

CALENDAR

TODAY **Class 9:00 AM**
Worship 10:00 AM

THIS WEEK

Monday	Food Bank
	HCs Assisting:
	Stanford/Arias & Picker/White
Wednesday	Teen Refuge 6:45 PM
	Dinner @ 6:15 PM
Wednesday	Mundo de Fe 6 - 9PM Worship

Nurseries Available

During the worship assembly, LRC has nurseries available for children ages birth – two years of age down the Pre school Ministry hallway.

Children's Church

Children's Church meets during the adult preaching time (Children age 3 through Pre - K)

Monday Evening Elder Prayer Time

Our elders meet to pray every other Monday at 6:00 PM. Anyone desiring prayer with the elders may come to the multipurpose room during this time. The elders will meet again for this purpose on Monday November 21.

Canned Food Challenge

The challenge runs through Sunday, November 20. Will your House Church claim the coveted trophy for collecting the most canned goods in 2011? Please see your house church leader for a specific plan for your group. If you need to formulate a plan to bring your cans to the building, please call the office or Tommy Nichols. Please note, there are notes in the FFH room with unloading instructions.

LRC Children's Christmas Program Practice

K-6th graders who are participating in the children's choir and the drama team will practice for the Family Christmas Experience during the sermon time the next five Sundays (Nov. 13, 20 and 27, Dec 4 and Dec. 11) in the Nichols Building. They will be dismissed along with Children's Church. Krissi Fry and Katie Mitchell will lead the children's choir. Zach and Emily Cheatham are working with the drama team. Contact Chad Nall if you have any questions.



Decorating for the Christmas Season

Please note that we will have a decorating party on Sunday, November 27 after the morning worship assembly. We need several families to stay after the worship assembly and help decorate the worship center. Pizza and drinks will be provided for all those who help serve. Please let the church office know that you can help by calling 455.0900 or emailing dave@littlerockchurch.org. Becky Cranford will be the lead decorator if you have questions.

House Churches Can Learn About The CALL

House Churches are asked to sign up for a date to have David and Becky Cranford come share important details about LRC's partnership with The CALL. A variety of LRC members are asking how to consider adoption, learn more about foster care, and ways to support those serving local children. As adoptive parents who were served by The CALL, the Cranfords have both the passion and experience to encourage your HC members and answer questions. In July 2011 David and Becky became liaisons for LRC and our work with The CALL. To set a date for David and Becky to visit your HC, email them: david@davidcranford.com or becky@beckycranford.com.

CALL Informational Meeting Monday, November 21

LRC will host a meeting 6:30-9:00 PM, Monday, November 21 presented by The CALL in Arkansas providing information to prospective foster parents. If you plan to attend and need assistance with childcare, please contact the church office. For more information about The CALL, go to www.thecallinarkansas.org/.

Little Rock Church Purposes:



Worship



Community



Outreach



Spiritual Formation

Looking Back on the Hole in Our Gospel Series

Throughout The Hole in Our Gospel series, we challenged LRC to consider broadening our definition of our neighbor by thinking of those around the world that are experiencing hunger or poverty. I wanted to include the information on several of the ministries we mentioned during the series so you can go get more information.

Hole In Our Gospel Resources: Please go to thegospelquest.com to find more information and resources about the Hole in our Gospel book and information.

Adami Tulu School Building project: Casey and Mary Beth Picker are helping a group of Christians build a school at Adami Tulu, Ethiopia. For more information, go to www.caseypicker.com. They need to raise \$30,000 in the coming year. You can talk to them today!

Heifer Project International: Give a live stock animal or chicken to a family in a poor country to help the family climb out of poverty through growing their own food. For more information, please go to www.heifer.org. Consider asking for this gift of an animal for YOUR Christmas present this year so that you can get less and give more!

Mananutrition.org: Please consider helping my friends from Harding start up a non-profit based in Rwanda, Africa. They are using a peanut-based nutritive aide to give to young babies that are on the front end of starvation so the child will regain weight quickly. The product is also produced in Africa so the crops and the factory jobs are sustainable.

