



# THE Current

CARRYING NEWS OF  
LIBERTY ROAD FAITH FELLOWSHIP

"He who believes in Me... out of his heart will flow rivers of living water." - John 7:38

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### Who We Are...

Liberty Road Faith Fellowship is a Multi-denominational gathering of Christians who enjoy traditional worship services.

### Where to Find Us...

We worship at 2734 Liberty Road. You can find us on the web at <http://libertyroadfaithfellowship.org>

### We Gather for Fellowship Coffee/Donut Fellowship

Time: 9:00 - 10:30 a.m. in room 6

### We Gather for Bible Study

**The Adult I Sunday school** meets at 9:30 a.m. in room 3.

**The Living Faith Sunday school** meets at 9:30 a.m. in room 9.

**Books of the Bible** meets at 10 a.m. in room 1.

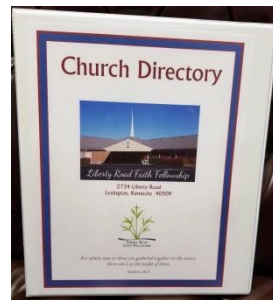
**Adult Bible Study** meets at 10 a.m. in room 4.

### We Gather for Worship

**Sunday Worship:** 11:00 a.m.

## A Christmas Gift for Each Family!

By Norma Smither



Because of the generosity of one anonymous member of Liberty Road Faith Fellowship, **each family gets a NEW Church Directory for FREE!** Not only that, but they are ready! We will distribute them on Sunday, December 10 and Sunday, December 17. You can pick your copy up in the foyer. Someone will be there at 10 a.m. each Sunday for 50 minutes prior to our morning worship and 30 minutes after the service. **IF** you want a second copy, you will need to pay \$5.00. But your initial copy is **FREE!** If you do not receive a copy on the two dates mentioned, you can contact Norma in the church office at (859) 277-0420.

Directories are great to have to familiarize yourself with people you may not know well. They are handy to have around when you need a person's address or phone number. We have tried to be accurate, but if you find that your information is not correct, please let me know as soon as possible so that the online copy of the directory will be accurate. If your email address or other information changes in the future, please notify me about that as well.

I want to thank Lowell Eberwein for all his leadership and support. I thank Ron Curtis, our photographer, for working with me and helping me. Ron has a lot of computer knowledge and is so good to work with. He's a great teacher. I appreciate everyone who stepped up to help: Herb Blakeman, Thelma Boswell, Hope Spoonamore, Lois Baber and Faye Pepperl.

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**Children's Church:** 11:15 a.m.  
In room 5.

**Our Nursery** is located in room 2.

## We're Looking Forward...

**December 7 (Thursday) – Girl Scout troop** meets at 6:15 in Kearns Hall.

**December 7 (Thursday) – Missions Committee meeting** in room #5.

**December 11 (Monday) – Annual Choir Christmas Dinner Party** at 6:00 p.m. at the Chop House, 2640 Richmond Road.

**December 14 (Thursday) – Girl Scout troop** meets at 6:15 in Kearns Hall.

**December 16 (Saturday) – McMillan/Mills wedding** in the sanctuary at 5:30 p.m.

**December 19 (Tuesday) – Finance Committee** meets at 1:30 p.m. in the Library.

**December 19 (Tuesday) – Administrative Board** meets at

This project has been months in the making with a lot of details to cover and a lot of work. We are grateful to get it completed.

Also, we cannot thank this anonymous individual enough for wanting to do this out of love for his/her church. You know who you are. We all thank you from the bottom of our hearts!

## Thank you, Lowell

By Norma Smither



Some people work behind the scenes at churches all the time because they don't have to be or want to be in the lime light. They simply want to use their gifts to honor their Heavenly Father. Lowell Eberwein has done that at Liberty Road Faith Fellowship for quite some time.

Even though Lowell has served on the Technology Committee since 2013, he was the chair person for two years and has also co-chaired this committee for the past 2 years. But even though he was visible on this committee, Lowell went above and beyond his duties in that he has overseen our website for years. When Dr. Lester went home to be with the Lord, Lowell stood in the gap and took charge in developing our church directory. He's a perfectionist and he thinks outside the box. He gives great attention to detail. He really thinks things through. And I, for one, have thoroughly enjoyed working with him all these years. He has not only done an excellent job, he has made it fun. His laugh is unique as most of us know. Lowell's laugh

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6:30 p.m. in room #4.

**December 21 (Thursday) – Girl Scout troop** meets at 6:15 in Kearns Hall.

**December 24 (Sunday) – Christmas Eve Service** at 2:00 p.m. (Only 1 service on this day)

**December 25 (Monday) – Merry Christmas!** Church office closed.

**December 26 (Tuesday) – Church office closed** in observance of the Christmas holiday.

**December 28 (Thursday) – Girl Scout troop** meets at 6:15 in Kearns Hall.

**December 31 (Sunday) – Regular 11 a.m. worship service.**

**December 31 (Sunday) – “Sing in the New Year” Hymn Sing at 10:00 p.m.** Then we will adjourn to Kearns Hall and await the New Year!

