



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, April 28, 2024

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

Liberty Road Faith Fellowship

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A Word from the Pastor

Worship has always been a sensory experience, as well as a spiritual one for me. I remember sitting in “big church” when I was five years old, thinking I was “hot stuff,” but feeling so small sitting on the smooth, hard wooden pews, (always on the aisle in the third row) watching grown-ups saunter in and take their seats. The organ pipes at First Baptist Church in Owensboro were covered with three huge lattice panels painted the same creamy butter color as the walls. And oh, those exquisite stained glass windows that cast prisms of color on the floor and walls of the sanctuary!

The organist’s prelude was my cue to hush my talking (although there was no one to talk to on the third row), stop looking around, bow my head and ask God to prepare me to worship. The choir processed in and sang “The Lord is in His Holy Temple” and the preacher prayed in a deep, resonant southern drawl before everyone stood to sing. I couldn’t read that well, but I had learned the hymns. What a joy to be a part of worship, to add my voice of praise to the congregation’s!

It is difficult to describe the way our sanctuary smelled. It was unlike any scent I knew; a combination of old books, Pine Sol, and vanilla – comforting, and distinctive. Occasionally I’d catch a whiff of a lady’s perfume or the scent of pipe tobacco on a man’s coat as they walked by. And there was the aroma of the grape juice when we passed the trays during the Lord’s Supper.

I am still conscious of the sensory aspects of worship. The aesthetics of our sanctuary are conducive to reverent worship and yet, they’re elegant, warm and inviting. When Richard begins those lovely preludes, I am immediately drawn into a mindset of prayer and meditation. The Troubadours’ offertories bring smiles – and sometimes tears – as their arrangements of familiar melodies touch deep places in our hearts. Occasionally, the scent of fresh flowers on the altar will waft my way and I give thanks for those who provide them in honor or memory of their loved ones.

Experiencing the sensory aspect of our Sunday morning worship doesn’t have to diminish the spiritual aspect of it. Acknowledging God-With-Us is an intentional act of settling ourselves into a reverent mindfulness that opens us to communion with the Holy, however he may choose to speak.

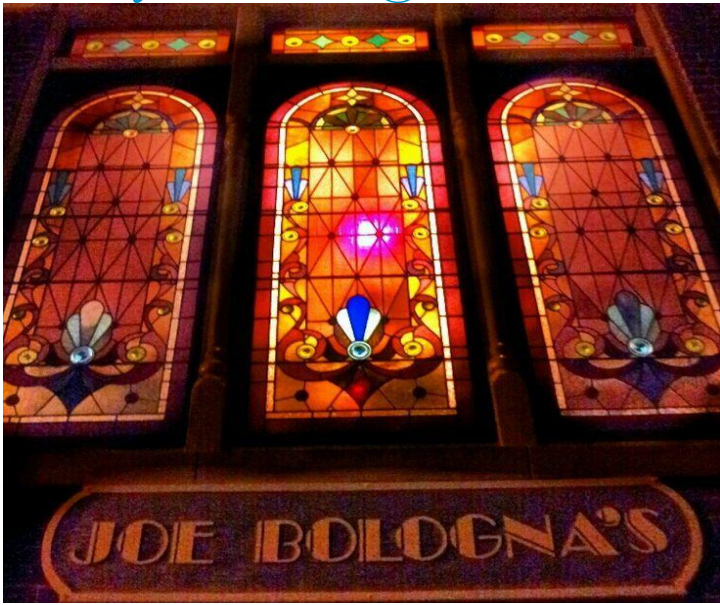
I look forward to worshiping with you every Sunday. I pray you will be especially mindful of ways God may be speaking to you through your senses, not only on Sunday mornings, but late on a Thursday night as you gaze into the night sky... and as you live into the moments in your days. May you *literally sense* the presence of the Holy Spirit – and be awed, amazed, and comforted.