The CALL Ministry in Pulaski County: What a great job that Mary Carol Pederson did for our church last Sunday. Her call to consider foster care was powerful and meaningful for everyone. For more information, please consider attending an information meeting coming to LRC on Monday, November 21 or visiting their website at www.thecallinarkansas.org.

LRC's Own Hope Fund: Thanks to the Hope's Embrace ministry that has completed plans for the hope fund for adoption. Please see their flyer on the bulletin board in the back or on the church website at <http://www.littlerockchurch.org/ministries/outreach/hopes-embrace/>.

As we move into the holiday season of Thanksgiving and the Celebration of the Birth of Christ, there is just no better time for you to proactively plan to adjust your celebrations to reflect care and insight for our neighbors near and around the world. Remember, asking for a goat for Christmas could be one of the best gifts you have ever received!

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Updates to House Churches on the Canned Food Challenge

1. If Your House Church Has Extra Funds: As was last year's practice, if your House Church (HC) collects funds that exceed the requested goal, the Food for the Hungry Ministry asks you to consider using the additional money to purchase 12oz or 18oz jars of peanut butter. *Unfortunately, a new peanut shortage has limited the availability of peanut butter. Consequently, read Note Two.*

2. In Response to Peanut Butter Shortage: Report to Ron Cook or Dave Garner at the LRC office the amount of money your House Church wants to apply to Peanut Butter. Your HC will receive a 1:3 credit based on today's price of peanut butter – that is, 1 jar of peanut butter equals 3 canned goods. When supplies of peanut butter increase, we hope to order a large quantity of peanut butter.

3. When Your HC Orders & Picks Up: Place your order of canned goods with Larry Bartlett, manager of Food Giant at Otter Creek at 501.455.3475. Then, send an email to Ron Cook or Dave Garner to report your order and the total amount owed. LRC will prepare a check in that amount for the Food Giant. Your HC should present the LRC check when you pick up your canned goods at Food Giant.

4. When Your HC Delivers to LRC: And, contact Tommy Nichols when your HC is ready to deliver the Canned Food to the Nichols Building. Tommy will show you where and how to stack your product.

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Currently @Refuge

During the next few weeks at Refuge we are talking about why Jesus matters. Using stories from the Gospels and testimonies, our hope is that students will get a fresh, new vision of who Jesus is, and why he matters.

Last Wednesday, we studied Jesus' birth in Matthew 2 looking at King Herod. The bottom line was this – when Jesus enters our lives, he often gives us a new, better picture of our lives than what we had planned for ourselves. Judy Garner (one of our parents) beautifully illustrated this by sharing how following Jesus led her to spend three weeks in Rwanda. Take time this week to read the student ministry blog and discuss the questions included with your teen.

Next week (November 16), Eric Stripling, a parent at Pleasant Valley Church of Christ many of you know, will share what it means to him to follow Jesus. Our youth group has been praying for Eric and his family since last spring when he was diagnosed with brain cancer.

On December 7, Beckham and Karla Allen, founders of **Ozark Water Projects**, will tell how following Jesus led them to fight poverty in Africa... raising money by collecting and redistributing shoes. They are preparing for a mission trip to Kenya January 2012. Many of you have heard of them because schools (including Central Arkansas Christian Academy), organizations and businesses have hosted shoe drives.



Sticky Faith Book Club

Drs Chap Clark and Kara Powell recently authored a book, **Sticky Faith**. Based on thorough research, experience as youth pastors, and having raised children, they offer practical insight for parents who desire to pass on a legacy of faith to their children.

Parents of 7-12th graders, make plans to read it during the months of December and January. We'll read one chapter each week and post reflections and discuss on the Student Ministry blog. Books are \$10.50 if you order them through Chad. Make checks payable to Little Rock Church.

Plug In

November 20. Assist Food for the Hungry Ministry canned food drive and decorate teen room for Christmas. Bring decorations from home that can be added to the few we have. More details will be provided Wednesday.

Looking Ahead

Nov. 20	Plug-In (Food for the Hungry)
Nov. 23	No Refuge (Thanksgiving Holiday)
Dec. 11	Family Christmas Experience
Dec. 28	End of Year Party

Weekly Student Ministry Events.

