



April 18, 2010

Teaching Assembly 9 AM
Worship Assembly 10 AM

CALENDAR

Today *Adult Classes Meet in Auditorium*

Next Week *Adults Meet in Age-Group Classes*

THIS WEEK

Monday	Food Bank – Workers Needed at 7:30 AM & 4:30 PM
Wednesday	Picker Adoption Fundraiser 7:00 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. The elders would like to remind everyone they are always available during this time period for anyone who desires prayers.

THIS 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.

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.

LRC Men’s Softball Team

It’s not too late to sign up for the Men’s Softball team. Please see the sign-up sheet on the Family News Table near the kitchen. Talk to Mike Orndorff for more information!

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, Dillards, and Sears.

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.

May Festival on Sunday, May 1

Mundo de Fe has planned a festival May 1 on the grounds of Little Rock Church on Sunday, May 1, from 6 - 8 PM and has invited us to join them. (Mundo de Fe is the church that uses our building on Sunday afternoons.) 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. If you are interested in volunteering in one of our local schools, please see Mike Cagle.

Parents of Teens – Senior Celebration Date Change

Please note that Senior Celebration has been changed from May 19 to May 12.

Food For the Hungry Workers Needed!

Workers are needed particularly to help clean up after the meal (around 6:15 PM). Please see Tracy Vaughan if you can help.

Guy’s Baseball Trip July 9-10

Glenn Graham has planned a baseball trip to Dallas for a Rangers v Orioles game Friday, July 9. The group will go to Dallas for the game Friday evening and come back Saturday. Tickets are \$10 and Glenn has reserved a block of rooms (about \$85). See Glenn for more information and to buy tickets.

Foundations Class

Foundations Class will be held April 25 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.

Little Rock Church Purposes:



Magnify



Unify



Evangelize



Mature



Equip

A Church of Givers!

How thankful I am to be in a church that is full of givers! I have watched this week as you guys emptied out your closets and garages for the youth ministry mission trip fund. They have so much stuff to sell, I can't wait to find out how much they will raise. Way to go!

Also, I have shared in this article recently that we have two families who are planning adoptions and are asking for our assistance. The Picker and Poteat families need our help in taking in children that do not have a family! There will be a fundraiser for the Picker's this Wednesday night. If you can, find a way to share the love to care for children! It is the "The Jesus Way"!

I also wanted to mention that this summer in the month of June we will have a short preaching series on giving presented by several men in our church family. We don't teach about giving often. Our leader team feels like this is an important part of a disciplined spiritual life. We will also have a fundraising drive to begin construction of the 2nd Floor of the Nichols building. More information on this coming soon! God will lead us in our giving if we will follow him.

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The Jesus Way

In the preaching series that begins last Sunday, I referenced 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.

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."

Mark Your Calendars for October 2010

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CityFest is an event organized by the Nehemiah Project. Churches, and non-profits unite to share the love of Christ with Central Arkansas. Last year the Little Rock Church participated in this event by working with five other churches at Mabelvale Middle School. It was an incredible day. During the 2009 outreach event "Season of Service" over 8800 people served all over central Arkansas. This year we hope that even more people will be involved.

CityFest has set the Season of Service for the month of October. There will be 21 working days when churches or individuals will team up with helping ministries throughout Little Rock and North Little Rock to help those who are hurting or need assistance. I will be working alongside Jeff Spry to coordinate which organizations we will be teaming up with. These work days will be coordinated through our house churches. Please be praying about this and leave your calendar as open as possible so we may join churches throughout Central Arkansas in serving others. We want Arkansas to know that churches all over central Arkansas are willing to unite for the good of others. Jesus said that one of the greatest commandments is to love your neighbor as yourself. Let us show others that His disciples are walking in THE WAY.



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Faith Decisions

They say confession is good for the soul. Yet, many of us are terrified of the thought of sharing our struggles. This week in Faith Decisions we discuss "What do I do when I go wrong?" Grab a donut, some coffee and join us as we talk about sin, consequences and grace.

Jr. High Retreat

14 students are signed up for the junior high retreat! We will meet at LRC this Friday at 5 PM. A late night dinner will be provided when we arrive at the Goad's lodge, but students may want to eat a snack before arriving at the building. We should return Sunday around 1 PM.

Senior Celebration

Senior celebration - a time where parents are invited to Refuge and our graduates receive a blessing from their parents - has been rescheduled for May 12 rather than May 19. **All parents of students in grades 6-12 are invited.** It's a special night for our graduates.

