



Liberty Road Faith Fellowship

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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, December 3, 2023

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

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Faith Fellowship**
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A Word from The Pastor

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has visited and redeemed his people... to grant us that we, being delivered from the hand of our enemies, might serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness all the days of our life. Luke 1: 68; 73-75.

We know what it is to hope – to anticipate with the expectation that something good is going to happen. We've all had high hopes for relationships, achievements, and happy endings to difficult circumstances. We can relate to hope.

The world had been waiting in hope for centuries for a Savior, for God to fulfill his promise of a Messiah to the Jewish people. When the time was right, God's saving action was delivered to the world in a stable 2000+ years ago. Even now, we wait for the culmination of that action in the return of Christ to take us home with him. This is his promise. This is our hope... but then there are fears.

We have fears, too. I've heard people wonder, "What if I miss his coming? What if I didn't understand? What if I don't qualify?"

The message of Christmas confirms our hopes and dispels our fears. Not only has everything we hoped for come to pass in the coming of the "everlasting Light," but everything that might have caused us to fear is driven away, just as the blackness of night is driven away by the new day's dawning.

Do you have fears this holy season? Take them to the cross of Jesus, divine Son of God, born in human flesh. He came to redeem us from sin and teach us to live and love as God loves. His life, his teachings, his death and resurrection turns all our fears into hope that is certain.

Praying you will find peace and comfort in the everlasting light of Christ's steadfast and everlasting love,

Rev. Lisa Wood

Traditional Worship ~ Contemporary People

Special Thanks...

Please take the opportunity to thank John and Valda May and their team for the spectacular job they did decorating the sanctuary and lobby. The pictures here don't do justice to the vibrant red poinsettias, bows, white lights, and greenery. We certainly appreciate those who helped create a tasteful, elegant setting for worship during the Advent season. Those who helped decorate are: *Janet and Terry Layman, Carolyn Blair, Paul Taylor, Wayne Sullivan, Hope Spoonamore and Marsha Oakley.*



We also want to acknowledge the gracious service our church received from Lowe's in Nicholasville. The manager, Logan Allen, took a special interest in the church's tradition of honoring and memorializing our members and made the process simple and affordable.

Memorial Sunday

In recognition of families who will be observing their first Christmas without their loved one, a special time of remembrance will be observed during our worship service THIS Sunday. Families of our members who have passed over the previous year will be presented with a special ornament to hang on the boughs in memory of their loved one. Our members being remembered are Sydney Bastin, Lyen Crews, Paul Wright, Cathy Anderson, and Kinch Query.

HEAR THE BELLS RING!!

The Bells will ring again at Christmas here at Liberty Road Faith Fellowship. Our first rehearsal for Christmas music is Wednesday, November 29th, in the sanctuary from 5:45-6:45. If you never rang a handbell and would like to give it a try, come to this rehearsal and you will be given a bell (or maybe more than 1) to ring. Our veteran bell ringers will be here to help you. We look forward to making it possible for our congregation to hear the bells on Christmas Eve.



*Please come and join us as we relaunch **The Women of Faith***

Christmas Party

The Women of Faith are having a Christmas party to kick off the new season of work and fun in our community.



*So come and join them in a festive afternoon of food, fellowship and fun.
December 1st at 1pm at Kearns Hall.*

Christmas Cookie Swap Dec. 11 at Noon

Bake up a batch of your favorite Christmas cookies to swap and share at our annual Christmas Cookie Swap. This has become a great time for gathering in the Chat Room to visit with friends and sample other families' favorite cookies. Simply bring a plate of one dozen cookies for swapping, and another plate of one dozen that will be delivered the next day to members who are homebound.



Plan to join us at noon on Monday, Dec. 11, and enjoy some cider while we swap our cookies. "Take home" plates will be provided, if needed.

Christmas Cookie Caroling, Tuesday, Dec. 12

You don't have to be a choir member, or even carry a tune! If you're willing to "make a joyful noise" in the Spirit of Christmas, join others at the church on Tuesday, Dec. 12, at 10:30. We'll get our song sheets, load Christmas Cookies for sharing with some of our homebound members, and carpool to as many destinations as possible. We plan to be back at the church by 2:00.



