



## Liberty Road Faith Fellowship

# The CURRENT



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Senior Pastor

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### Who We Are

Liberty Road Faith Fellowship is a multi-denominational fellowship of Christian believers who enjoy traditional worship services.

### This Week

**Sunday, October 15, 2023**

**10:45 a.m.** – Sunday  
Worship at Liberty Road  
Faith Fellowship and online.

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### A Word from The Pastor

**Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Phil. 4: 5**

Gentleness. Just reading or hearing the word is disarming. To be gentle with another person is to be open and receptive to them as a "package deal," a collection of woundedness, burdens, beauty and giftedness. Being gentle with each other means that we take each other seriously, listening to hear, without judgement or critique. Being gentle means that we place ourselves in the other's shoes and try imagine the effects that our words and actions might have on the other. Gentleness goes a long way in facilitating resonant relationships, where participants are in tune with each other, acknowledging and affirming each other's human dignity.

Gentleness. Jesus told his hearers that he was "gentle and lowly in heart" and those who came to him would find rest for their souls. He was gentle, never harsh, or easily irritated. He never pointed his finger at those who were sin-stained, rather he opened his arms. Though he often spoke truth to power, he wasn't trigger happy. His words were the balm that healed the sin-sick souls of those who were the recipients of his gentleness.

There are mutual benefits of being gentle with each other. Sometimes we're called to demonstrate gentleness by opening ourselves to listen to another, embracing them in their dark night of the soul. When we avail ourselves to each other in this way, we are imitating Jesus and his heart of compassion. Our gentleness toward another becomes our witness to the living Christ who loves through us. When we are the recipients of such gentleness, we allow another to be the channel of Jesus' love and mercy to us.

May our Lord give us gentle spirits and tender hearts as we companion each other into the season ahead. I pray that the gentle Spirit of Christ will stir in you an appreciation for the people whose words and deeds have soothed and comforted you in the past... even as you minister to others in gentleness and mercy.

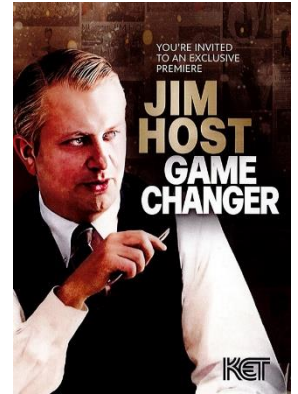
Joyfully yours, eternally His,

*Thank you* so much for the surprise of recognition and affirmation last Sunday. I was truly caught off guard by your thoughtfulness and generosity. What a joyous privilege to serve God in kingdom work through LRFF and her people. Thank you for being the blessings you are to me – and to each other!

*Traditional Worship ~ Contemporary People*

# Announcing...

On Tuesday, October 17, KET will be broadcasting its latest biographical focus on one of Kentucky's leading personalities: none other than our own Jim Host. **Jim Host: Gamechanger** will premiere at 8:00 p.m. EST on KET. You will enjoy hearing stories of Jim told by those whose lives have been greatly influenced and inspired by Jim's positivity, ethic, and drive. LRFF is proud to join in celebrating this recognition of Jim, and we add our thanks to his (and Pat's) contributions they've made in the advancement of our state – and in the kingdom work of our church. For your convenience, we are including a listing of KET channels for the various providers in our area.



**SPECTRUM** (Lexington, KY) • 12 – KET • 15 – KET2 • 189 – KET • 190 – KET2 • 192 – KET KY • 196 – KET PBS KIDS • 897 – KET2 (HD) • 918 – KET (HD)

**DIRECTV** (Lexington, KY | Frankfort, KY | Hazard, KY | Morehead, KY | Richmond, KY | Somerset, KY) • 46 – KET (HD)  
**DISH** (Lexington, KY | Frankfort, KY | Morehead, KY | Richmond, KY | Hazard, KY | Somerset, KY) • 46 – KET (HD) • 9211 KET

**METRONET** (Lexington, KY) • 4 – KET KY • 5 – KET • 125 – KET2 • 126 – KET PBS KIDS

**SPECTRUM** (Nicholasville, KY | Versailles, KY | Wilmore, KY | Jessamine Co., KY) • 12 – KET • 98 – KET2 • 301 – KET • 302 –

## Wildcards Gather for Gratitude Workshop Oct. 31st



Plan to join this jolly group of crafters for a Gratitude Workshop. We'll make four projects with simple, yet elegant designs that you can use to remind friends how special they are to you. If celebrating the warm fellowship and sharing around the tables isn't enough, completing each design with our own personal variations is always a gratifying and spirit-lifting experience we all enjoy.

A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board to help us plan enough supplies and "sirsees."\* Friends are always welcome!

\*A sirsee is a small, handmade trinket that may contain candy, lotions, or other treats.

