



Announcements

December 10, 2023

Welcome to Lighthouse!

Worship Registration Cards are located in the chair pockets in front of you. Please take time complete them and submit to a greeter or in the offering plate.

You can also go to our website at ***lbfchurch.org*** and complete a Connection Card online.

Christmas Caroling

Carolers enjoyed their first caroling outing last Friday evening at Zacate Place. No outings scheduled this week. Stay tuned for info on additional dates.





Missional Communities

We will have an LBF Christmas Celebration on December 14th, in lieu of MC. We will then be on break for the weeks leading up to Christmas and New Years, resuming and merging as one group on January 3rd at LBF. Check out our website or download the app to find out more.



LBF Christmas Celebration

Thursday, December 14th at 6pm

All LBF members and guests, including those who do not regularly attend LBF, are invited to attend. LBF will provide a main meat dish. Attendees are asked to bring additional dishes to share. There will be a gift exchange, games, and some fun activities. \$10 limit on gift exchange. Sign up at the Welcome Center or online to let us know what you'll be bringing.

Christmas Eve

10:30am, December 24th

Join us on Christmas Eve at our regular gathering time for a special, worship-heavy service. More singing, praises, scripture reading, and a short Christmas message.



THE BOOK OF
HEBREWS

Hebrews 6:13-20; God's Promises,
Assured & True!

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encouragement to hold fast to the hope set before us.
¹⁹ We have this as a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul, a **hope** that enters into the inner place **behind the curtain**, ²⁰ where **Jesus** has gone as a **forerunner** on our behalf, having become a **high priest forever** after the order of Melchizedek.

- In one day, the average person lies four times, totaling 1,460 lies each year.
- About 60% of people 18 and older are incapable of having a conversation without lying once every ten minutes.
- Yes, everyone lies at times. Between ages 2 and 3 years old are the average ages for when a child tells their first lie.
- When meeting someone for the first time, a person will lie to them twice or 3 times within a ten-minute timeframe.
- 10% of all lies can be defined as exaggerations, though 60% of all lies are considered to be deceptive.

- ❖ Man is not on God's level. In our natural state, there is a wide chasm between us and God.
- ❖ God's grace & promises are the only means of eliminating the chasm between us and Him.
- ❖ The oath of God confirms and guarantees these promises and secures believers for peace with God.

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God's promises

2 Corinthians 1:20 *For all the promises of God find their Yes in him. That is why it is through him that we utter our Amen to God for his glory.*

Genesis 22:¹⁴ So Abraham called the name of that place, **“The Lord will provide”**; as it is said to this day, “On the mount of the Lord it shall be provided.”

¹⁵ And the angel of the Lord called to Abraham a second time from heaven ¹⁶ and said, **“By myself I have sworn,** declares the Lord, because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, ¹⁷ I will **surely** bless **you,** and I will **surely** multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of his enemies, ¹⁸ and **in your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed,** because you have obeyed my voice.”

Romans 9:⁶ But it is not as though the word of God has failed. For not all who are descended from Israel belong to Israel, ⁷ and not all are children of Abraham because they are his offspring, but “Through Isaac shall your offspring be named.” ⁸ This means that it is not the children of the flesh who are the children of God, but the children of the promise are counted as offspring.

Galatians 3:¹⁴ so that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we might receive the promised Spirit through faith.

The Indicatives lead us to Imperatives.

“I am The Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt...”

“I am The Lord who brought you out from Ur of the Chaldeans...”

“I am The Lord who brought you out of bondage...”

Deuteronomy 10:²⁰ You shall fear the Lord your God.
You shall serve him and hold fast to him, and by his
name you shall swear.

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In what way(s) has Abraham obtained the promise?

After doubting, after his wife laughed at him, after implementing his own “plan B” with Hagar, after taking his only son to sacrifice at the altar, The Lord provided the perfect sacrifice at just the right moment to demonstrate to Abraham, The Lord keeps His promises.

Romans 4:¹³ For the promise to Abraham and his offspring that he would be heir of the world did not come through the law but through the righteousness of faith.

Romans 4:²² That is why his faith was “counted to him as righteousness.” ²³ But the words “it was counted to him” were not written for his sake alone, ²⁴ but for ours also. It will be counted to us who believe in him who raised from the dead Jesus our Lord, ²⁵ who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification.

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From medication to media, we are in an age that provides us with a steady diet of blur and numb.

The Truth is far less engaged than plausible narrative.

Narrative cannot maintain covenants. It only explains experience without need for facts of context.

By definition covenants, promises, vows, etc., must only be trusted with truth agreed upon.

Faith = Truth = Covenant = Truth = Faith

2 Peter 3:¹¹ Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness, ¹² waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set on fire and dissolved, and the heavenly bodies will melt as they burn! ¹³ But **according to his promise** we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.