**January 1 (Monday) – Happy New Year!** Office closed in observance

reminds me of Billy Ray Jennings’ laugh and it just makes me smile. Lowell and Billy Ray must be related somehow because their laughs are so similar, genuine and fun! Lowell has been considerate of my time and is such a gentleman. He and I have laughed together. We have had serious talks and have agreed to disagree on some things and that’s okay. We have been respectful to each other.

Lowell has decided that it’s time for him to retire at age 85. He has been writing a book for some time and he wants to finish that project. I’m sure Jane has a “Honey-do” list for him to get caught up on. He is resigning from the Technology Committee, from overseeing the website and the directory. Folks, he’s leaving a BIG gap. And it won’t be easy to fill his shoes--something that we will soon realize. Most people have no idea how much work this man has done on all these things for all these years for all the right reasons. He simply wanted to serve. He wanted to use his strengths and the gifts God gave him to make a difference. I have worked alongside him, and I believe he has made a BIG difference.

Lowell is a retired educator. He has a vocabulary like no one else I know. I’ve had to ask him many times, “What does that mean?” To which he just chuckles and then he explains. He’s better than a Webster’s Dictionary! Lowell has a good heart. I’ve seen the tears well up in his eyes when talking about this church. He has served because He loves the Lord and he loves the people of this church. He wants Liberty Road Faith Fellowship to succeed and to grow! We all owe him a debt of gratitude. When you see Lowell at church, please take a moment just to say, “Thank you.” He deserves no less than that from all of us.

Lowell, thank you for helping me and teaching me all these years. I love you as my brother in Christ and I am grateful that I’ve had the privilege of working with you.

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of the New Year.

## Prayer Requests

To add a prayer request, please fill out a Prayer Request card, call the church office at 277-0420, or submit a prayer request or update online by going to <http://Libertyroadfaithfellowship.org>.

**In order to keep a request on for more than a few weeks, please provide us with an update.**

**Pray for the family of Hubert C. Wiseman**, LRFF member, who went home to be with the Lord on Friday, December 1. A Memorial Service will be held on Wednesday, December 6 at 11:30 a.m. at Milward's on Broadway.

**Pray for the daughter of Paul Townsend and other family members.** Paul went home to be with the Lord on Friday, December 1. Visitation will be Wednesday, December 6 from 5-8 p.m. at Milward's on Southland Drive. Funeral will be held on Thursday, December 7 at 11:30 a.m. at

## Thank you Ladies!



Many thanks to Sheri Seckman and Pam Gilkerson, who spent hours here last Tuesday to produce the four beautiful arrangements outside as you come into the church. Sheri returned on Wednesday to finish up because they ran out of daylight on Tuesday. There are also 2 arrangements over at the Kearns Hall entrance. All of these arrangements are truly a reflection of the gift that God has given to Sheri as an artist. We thank Rachel Jones for taking the time to clear out the fall arrangements so that Sheri and Pam could begin their work on the Christmas arrangements. And thank you, Pam, for assisting Sheri in getting these arrangements made. They truly are lovely, classy, pieces of art. Thank you, ladies, for taking pride in this church and wanting it to be beautiful inside and out!

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Milward's on Southland Drive. Paul was a charter member.

**Pray for Jim Hyde** who is extremely weak and his blood sugar is out of control. His blood sugar levels have gotten too high to even register at times and have also dipped dangerously low. Jim really needs our prayers for strength and healing as this has adversely affected his quality of life.

**Pray for Ruby Montgomery**, mother of Pat Potts, who is now living at Lexington Country Place. She is eating very small amounts and seems to have improved a little, but is still in Hospice care. Pray for Ruby and Pat during this difficult and emotional time.

**Praise that Clark Pell**, brother of Carol Taylor, is off the ventilator, has a stable heart rate, and his breathing is much better. He has been walking with some physical therapy and is gaining much of his strength back. If he continues to improve he could go home next week. Thank you for lifting him up in prayer!

## Come on and Ring those Bells!

By Dr. Carolyn Purcell



### VOLUNTEER BELL RINGERS NEEDED!

*Ring a bell...help change a life*

Liberty Road Faith Fellowship will be ringing the bell for The Salvation Army, a great activity to do with children and grandchildren. Volunteers usually ring for one hour, but you can do more if you like. We will be ringing at the Kroger on Richmond Road grocery entrance on **Friday, December 8 and Saturday, December 9**. Please check your calendar and sign up to help. You can sign by calling or emailing Carolyn Purcell. If you've never done this, I think you will have a good time especially if you bring children who love it. You can bring a stool if you can't stand for an hour and I chose the Kroger on Richmond Road because we can be inside. Each hour donated is a \$10 gift to The Salvation Army. The Army uses kettle money to provide Christmas for needy families and emergency shelter for the homeless all year long. The Army has been providing Christmas for needy families in our community continuously since 1903.

