



Liberty Road
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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, September 15,
2024**

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

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A Word from our Pastor

... and then, looking up to heaven, Jesus sighed... from Mark 7

Mark writes that, as Jesus was making his way along the Sea of Galilee, a group of men came to him with their friend who was deaf. Typical of someone who cannot hear sounds, the friend also had a speech impediment, so it was difficult for him to communicate well. How socially isolated he must have been. How awkward it must have been for him, and how lonely. When considering the socioeconomic climate for those first century Jews under Roman rule, it's easy to imagine the frustration and hopelessness the man must have felt, and yet...

He had friends! Friends with *hope*. Friends who determined that they would act together on his behalf. They brought him to the itinerant rabbi, who had a reputation for compassion – and power to perform miracles. Mark writes that they “begged” Jesus to just lay his hands on him. *And Jesus sighed*.

As I read these verses and picture the characters in this scene, I can clearly envision Jesus looking into this man's eyes and being mercy-driven in his act of compassionate healing. I see our Lord *sighing* – not with a heavy eye roll or huff of disgust, but in genuine human kindness and pity. The man is healed, and he and his friends go away rejoicing (in spite of being told to “keep it on the down-low”).

A person who has people who rejoice with them in the sunshine has friends. Likewise, the person who has people who won't give up on them, who enter into their storms with umbrellas and rain boots, who speak to them of hope and point them to Jesus... *those* folks are a special kind of friend indeed. They care about our physical welfare as well as our spiritual faring well; they weep with us when we're weeping, and they rejoice with us when we rejoice.

This Sunday we will be celebrating the blessing of our friendships. I hope you've invited your friends to share in the time of worship, and afterward around the tables at the luncheon. I am grateful for the gift of *your* friendship – and all the times and ways we seek to bless each other ... *for the sake of the kingdom*.

Lisa

Traditional Worship ~ Contemporary People

UPCOMING EVENTS

Dine Local



Invite a friend and plan to meet us at Joe Bologna's **TODAY at**

11:15. Someone will arrive early to secure a table for our group. If you haven't signed up, but plan to come, please call the church office before 10:30 this morning. We'll save you a seat at the table – and a breadstick!

Friendship Luncheon This

Sunday



Invite your friends to worship with us this Sunday and stay for a potluck

luncheon afterward. Our new friends from the Interfaith Counseling Center will be joining us, and I hope you'll take the opportunity to introduce yourself to each of them and give them a warm LRFF welcome.

Next Wildcard Workshop Tuesday, September 17

Our next gathering is scheduled for Sept. 17 at 9:30 in Kearns Hall's kitchen, and our theme will be



“gratitude and autumn's splendor.” A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board.

WOMEN OF FAITH

Save the date: NEXT WEEK



Thursday, September 19, 1:00 in Kerns Hall, Darlene Thomas, Director of Greenhouse 17 will present the program.

Darlene Thomas, executive director, has worked in various capacities to serve the population affected by intimate partner violence (IPV). Her unique and open-minded approach to survivors has challenged traditional methods of thinking about shelters, survivors, and recovery. She has received the Jean Sabharwal Award in recognition of her passionate advocacy for Lexington's children and families! For over 35 years, she has served in a variety of roles in the IPV community. She has many interesting stories to share with us.

Men are welcome to come and hear Darlene.

Mission Project



For over 75 years *The Lexington Woman's Club* has been providing clothing to elementary students referred by Fayette Co. Public Schools. Each year more than 1500 students visit the center for a fun shopping expedition to choose their own new clothing.

The Liberty Road Faith Fellowship Missions Team has chosen the Clothing Center as our back to school project. We will be accepting monetary donations for the next two weeks (Sept. 15th and 22nd) and will have a table set up in the foyer if you have any questions.

Your generous contribution will make a substantial difference for both the children and their families.

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.

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.



Parking Lot Update

The Building and Grounds Team has met with three companies concerning bids for placing a drain near the front door of our entryway. Bids have been received ranging from \$10,500 to \$18,500. The Administrative Board will meet Tuesday night and will discuss how to proceed. If you have any comments, questions or concerns, feel free to engage Paul Taylor.



September Church Calendar



Today, Thursday, Sept. 12 (11:15) - Dine Local @ Joe Balogna's

Sunday, Sept. 15 Friendship Luncheon

Monday, Sept. 16 (10:00) - Companions in Christ

Tuesday, Sept. 17 (9:30) - Wild Cards

Tuesday, Sept. 17 (7:00) - Administrative Board Meeting

Wednesday, Sept. 18 (5:45) - Handbells

Wednesday, Sept. 18 (7:00) - Choir Practice

Thursday, Sept. 19 (1:00) - Women of Faith

Monday, Sept. 23 (10:00) - Companions in Christ

Wednesday, Sept. 25 (5:45) - Handbells

Wednesday, Sept. 25 (7:00) - Choir Practice

Sunday, Sept 29 - 5th Sunday

Monday, Sept. 30 (10:00) Companions in Christ

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. lrrffoffice2734@gmail.com
You may also call the office at (859)277-0420.

Faith Family Facts and Faces



*September 3 – Linda Rego and Pat Hill
September 14 – Jesse Mayes
September 17 - Bill Greisner
September 23 – Pat Arebalo
September 27 – Hildy Marshall*



Bill and Liz...their smiles say it all.



Thelma Finch placed flowers on the altar in the loving memory of her son Bobby.



David sharing the gift of self.