## **ANNUAL PECAN SALE**

Christmas shopping?? How about Pecans?? Do you need a Christmas gift for your neighbor, hair dresser, mailperson, etc.? Or maybe you need some stocking stuffers or a hostess gift. The chocolate covered pecans and the pecan clusters that the Women of Faith are selling make perfect gifts. No need to wrap, just put a bow on the bag. At the price of just \$11 a bag it is also a good deal.

Place your order on Sunday or call or text Carolyn Blair or Rachel Jones. You can also contact the church office at 859 277-0420 and place your order.  
(see box on the right for an idea for the use of your pecans)

### **Spicy Pecans**

1lb pecan halves  
2 tsp Worcestershire sauce  
¼ tsp ground red pepper  
1/3 cup butter, melted  
½ tsp salt  
¼ tsp dry mustard  
2 tsp hot sauce

Spread pecans in an ungreased 9" X 13" pan. Combine remaining ingredients; pour over pecans. Stir well. Bake at 350° F for 20 minutes, stirring twice. Drain on paper towels. Cool completely. Store in airtight container. Yields: 4 ½ cups

# FREE FREZZY

## ***DINE LOCAL LUNCH (DLL)***

### Coming Events

#### October

- [19 – Dine Local, Ramseys in Masterson Station](#)
- [26 – Lunch & Learn – Sgt. Ben Baker, LPD, “Financial Fraud”](#)
- [29 – 5th Sunday Musicales](#)
- [31 – Wildcards](#)

#### November

- [7 – Grief Workshop](#)
- [14 – Dine Local, Luna’s](#)
- [19 – Thanksgiving Luncheon](#)
- [26 – Advent Fellowship](#)

#### December

- [1 – Women of Faith Christmas Party](#)

### October Dine Local at Ramsey's



Join us for a great lunch on Wednesday **October 18th, at 11:00 am** at the **Masterson Station** location of Ramsey's Restaurant.

Please sign up on the bulletin board to let us know that you will be joining us.

As always you are welcome to bring a friend



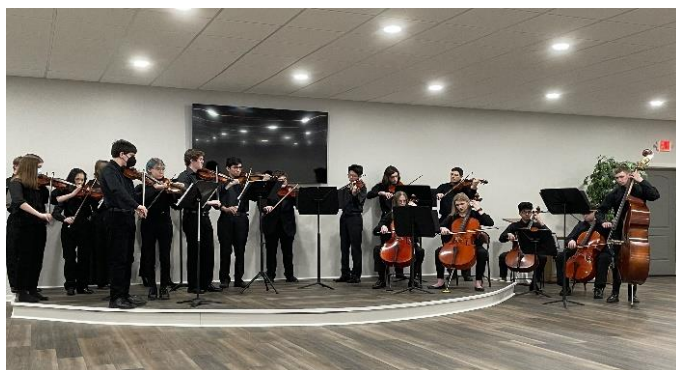
## ***SNACKS FOR THE LAFAYETTE ORCHESTRA***

Sign up to help Companions in Christ (CIC) supply homemade snacks for the Lafayette Orchestra on Monday, October 16. These students stay late after school each Monday to rehearse and they're hungry by the end of the school day! Lafayette's Orchestra gave an hour-long performance for LRFF during our Valentine Tea last

February, and we were honored when they chose Kearns Hall as the site for their spring recital. Aaron Breek, the assistant director, has offered to have the Orchestra play again at our Valentine event next year!

If you would like to participate in providing providing cookies, brownies, or another sweet or savory snack, please sign up on the bulletin board and plan to have your snacks to the church no later than noon on Monday, Oct. 16.

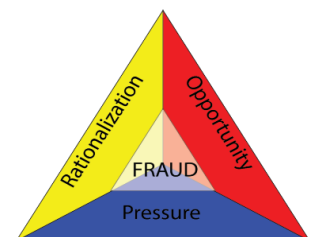
There are roughly 50 students we'll be providing for, so several dozen snacks would not be too many!



## ***LUNCH (AGAIN!)***

## ***LEARN (SOMETHING NEW!)***

Enjoy lunch on Thursday, Oct. 26 at noon - and learn how you can protect yourself against the most recent scams and frauds that target senior adults. We'll be hearing from Sgt. Ben Baker, LPD, who will be sharing with us about Financial Fraud and how senior adults can safeguard themselves against becoming a victim. Our lunch menu will be announced later, but the cost will remain at \$7 per person. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board and we hope to have another great crowd. Please feel free to invite your friends to attend.. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board, and we hope to have another great crowd. Please feel free to invite your friends to attend.



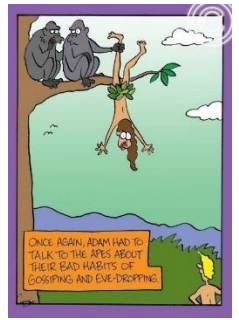
# LRFF FAMILY



16 Hope Spoonamore  
19 Herb Blakeman  
25 Thelma Finch

16 Faye Pepperl  
21 Emily Christie  
27 Michael Brown

16 Ann Wheeler  
24 Richard Potts



Reverend Lisa was surprised with lovely flowers and a card in honor of **Pastor Appreciation Month**.