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**Pray for Phyllis McCarty**, who has a broken vertebra. She has chosen to wear a brace for 6 weeks until it heals. Please remember Phyllis in prayer that God would bring healing and strength.

**Pray for Margaret D. Walters**, who is having medical issues due to a car accident on her way from church that totaled her car; and for Margaret's family. Her sister's husband fell and broke his hip and had to have surgery. She also asks that we pray for our soldiers and our country.

**Pray for Vicki Clark's mother**, who fell recently and fractured her knee. After a recent doctor's visit her mom was told that she had to stay off of her feet and remain immobile for 3 weeks.

**Pray for Nanci Barnhart**, sister-in-law of Ginny Berry, that God would comfort and heal her. Pray that doctors can manage Nanci's pain.

**Pray for Paddy Claypoole**, Vicki Brown's mother, as she recovers from a procedure recently to help

## Christmas Eve Service

Be sure to mark your calendars for Sunday, December 24. Because that particular Sunday is Christmas Eve, we will have **only one service at 2:00 p.m. on that day**. Our Worship Committee hopes that this will work well for everyone.

## New Year's Eve Hymn Sing and Watch Party

By Dr. Carolyn Purcell

New Year's Eve falls on a Fifth Sunday this year. The worship committee had decided to have a normal service on Sunday morning and a Hymn Sing, and New Year's Eve watch party on Sunday evening. We will not have the usual Fifth Sunday musical but we will have lots of singing.

The Social Committee will help with set-up for the party and beverages, but we are asking each person to bring Pot Luck Party Food. After meeting in the sanctuary at 10 PM to sing, we will adjourn to Kearns Hall and await the New Year. What better way to begin a New Year!

## Mitten/Gloves and Toboggan Tree

Our Women's Fellowship is sponsoring a Mitten/Gloves and Toboggan Tree that is located in the foyer.



All mittens, gloves and toboggans that are donated will be given to children at Liberty Elementary, as well as Yates Elementary. If you can contribute we would appreciate it very much. And so will the kids who receive them.

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manage pain.

**Pray for Glenda Christian**, Vicki Brown's sister, that she would have continued healing.

**Pray for Bill Worrell**, who is now at Homestead Nursing Center on Versailles Road.

**Pray for our Pastor Search Committee** as they seek God's person to lead His church. And pray for that person that God would prepare their heart to receive His direction.

**Pray for our Pastor Search Committee Members:**

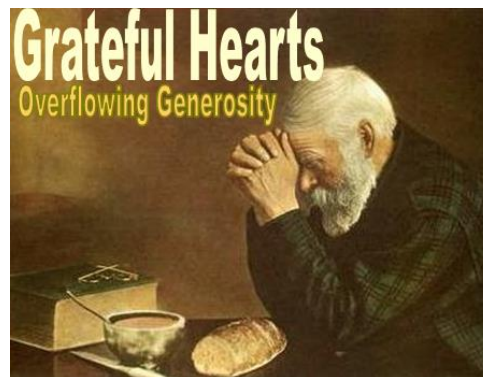
Liz Peters, Chair; Rev. Richard Dwyer, Janet Layman, Kinch Query, Dr. Mary Anne Pollock, David Bondurant, Adam Rudder, Hope Spoonamore and Jim Host.

**Ongoing Prayers for our soldiers...Faith Afield**

**Pray for our service men and women** who are active and also for our veterans who deal with difficult health issues every day as a result

## Completing Our Stewardship Campaign

By Dr. Ann Crowe



Thank you to everyone who has turned in pledge cards thus far. We appreciate the faithful support of our church and its mission. If you have not had an opportunity to submit your pledge card, you are welcome to place it in the offering plate next Sunday or mail it to the church at 2734 Liberty Road, Lexington 40509. We will make budget decisions in early December, so it will help to have as many pledges turned in as soon as possible.

## End-of-Year Financial Note

If you plan to make a year-end contribution to the church, please be aware that your gift must be received in the church office or postmarked by December 31, 2017. Otherwise, we will not be able to credit you for the gift in 2017 for tax purposes. Since December 31 falls on a weekend, when the church office is closed, if you plan to bring your contribution to the church office, please bring it by noon on Friday, December 29, so we can process it and deposit it in the bank before the end of the year.



Thanks for your ongoing and faithful financial support of Liberty Road Faith Fellowship!

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of their service to their country.

Here are the names of the service people we currently know about.

