

LRBC Calendar
(April 1-15, 2007)

Sunday 4/1	Korean Church Prayer Meeting Congregational Prayer (Room 214) Contemporary Worship Sunday School Traditional/Blended Worship Korean Church Service	6:00 a.m. 8:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:15 a.m. 1:30 p.m.
Monday 4/2	Senior Adult Committee MOPs Steering Committee Community Bible Study	1:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday 4/3	Boy Scouts	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday 4/4	Deadline for Ebenezer Easter Breakfast No Wednesday Evening Activities	12:00 p.m.
Thursday 4/5	Maundy Thursday Service A.A.	7:30 p.m. 8:30 p.m.
Friday 4/6	Good Friday Service Good Friday Service	12:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.
Saturday 4/7	Praise Team Young Couples SS Class Seder (FFH)	9:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m.
Sunday 4/8	Ebenezer Baptist Sunrise Service Korean Church Prayer Meeting Ebenezer Baptist Breakfast Congregational Prayer (Room 214) Contemporary Worship Sunday School Traditional/Blended Worship Korean Church Service	5:30 a.m. 6:00 a.m. 6:45 a.m. 8:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:15 a.m. 1:30 p.m.
Monday 4/9	Lantern Articles Due Personnel Committee Community Bible Study	12:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday 4/10	LRBC Staff Senior Saints Luncheon (FFH) Property Committee Boy Scouts	8:35 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday 4/11	Ladies Bible Study Children's Choir Youth Vocal Ensemble Dinner (FFH) Youth & Children's Activities Quarterly Business Meeting Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	9:30 a.m. 5:00 p.m. 5:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 6:45 p.m. 7:30 p.m.
Thursday 4/12	Cub Scouts (FFH) Perspectives A.A.	6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 8:30 p.m.
Friday 4/13	Little Hands Bible Class	9:30 a.m.
Saturday 4/14	CCM (Youth Room) Quarterly Teachers Praise Team	8:00 a.m. 8:45 p.m. 9:00 a.m.
Sunday 4/15	Korean Church Prayer Meeting Congregational Prayer (Room 214) Contemporary Worship Sunday School Assembly Traditional/Blended Worship Korean Church Service Children's Committee VBS Meeting	6:00 a.m. 8:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:15 a.m. 1:30 p.m. 4:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m.

Mark your calendar and join us for the church-wide work-day

We Welcome You to Join Us For Any of Our Regular Weekly Activities!

Sunday Services

9:00 a.m.	Contemporary Worship
10:00 a.m.	Sunday School (All Ages)
11:15 a.m.	Traditional/ Blended Worship

Wednesday Activities

5:00 p.m.	Grade School Choir
5:30 p.m.	Youth Vocal Ensemble
6:00 p.m.	Dinner
6:30 p.m.	TeamKid, Youth Activities
6:45 p.m.	Adult Bible Study
7:30 p.m.	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

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Our Church's Mission Statement:
"Lake Ridge Baptist Church is a Christ-centered body sharing our faith through relevant church, community, and world ministries."

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MDO Update

The hallways here at Lake Ridge Baptist Church have been bustling with activity. The theme for March was transportation. We had visits from a semi-truck and a school bus! We made a drive-in theater in the Fellowship Hall for lunch and ate stop light snacks.

The school received a letter from the Department of Veteran's Affairs thanking the children for the Valentines they sent in recognition of Valentine's for Vets in February. The children did a good job!

MDO staff attended the Virginia Association for the Education of Young Children conference in Norfolk. When we return from Spring Break, we will prepare for our annual Scholastic Book Fair, Art Show, and Ice Cream Social. Registration for the 2007-2008 school year has been going well and we are at 100% capacity for Fall. Thank you for all the good referrals throughout the community.

If you are interested in joining in the fun, we have a staff opening for a Young Three-year-olds teacher available for the 2007-2008 school year. Contact Susan Gleaton for more information.

Library Emphasis for
March
Jesus and Easter

Is God Calling You to Teach? Would you like to teach a Sunday School class, a discipleship class, or lead a home-based small group bible study? Has God been calling you to step out and become a teacher of others concerning the truths of His Word? If this is you, there will be a short class offered during the Sunday School hour (10:00 a.m.) starting Sunday, April 22nd. There is always a need for teachers in our church education ministry. For more details, contact Neil Newcomb, Education Minister; Steve Phillips, Sunday School Director; or Chris Ross, Assistant Sunday School Director.

