

CALENDAR

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

THIS WEEK

Wednesday	Teen Refuge 7-9 PM
	Dinner @ 6:15 PM
Wednesday	Mundo de Fe 6 - 8 PM Main Bldg

Nurseries Available

During the worship assembly, LRC has nurseries available for children ages birth – two years of age down the Preschool 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 October 24.

Foundations Class Today

Foundations Class will be held this morning at 9 AM. We host the monthly Foundations Class to share important information about our church for those considering LRC as a church home. The class will meet in the middle classroom of the multipurpose room.

IServe the Rock

Over 200 students from southwest Little Rock served our community by cleaning up yards, improving neighborhood parks and working to develop a trail system at Southwest Community Center. *Thank you to everyone from LRC who participated and/or contributed.*

2011 Canned Food Challenge

This year's Canned Food Challenge beings October 30. House Church assignments are included in the insert to this week's announcements.

Worship Ministry Meeting November 6

The worship ministry is having an organizational meeting Sunday, November 6 at 4 pm. We are planning for the rest of the school year, and are seeking anyone who could refer to themselves as a "creative", whose calling, gifting, and experience includes:

- A heart for worship
- Creative arts
- Leading worship
- Operating sound equipment
- Computer operation for services (PowerPoint, SongShow, etc)
- Playing an instrument
- Vocal music
- Managing schedules and accountability for an unruly bunch
- Any organizational skills that might be applicable

As you can see, this is not limited to music, or to being up on the stage on Sunday morning. We would love to see past, present, and future participants in the worship ministry come and help us brainstorm. Come spend some time with us and see if this ministry and your skill set is a good fit. We need you!
 -- Trey

2011 Giving

God continues to bless Little Rock Church with many opportunities to serve and be Jesus to our community as a family of believers and through our individual relationships. *See Lynn's article on page two.*

As God continues to be call us into new areas of work and service, please also consider your financial commitment.

The total amount of our giving for this year to date is \$20,080 less than the budgeted amount. Our weekly budget amount is \$11,406 and our weekly average through the end of September is \$10,891. We made up some of the shortfall during the summer, but we are still behind for the year.

Little Rock Church Purposes:



Worship



Community



Outreach



Spiritual Formation

Renew Community Church Update

Please continue to pray for Spencer and Jennifer Dunlap and Renew Community Church. Their attendance last Sunday was 196 and they are averaging about 10 new guests each week. Please pray for their church as they seek to keep up with all that God is doing in and through their church. God is doing great things! Please add this church to your daily prayer list. They have 3 small groups meeting weekly and also have a growing food bank ministry. They have adult volunteers that are leading in a large children and student ministry.

All-Church Retreat Potential Date

Please give me some feedback for an All Church Retreat that is tentatively scheduled for Friday, March 30 – Sunday, April 1, 2012 at Camp Tahkodah. All feedback is helpful. Send an email to lynn@littlerockchurch.org or a text to 501.529.9138. We had a great crowd last year and hope to repeat the experience this year! We would also welcome ideas for a topic and retreat speaker.

Hole in Our Gospel Fall Preaching Series

The book “The Hole in Our Gospel” is a challenging read. I read it over the summer and I am reading parts of it again as we preach through this series. The book is a call for the American Church to become more aware of those in the world today that are hungry, homeless and vulnerable. I believe that many things (including the publishing of this book in 2009) have called the American church to fully engage in the Social Justice movement.

I am thankful to all who work in the areas of the poor, sick, homeless, and food challenged for LR Church. I am thankful this week for the work that Regina Graham does to welcome those that come to our city for cancer treatment through the HAFH apartments. I am thankful for all who lead and serve in the Food for the Hungry Ministry. I am thankful for the men that serve in the Agape’s Promise ministry to be Christ to those that do not have shelter. As we approach winter, this will become a larger problem for many. I am thankful for the Picker family who lead the Hope’s Embrace ministry. Other people are also very involved in this area of ministry and we will highlight some of their work on Orphan Sunday, Nov. 6, 2011.

Lynn

LRC Pilots Transitional Work Program Gift of house makes possible new initiative

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Little Rock Church leadership recently initiated a ministry designed to support persons moving from homelessness and unemployment to stability and positive productivity.

Participants of the new program, called Agape’s Promise Transitional Work Program, have a safe place to live and are mentored by members of LRC toward personal goals in four areas: finances, housing, healthcare, and spiritual growth. The program is now in a pilot phase.

While LRC has for several years engaged in such holistic personal development, the Transitional Work Program is made possible by a recent significant gift to LRC. Phil and Starla Goad have donated to the congregation the house where Starla’s parents, Robert (Bob) and Eloise Jarrell. The Goads asked only that the gift benefit widows, orphans, or the poor – a request the leadership of LRC gladly accepted. To honor the Goads and the legacy of the Jarrell Family, the house will be called “The Jarrell Place.”