Refuge	Wednesday night 6-9 PM Dinner (6:15-7:00PM \$3 per person)
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Home Away from Home Christmas Caroling

This Christmas season LRC is offering two experiences for families. The first is our annual Home Away from Home Christmas Caroling experience. All families are invited to meet at the Home Away from Home apartments where we will divide into caroling groups, deliver a small gift and sing for clients who are away from home during the holiday season. Meet in the parking lot outside the main office Sunday afternoon, December 4, at 3 PM. Wear your Santa hats, reindeer noses, or other Christmas clothes. Contact Chad for more details.

Family Christmas Experience

This year we are having a Christmas Experience for the entire church that will feature our children and teens. The night includes skits, worship, music, readings, refreshments and more. Children's choir made up of children in grades K-6 will perform. Led by Katie Mitchell and Krissi Fry, they will begin practicing today, Sunday, November 13, during Children's Church. The Family Christmas Experience will be Sunday night, December 11, at 5 PM in the auditorium. Contact Chad Nall for more details.



Home Away from Home Patients	Cabot Church Plant
Pete Riel, Paul Stacy, Jo-Ann Witkowski, Mike Murray, Bertha Sharp, Reavis Gibb, James Szalay, Kathleen Szuch, Kevin Lindner, Thelma Crabb, Bob Creese, Edward Smith, James Pavlik, Mike Hunley, Roger Bertche, Hubert Conwill.	Please continue to pray for Spencer and Jennifer Dunlap as they continue their ministry in Cabot.
Vipin Nischal	Mike Harmon
Please continue to pray for Vipin's mother who is ill with cancer.	Please continue to pray for Mike and Gina as Mike pursues healthy treatment alternatives.
Jerry Bryant	Laura Jackson
Jerry is being treated for pancreatic cancer. If you would like to send a card, his address is 3202 Travis Pkwy, Bryant, AR 72022.	Laura Jackson, former LRC member, is being treated for a recurrence of melanoma.
Nancy Chandler	McKenzie Cook
Please continue to pray for Nancy and her family.	Ten year old son of Ron & Ann Cook, McKenzie is scheduled for surgery this Wednesday at ACH. He may face a two-week recovery.
Rick and Terry Brady	Brenda Graham
Rick Brady, father of former LRC member Ritchie Brady, was recently diagnosed with lung cancer. His wife Terry is undergoing stem cell transplant treatment for leukemia at this time.	Brenda is being treated for pancreatic cancer

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 : Adrienne Meachum and Stephanie Shepherd	<u>Today:</u> Brian and Adrienne Meachum	<u>Serving in November:</u> Stanford/Tappe HC
18-36 Months: Linda and Hayley Murphy		
<u>Next Week:</u> Sara Gaines, Renee Gentry, Rachel Smith and Shailaja Barnett	<u>Next Sunday:</u> Chris and Tammy Dickinson	<u>Preparing in November:</u> Paul Wallace

LRC Partners with The CALL

Members May Consider Foster Care, Adoption or Supportive Role

- **HCs asked to host the Cranfords.** LRC leadership called on House Churches (HC) to invite David and Becky Cranford to visit their HC meeting. The Cranfords wish to meet with all HCs about LRC's partnership with The CALL, an effort to promote foster care, adoption, and support of those who are engaged in such ministries. Even if you think your HC members may not choose to foster or adopt, please schedule a date to hear from the Cranfords. All LRC members can hear from the Cranfords and pray with them about this vital ministry to the orphans among us. To sign up your HC today, contact David or Becky Cranford.
- **The Heart Gallery is Coming.** On Sunday, November 20, the Heart Gallery comes to LRC, a display that illustrates in picture the children in Arkansas who need foster and/or adoptive families.
- **Information Meeting Planned.** On Monday, November 21, LRC hosts an area-wide information meeting by The CALL, to provide an introduction to families who now consider becoming foster or adoptive families. To sign up to attend or for more information, contact David and Becky Cranford or Ron Cook.