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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, August 11, 2024

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

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A Word from our Pastor

1 Kings Chapter 19

This scripture passage finds Elijah in the wilderness, on the run for his very life. Try to imagine his anxiety at having a price put on his head. He's trembling with physical exhaustion, hunger, and can't see the light of hope for the darkness of his despair. At this point, he simply can't go on – so he stops. He sits down under a broom tree and tells God he's done, and even asks God to take his life.

Scriptures tell us that the prophet fell asleep, and after a little while, an angel of God woke him up and said, "Here ya go, here's a piece of nice, warm cake and some water to wash it down." Elijah ate and drank and took another nap. The angel woke him again and encouraged him to nourish himself, because "...otherwise, your journey will be too much for you." (vs. 8)

I imagine that there have been times in our lives when we could have probably related to Elijah's despair and hopelessness. All we were trying to do was live a life pleasing to God, but things happen. Fear, feelings of helplessness, and physical and mental exhaustion become overwhelming. God's attention seems focused elsewhere and those we can usually depend on turn their backs on us. We second guess ourselves; doubt and self-condemnation send us into a downward spiral, and just when we feel that we can't go on...

An angel! A messenger of God, a Good News bearer comes to us, *touches us*, and says, "Here! Eat something!" The blessed messenger doesn't demand that we "get back on track" or "snap out of it." They respect our need to rest and refresh ourselves on our own terms, even checking back in after a while with a second helping of nourishment.

Have you had an "angel" who provided for your physical needs when you were down and out? What about someone who provided spiritual nurture, prayed for you with you, encouraged you to take care of yourself, and just sat with you in the ministry of presence.

God often chooses to come to us in the presence of a friend. Food and sleep provide necessary strength for our bodies, but compassionate grace and understanding are just as necessary in strengthening and sustaining the spirit. Food, water, and companionship are life-giving gifts we can all give each other as we encourage each other for the journey ahead.

Blessings of rest and refreshment to you this week,

Lisa

Traditional Worship ~ Contemporary People

Friendship Luncheon

Plan to bring a friend to worship and stay for lunch on **Sunday, September 15**. Our newest friends from the Interfaith Counseling Center will be invited as our guests and we'll celebrate our collaboration with them in ministry.

Lunch will include fried chicken and side dishes. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board so we can plan for you and alllll our friends!

Dine Local at J. Renders



We'll "dine local" at J. Renders in Beaumont Center on **Wednesday, Aug. 14 at 11:30**. Boasting locally sourced menu items "made from scratch Southern dishes,"

J. Renders supports Lexington's non-profit organizations and community groups through its "Dine to Donate" program.

Their menu of mouth-watering items is posted on the bulletin board and we ask that you sign up so we can plan comfortable seating. Our Dine Local events are a great time to bring a friend!

Memorial Service for Jim Pepperl Oct. 4



The church will host a memorial service for Jim Pepperl on Oct. 4 at 3:00 p.m. Jim died on Monday, July 22, and Faye is traveling to North Carolina this week for a service there. Please continue to lift Faye and Jim's sons, Phillip, Eric, Lloyd, and their families in your prayers in the weeks ahead. We will provide more specific details of the service here as the date approaches.

Stock the Teachers' Closet



School starts next week! Our Companions in Christ Study Group is collecting items to help stock the shelves of the teachers' pantry at **Yates Elementary School**.

Teachers and staff often grab a snack from this closet when they lack time to enjoy a full meal but need a little sustenance. They also use these snacks to give a child who missed breakfast or "forgot" to bring a lunch.

You can contribute to this ministry by bringing packages of cookies, crackers, granola bars, coffee, teas, cups of fruit, and other snackables that will be delivered to the school on **Tuesday, Aug. 13**. Simply place your items on the designated shelves in the choir room hallway.

These educators appreciate our recognition of their role – and their call to teach young minds. Providing some snacks for them is just another way that we as a church can participate in community outreach *for the sake of the kingdom*.

Wildcard Workshop = More Fun Folds

Bring a friend and join us for some card-making that includes textures, "bling," and strategic folds that give our cards a little extra something! See for yourself what all the excitement's about and enjoy the bonus of laughter and camaraderie around the tables.



Our workshop this month is **Aug. 27 at 9:30**. We'll enjoy another great time together with "Fun Folds Part 2," and come away with 4 beautiful, handcrafted cards. There is a sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board.



Friday and Saturday, August 9 & 10 - *Church Yard Sale*

Monday, August 12 (10:00) *Book Study*

Wednesday, August 14 (4:30) *Finance Team Meeting*

Wednesday, August 14 (11:30) *Dine Local @ J. Renders*

Tuesday, August 20 (7:00) *Administrative Board meeting*

Tuesday, August 27 (9:30) *Wildcard Workshop*

Choir, Handbell and Women of Faith

Practices and other related activities with these ministries are suspended until *September*. However, the choir will continue to minister to the church each Sunday morning.



CHURCH YARD SALE

Aug. 9 & 10

Volunteers have been busy organizing items and setting up for our yard sale this Friday and Saturday. We have some very nice things and are hoping for a great turn-out. Please help us get the word out by including our announcement on your Facebookpage. (A special thanks to Ann Crowe for showing us a quick and easy way to do this Sunday.)



If you've signed up to help during the first shift of the sale, we ask that you **plan to arrive no later than 8:15 a.m. on Friday and Saturday**. Our doors will open to the public at 8:30.

Current News and Updates

If you have articles or prayer requests for the Current, please email them to the church office no later than noon on Tuesday. lrfoffice2734@gmail.com You may also call the office at (859)277-0420.

Faith Family Facts and Faces

Office Updates



August 1 - *Bill Peters*

August 6 - *Denny Bonner*

August 8 - *Feltman Roser*

August 11 - *Paul Engelbrecht*

August 21 - *Nancy Robinson*

August 22 - *Marilynn Johnson*

August 26 - *Patricia Potts*

August 31 - *Terry Layman*

Thanks to a generous donor, the Chat Room has a very nice and much larger refrigerator.



*A sweet friendship refreshes the soul.
Proverbs 27:9*

Three friends in fellowship.

