

Our Father and our God, as we stand at the beginning of this New Year, we confess our need of Your presence and Your guidance as we face the future.

We each have our hopes and expectations for the year that is ahead of us—but You alone know what it holds for us, and only You can give us the strength and the wisdom we will need to meet its challenges. So, help us to humbly put our hands into Your hand, and to trust You and to seek Your will for our lives during this coming year.

Amid life’s uncertainties in the days ahead, assure us of the certainty of Your unchanging love.

Amid life’s temptations and the pull of our stubborn self-will, help us not to lose our way but to have the courage to do what is right in Your sight, regardless of the cost.

And amid our daily preoccupations and pursuits, open our eyes to the sorrows and injustices of our hurting world, and help us to respond with compassion and sacrifice to those who are friendless and in need. May our constant prayer be that of the ancient Psalmist: “Teach me, O Lord, to follow your decrees; then I will keep them to the end” (Psalm 119:33).

We pray for our nation and its leaders during these difficult times, and for all those who are seeking to bring peace and justice to our dangerous and troubled world. We pray especially for Your protection on all those who serve in our armed forces, and we thank You for their commitment to defend our freedoms, even at the cost of their own lives. Be with their families and assure them of Your love and concern for them. Bring our divided nation together and give us a greater vision of what You would have us to be.

Your Word reminds us that “Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord” (Psalm 33:12).

As we look back over this past year, we thank You for Your goodness to us—far beyond what we have deserved.

May we never presume on Your past goodness or forget all Your mercies to us, but may they instead lead us to repentance, and to a new commitment to make You the foundation and center of our lives this year.

And so, our Father, we thank You for the promise and hope of this new year, and we look forward to it with expectancy and faith. This I ask in the name of our Lord and Savior, who by His death and resurrection has given us hope both for this world and the world to come.

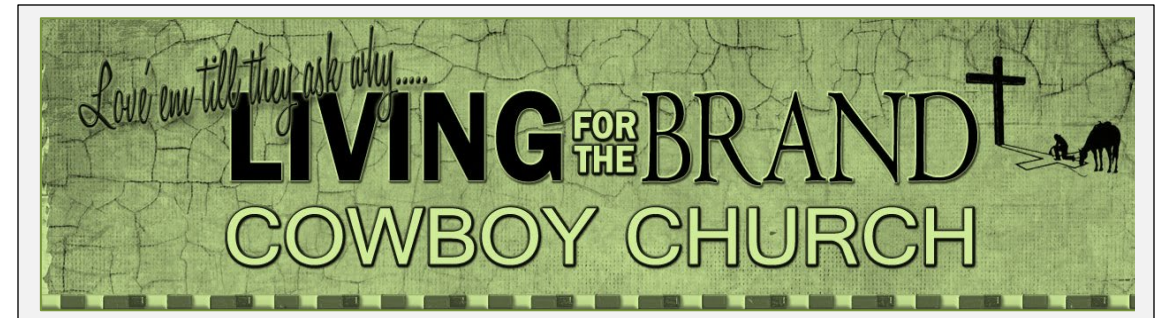
Amen.

Written by the late Billy Graham

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 | Wade Carter |
| Kings Rein Ministry | Israel |
| Loree Roberts | Rita Green |
| Kim Hodges | Kolton Lindsey |
| Kay Holt | Justin & Corie |
| Kyleigh Fernandez | Bryan Bishop |
| Kathryn C Smith | Richard Adkisson |
| Ruby & Jessie Roberts | Harold |
| Cody, Collin & Conner Hancock | Bill Garlock |
| Vera Smith | Kolton Lindsey |
| Robert & Dorothy Bailey | Bryan Kettle |
| Viola Smith | Mary Pool |
| Vanitia Cook | Mary Jo Davis |
| Don Gunter | Travis Buford’s Family |
| Kids, Grandkids, Great-Grandkids & others caring for Aging Parents | |

We ask a special blessing on Mitzi Perry as she cares for her Aging parents



January 6, 2019

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 2nd grade)
Bible Study & prayer: 6:00 pm
Branded Kids and Youth: 6:00 pm
- Tuesday** Branded Seniors Game Day: 10:00 am – 2:00 pm
Grief Share: 5:00 pm
Arena Service: 7:00 pm
- Wednesday** Ladies’ Bible Study: Begins January 16th @ 6:30 pm
Men’s Bible Study: 6:30 pm
- Thursday** Agape Knitters: 9:30 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
Upper Room – Teacher:
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: Mary Scott

3rd - 4th grade

Teacher:

5th - 6th grade

Teacher: Barbara Raleigh

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, 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
Johanna Rhodes – 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 - 2:00 pm at Athens Health Care Center for the residents' birthday party
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 - 6:00 pm

LADIES BIBLE STUDY— JANUARY 16TH 10:00 AM & 6:30 PM

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY – 6:30 pm

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

Join us on Tuesday at **7:00 pm** for a meal and devotional followed by Roughstock.

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



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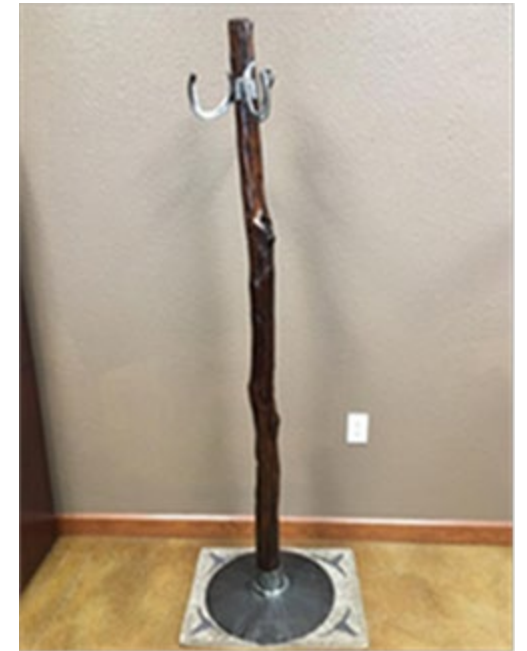
Coming Events at LFTBCC

WELCOME
VISITORS



*New Year, New Start
Come join us on
Friday.
January 11th
at LFTB @ 6:30 pm.
Bring a pot of soup to
share*

NEXT AUCTION IS
THIS BEAUTIFUL RUSTIC HAT
HANGER



*Ladies' Bible Study
resumes
Wednesday, January 16th
The study will be:
Psalm 23
The Shepherd with Me
By: Jennifer Rothschild
See You There*