

Dear LFTB Family,

As our Christmas program is tonight, I began to look at funny stories about Christmas programs. This was one of them:

One Christmas season a group of first graders decided they were going to produce their very own Christmas program and, so they produced their own updated nativity story. All the major characters were there — Joseph, the shepherds, the wise men from afar...but where was Mary?

Shortly after the production began, from behind some bales of straw, there was some noise of moaning and groaning — Mary was in labor!

A doctor with a white coat and a black bag was then ushered onto the stage and disappeared with Joseph behind the bales of straw. After a few moments, the doctor emerged from behind the bales of straw with a jubilant smile on his face and holding a baby in his arms.

He then announced to the audience, “It’s a GOD!”

Now this may not be correct historically, but it is certainly 100% correct theologically. Don’t miss our special service tonight.

*Jesus will be here.*

Brother Dale

**ISRAEL**

...an exciting study of the Holy Land  
No Study Tonight

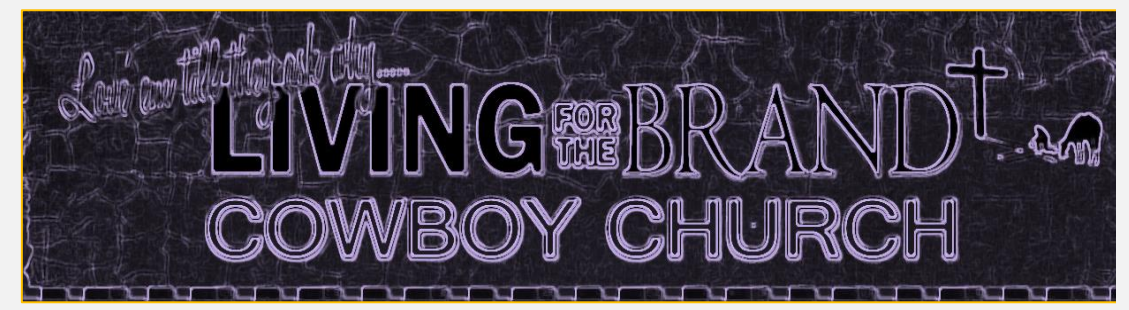


We do not pass an offering plate here at LFTB. Tithes or offerings can be placed in the little wooden church building. Thanks!

**Please Pray For ....**

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| <b>Brother Dale &amp; Mitzi</b>   | Our Church             |
| Our Deacons                       | Our Country & Military |
| Our President                     | First Responders       |
| Faith Connections Ministry        | The Farm               |
| Solid Rock Global Ministry        | Persecuted Christians  |
| Eastham Prison Ministry           | Israel                 |
| Ken & Joyce Hayes                 | Stan & Nan Burke       |
| Kathy & Lloyd Thrasher            | Vaneda Worthy          |
| Bruce Moore                       | Steve & Dot Landis     |
| Karen Laster                      | Terry & Gary Douglas   |
| Geneva & Ronnie Rudnick           | Lonnie Traweek         |
| Robert & Dorothy Bailey           | Kyleigh Fernandez      |
| Ruby & Jesse Roberts              | LaVerne Fitch          |
| Cody, Conner & Collin Hancock     | Devon Hargrove         |
| Kids, Grandkids & Great Grandkids | Bobby Bookman          |
| Steven & Mary Ann Ward            | Lisa Utz               |
| Dawn Busch & Family               | Kellie Kea             |
| Mike & Brenda Newburn             | Martha Lam             |
| Sheral Thompson’s Dad             | La Poyner School       |
| Don & Carolyn Rowell              | Barbara Miller         |
| Mark Muehl & Family               | Tia Prince             |
| Vera Smith                        | Doris Devlin           |
| Deb Russell                       | Peggy Moore            |
| D.J. & Heather Washington         | Tommy Thompson         |
| Mark Boles                        | Judy Miller            |
| Donna Robertson                   | Alivin Sternson        |
| Mike & Maryann Jackson            | Kathyrin Poke          |
| Elizabeth Barker                  | Sandy Bowen            |
| The Crowell Family                | Jim & Donna Lovelace   |
| Virginia Bowden Family            | Virgina Morton         |
| Cherry Tullos                     | LaVona Hale            |
| Christi McManus                   | Faye Burnett           |
| T.C. & Debbie Carter              | Cindy Beck Family      |

*Sermon Notes*



*December 3, 2017*

**Office Hours M-Th 9:00 am to 2:00 pm**

**(903) 675-9177**

**www.lftbcowboychurch.com**

**Weekly Schedule**

- Sunday** ..... Bible Study: 9:00 am – 9:45 am  
Morning Worship: 10:00 am  
Children’s Church: 10:00 am (4 yrs. thru 1<sup>st</sup> grade)  
Israel Video, Bible Study & prayer: 6:00 pm  
Branded Kids and Youth: 6:00 pm
- Tuesday** ..... Branded Seniors Game Day: 10:00 am – 2:00 pm  
Exercise Class: 10:00 am  
Grief Share: 5:00 pm  
Arena Service: 7:00 pm
- Wednesday** ..... Ladies’ Bible Study: Will resume in January  
Men’s Bible Study: Will resume in January
- Thursday** ..... Agape Knitters: 9:30 am  
Exercise Class: 10:00 am

*Welcome Visitors!*

Exchange your visitor card at the Welcome Desk for a bag of goodies.