The Transitional Work Program is a part of a ministry of LRC called “Agape’s Promise”, a ministry to anyone who is homeless. The intent of Agape’s Promise, as stated on our website, “is to walk with a person to a healthy place in life where she/he will have a healthy spiritual life; permanent, safe, healthy living situation; sound mental health; a support group or relationship to help sustain a healthy life; and a sustainable job.”

God has honored LRC with the chance to grow our relationships with neighbors who seek such extensive personal growth. We thank God for the Goads and the ministry made possible through their gift. And we ask Him to guide LRC to be faithful stewards of the resources and relationships he has entrusted to us.



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I was so proud of our students and others who worked so hard yesterday at iSERVE. We served our community and met some new neighbors. Over 250 volunteers from churches, businesses, schools, and youth organizations helped 20 residents, worked in 4 parks and threw a huge party for our community. Thank you for all your help.

Hay Daze is next Sunday, October 30, at the home of Rusty and Krissi Fry 4:30-7:30 PM. Informational flyers are available online in the "Parents" section of the Student Ministry web page. They are also available on the kiosk in the Nichols Building.

Our community got to meet Little Rock Church, learn more about who we are and that we care. Please continue to pray for ways to reach into our community, make a difference and share the Gospel with others.

Guys Plug-In

We're having a Plug In just for 7-12th grade guys Sunday, November 6, at Pinnacle Mountain park. Meet at LRC at 3:00 PM. We'll return to LRC by 7 PM.



Looking Ahead

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| Oct. 26 | Refuge@ Arkansas Food Bank |
| Oct. 30 | Hay Daze |
| Nov. 6 | Guys Plug In |
| Nov. 11 | Broomball with University Church of Christ youth group |
| Nov. 20 | Plug In (helping Food for the Hungry) |

7-12th graders are going to the Arkansas Food Bank this Wednesday for Refuge. Please meet at LRC at 6:00 PM. We will leave by 6:15 PM. The purpose is to help our students better understand the challenges of fighting hunger, and how churches, organizations, and others are working together to fight hunger in Arkansas. We will return to LRC by 8:30 PM. There will be no meals, so students need to eat **BEFORE** they arrive.

Weekly Student Ministry Events.

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| Refuge | Wednesday night 6-9 PM |
| | Dinner (6:15-7:00PM \$3 per person) |

Chad Nall or Krissi Fry

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LRC Kids Ministry Creativity Project

Kindergarten-6th graders are participating in a project this month as part of their study on the virtue of creativity. Plan to be in Bible class next Sunday, October 30. Our children will work together on an art project that will be displayed in the LRC Kids Ministry area. Dolores DuVall and Krissi Fry are organizing this project. Children will help with a painting during Bible class on that day. We'll then share it with the church during the worship assembly. Make plans to join us!

Family Christmas Experience

Mark your calendars for Sunday, December 11 at 5 PM. We are planning a Family Christmas Experience for the whole church. It includes worship, drama, and a children's chorus made up of kindergarteners through 6th graders. The chorus will practice on Sunday mornings during Children's Church time beginning Sunday, November 13. Contact Krissi Fry if you have any questions about the children's chorus.



Prayer List

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Home Away from Home Patients	Cabot Church Plant
Reavis Gibb, James Szalay, Kathleen Szuch, Ellen Butler, Richard Witting, Kevin Lindner, Thelma Crabb, Bob Creese, Edward Smith, James Pavlik, Mike Hunley, Roger Bertche, Paul Stacy, Hubert Conwill, and Blyn Butler	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	Melvin Young Family
Please continue to pray for Nancy and her family.	Linda Chandler's father, Melvin Young, passed away last Tuesday.
Rick and Terry Brady	Rob Nossaman
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.	Rob's mother passed away last week. He is a former LRC member. His address is: 5916 Wall St, Benton, AR 72019.
Brenda Graham	Norma Kaiser
Brenda is being treated for pancreatic cancer. She is home again after being hospitalized.	Mrs. Norma underwent knee surgery last Friday and is recovering at home.

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 and Julie Thompson	<u>Today:</u> Chris and Tammy Dickinson	<u>Serving in October:</u> Gaines/Harmon HC
18-36 Months: Tracy and Hope Williams		
<u>Next Week:</u> Sue and Libby White, Joy Wallace and Susan McDonald	<u>Next Sunday:</u> Rusty and Krissi Fry	<u>Preparing in October:</u> Russ White Family

Questions for House Churches Based on Teaching from October 23, 2011

"Putting to Death the American Dream"
Part of *A Hole in the Gospel* Series

1. Begin by reading Matthew 25:14-30.
2. Make a list of principles or teachings that your group finds in this parable. Summarize each principle or teaching into one simple sentence.
3. What do these principles or teachings reveal to us about God?
4. How do these principles or teachings contradict our human tendencies or preferences?
5. What might be some implications for our attitude toward and ministry among the materially poor?
6. How the lessons from this parable and your discussions challenge your present attitudes and actions?
7. How can you be more obedient in the coming days to these teachings? How can the group pray for you tonight?