



April 25, 2010

Teaching Assembly 9 AM
Worship Assembly 10 AM

CALENDAR

Today *Adults Meet in Age-Group Classes*

Next Week *Adults Meet in Auditorium*

THIS WEEK

Wednesday	No Refuge – Teens at Crosswalk Church
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.

Foundations Class

Foundations Class will be held today 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.

Teen Fundraiser

Thank you to everyone who contributed time, effort, and/or junk to the rummage sale last Saturday. The Youth Ministry raised over \$3,000 toward Senior HI Trek.

Parents of Teens – Senior Celebration Date Change

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

LRC Men’s Softball Team

The first regular season game is Monday, April 26, at 9:30 PM (all games are played at Temple Baptist) If you haven’t signed to play, please see the sheet on the Family News Table near the kitchen. Team members, Mike Orndorff needs your contact information. Call him at 672-1545. Printed schedules are also on the table and the schedule is posted on our website: www.littlerockchurch.org.

Help Needed

HAFH is looking for people to make prayer shawls for HAFH patients. If you can help call Regina at 351-3692 or 501-530-0095.

May Festival on Saturday, May 1

Mundo de Fe has planned a festival on the grounds of Little Rock Church on Saturday, 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.

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 at LRC. 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.

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.

Show N’ Shine 5

Registration is open for Show and Shine 5 hosted by Gateway Church at the Benton Home Depot lot on June 27. Click the button on the Gateway website: www.salinegateway.org. Free Food and Drinks for everyone with a special new event: Mechanics Creeper Races. *Just a reminder that LRC will not host Show N’Shine this year but we will have a Summer Celebration on Sunday, July 4th that will include a cook out, children’s water games, and other children and family activities.*

LRC Worship Ministry Sound System

Please note that we have made several changes and upgrades to the sound system in the Worship Center. If you plan an event that would require access to the sound system, please see Trey Chandler or Dave Garner for information and training.

Mother’s Day and Senior Sunday - May 9

Please note that LRC will have a special time to honor all mothers May 9 during the worship assembly. We will also use the day to honor our three graduating Seniors that include Taylor White, Conner Walker, and Sergio Arias.

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. 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! The Pickers are selling T-shirts through their family blog and website. If you can, find a way to share the love and 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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Using the Building

Our building is getting used. A lot! When we built the Nichols Ministry Building our leader team wanted to have a building that would meet the needs of a growing church. We also wanted to make sure we allowed other groups and families to use the building as we could. I want to share with you that is happening. Our building is getting used often by a wide range of groups including: Other churches and youth groups, State Police training, Birthday parties, Home School Organizations, and Community Groups. On top of this busy schedule we also now allow Mundo De Fe to use the worship center (auditorium) on Sunday afternoons and Thursday evenings.

I want to say to everyone that the calendar for the buildings is getting full. If you want to use any part of the campus, please call the church office to schedule a time and place with Dave Garner. Also, please remember that any group that uses the building (including LRC groups and ministries) should clean up the area and take out the trash.

“LIFE IS GOOD” SUMMER CLASSES FOR 2010

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June 6 through August 29 will be our summer quarter.

Who doesn't want the good life? It would seem that everything we do every day is to make life good. Every time we have the opportunity, we try to make our life better. It's good from time to time to stop and go back to ask the "what" and "why" questions. What is the "good life?" Why do we want that particular "good life?"

Jesus taught us that a good life is a blessed life. He specifically mentioned eight values that bring about the "good life." Since Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life, our only and best option is to see life through His eyes. This summer we will study the beatitudes of Matthew 5.

This summer, like summer of 2009, the men and the women will be divided. Jeannie Cagle will be leading and coordinating the women's class and I will be leading and coordinating the men's class. Each class will use a variety of teachers.

The purpose of this study will be to continue to build on the focus for 2010 which is spiritual transformation. We will study values that we can meditate on and practice through the soul training exercises or spiritual disciplines we have learned this year. This will give you a great opportunity to be very intentional about your spiritual formation.



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Thank You

The rummage sale was a huge success bringing in \$3027! Three fundraising efforts brought in over \$4600 for student ministry summer activities. Thanks for all your support!

Jr. High Retreat

14 students and 4 adults return today from a retreat. They should return around 4 PM this afternoon.