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

April 21	No Refuge
April 23-25	JH Retreat
April 25	No Faith Decisions class
April 28	Refuge at Crosswalk Family of God
May 2	Youth Huddle
	Final Trek payment due
May 5	Refuge as normal
May 12	Senior Celebration
May 16	Mission Ft. Worth team meeting
May 19	Small group fun night at Refuge

Weekly Student Ministry Events

Bible Study	Sundays 9:00 AM
Refuge	Wednesday 6:15-8:15 PM
<i>Calling 7-12th graders to become more like Jesus for the sake of others.</i>	

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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
Mike Hunley, Tina McKinney, Ted Dudgeon, Paula Gilmer, Paul Gilmer, Teresa Atkins, Ernest Moody, Carla Ferguson, Doyle McSpadden, John Williams, Francis Rigdon, Lee Hambleton, Eloise Hinton, Pearl McCoy, Howard Wrubel, David Clancy	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 had a stent placed in one of her heart arteries last Friday.
Cagle Family	Spencer Templeton's Mother
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.	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.
Nancy Chandler	
Nancy received test results last week which were inconclusive. Additional tests are being scheduled.	

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 - Angie King 18-36 Months Becky Cranford	<u>Today:</u> Keith and Tracy Vaughan	<u>Serving in April:</u> Brown and Garner HC's
Next Sunday - Susie Brown, Mary Beth and Hope Williams	<u>Next Sunday :</u> Scott and Tracy Williams	<u>Preparing in April:</u> White Family

Knowing God Through the Eyes of Jesus

Dallas Willard writes, "The process of spiritual formation in Christ is one of progressively replacing... destructive images and ideas with the images and ideas that filled the mind of Jesus himself." ...Spiritual formation in Christ moves toward a total interchange of our ideas and images for his."ⁱ

- What image of God did you get from your parents?
- What image of God did you get from your church experience?
- What image of God did you get from our culture?

- Our purpose in life is to know God. Read the following passages.
 - **John 17:1** When Jesus had spoken these words, he lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you,² since you have given him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him.³ **And this is eternal life, that they know you the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.**
 - **Jer 9:**²³ Thus says the LORD: "Let not the wise man boast in his wisdom, let not the mighty man boast in his might, let not the rich man boast in his riches,²⁴ **but let him who boasts boast in this, that he understands and knows me, that I am the LORD who practices steadfast love, justice, and righteousness in the earth. For in these things I delight, declares the LORD."**
 - **Hosea 6:**⁶ For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice, the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.
- What does it mean to you that God wants you to know Him?

- There are different ways to know God (creation) but the only way to know Him on a personal basis is through Jesus. John 1:1-2; 1:14; 6:46.

- What are or have been some of your misperceptions of God?
 - Punishing God – John 9
 - God is untrustworthy – Matt 6:9-13
 - Angry God – John 12:47
 - God is waiting for us to come to Him – John 3:16
 - Others that you or the group may think of.

- Changing our image of God

- Understand that our image is God is flawed.
 - That's ok. When you genuinely seek God His grace covers our flawed image. What's important to understand is that you can't stay there.
 - Staying there means that a wall is between you and more of the abundant life. The abundant life is stepping through the door of the wall into the mystery of Christ.
- Examine the way we think of God.
- Consistently practice the spiritual disciplines or soul training exercises.
- Know who we are interacting with?
- Know the Holy Spirit is working at this moment

ⁱ The Good and Beautiful God, James Smith, p. 75.

LRC COFEE HOUSE AND DESSERT AUCTION

WEDNESDAY APRIL 21, 2010 @ 7PM

**PROCEEDS PAY PICKER ADOPTION EXPENSES
SUMMER FUN AUCTION**



- Guided Fishing Trip by Randy Erwin
Trout or Bass

- Week at the Stanford Cabin
On the Little Red River in Heber Springs - Sleeps 7

- Weekend at the Goad Cabin
Secluded Cabin 10 minutes from Mountain View - Sleeps 17

- Weekend at the Erwin Cabin
Western Grove, Sleeps 8

- Pool Party at the Williams

- Authentic Indian Meal by Shalaja Barnett
Served in the Barnett Home

- Otoscope and a Lesson on Checking Your Child's Ear by
Dr. Allan

- Scrapbooking session for 3 by Krissi Fry
Age 10 and up

- Sewing for Beginners

-Make a Pillowcase or Throw Pillow with MaryBeth Picker
Age 9 and up

-Soccer Skills Session for 2 with Alonso Arias

-Stamping Session for 3 with Shalaja Barnett
Age 10 and up

-Baking, Make a Cherry Pie with Cindy Stanford
Age 7 and up

-Guitar Lessons with Henry Burch

-Sunday Dinner for 8 to 10 served by Nancy Chandler

-Home Made Toffee - Shell Gower