Holy Week Activities

You are invited to join Lake Ridge Baptist Church for Holy Week activities on April 1st—8th. Better yet, invite your family, friends, and neighbors to experience "The Journey to the Cross."

Palm Sunday's service titled "The Journey to the Cross" will feature a musical and dramatic worship experience that probes the mysteries and the paradoxes of the last week in the life of Jesus of Nazareth. The Sanctuary Choir with special guests will perform at both the 9:00 and 11:15 a.m. services.

This year, we will have both a Maundy Thursday service and Good Friday services. Maundy Thursday's service will feature a reflective time of prayer and worship around the table of communion. We will take a glimpse at the origins and traditions of the Passover meal, culminating in the symbolic sharing of Christ's body and blood. This service will begin at 7:30 p.m.

Good Friday's services will focus on the Tabernacle. During this somber time, we will prayerfully consider the last hours of Christ's earthly life before taking a walk through the Hebrew Tabernacle—the tent of meeting where the people gathered to meet God. Join us at noon and at 7:30 p.m. for this experience.

And lastly, let the trumpet sound on Easter Sunday! Christ is Alive! We will celebrate Christ's resurrection at both morning worship experiences.

From the Pastor

Some exciting times are before us as a congregation. I hope you can participate in as many as possible.

- Sunday, April 1st (Palm Sunday): Our adult choir and others will lead us in the Easter musical, "The Journey to the Cross."
- Thursday, April 5th (Maundy Thursday): Our service will help us understand the various elements of the Passover Meal, concluding with the Lord's Supper.
- Friday, April 6th (Good Friday): We will hear the Passion story, followed by a walk through the Hebrew Tabernacle.
- Sunday, April 8th (Easter): We will worship with Ebenezer Baptist Church at 5:30 a.m. at the gazebo in Occoquan, followed by breakfast at 6:45 a.m. at Ebenezer. (Sign up deadline is Wednesday, April 4th, at noon.) We will also have worship at our church at 9:00 and 11:15 a.m. to celebrate our resurrected Lord with Sunday School at 10:00 a.m.
- Sunday, April 29th: We will worship at Ebenezer Baptist Church; Lunch will be served at 2:00 p.m. and the worship service will be at 3:30 p.m. The deadline to sign up is April 22nd.

In October 2005, LRBC voted in a business meeting to change from four major mission offerings per

year to two offerings in 2006 and one offering beginning in 2007. We did have two major mission offerings last year. This year is the first for us to have our one major mission emphasis, which includes Virginia (Alma Hunt), North American (Annie Armstrong), International (Lottie Moon), and Short-Term from April 15th—May 6th.

Of course, we may give financially throughout the year and we need to pray continuously for our missionaries in these areas. However, the emphasis will be during these four weeks. Our financial goals are as follows:

Virginia: \$4,000.00
North American: \$7,000.00
International: \$17,000.00
Short-Term: \$7,790.00

The total for these four offerings is \$35,790.00. Our congregation is very supportive of our mission commitments and I am confident that we will be this year as well. We can reach these goals.

Also, soon we will have deacon nominations for the coming year. Please be thinking and praying about people whom you would like to nominate. More information will be shared in the near future.

I hope you have a good week. I look forward to worshipping with you on Sunday.

Pat Ellis, Pastor

WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS

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Little Hands Registration

Registration for Little Hands Bible class for the 2007-2008 school year is now open. Little Hands is a Bible-focused, one-day per week preschool program for children, ages 2 1/2 to 5 years old. Cost is \$45.00 per month. For information, contact Doris Brown at 703-791-0946

Dear friends and family

Over the next few months, the Worship Council of LRBC will be actively dialoguing and praying over the worship experiences of the church. One question will prevail over all others: How can we bring God into the center of our worship? The secondary question will be: How can we bring our people and our community together in the process of our worship experiences? Please bathe this body of people and this process in prayer.

We are entering into Holy Week as you read this, the week in which the Christian Church pauses to reflect on the last week of Jesus' earthly life. It is a week of strange paradoxes. The spirit of celebration that normally defines our life in Christ is tempered this week as we momentarily gaze at the darker, more gruesome aspect of Christianity. A Buddhist friend of mine termed it well when he once commented, "Ah, yes; Christianity. You all have such a bloody religion."

Yes. The figurehead of our faith shed much blood. We are different from all other world religions in that our connection to God is not through a warrior, but through a victim. And, I believe that even today we still struggle in figuring out how we are supposed to worship Christ and follow his example in our lives. The real teachings of Jesus are as revolutionary today as they were two thousand years ago. The example that Christ set for how to live, and how to die, is as mystifying to us today as it was to his original circle of disciples. Most of us want to embrace the spirit of Jesus; we really do. But, when our lifestyle is so far removed from what Jesus advocated, and when our worship is tainted with self-absorption, we more often end up in wrestling matches with God and with each other.