The weather forecast is for mild temperatures, but no precipitation, but let's dress warmly and festively. (Antlers, elf shoes, and Santa hats are welcome, but optional.) Our appearances at Liberty Ridge and Preston Greens are always met with great excitement and appreciation by our members who live at these facilities, and we will try to do some "porch performances" for as many members as time (and energy) allows. We hope you'll join us for this opportunity to represent LRFF in our community and remind our members at home that they are not forgotten. No need to sign up – just **show up!**

Coming Events

December

- 1 – Women of Faith Christmas Party
- 5 – Grief Workshop
- 7 – Kearns Hall Rented
- 11 – Church-wide Cookie Swap (noon in the Chat Room)
- 12 – Church-wide Caroling (meet at church at 10:30 a.m.)
- 24 – Christmas Eve Service **at 10:45 a.m.**
- 31 – 5th Sunday Sing-Along

Take a Look, Take a BOOK!

Thanks to Carol and Paul Taylor, we have two tables *full* of books that are free for the taking! Plan to browse the wide variety of children's books after the worship service on Sunday and take the ones you believe your grandchildren would enjoy. Sacks are available for your convenience. We will be donating the remaining books to local organizations that help place books in the hands of underserved children and their families.

Books that remain after Sunday, Dec. 3, will be redistributed among local agencies.



Wildcards Meet Dec. 13



Join this group of crafters for some last minute Christmas creations. We're always learning new techniques, card designs, and enjoying the camaraderie around the tables.

Sign up on the bulletin board to let us know you're coming. Friends are always welcome!

LRFF FAMILY



29 Patty Layson 30 Tandy Haggard

4 Liz Peters	6 David Kirn	7 Virginia Kendrick	8 Charlotte Krasinski
9 Jerrell Teague		11 Gloria Compton	13 Patsy Blakeman
20 Bob Quisenberry		21 Susan Booker	22 Meredith Shouse
29 Jeanette Grindstaff	30 Carol Taylor		30 Rev. Lisa Wood



Love Offering for Church Staff

We are blessed at Liberty Road Faith Fellowship to have dedicated staff working extremely hard on our behalf to ensure that the church and its many programs and services operate smoothly and achieve its mission. The enthusiasm, caring, loyalty, and faithfulness of our church staff are tremendous gifts to our church, its members, and God's Kingdom.

The Administrative Board voted to receive a love offering in December to be given as a gift to our staff including our ministerial staff (Rev. Lisa Wood and Rev. Richard Dwyer), our support staff (Vicki Hurst and Jeri Ehrlich), and our custodian (Daniela Buciuman). Contributions will be accepted through December 24. If you would like to contribute to the love offering, please place your gift in the offering plate on Sunday morning, or you may mail it to or drop it off at the church (2734 Liberty Road, Lexington, Kentucky 40509). Write "love offering" in the memo section of your check, or if giving cash, place it in an envelope and write "love offering" on it.

The amount received will be distributed to staff members according to a method approved by the Administrative Board. Because of the approaching end of the year and holiday closures, it is crucial that we receive love offering donations by Sunday, December 24. Please join the Administrative Board in thanking our staff for their time, talents, and services.

Mission Moments

Liberty Road Faith Fellowship seeks to become the hands and feet of Christ in the world through engagement in missions.

Helping Our Neighbors

By Ellie Rainwater

Fall is in full swing, and the temperatures are falling to match the season. As you begin to get into those closets and switch out your summer wardrobe for your winter warm things consider how you will dispose of those things you no longer wear or need. Could they be of use to someone else?

There are many less fortunate people in our area that may be struggling with basic necessities, or just needing a little help making ends meet. Birthdays and holidays can be an extra burden on already stretched budgets.

So, as you are cleaning out those closets, please consider donating to one or more of the many organizations that work to help our neighbors here in the area.

Below is a list of some of those organizations and the needs they provide for, so that you can decide the best place to give to help others.

Lexington Rescue Mission: 444 Glen Arvia Ave, Lexington, 859 381-9600

Catholic Action Center: 1055 Industry Rd. Lexington, 859 255-0301

New Circle Crossings Donation and Retail Center: 130 West New Circle Rd., Lexington, 859 277-3661

Heritage Baptist Church: 155 North Ashland Ave. Lexington, 859 335-5433 (cell)

Saint Vincent de Paul: 299 Colony Road, Lexington, 859 268-2861

The Nest, Center for Women Children and Families: 530 North Limestone Street, Lexington, 859 259-1974

Salvation Army: 736 West Main Street, Lexington, 859 252-7706

Meadowthorpe Goodwill Thrift Store: 1441 Leestown Rd, Lexington, 859 233-0222

For other charitable centers see Vicki in the office for a list.