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Monthly newsletter



*Making Disciples, Who Make Disciples
To See Lives Transformed by the
Power of the Gospel*

A Message from Our Pastor

A farmer lost his watch in his barn. The watch had great sentimental value, so he searched for it to no avail. He heard some kids playing outside. He explained to them about his lost watch and asked if they would help him find it for a couple dollars reward.

They all searched for awhile, but they still were unable to find the watch. The farmer thanked them for their help and sent them off. As the kids were leaving, one little boy asked if he could return to the barn and try again. The farmer decided to give him another chance, and the boy returned to the barn.

A few minutes later, the boy walked out of the barn with the watch. The farmer was amazed, and asked how he could find it when so many had been looking and failed. The little boy replied, "I didn't do anything special. I just sat in the quiet and listened. I could hear the ticking of the watch and I just followed the sound."

There is a spiritual lesson in this little story. In the activities of life, it is easy to get caught up in the noise and not be able to hear what really matters — the voice of God. By taking the time to be still, to silence all the external noise and internal chatter, we can begin to hear the voice of God.

The Bible says God speaks in a still, small voice. That means you can't hear Him in the whirlwind of a chaotic life. You may think God never speaks to you, but perhaps it only seems that God never speaks to you because you're never sitting in the quiet long enough to listen to Him.

We are good at filling the empty places in life with noise from the TV, social media, music, or podcasts. To hear from God, you've got to get quiet and spend time listening.

This month, practice the discipline of silence. Plan some time in your schedule to sit in the quiet and listen for the Lord. He wants to spend time with you and He wants to speak to you. So pause and listen. You just might be surprised at how much He has to say to you.

Pastor Reid

Service Times

Sunday Morning

8:30a Worship Service

9:30a Sunday School

10:45a Worship Service

- Nursery Available

10:45a Wee Worship

- 3yrs - Kindergarten

Wednesday Night

5:45p Youth & Children's Programs

- Wednesday Night Family Meal - CFC
- Children's Classes for Ages 3+
- Youth Meal & Service

6:30p Adult Bible Study

- Nursery Available

Upcoming Events

Next Is Now - Eclipse Sunday

Sunday, April 7th at 8:30a & 10:45a

Hear a message about the day the sun stood still.



Bridal Shower - Honoring Lesley Moody, bride elect of Chandler Edwards

Sunday, April 14th at 1:00p in the CFC

Registered at Lyons, Tricia's, and myregistry.com

Women's Missionary Union Meeting

Monday, April 15th at 10:00a

Wedding Shower - Maddie Staton & Austin Shaffer

Sunday, April 21st at 1:00pm in the CFC

Registered at Tricia's, Walmart, & Amazon

Prayer and Praise

Sunday, April 28th at 6:00p

Engage in guided prayer, encouraging testimonies, & songs of praise after a brief business meeting.

Financial Update

March 3, 2024

Budget Giving	\$24,895
21st Century Fund	\$648

March 10, 2024

Budget Giving	\$12,206
21st Century Fund	\$230

March 17, 2024

Budget Giving	\$14,955
21st Century Fund	\$408

March 24, 2024

Budget Giving	\$10,243
21st Century Fund	\$160



Ways to Give

1. In Person - drop your gift in an offering plate located at each exit in the worship center
2. Mail In - mail your check to: Lonoke Baptist Church 406 W Front St. Lonoke, AR 72086
3. Online - lonokebaptist.org/give (with options for auto-giving)

Ways to Watch Online

Our online service streams at 10:45am every Sunday!

If you are unable to join us in person, you can still participate in our weekly worship service through the platforms below:

Facebook Live - Lonoke Baptist Church

Website - lonokebaptist.org/sermons

Boxcast - Lonoke Baptist Church on ROKU TV

Letters to the Church

Dear Lonoke Baptist Church,

Thank you all so much for providing our family with a wonderful meal. Your thoughtfulness during our time of need is greatly appreciated.

-Judy Bailey Family

New Church Members

Dustin Stone

Jessica Stone

Brayden Minson



Greater Things

Church Facilities Improvement Campaign

To give to our church-wide facilities improvements campaign, find the specially marked envelopes in any foyer or give online by selecting the 21st Century Fund.





As a children's pastor, one of my biggest joys is to hear when family discipleship happens outside of the church walls. One of the best ways to do this is by establishing a daily devotion time with them. Here are some tips on how to create a meaningful daily devotion time with your kids:

- **Set a Regular Time & Place:** Choose a consistent time and place each day for your devotion time. This could be in the morning before school, after dinner, or before bedtime. Consistency helps create a habit and makes it easier to stick to your routine.
- **Keep it Simple:** Devotions with children don't need to be long or complicated. Choose a short Bible story or passage to read together. Ask questions, share your own thoughts, and encourage your children to do the same.
- **Incorporate Prayer:** Prayer is a powerful way to connect with God and each other. This can be a time for your children to thank God for blessings, ask for guidance, or pray for others together as a family.
- **Use Resources:** There are many resources available to help guide your devotion time, such as children's Bibles, devotionals, and online resources.
- **Be Flexible:** Some days your devotion time may be shorter than others. That's okay! Keep making time for this special connection with your children.
- **Lead by Example:** Share with them what you're learning in your own Bible reading and prayer time, and let them see how important it is to you.

By creating a daily devotion time with your kids, you are not only nurturing their spiritual growth but also building lasting memories and a strong foundation of faith. So, set aside some time each day, gather your little ones close, and grow together in God's love.

Jason Burnett



He is Risen indeed! Spring is officially here, so we now look to finish the school year strong and get ready for another awesome summer. Our goal is to hire interns again this year so we will be in the final phase this month of interviewing and selecting up to 3 interns to help serve this summer! Please be in prayer as we navigate this process and begin to plan for summer activities.

Upcoming Events

Senior Night

Our annual night to honor our graduating Thrive seniors will be May 8th.

Parents/Grandparents of seniors, you are welcome to join us on this night, which starts at 5:45pm!

PraiseWorks Arkansas

Registration is now open for PraiseWorks. Held at OBU, PraiseWorks is our annual Worship/Arts Camp and the dates are July 8-12. Go to praiseworksarkansas.com to register!

God bless!
Benjamin Carpenter





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