The paradoxes of Jesus Christ only begin to make sense when we actually let go of ourselves. It seems like it would be a simple thing to do. But, let's not kid ourselves. It's a hard thing for us to do, to let go of ourselves. In fact, it may be pretty near impossible, save for . . . the help of Jesus, perhaps?

Mark Andrist, Minister of Worship



Feinstein Offers Another \$1 Million Giveaway To Fight Hunger

For the tenth straight year, Alan Shawn Feinstein will divide \$1 million among hunger fighting agencies nationwide using it to help them raise funds during March and April 2007.

The more of a donation you make to ACTS - from March 1st to April 30th- the more of the Feinstein money will be added to your donation! These donations can include cash, checks and food items (that can be valued at \$1.00 per item or pound) as well as pledges.

The million dollars will then be divided proportionately among all agencies (a minimum of \$250 and a maximum of \$50,000 to all participating agencies).

Feinstein's past \$1 million challenges to fight hunger have raised a record \$620 million for agencies nationwide. Your donation toward this campaign makes you a partner in the most successful grassroots campaign to fight hunger of all times. That is something you can take great pride in!

In 2006, ACTS collected almost \$503,000 worth of donations, and was awarded \$2,171.00 by the Feinstein Foundation—let's do even better in 2007!

Youth Ministry News

Silent/Live Auction: This event will be held in June. We are accepting donations; if you have a service or donation you would like to make, please see Jim Wood or Audra Skiba.

M-Fuge: We will be going on June 24th through July 1st to Palm Beach Atlantic Christian University in West Palm Beach, FL.

Lantern Deadline

The deadline to submit information for the next Lantern (to be delivered on April 15th, 2007) will be April 9th. Please submit any information that you would like to see included to the church office or via email to lrbc@lakeridgebaptist.com.

LRBC Spring Yard Sale
Lake Ridge Baptist Church will host its 4th Annual Missions Yard Sale on May 5th. As you Spring clean your home and garage, please save your discards for our BIG SALE!! We will accept tools, lawn and garden equipment, recreational equipment, household items, furniture, books, holiday decor, computer equipment less than two years old, children's clothing, adult jeans and coats and any "never been worn" adult clothing. Jewelry will be a special feature again this year! Contact Ruth Anderson if you'd like to help with the sale. Items can be delivered to the church starting May 3rd at 5:00 p.m.

Perspectives Speakers
The Perspectives on the World Christian Movement course meets Thursday evenings in the Education building's basement from 7:00—9:45 p.m. You are very welcome to visit the class; no need to RSVP.

April 5th: No class due to Easter break.

April 12th: Scott Buresh, Staff member of Grace Fellowship Church, Baltimore, MD will speak on Building Bridges of Love. Scott develops new missionaries and assists missionaries already on the field. He also teaches anthropology at Towson University. Anyone interested in cross-cultural ministries should attend; you don't want to miss hearing his wisdom from years of experience.

Searching for Minister of Children

LRBC seeks a part-time Minister of Children. Appropriate education and experience is required. Position will be responsible for children's ministries ranging from birth through 5th grade. Job description and qualifications criteria can be found at: www.lakeridgebaptist.com/personnel.htm. Send resumes to Lake Ridge Baptist Church by May 12th via either regular mail to: Chairman of Personnel Committee, Lake Ridge Baptist Church, 12450 Clipper Drive, Woodbridge, VA 22192; or via email to: children@lakeridgebaptist.com.

Prayers & Squares Update

Please stop for a moment as you pass through the breezeway to pray and tie a knot on the quilts currently hanging for:

- Carol Taylor is a friend of several LRBC families and an involved member of the community who has recently been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. She will be having surgery and will be going through chemotherapy. Please pray for healing, strength for her and her family, and wisdom for the doctors.
- Matthew Hohan is a 13 year old friend of the Ramirez family who has leukemia and hasn't much longer to live. Rose Ramirez received a P & S quilt and "it made such an impression that she is requesting this quilt for Matthew". Please pray for peace and courage for Matthew and strength for his parents.

If you would like to request a quilt for someone in need of prayer, complete the request form available on the quilt rack and place it in the Prayers and Squares mailbox in the church office. If you have any questions, please call Patty Bell (703-590-8635).