**SSGT. Jamen Berry**, son of Andy Berry

**Capt. Ginny Iskandarov** – niece of Ginny Berry

**Elnur Iskandarov** – nephew of Ginny Berry by marriage

**SSGT. Cameron Smith** – brother of Sean Smith

**Airman Benjamin Engelbrecht** – son of Paul Engelbrecht

Please send Ginny Berry any updates on the status of these persons...change in rank, address, new assignment...Her email address is [momb1@twc.com](mailto:momb1@twc.com)

## Martha Ministry Team Members for December

are Ginny Berry, Alice English, Ann Crowe, Tandy Haggard, Nancy Robinson, Carol Glowatch, and Anne Greer.

## Mission Moment

**Liberty Road Faith Fellowship seeks to become the hands and feet of Christ in the world through engagement in missions.**

## Don't forget to sign up for the Kroger Reward Card Program

By registering your Kroger Plus card with the community Rewards program, every purchase you make at Kroger will help Liberty Road Faith Fellowship's (LRFF) mission program. We receive a quarterly check from Kroger, based on the amount of purchases made by those supporting LRFF. That money is used to expand the Mission Fund activities undertaken by our Missions Committee.

**Membership no longer requires re-enrolling**, but will continue to roll over each year of participation.

Enrollment for **NEW participants** can be done by going to:

[www.Kroger.com](http://www.Kroger.com):

Click the **blue sign in** tab at top of page

Enter your email address and password and click the **blue sign in** tab

From the department menu, click **Community**, then **Community Rewards**

From Community Rewards, click on the **edit or re-enroll** button

Find **organization or number** – Liberty Road Faith Fellowship or #12007

Click the **organization name or number**

**Click save**, to save your information

You can also call 1-800-KROGERS, option 3.

LRFF's organization number is #12007.

You will need the number on your Kroger card.

Please consider enrolling and let your normal shopping needs support our Mission Work. Thank You!

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If you are listed for a particular month with the Martha Ministry and cannot serve, please contact the chair of the Martha Ministry, Susan Slusher, at (606)309-7711 and she will be glad to schedule you for another month. Also, if you have any questions or concerns about serving, just give Susan a call.

## Current Administrative Board for 2017 – 2018

Charlotte Krasinski, Chair  
Herb Blakeman  
Mitch Borders, Treasurer  
Roger Blair  
Jackie Bondurant, Bd. Secretary  
John Leindecker  
Ann Lucas  
Kevin Maudsley  
John May  
Sarah Reeves  
Adam Rudder  
Bonnie Savage  
Paul Taylor.

## Deadlines

Prayer requests, committee news or announcements, and personal interest stories should be submitted **by NOON on Monday** for inclusion in the next issue of

## Blood Pressure Checks Each Sunday

By Nurse Nancy

We want to remind everyone that we offer blood pressure checks each Sunday morning in the back of the overflow section. Our nurses are Nancy Robinson, Marsha Oakley and Gwen Mayes.

## Photo Bombed!

(picture taken by Pam Gilkerson, Ella's grandmother)



Sarah Reeves is usually behind the camera, but she decided to photo bomb our little Angel, Ella. Doesn't look like Ella is bothered by that at all. Sarah, it's good to actually see you in FRONT of the camera, so we don't care how you got there. Just jump in anytime!

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**Announcements for the Sunday bulletin** should be sent to Norma **by NOON on Wednesdays** at [norma@libertyroadfaithfellowship.org](mailto:norma@libertyroadfaithfellowship.org)

Ann Crowe is posting events/dates on our website calendar so if you have an event that needs to be posted please notify her at [acrowe@libertyroadfaithfellowship.org](mailto:acrowe@libertyroadfaithfellowship.org) or call her at the church office **by NOON on Wednesdays.**

## Women of Faith News

By Rachel Jones

The *Women of Faith* Circle would like to thank everyone who supported our fund raising project by buying pecans this year. The funds raised will be put to good use supporting special projects at our church and other worthy organizations in our community. We hope that you found the products of good quality and value and that you will be able to make some delicious baked goods for the holidays.

## Give to the Altar Flower Fund



If you were not able to purchase poinsettias in honor or in memory of your loved ones, you can still give to the altar flower fund. We had room for only 35 poinsettias in our sanctuary and they have already been purchased. However, if you decide to give to the altar flower fund, you have until Tuesday, December 19 to sign up. Just make your check out to Liberty Road Faith

Fellowship and write "Altar Flower Fund" in the memo section of your check and be sure to fill out an "Altar Flower Donation Fund" form so that we will have your information and the names of those you want to honor. By doing this, we will have money in our altar flower fund to place flowers on special Sundays or at special dinners or gatherings. Thank you for giving!

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## A Simple Decoration with Such a Big Message

(Picture provided by Jim Host)



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