

Dear LFTB Family,

I came across this article on Thanksgiving this week.....

Thanksgiving is a public holiday celebrated on the fourth Thursday of November in the United States. It originated as a harvest festival. Thanksgiving has been celebrated nationally on and off since 1789, after Congress requested a proclamation by George Washington.

It has been celebrated as a federal holiday every year since 1864, when, during the American Civil War, President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed a national day of "Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the Heavens" to be celebrated on the last Thursday in November.

The event that Americans commonly call the "First Thanksgiving" was Celebrated by the Pilgrims after their first harvest in the New World in October 1621. This feast lasted three days, and-as accounted by attendee Edward Winslow, it was attended by 90 Native Americans and 53 Pilgrims. The New England colonists were accustomed to regularly celebrating "thanksgivings"- days of prayer thanking God for blessings such as a military victory or the end of a drought.

Oh, how I wish we could go back to the real meaning of Thanksgiving. We can, if we can start the tradition of thanking God for the blessing of our life. It's not just a day of stuffing ourselves along with a turkey or a day to start "Black Friday". It is a day to thank God for his abundant grace and provisions He has given to us.

May you and your family have a wonderful Thanksgiving,

Brother Dale



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

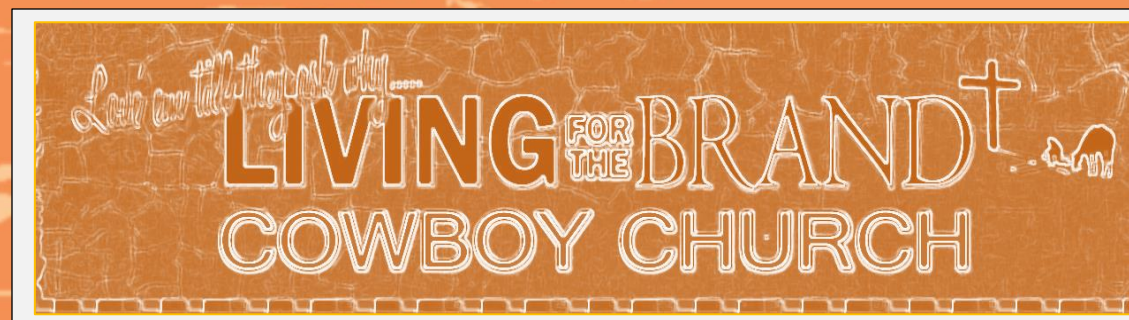
Please Pray For

Brother Dale & Mitzi	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
John & Nell Carter	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	Matha Lam
Sheral Thompson's Dad	La Poyner School
Don & Carolyn Rowell	Kirk Benson Family
Bruce Moore	Barbara Miller
Mark Muehl & Family	Tia Prince
Vera Smith	Doris Devlin
Deb Russell	Peggy Moore
Ray Owen Family	John Stanberger
Charles McNew	Jeff Lawson
Donno Robertson	Brad Lindsey
Cecil Hates	Carla White
Mike & Maryann Jackson	

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*...an exciting study of the Holy Land
No Study this week due to our
Thanksgiving meal.*

Sermon Notes



November 19, 2017

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

(903) 675-9177

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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 1st 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

1st - 2nd grade

Teacher: Kristi Fernandez

3rd - 4th grade

Teacher: Tara Walzel

5th - 6th grade

Teacher: Freida Jones

7th 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

No meal or devotional this Tuesday, November 21, due to Thanksgiving week.

Upcoming Events

November 19 – Thanksgiving Meal

November 23 – Thanksgiving Day

November 24 – Office will be closed

December 1 - Ladies' Cookie Exchange

December 3 – Christmas Program

December 6 - Secret Santa

Coming Events at Living for the Brand Cowboy Church



Thanksgiving Meal

Come and join us for our church wide Thanksgiving meal at 4:00 pm today.



Ladies' Cookie Exchange

Ladies' come and join food and fellowship with our annual cookie and ornament exchange. This fun event will be Friday, December 1st at 6:00 pm at Elizabeth Kellow's home. Bring an ornament, 3 dozen cookies and a finger food.

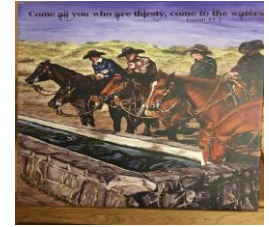
The Upper Room

Beginning Sunday, December 3rd at 9:00 am
Clay Clark will be starting a new series entitled "The Invisible War" by Chip Ingram.

Angels for Athens Health Care & Rehabilitation Center

Please select an angel from the table in the foyer so that those who are less fortunate during the holiday may have some cheer.

Branded Kids will not be meeting for the next 3 weeks due other church wide activities.



"Bring Them to Water"

Print on canvas by local artist and barrel racer Heather Burris. Bid Sheet at the Welcome Desk.

Support our Arena Roof Fund



Christmas Program

On Sunday, December 3rd at 6:00 pm we will have our Christmas program. This year we will be celebrating with a candle light service honoring our Lord Jesus Christ. A reception of cookies and punch will be served after the program.



Operation Christmas Child

This is the last week for OCC, so get your boxes in by **today**.

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