



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, 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

Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. Rom. 5: 3-5

A gemstone cannot be polished without friction. In the same way, our hardships and adversities serve to polish our individual characters and attitudes. Depending on our outlook, our troubles can become either our stumbling blocks or our stepping stones. Trials become the grindstones in life; they can grind us down or reveal our vibrancy and expose our beauty.

The Apostle Paul wrote that he gave thanks in all things: poverty or wealth, sickness and health, liberty or imprisoned. His adversities (and he had plenty) not only provided opportunities that tested and strengthened his faith but toughened his resolve to preach Christ glorified. Paul never accepted defeat. His “thorn in the flesh” was a constant source of physical pain, but Paul endured, coped, and refused to let it determine his attitude. What many may consider a setback only served to fortify his spirit and prepare him for the next challenge he would face (and there would be plenty).

It has been said that every adversity has within it the seeds of an equal or greater benefit. Those benefits sure seem hard to recognize sometimes, don't they? I have come to believe that in every trial, every setback, every adversity there is a pearl of wisdom to add to the strand; there are lessons to be learned, and new tools to add to our toolboxes. It is amazing how many of my resources for solving problems and managing stress are inadvertent gifts from the very people in my life who acted as my “grindstones.”

Traditional Worship ~ Contemporary People

I stumbled across this poem by an unknown author. I share it with you as an illustration of how our endurance in the storms of life strengthens us, transforms us and reveals the Light that dwells within us.

Adversity

The tree that never had to fight for sun and sky and air and light
That stood out on the open plain and always got its share of rain
Never became a forest king, but lived and died a scrubby thing.

People who never have to toil to rise above the common soil –
Who never have to win their share of sun and light and sky and air –
Never reach the potential they can but live and die as they began.

For good timber does not grow in ease – the stronger the wind, the tougher the trees;
The farther the sky, the greater the length; the more the storm, the more the strength.
By sun and by cold, by rains and snows, in trees or in people good timber grows.

Praying your “strength is renewed like the eagles...”

Rev. Lisa Hoel

Administrative Board Nomination Forms Available

This is the season when we traditionally nominate members who will serve on our Administrative Board for the coming three years. Four members of the Board have served their three year terms and will rotate off the Board, making them ineligible for nomination. Those members are: Mary Anne Pollock, Terry Layman, Pat Hill, and Karen Maudsley. Paul Taylor, our current Board Chair, is also rotating off.

An Ad Hoc Nominating Team, composed of five members not currently serving on the Board, has been appointed for the purpose of receiving nomination forms and creating a slate of prospective candidates who will be placed on the ballot to be voted on by the church-at-large prior to the annual meeting in January.

The deadline for submitting your **Nomination Form** is November 2.
(The nomination form is attached to the end of the Current.)

Wildcards Gather for Gratitude Workshop Oct. 31st



Plan to join this jolly group of crafters for a Gratitude Workshop on Tuesday, Oct. 31 at 9:30. 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.

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LUNCH (AGAIN!) & LEARN **(SOMETHING NEW!)**

Enjoy BBQ (from City Barbecue) and sides, plus homemade desserts on Thursday, Oct. 26 at noon. Stay and listen to Sgt. Ben Baker of LPD share about the most recent scams and how you can protect yourself against frauds that target senior adults. Crooks are becoming more clever and Sgt. Baker will offer us ways we can safeguard ourselves against becoming a victim.

This is a great opportunity to invite a friend or neighbor to join us for lunch at Kearns Hall. Cost will remain at \$7 per person. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board so we know how much food to provide. Let's have a great turnout and extend some warm LRFF hospitality to another member of Lexington's Police Force.

ANNUAL PECAN SALE

The Women of Faith are once again selling pecans as a fund raiser. The money raised is used to support Martha's Ministries in providing needs when there is a death in the church family and other times. Meals are provided for members with illness. The money is also used for projects that are not covered in the church budget, such as flowers for the church flower beds and flower pots at the entrances. Funds may also be used for other emergencies in the church family as approved by the members of Women of Faith. All of the money raised goes for good causes and the use of it is closely monitored.

Please help with these efforts by placing an order for these good pecan products. Thanks. 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 below for an idea for the use of your pecans)

Praline Sauce

1/3 cup water 1/3 cup brown sugar, firmly packed
1 cup light corn syrup 1 cup chopped pecans

Bring water to a boil in sauce pan. Stir in brown sugar and corn syrup. Bring to a boil, stirring constantly. Remove from heat and add pecans. Serve over sliced bananas, ice cream, or pound cake.
Yield: 2 cups

Coming Events

October

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 in Kearns Hall

28 – Administrative Board Meeting

December

1 – Women of Faith Christmas Party

5 – Grief Workshop

24 – Christmas Eve Service at 10:45 a.m.

DINE LOCAL LUNCH (DLL)

November Dine Local at Luna's

Our next culinary adventure will be at Luna's off Harrodsburg Rd. Date to be Announced.

A sign up sheet will be available soon.



LRFF FAMILY



19 Herb Blakeman
25 Thelma Finch

21 Emily Christie
27 Michael Brown

24 Richard Potts



This memorial plaque was placed in the Asbury Equine Center's main barn to honor Sarah Reeves who worked there from 1999 until 2021.



Invite your friends to worship with us in song at our 5th Sunday Musicale on Oct. 29. The featured music will be arrangements of hymns and worship songs composed *in our lifetime!* These worship services are always meaningful, and these songs will surely bring back fond memories of special landmarks on our faith journey. Come prepared to "join the mighty chorus" in this service of worship and praise!



Bill Boughton and Richard Dwyer



The Dine Local Crew at Ramsey's at Masterson Station. Good food, good friends and fellowship!

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.

