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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, April 14, 2024

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

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A Word from the Pastor

Spoiler alert: this Sunday's sermon topic is on stewardship. My readings in preparation have brought to mind certain individuals I've known who gave "generously" of themselves, as well as their resources, and there have been several, but I'll share one in particular with you now.

Miss Nettie became a widow at age 27 when her husband was killed during the last days of World War II. I met her when I visited relatives in Star City, Arkansas, as a child, and remember her as a dignified "old lady" (she was in her early 60's). When she wasn't growing vegetables, raising chickens, or sewing for her neighbors, she could be found at the First Baptist Church dusting pews, sweeping floors, and washing walls - with a mop, because the coal furnace produced soot that clung to the walls and beams behind the pulpit.

Kids in that little town loved going to Miss Nettie's house. She always had "goodies" that consisted of everything from chocolate chip cookies to hard tack that she flavored with cinnamon, lavender, licorice, and cherry. We were drawn to Miss Nettie by her warmth and openness to receive any child on his or her terms. She always had a gentle way of turning the conversation to God. We found sanctuary on her porch where she would rock in her rocking chair as she snapped peas and listen to us talk about our fears, successes, frustrations, and wonder out loud about life itself. Miss Nettie was a "safe place" where every boy or girl found a mentor for their fledgling faith.

We thought Miss Nettie was "poor." She didn't own a car. She walked to church on Sundays, to the bank on Fridays, to the grocery on Mondays, and... who knows where else. Her clothes were clean. Her house was tidy, but she wore the same sweater all the time, even in the summer, and her shoes had holes in the soles. But oh, the sheer joy she exuded! She was happy to see the sun rise, happy to breathe in the rain-washed, pine-scented air, and happy to see us kids coming up her dirt path. She always hummed familiar hymns as she went about her daily routine.

Traditional Worship ~ Contemporary People

A Word from the Pastor (Continued)

(It was she who informed me that the chorus to “Bringing in the Sheaves” was not “Shelling English Peas.”)

On Sundays, we kids jockeyed for position to sit beside Miss Nettie in “big church.” We observed how Miss Nettie placed a twice-folded piece of paper in the offering plate each week; never a coin or a folded dollar bill – just a piece of folded paper. I later learned that she wrote notes “to God” on those papers indicating what her gift to the church would be that week: a prayer for the sick, some blackberry jam for the pastor, a dozen eggs for a family in need, and so on. Her gifts were genuine gifts from her heart, no doubt inspired by her keen awareness of and sensitivity to her neighbors and congregation. Her giving, however, extended far beyond the words on those pieces of paper. She gave of herself, wherever she saw a need. Her creative way of gifting was a self-perpetuating source of joy – for her, and for the recipients of her many kindnesses.

Miss Nettie was the richest “poor” person I knew. When she died, some members of the church pooled their monies to pay for her funeral. Her legacy of spiritual wealth lives on in that community, and her generosity of self continues to inspire others in their good-deed-doing.

Have you known a “Miss Nettie,” or a “Mr. (fill in your own blank)?” We have them in our congregation! I see them when they show up to clean gutters, replace light bulbs, hang shelves for handbells, coordinate and serve meals, alter clothing, and fix vacuum cleaners. I also see those who serve on teams, make phone calls, prepare multimedia slides, and prepare the altar. I see them in the pews on Sundays, knowing full well what a struggle it must have been for them to come. Oh, how I thank God for them, and ask him to bless them – even as he blesses us through them.

How thankful I am for you (and that you’ve continued to read this far) and for your faithfulness in gifting yourself in service of presence in our worship each Sunday. I don’t take you for granted. I pray God’s rich blessings on you all as we partner with the Holy Spirit in sharing the Good News of our gracious and generous God.

In glad devotion,

Rev. Lisa Hood



Coming Events

- Thursday, April 11 (11:30) – Dine Local at Suttons
- Monday, April 15 (10:00) – Companions in Christ
- Monday, April 15 (11:15) – Missions Team Meeting
- Tuesday, April 16 (7:00) – Administrative Board Meeting
- Wednesday, April 17 (5:45) – Handbell Rehearsal
- Wednesday, April 17 (7:00) – Choir Rehearsal
- Thursday, April 18 (11:30) – Women of Faith Game Day

Next Dine Local Lunch TODAY, April 11 at 11:30 At Suttons Restaurant

Suttons is close to the church and offers American cuisine with an Italian flavor. We’ll meet there and, if there are enough of us, we’ll be fortunate to get the room in the back. A menu is posted on the bulletin board beside the sign-up sheet. As always, friends are welcome to join us, but please let us know you’re coming so we can help the kitchen staff prepare for us.



Women of Faith News

Thanks to all who participated in the accessories sale. We raised \$300 for Richard Dwyer's personal ministry teaching English to Hispanic newcomers. Some of the leftover items will be donated to Liberty Ridge for their enjoyment and the remainder will be donated to the Lexington Rescue Mission



GAME DAY Thursday, April 18

Enjoy Bridge, Rook, Bingo and other games, as well as the fellowship of other church members and friends on Game Day, Thursday April 18, at 1:00 p.m. in Kearns Hall. Bring a snack to share, if you'd like.



Volunteers Needed

Liberty Road Faith Fellowship has a dedicated group of ushers who faithfully serve us on Sunday mornings and on other occasions. However, it would be helpful to have some additional volunteers to draw on when someone is away or ill, or when there are additional activities at the church. If you would be willing to serve as an usher *on a rotating basis*, please contact the church office at 859-277-0420.

Church Directory Updates

During the next few weeks we are going to make some updates in our Church Directory. If you are aware of information that needs to be updated please email the information to lrffoffice2734@gmail.com or call the church.

Wildcards Workshop Tuesday, May 14

Plan to join the fun around the tables and discover what all the excitement is about. Cost is only \$10 and includes all the supplies you need to create 4 unique cards.

Friends are always welcome of course! Please sign up on the bulletin board to let us know how many to prepare for.



Please submit information
for *The Current* by noon
on Tuesdays.

Faith Family Facts and Faces



LRFF April Birthdays

April 7 – Orbia Gross
April 10 – Vicki Clark
April 10 – Betsy Scofield
April 14 – Tom Fullington
April 27 – Scott Neal
April 27 -- Gary Seckman
April 29 – Richard Dwyer

Scenes from Sunday, April 7



Jim Pepperl and David Curry



Andy Watson and Thelma Finch

We thought we needed a new vacuum cleaner for the church, but Terry Layman was able to get this one working well. Thanks to Terry and all the talented individuals who pitch in to make things run smoothly.