born. December 25 was chosen to celebrate that God came to us.

After Advent and Christmas is Ordinary Time. The term "Ordinary Time" may be misleading. In the context of the liturgical year the term "ordinary" does not mean "usual or average", but rather "not seasonal." Ordinary Time is that part of the Liturgical Year which lies outside the seasons of Lent-Easter and Advent-Christmas. In Ordinary Time, the Church celebrates the mystery of Christ not in one specific aspect but in all its aspects. The readings during the liturgies of Ordinary Time help to instruct us on how to live out Christian faith in our daily lives.

Next, we enter the season of Lent. This period leads us up to Christ's death. It is a time of preparation through fasting and repentance. It recalls the 40 days Jesus went in the wilderness, and was tempted by Satan. Lent is not about ritual. It is a time given to think seriously about who Jesus is to us and to renew our faith from the inside out.

The day after Lent is Easter. We celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ. The same power that raised Jesus from the dead is the power that works in our lives today. God wants to raise us up from the grave of ourselves so that we may have a new life.

The next season is Ordinary Time again until Advent comes to begin another year.

It's tempting to not consider following the calendar year because of past teachings or experiences. Consider the principle of the Liturgical calendar. It's no more a ritual than praying every day. The purpose of following the Liturgical Calendar is to take us down the path that Christ walked every year in hope that each trip will take us deeper into faith and higher into service.

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Faith Decisions

They say you are what you eat, but I tend to think you are what you believe. This week in Faith Decisions we explore truth and core beliefs. 7-8th graders and parents, grab a donut, get some coffee, and join us in the teen room.

Christian Church Lunch

Thanks to everyone who worked hard on the Christian Church conference lunch.

Jr. High Retreat

Payment for our annual retreat for entering 7-9th graders is due today. Please pay Chad \$35 to register. Make checks payable to Little Rock Church.

Pinnacle Mountain

This afternoon we're going to Pinnacle Mountain. Those needing a ride, meet at LRC at 3:00 PM. Everyone else plan to meet us at the park at 3:30 PM. We'll climb the mountain, play Ultimate Frisbee, flag football, and eat. Students don't need to bring anything except a friend.

Student Ministry Rummage Sale

We want your old stuff! The student ministry is having a rummage sale this Saturday. If you have furniture, appliances, lawn equipment, or other items to donate contact Linda Murphy. She will make arrangements to receive your donated items.

Graduating Seniors

Seniors graduating from high school this year include Sergio Arias, Connor Walker and Taylor White. They will be honored during our morning worship time on Sunday, May 9.

Calendar

TODAY	Afternoon at Pinnacle Mountain
April 17	Student Ministry yard sale
April 23-25	JH Retreat
May 2	Mission Ft. Worth team meeting

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.

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LRC Kids Ministry

Summer on the Rock

LRC Kids Ministry is hosting Summer on the Rock once again beginning Sunday, June 6. Like last year, SOR includes several options for families to participate together. This year, those options include family devotionals available for purchase, suggested family ministry/service projects, and opening/closing celebration times.

We need your help in the following areas:

1. Cooks for the SOR kick-off event.
2. Decorating and setting up for SOR during the month of May
3. Leading groups/ assisting group leaders
4. Providing donuts and breakfast items for the SOR kick-off event
5. Helping with audio/video presentations

Please consider being involved in SOR in some way this summer. Your involvement is important. Contact Chad Nall for more information.

Thanks to our Bible class teachers

Our Bible class teachers work hard for our children. Please take time to thank them and let them know you appreciate their hard work. Bible class time is a great opportunity for your children to get to know others and learn from teachers who diligently plan lessons and love our kids. Make sure to arrive on time so your children don't miss anything.

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

Prayer List



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Home Away from Home Patients	April Chandler
Paula Gilmer, Paul Gilmer, Carmen Fowler, Teresa Atkins, Ernest Moody, Carla Ferguson, Doyle McSpadden, John Williams, Francis Rigdon, Lee Hambleton, Shirley Casey, Eloise Hinton, Pearl McCoy, Gary Heppenstall, Howard Wrubel	April is still undergoing a series of tests to determine the cause of her difficulties.
Vipin Nischal	Norma Kaiser
Please continue to pray for Vipin's mother who is ill with cancer.	Norma Kaiser is scheduled for procedures to place a stent in one of her heart arteries Friday.
Cagle Family	Ray Lunsford
Mike's father had to be moved to another facility because of the need for a higher level of care. Please pray for Mike and rest of the family.	Former LRC member, Ray Lunsford, is in Saline Memorial Hospital with complications after a recent hip surgery.
Nancy Chandler	Carpenter Family
Nancy is meeting with her doctor Tuesday to discuss results of recent tests.	Carl Carpenter passed away recently. He was known to many at LRC through ADLN, which he helped found. Donations in his name may be made to St. Jude's Children's Hospital.
Spencer Templeton's Mother	
Spencer Templeton, former foster son of Gerald and Angela, asked us to pray for his mother, who was diagnosed with lung cancer. She will begin chemotherapy immediately, but the prognosis is not good. Also, please pray for Spencer as he seeks to reconnect with his sons.	

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 - Jan Abbey 18-36 Months Linda and Hayley Murphy	<u>Today:</u> Lynn and Michelle Cook	<u>Serving in April:</u> Brown and Garner HC's
Next Sunday - Angie King, Stephanie Shepherd & Becky Cranford	<u>Next Sunday :</u> Keith & Tracy Vaughan	<u>Preparing in April:</u> White Family

Discipleship: The Way of Abundant Life

House Church Discussion Questions

Week One: The Call of Jesus

1. Please read Mark 1:14-20. Why did Jesus ask his disciples to repent, believe and follow? What did He mean by follow? How do we miss this today?
2. Read John 10:10 and John 14:6-7. Discuss all the ways that Jesus is The Way.
3. Lynn shared a quote by Eugene Peterson from page 22 of "The Jesus Way" that reads: ***"To follow Jesus implies that we enter into a way of life that is given character and shape and direction by the one who call us. To follow Jesus means picking up rhythms and ways of doing things that are often unsaid but always derived from Jesus, formed by the influence of Jesus. To follow Jesus means that we can't separate what Jesus is saying from what Jesus is doing and the way that he is doing it. To follow Jesus is as much or maybe even more, about feet as it is about ear and eyes."***

What do you think that Peterson means by "a way of life"? Also, what does Peterson mean by "about feet as it is about ear and eyes"?

4. Why is "The PATH" or "The Way" metaphor used so much in scripture to describe walking within God's Plan? Read Psalm 1 and discuss how this applies.
5. Read Acts 19:9, 19:23, 22:4, and 24:14 and 22. Have you ever noticed that the term "The Way" was used to describe early followers of Christ instead of Christians? Why is this so? How does this apply to the church today?
6. How can you find an abundant life by following Christ? What would have to change in your life to more fully follow Christ?