

Dear LFTB Family,

This week has been a week of sickness and pain. Not necessarily me and my family, but for our church family. We have people facing cancer and we have people having everything from a heat attack to a possible stroke. Countless people in Athens and surrounding areas are battling largest outbreak of the flu East Texas has ever experienced. According to news reports our hospitals are so full they don't have any beds left to put people in. All this sickness brings me to one of my favorite verses:

Matthew 4: 23 -24 *And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease among the people. Then His fame went throughout all Syria; and they brought to Him all sick people who were afflicted with various diseases and torments, and those who were demon-possessed, epileptics, and paralytics; and He healed them.*

I want to call our church family to prayer. We have a prayer list at our church. Please take the time this week to pray for those on the list and those you hear about who are suffering. Let's believe god and ash Him for a physical healing in our church.

I love you and am thankful for you at LFTB.

Brother Dale

Please Pray For

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| 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 |
| Bruce Moore | Steve & Dot Landis |
| Karen Laster | Terry & Gary Douglas |
| Geneva & Ronnie Rudnick | Lonnie Traweek |
| LaVerne Fitch | Faye Burnett |
| Steven & Mary Ann Ward | Floyd Tarter |
| Mike & Mary Ann Jackson | Rick Hendrix |
| Robert & Dorothy Bailey | Kyleigh Fernandez |
| Ruby & Jesse Roberts | Mark Muehl |
| Cody, Conner & Collin Hancock | Gary Baker |
| Jim & Betty Mallman | Mickey & Larry Surls |
| Kids, Grandkids & Great Grandkids | Danny Hite |
| Kellie Kea | Mechelle Graham |
| Mike & Brenda Newburn | Mark Boles |
| Don & Carolyn Rowell | Jeri Moore |
| Mary Stutts | Max Bolen |
| Pearl | Dottie |
| John & Brenda Tarter | Billie O'Daniel |
| Faron Bostick | Paul Mehme |
| Jason (J.R.) Roberts | Katie Milligan |
| Lots of Illness | |

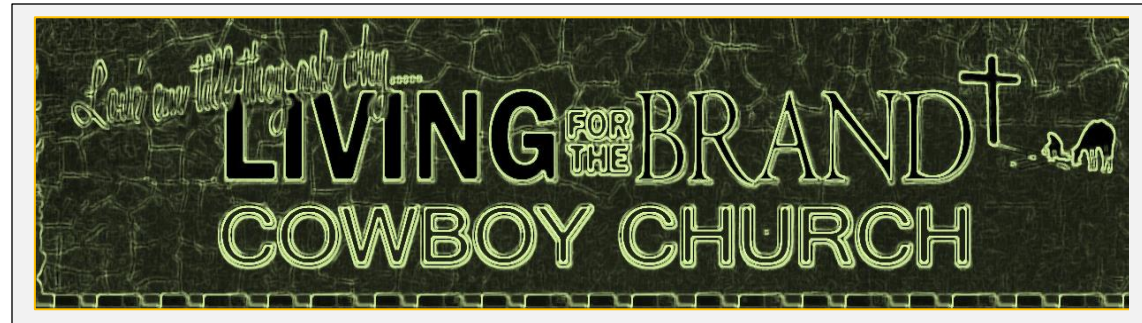
ISRAEL

*...an exciting study of the Holy Land
The Seeking Father:
The Lost Son Returns*

Sermon Notes



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



January 7, 2018

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 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 January 17,2018
Men's Bible Study: Will resume January 17, 2018
- 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, Fortress of Faith and The King's Rein.

Ongoing Ministries

NURSING HOME MINISTRY - 2:30 pm at Athens Health Care Center for the residents' birthday party on January 8th. 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 JANUARY 17,2018

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY – Will resume January 17, 2018

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 will resume this Tuesday, January 9, 2018 @ 7:00pm.

Upcoming Events

January 12 – New Beginnings for Small Groups

January 19 – Movie Night – *Hoovey*

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Coming Events at Living for the Brand Cowboy Church

All regular church functions start today at their normal times, except for Branded Kids they will start next Sunday, January 14th.

Opportunities to Serve

As we start the New Year be in prayer about where **You** need to serve within our church.

We have several areas you can assist in: Sunday School Classes, Children's Church, Branded Kids and Youth, Kitchen, Prayer Warriors and Hospital Team are just a few places where your help is needed. You may call the office for more details or speak to someone at the Welcome Desk.

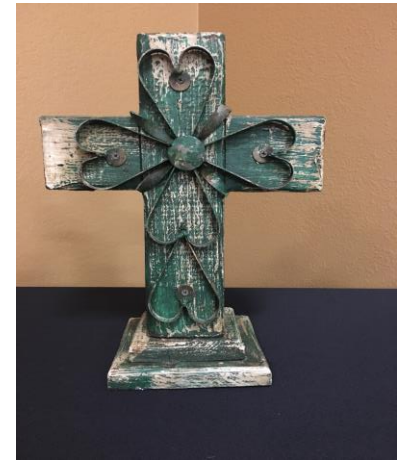
Small Groups

This *Friday, January 12 at 6:30 pm* come and join us here in the West Room for the reorganizational meeting of Small Groups. This is a great opportunity to meet and get to know your church family. Bring a pot of your favorite soup to share with others as we embark on this new journey for the new year.

Ladies' Bible Study

Ladies' start making plans to join us on Wednesday, January 17th, to learn about *Joseph: The Journey to Forgiveness*.

Study times will be at 10:00 am & 6:30 pm. Child care will be provided by calling the office, so your child's name can be put on the list.



The first bid item for the New Year on our Arena Roof is this heavy wooden cross. Bid sheets are at the Welcome Desk. It won't be long before this project will be completed to have lots of events in.

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.

Men's Bible Study

Men's bible study will resume on Wednesday, January 17th at 6:30 pm with their study on *It's Not Too Late – How God Uses Less Than Perfect People* by Tony Evans.