Praying that the reality of God’s love and power will energize and enliven your faith, in glad devotion,

Rev. Lisa Wood

Traditional Worship ~ Contemporary People

Our Next Dine Local Lunch May 02, 2024 @ 11:30 a.m.



Join us Tuesday, May 2, and help support one of Lexington's older locally owned eateries. We'll meet at Joe Bologna's at 11:30 and enjoy their famous breadsticks and garlic butter, along with other favorite items from their menu. Use the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board to let us know you're coming! Friends are always welcome.

Future sites are: Beau's Café, J. Renders, Luna's, Windy Corner Market, and Josie's. If you have a favorite locally owned spot, let Rev. Lisa know and she'll add it to the list!

Mission Moment

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

Cleaning Your Closets

by Mary Anne Pollock

It is that time of the year! As seasons change, we go through clothes we have just worn for several months and look through what we have from last year for the upcoming season. This usually involves getting rid of a few items that are still in good condition, but we no longer want to wear them or they no longer fit! While the Missions Team is NOT doing a clothing drive, we thought you might like to have information on places in town that accept clothing.

These addresses will allow you to donate on your own so others may be blessed by our bounty.

We suggest that you call to find out when they are open and will receive items before you take your clothes.

- Grace Baptist Church, 811 Bryan Avenue, 252-1119
- Central Christian Church, 205 E Short Street, 233-1551
- Heritage Baptist Church, 163 N Ashland Avenue, 335-5433
- Salvation Army Thrift Store & Donation Center, 228 E New Circle Road, (859) 255-5791
- Share Center Lexington (especially clothing for jobs), 572 Georgetown Street, 270-9402

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.

Women of Faith News

The women of Faith will sponsor an Heirloom Needlework Show on Thursday, May 16, 2024, in Kerns Hall at 1:00 p.m. We will be honoring our mothers and other women who have made a difference in our lives. Do you have a quilt or an apron someone in your family made and passed down to you? Maybe you have a set of pillow cases that have been cross stitched or an apron that your grandmother made.

Please bring your precious items to the meeting and be prepared to share the story behind them with the group. Come and bring a friend.



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 office at (859) 277-0420.

Wildcards Workshop Tuesday, May 14

Our monthly card-making workshop is scheduled for Tuesday, May 14 at 9:30. We'll be practicing some new techniques and expanding our creativity with new products. It's always fun around the tables, so join us! Bring a friend! Please sign up on the bulletin board so Michelle will know how many supplies to bring.

Welcome Reception for Sally Hudson

Plan to join us next **Monday, April 29**, in Kearns Hall as we welcome Sally to our LRFF family. A reception with light refreshments is planned from **noon until 2:00**. Drop by, and introduce yourself, and enjoy some food as you spend a few casual moments getting to know Sally.



Lafayette Orchestra Returns to Kearns Hall



Students in the Lafayette High School Orchestra and their families will return to Kearns Hall on Friday, May 3, at 6:30 for their spring recital. Ensembles and soloists will perform classical pieces as part of their final grade, and we are invited to enjoy the free concert provided by these aspiring musicians.

Following the performances, we will provide light refreshments for the students and their parents. There is a sign-up sheet on the board for those who can volunteer to help provide finger foods and sweets.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Monday, April 29 (10:00) – Companions in Christ
- Tuesday, April 29 (12:00) – Welcome reception for Sally Hudson
- Wednesday, May 01 (5:45) – Handbell Rehearsal
- Wednesday, May 01 (7:00) – Choir Rehearsal
- Thursday, May 02 (11:30) – Dine Local at Joe Bologna's
- Friday, May 03 (6:30) Lafayette Orchestra @ Kerns Hall

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



Les Anderson on Bariton



For the beauty of the earth...



Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth. Serve the LORD with gladness; come into His presence with joyful songs. Know that the LORD is God. It is He who made us, and we are His; we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture. Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise; give thanks to Him and bless His name. Psalm 66 :1-4