## Sunday Bible Study

Adult Discussion – Teacher: Jim Raleigh  
Explore the Bible – Teacher: Jared Smith  
New Members - Teacher: Stanley Burke  
Upper Room – Teacher Clay Clark  
Young Married Couples – Teacher: Art Pool

## CHILDREN'S CLASSES

### Nursery – Babies

Mandy Hancock

### TODDLERS 2 - 3 yrs. old

Teachers: Brenda Tarter, Sandy Hoffmeyer  
Pre-K & Kindergarten

Teachers: Deb Scarbrough, Elaine Simmons

### 1<sup>st</sup> - 2<sup>nd</sup> grade

Teacher: Kristi Fernandez

### 3<sup>rd</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> grade

Teacher: Tara Walzel

### 5<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> grade

Teacher: Freida Jones

### 7<sup>th</sup> grade thru college

Teacher: Rod Millsap

**Ask at the Welcome Desk to be directed to the appropriate classroom(s). Loving Child Care provided during Bible study and worship.**

### Deacons:

Jeff Ingram, John Friman, Kenneth Hancock, Mickey Jones, John Lam, Art Pool, Kevin Proctor, Jim Raleigh, Terry Rhodes, John Sheets, Gerald Skiles, Jared Smith, John Tarter and Sam Walzel

### Pastors:

Dale Perry - Pastor  
Rod Millsap - Youth Minister and Associate Pastor

### Office Staff

Wendy Brumit – Financial Secretary  
Elizabeth Kellow - Ministry Coordinator  
Debbie Scarbrough – Secretary

## Mission Support

Livada Orphan Care, Solid Rock Global Ministries, First Crow Indian Baptist Church, Faith Comes by Hearing, Roever Evangelistic Assoc., Trails to Recovery, The Farm, Eastham Prison Ministry, Christian Appalachian Project, and Fortress of Faith.

## Ongoing Ministries

**NURSING HOME MINISTRY** - 2:30 pm at Athens Health Care Center for the residents' birthday party on December 11. See Cynthia Smith for details.

**BRANDED SENIORS** - TUESDAY GAMES (pot luck lunch)  
10:00 AM-2:00 PM

**GRIEF SHARE**- TUESDAY @ 5:00 pm

**TUESDAY NIGHT ARENA SERVICE** - 7:00 pm

**LADIES BIBLE STUDY** – WILL RESUME IN JANUARY

**MEN'S BIBLE STUDY** – Will resume in January

**AGAPE KNITTERS** – THURSDAY - 9:30-11:30 am

**MOVIE NIGHT** – THIRD FRIDAY – 6:30 pm

**SMALL GROUP FELLOWSHIP** – SECOND FRIDAY - 6:30pm  
Contact Elizabeth Kellow at 903-677-1535

**HOSPITAL VISITATION TEAM** - call the church office to join this important ministry.

**PRAYER WARRIORS** - call Steve Foster at 903-286-7948 to participate in this vital ministry.



### ARENA MINISTRY

Meal and devotional each Tuesday @ 7:00pm.

### Upcoming Events

December 3 – Christmas Program

December 6 - Ladies' Secret Santa

December 10 – Youth Christmas Party

December 24 – Christmas Eve

December 25 – Christmas Day

## *Coming Events at Living for the Brand Cowboy Church*



### *Christmas Program*

Make plans to be here tonight at 6:00 pm for our Christmas Program. There will be music, celebrating with a candle light service honoring our Lord Jesus Christ and the Lord's Supper. A reception of cookies and punch will be served after the program.



### *Ladies' Secret Santa*

Our reveal party will be on Wednesday, December 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm at the Jalapeno Tree.

Branded Kids and Branded Youth will not be meeting tonight due our Christmas program.

Angels for Athens Health Care & Rehabilitation Center

If you selected an angel, please return them wrapped no later than the morning service on December 10<sup>th</sup>.



Make a bid on this one of a kind hand crocheted rose throw. The size of this throw is 54 x 51 1/2 which would make a cute accent piece on your guest bed.

Starting bid is \$100.00 at the Welcome Desk.

### *Caring Concerns*

If you know of someone in the hospital, please call the church office at 903-675-9177 so the staff can notify our hospital team.

If you need to be put on the prayer list, you may call the office or fill out a prayer card and put it in our little church building or turn it into the Welcome Desk.

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