Invite your friends to worship with us in song at our 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Musicale on Oct. 29. The featured music will be arrangements of hymns and worship songs



These ladies had a wonderful time making gift bags, cards, etc., for the holidays.



We join in celebrating the arrival of Caiden Theodore Wayne Fleming who weighed in at 8 lbs. 11 oz. this past Monday. Caiden's birth made Vicki Hurst a first-time grandmother ("NiNi"), and she will be only too happy to show off her newest photos. Welcome, Caiden! May the Lord bless you and keep you...

## Stewardship: Living and Giving in Gratitude

All personal and collective resources are gifts from God. One element of our worship is returning a portion of what we have been given through our tithes and offerings to the Church. Scripture dictates that we must be good stewards of what we have been given.

This summary provides a basic description of the process for budgeting and pledging taking place in our church. If you have questions or need additional information, please contact our Financial Manager, Jeri Ehrlich, at 859-277-0420.

### Pledge Appeal

Shortly, you will receive a letter and pledge card by mail. It will also contain an updated Giving Statement for your donations to Liberty Road Faith Fellowship thus far in 2023. During the remainder of October and early November, team leaders will speak on Sunday mornings

about accomplishments during 2023 and plans for 2024.

Pledge cards will be collected November 5-19. You may place them in the collection plates on Sunday morning or mail them to the church. We ask that all pledges be received by November 30, so we have this information for our budgeting process.

### Budgeting Process

Summaries of income and expenses by budget categories have been prepared. These were sent to team chairs, church staff and others who are responsible for various budget categories of income and expenses. Leaders and their respective teams or advisors are asked to assess needs and make recommendations for the budget for the following year.

Once pledges are received and other income is estimated for 2024, a projected budget for the

coming year will be developed. The budget document also will include actual expenses for the most recent 12-month period for comparison. This projected budget is reviewed by the Finance Committee and adjustments are made, as necessary.

The budget approved by the Finance Committee is taken to the Administrative Board for approval in December. Once approved by the Board, church members will be given access to the budget and explanations of various items in it. Then LRFF members will be given an opportunity to vote to approve the budget.

We hope this summary of the process will help LRFF members understand what to expect as we consider our response for serving God through Stewardship. We ask that you prayerfully consider what God would have you return to His Kingdom from the many gifts he has given you.



## Those in Our Church and Community in Need of Prayer

**Herb Blakeman** issues with Afib

**Susan Booker** with heart issues

**Richie Carroll**, a neighbor of **Vicki and Mike Brown**, is undergoing rounds of chemo between now and October to shrink the mass. Remember Richie, his wife, and four young children in prayer.

**Craig Conrad, Janet McCutcheon's** sone who has lost his vision, but is now home in Memphis.

**Nancy Cosby**

Please remember **Helen Crews** as she continues to mourn the loss of Lyen. She is living with her daughter, Kay, in TN., and greatly misses her LRFF family. She would love to hear from you. Her address is:

**Helen Crews**

2252 Henpeck LN

Franklin TN 37064

**William Fuller, Andy Watson's** son, has a mass between his heart and his lung, that has metastasized to his brain. He lives in Winchester and is undergoing treatment. Remember Andy in prayer as she keeps vigil for her son.

**Jeanette Grindstaff**

**John May**, as his cancer is being treated

**Connor Simpson**, grandson of **Jean Simpson**, is having seizures.

**Jean Simpson** has pneumonia

**Wayne Simpson, Jean Simpson's** son, recovering from second knee preplacement.

**Doug Strassner** (Stepson of **Nancy Strassner**) who is now undergoing another round of chemo, the last hope of reducing the size and growth of tumors.

**Becky Terry**, a friend of **Bonnie Savage**, has been diagnosed with a brain tumor.

### Bereaved

**Richard Dwyer** in the loss of his mother.

The **family of Kinch Query** in her passing on September 28th.

**Nathaniel Shouse** in the loss of his Grandfather, Kenneth Fee

### Congratulations

To Ministry Assistant **Vicki Hurst** on the birth of her first grandchild, **Caiden Theodore Wayne Fleming**, born on Monday October 9th.

**Pray for our service men and women who are in active service and for our veterans with difficult health issues.**

(Maj.) **Michael Dwyer**, the nephew of **Richard Dwyer**, deployed to Kosovo, south of Ukraine.

(Maj.) **Ginny and (MSgt) Elnur Iskanderov** were finally assigned to the same place, Fort Meade, MD. They are the niece and nephew-in-law of **Ginny Berry**.

**Cameron Morris**, grandson of **Rev. Lisa**, in U.S. Army and preparing for deployment to Poland.

**Luke Pepperl**, the grandson of **Jim Pepperl**,

is in the Navy and stationed in San Diego, California

**To Add a prayer request, please fill out a prayer request card, call the church office at 859 277-0420, or email Vicki at the church office at [lrffoffice2734@gmail.com](mailto:lrffoffice2734@gmail.com)**