Refuge This Week

Meet at Crosswalk Family of God (10600 Colonel Glenn next to Clear Channel) this week for Refuge from 6:30-8:00 PM. Make plans to pick up/drop off your teen at Crosswalk. Bring \$3 for dinner.

Huddle

7-12th graders are meeting at Alonso and Vera Arias' next Sunday afternoon from 4-7 PM. Bring your fishing pole and a friend. Dinner will be provided.

Trek Final Payment

\$25 Trek final payment is due next Sunday.

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.

JH Mission Trip Meeting

There will be a JH mission trip meeting for all participants Sunday, May 16, 5-6:30 PM in the teen room. Students will be given details of how to prepare and what to expect.

Calendar

Today	No Faith Decisions class
April 28	Refuge at Crosswalk Family of God
May 2	Youth Huddle@Arias'
	Final Trek payment due (\$25)
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

Generosity, hope, obedience – these are three characteristics of a follower of Jesus. Children entering grades K-6 will learn about these characteristics during Summer on the Rock 2010. Make plans to be a part of it! We need help from all of you parents! Contact Chad Nall. Help is needed in the following areas:

1. Teachers and co-leaders
2. Worship helpers
3. Set-up and decorating
4. Food for kick-off and end-of summer celebration events
5. Greeters

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	Please pray for April and her family as the doctors continue to work toward a diagnosis. She will be entering the Mayo Clinic April 29.
Vipin Nischal	
Please continue to pray for Vipin's mother who is ill with cancer.	
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 again 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 - Susie Brown 18-36 Months Stephanie Shepherd	<u>Today:</u> Scott and Tracy Williams	<u>Serving in April:</u> Brown and Garner HC's
Next Sunday - Jeannie Cagle, Joy Wallace & Lauren Garner	<u>Next Sunday :</u> Larry and Debbie Gray	<u>Preparing in April:</u> White Family

Discipleship: The Way of Abundant Life
Week Three: Jesus is our Way to a Disciplined Life

Please read the following scriptures and quote from D Willard and review all the ways that Jesus is "The Way". What does it mean to call Jesus "The Way"?

I Peter 2:21 - ²¹To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps.
I John 2:6 -⁶ whoever claims to live in him must walk as Jesus did.

Dallas Willard: "We can become like Christ--by following the overall style of life he chose for himself. If we have faith in Christ, we must believe *He knew how to live*. What activities did Jesus practice? Such things as fasting, solitude, watching, praying, intense study and meditation upon God's Word and God's ways... Some of these will certainly be even more necessary to us than they were to him, because of our greater need. The secret of the easy yoke, then... is to live and *prepare* ourselves for life as he did, so that we can be the kind of people who behave 'on the spot' like Christ."

Please review and discuss the Spiritual Walk of Jesus and Prayer.

- a. Jesus Prayed Often
 - i. Luke 5:16¹⁶But Jesus **often** withdrew to lonely places and prayed.
 - ii. Luke 18:1¹Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up.
 - iii. Luke 6:12 ¹²One of those days Jesus went out to a mountainside to pray, and spent the night praying to God.
 - iv. John 6:15Jesus, knowing that they intended to come and make him king by force, withdrew again to a mountain by himself.
- b. Jesus Often hung out in Lonely Places (Mountains and Water)
 - i. Luke 6:12 ¹²One of those days Jesus went out to a mountainside to pray, and spent the night praying to God.
 - ii. Matt. 14:23²³After he had dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone,
 - iii. Matt. 14:13 ¹³When Jesus heard what had happened, he withdrew by boat privately to a solitary place. Hearing of this, the crowds followed him on foot from the towns.
 - iv. Mark 1:35 ³⁵Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed.
- c. Jesus Prayed with Others and for Others
 - i. Luke 11:1ff ¹One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples."

- ii. Matt 9:13, 28, 35 Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness. ³⁶When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.

Lynn illustrated the spiritual disciplines by using an analogy to sport training (training for a race) and the marriage relationship. Please discuss each analogy and how it compares to using the spiritual disciplines to stay connected to Christ.

Finish the group session by reading John 15:1-17 about the Vine and Branches and discuss how our spiritual life is illustrated in this text.