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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 29, 2024

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

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A Word from our Pastor

“What will you show me today, Lord?” I pray. “Where, or through whom will you reveal yourself? I’ll be looking for you, listening for you, and expecting you.” This is part of my morning prayers – most days.

Sometimes God responds in a “...still, small voice;” sometimes it’s through the words of a friend, a fellow believer, or a blessing of providence – and I thank the Divine Giver for the grace gift. At other times, the Spirit provides the gift of an opportunity to participate with God in ministry. Sometimes the specific need is obvious, but not always.

While driving through my neighborhood one afternoon, I noticed a car parked on the street with the bumper sticker you see below. “Crying, but trying.” What a way to unashamedly identify oneself to strangers! I imagine each of us could relate to that statement at some point in our lives, perhaps even now. Who among us hasn’t been *crying* as we’ve been *trying* to carry a heavy burden, withstand a storm of hardship, or just make it through our darkest days of sickness, sadness, or grief.



Still, the message spoke to me of the resilience of the human spirit. While tears are a normal human response to difficulties and pain, our faith in God’s faithfulness to us can yield both “...strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,” and the resolve to keep trying.

I continue to see the car parked in front of the same house – usually late in the evenings, and I am reminded that, for every one of these people who publicly shares their struggles and tears, there are scores of them who weep silently, strain quietly, and struggle privately with their problems. The reality is that I needn’t go beyond my own neighborhood to recognize opportunities to participate with God in ministry to another struggling soul who is crying, but still trying. Each time I pass by that house, I wonder about the owner and pray God’s blessings on them. I hope that, one day soon, my path will cross theirs and I can offer them the blessing of a word of encouragement – and affirmation.

Sersum corda – and keep trying!

Lisa

Traditional Worship ~ Contemporary People



October Dine Local

Our next Dine Local lunch will be at **Evans Orchard in Georgetown on Oct. 15 at 11:30**. It's a bit of a drive (30 minutes from the church), but once we're there, we'll enjoy browsing the gift shop, sipping cider, and savoring simple fare that's always freshly prepared. Evans will also have a large selection of mums in vivid fall colors – and an even larger selection of pumpkins and apples.

A copy of the menu and a sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board. We don't need to reserve seats here, but we can sit together outside on the covered porch and enjoy our meal. What a great way to share a cool(er) fall day!

Grief Support Workshop *Tuesday, October 1*

Anyone having experienced a loss is invited to find support at our Grief Workshop next Tuesday at 11:00 in the Library. Whether your loss is recent or if it occurred many seasons ago, you are welcome to attend. We never take roll and there is no charge for the 1 hour session.

September/October Church Calendar



- Sunday, Sept 29 – Fifth Sunday Worship Through Music
- Monday, Sept. 30 (10:00) Companions in Christ
- Tuesday, October 2 (11:00) – Grief Support Session
- Wednesday, October 3 (5:45) Handbells
- Wednesday, October 3 (7:00) Choir
- Friday, October 4 (3:00) - Memorial Service for Jim Pepperl



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. There will be no visitation prior to the service.

Wildcards Sponsoring



Fundraiser to Help Pet Pantry

The local Pet Pantry is a relatively new non-profit organization that helps families who are undergoing financial hardships. Pet food, litter, and other essential items are made available to struggling families who are trying to keep their beloved pets in their home, rather than surrendering them to the animal shelter.

A fundraiser to support the Pet Pantry is being sponsored by our Wildcards and will be held in Kearns Hall on Saturday, October 19, from 10:00 – 2:00. Participants will be able to make 8 pet-themed greeting cards, in addition to receiving snacks, door prizes, and individual sirsees. The cost is \$30, and proceeds will go to the Pet Pantry. A flyer is posted on the bulletin board and if you have questions, see Rev. Lisa or Liz Peters.

Update on the Parking Lot

An Opportunity to Make an Enduring Gift

Currently, water from the parking lot presents a potential safety risk and the possibility of damage to property as it drains to the lowest point at the concrete-paved entrance to our building. At the September LRFF Administrative Board meeting, the Board voted to accept the bid of a contractor to correct this problem by digging a trench, installing a “flume” (drainage pipe), and securing the grates in concrete. (NOTE: The photo to the left is a representation of what will be done but is not an exact depiction.) The completed concrete-covered area will be 50 feet long by 2 feet wide (or 100 square feet of surface area).



The cost of this project will be \$10,500. The Board voted to institute a

fundraising appeal for this project and invite members who are able and wish to donate to invest in this needed improvement to the church’s property. The project will cost approximately \$100 per square foot. Any fraction or multiple of \$100 will be greatly appreciated. We would like to raise \$5,000 through contributions and the church will pay the additional \$5,500 from invested funds. We will keep you posted through regular reports in *The Current* as to the progress toward meeting our goal.

Work Begins TODAY on remedying the issue of our water problem in the parking lot. Don’t be surprised if you arrive Sunday morning and see a section of cones blocking areas that are under construction.



C & R will leave a safe pathway for us to access the church’s front door, but please be aware of this temporary inconvenience for the next few weeks. We look forward to the safety benefit, as well as the enhanced appearance of the front of our church that this improvement will make.

Help Us Share the News! Fifth Sunday Worship Through



Music

Sunday, September 29, will be a Fifth Sunday. Each time these occur, we have a special service at Liberty Road Faith Fellowship that features music by our choir,

instrumentalists, and congregational singing. The theme for this Fifth Sunday will be **“Glory, Honor, and Praise.”**

We encourage you to invite guests for this special service. There are a couple of ways to do that.

Share on Facebook

1. Go to the church’s website: lrfflex.org. Then go to the Connect tab across the top of the Welcome page and click on Announcements.
 2. Click on the Fifth Sunday Worship Through Music announcement so it will open.
 3. Highlight and copy the url near the top of your screen. It will be: <https://lrfflex.org/fifth-Sunday-worship-through-music/>
 4. Open your Facebook page and paste this url in your post area (“What’s on your mind?”)
- This will make the information available to all of your Facebook friends.

Send the Announcement in an Email Message

There are two ways to do this:

#1

- a) Follow the first 3 steps above.
- b) Open your email and prepare an email to send (with name of recipients and the subject).
- c) Paste the url into your email message area and send it.

Your recipients will then need to click on the url to see the announcement.

#2

- a) Follow the first 2 steps above.
- b) Highlight the entire Fifth Sunday announcement. Right click and select copy.
- c) Open your email and prepare an email to send (with name of recipients and the subject).
- d) Paste the copied information into your email message area and send it.

You can add your own wording before or after the copied material to make it personal for your recipients.

Thanks for
your help!



Faith Family Facts and Faces



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



Les Anderson preparing the church projector screen with words to music, scripture and litany.



Altar flowers given by Marsha Oakley in memory of John Oakley.



A glimpse of Sunday Morning - Worshiping God with song, tithes, scripture reading and meditation.

