



Liberty Road Faith Fellowship

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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, September 17,
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10:45 a.m. – Sunday
Worship at Liberty Road
Faith Fellowship and
online.

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A Word from The Pastor

We marked another anniversary together as a nation this week. The crystal blue skies and cooler temperatures on Monday were much like the skies on that fateful Tuesday some 22 years ago when al Qaida terrorists attacked our country. We all have our memories of where we were, what we were doing, and the feelings of shock and horror as we viewed the events unfolding on television. Jim, my husband, had taken a day off to chaperone Elizabeth's 1st grade trip to the Evansville Zoo. The two of them left the house that morning before the first plane flew into the first World Trade Center Tower.

By the time the second plane hit, I had already left for my office at a large inner city church. Our staff, led by Dr. James Byrd, met together on Tuesday mornings, but any attempt to accomplish anything *that* morning would have been futile. Everyone, and I do mean *everyone*, was held captive to live tv and radio broadcasts of plane after plane after plane after plane being weaponized to take the lives of thousands of people. Voices of professional journalists often broke in disbelief and fear, sending a ripple effect of emotions through listeners and viewers across the nation.

By noon, the broader scope of destruction had become fully known, and James, Charlotte, our church secretary, Charlie Douglas, our music minister and I gathered around an 8" tv screen. We were dumbstruck by the horrific scenes of New York City and the Pentagon. It was more than we could bear to watch.

"What do we do?" Charlotte wondered aloud.

"We get on our knees," replied James flatly.

"Fill your cars with gas," said Charlie.

"We have to open the doors," I said. "Can we ring our bells and open the doors to the sanctuary?"

Traditional Worship ~ Contemporary People

“Do it,” said James. “Do it now.” So we opened the sanctuary doors to that grand, historic downtown church, and rang the bells in our bell tower.

James and I took a seat in the pews to pray and within minutes, neighbors found their way inside. James and I made our way up and down the aisles, introducing ourselves, offering tissues, bottled water, and prayers. We embraced total strangers and held hands as we all trembled and wept together. We tried to sing, but our throats were tight, and it was difficult to catch our breath. We sobbed our prayers from the deepest parts of our souls, but I believe God heard each and every one.

We opened the doors of the church that day – and people came in who had never darkened the door of *any* church. They found community. They found acceptance and commonality. They found others like themselves, who were frightened and traumatized. They found people with faith in God, who poured out their hearts in prayer, and prayed for those whose hands they held.

May the doors of our church always be open to welcome those who are troubled, and come “...burdened with a load of care.” May our hearts be softened to receive those who ask for prayer and seek consolation for their souls. May we welcome the stranger as we ourselves would want to be welcomed – without judgement or condemnation. So often we find ourselves “...standing in the need of prayer.”

I invite you to join me this week in praying for our country, our community, our church, and her ministries. I will be praying for each of you, by name, and asking God’s blessings of protection over you, providence for you, and peace in your heart.

Rev. Lisa Hood



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We are continuing to collect plastic lids. They will be recycled and repurposed by a company that transforms them into weather resistant benches.

The collection container is in the chat room.



Just a little funny to lift your spirits



Prayers of Thanksgiving continue for the success and rapid recovery of Cashton's latest cardiac surgery. Cashton is the 4 1/2 month old great-grandson of Herb and Patsy Blakeman and has endured 2 surgeries to correct several malformations in his heart. As we can see in the pictures, Cashton is thriving and happy in spite of all he's been through. Parents, Chance and Sierra look forward to settling into a normal routine at home in Cynthiana, KY. There will be additional surgeries as Cashton grows, but we join this family in giving thanks for God's protection and healing mercies over the past weeks.



Wildcards Meet Oct. 10 for Holiday Crafting

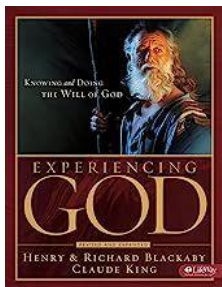


Making greeting cards may not be your "cup of tea," but maybe you'd like to create a "sampler" set of treat holders for your guests at Halloween, a card of gratitude for Thanksgiving, and make your own gift bag for Christmas. We'll be using a beautiful selection of papers and embellishments that are sure to impress whoever receives your handcrafted creations. Plan to join us and meet in the Chat Room Tuesday, Oct. 10 at



9:30 a.m. and enjoy a morning of creative fun and fellowship with other crafters.

A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board to help us plan plenty of supplies. Friends are always welcome!



EXPERIENCING GOD SERIES BEGINS 9/18

A new 12-week discipleship series, Experiencing God, begins next Monday on Sept. 18. Participants will have a study guide, within their workbook. Each session lasts approximately 1 ½ hours and includes music, and personal sharing as elements throughout the course.

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ALL ABOARD!

Civil War Train Ride THIS Saturday, Sept. 16

Plan to arrive at the Bluegrass Railroad Museum in Versailles and be ready to board **as a group** at **10:30 THIS Saturday, Sept. 16.**



DINE LOCAL LUNCH (DLL)

September Dine Local at Bronte Bistro

Sign up and plan to join us at our next Dine Local Lunch, scheduled for **Tuesday, Sept. 19, at 11:00 a.m.** at Bronte Bistro. The café is located **INSIDE** at Joseph Beth Booksellers and there is a copy of their lunch menu on the bulletin board next to the sign-up sheet. Plan to stroll the aisles, find a good book, and enjoy lunch at the Bistro together! Bring a friend and double the fun.



LUNCH & LEARN **Thursday, Sept. 21**

Join us for lunch - and meet Pedro, one of Lexington's amazing K9 officers. His handler, Officer Ben Hallock, will introduce us to his canine partner, and share a little about the process of LPD's K9 program. Officer Hallock will also offer a few demonstrations of how this highly trained, remarkable dog performs special tasks in the service and protection of his handler and other officers.

The cost of the catered lunch (KFC chicken pot pie, coleslaw, and **homemade dessert**) is \$7, and will be served at noon. Officer Hallock will begin speaking around 12:30. Please sign up to let us know you're coming. As always, you're welcome to bring a friend.



LRFF FAMILY



It was wonderful to have Bill Boughton join us again in worship (Welcome back Pam! You've been missed!)



Bob Quisenberry, ever faithful.



Thanks go out to David Kirn for his musicianship at the organ these past two Sundays



John May and Jim Host make a dapper pair of gentlemen.