



Announcements

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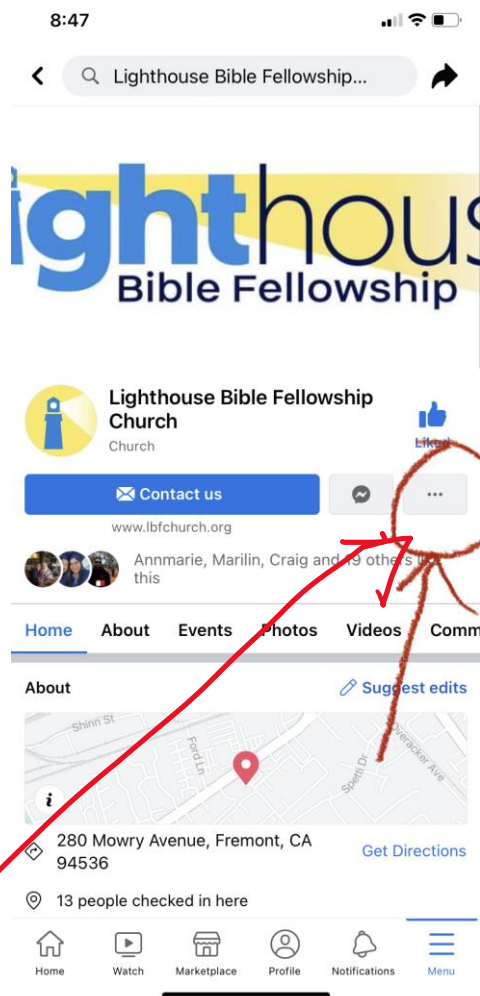
Welcome to Lighthouse!

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.

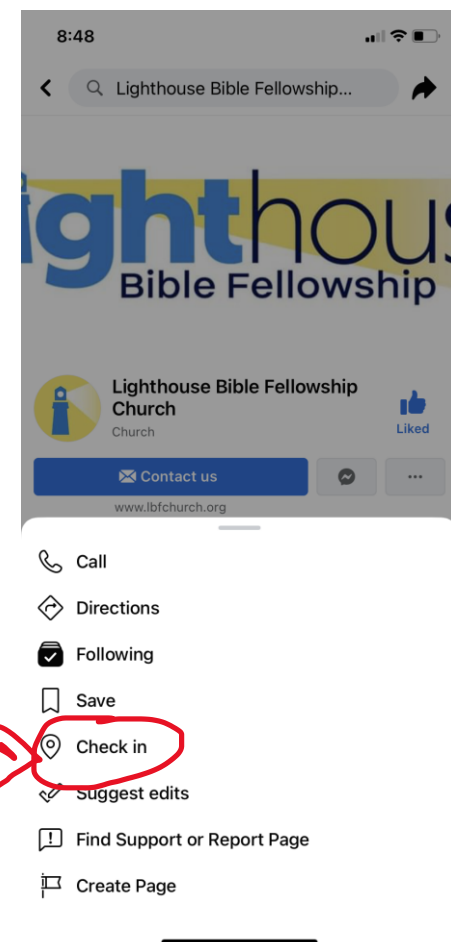
You can also go to our website at ***lbfchurch.org*** and complete a Connection Card online.

“Check-in” on Facebook!

Go to the Lighthouse Bible Fellowship page and click on the button with 3 dots...



Then go to “Check in”






Guest Pastor Jerry Owen and Potluck

December 3rd

Please plan to be here as our sponsoring church pastor from the CREC preaches the message. We will have a **church potluck to follow, along with a Q&A** with Jerry. Please visit the CREC website at <https://crechurches.org> and compile any questions you might have. Sign up at the Welcome Center or online to let us know what you'll be bringing.



Christmas Carolers

It's not too late to join. Rehearsals are on Sundays at 12:15pm (after service). Please sign up at the welcome center if you'd like to be added to the Christmas Carolers message thread on our App. Caroling outreach dates are tentatively scheduled for December 16, 19, and 22. LBF members are encouraged to come and support the carolers in this outreach, so mark your calendars. Additional info TBA.



Thanksgiving is November 23rd





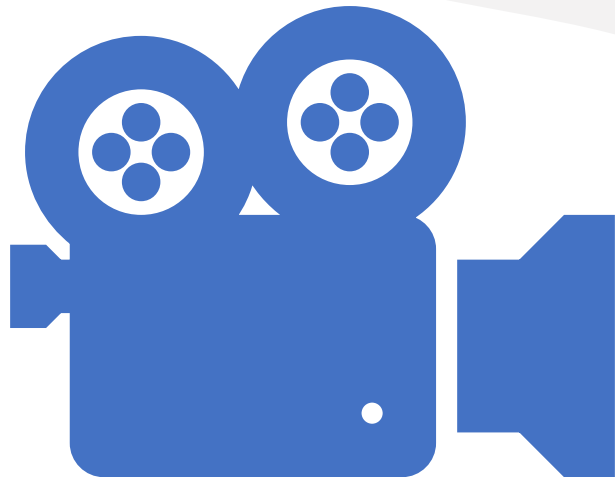
Missional Communities

LBF Missional Communities will be on break this week for the Thanksgiving holiday. **North Fremont MC will be showing *Calvinist* movie for discussion on November 30th and December 7th. We will have an LBF Christmas Celebration on December 14th, then will be on break for the weeks of Christmas and New Years, resuming and merging as one group on January 3rd.** Check out our website or download the app to find out more and to connect with the group leaders—search in Events. Group leaders will provide additional info, including meeting address.

North Fremont MC showing *Calvinist*

November 30th and December 7th

Calvinist film by Les Lanphere does a wonderful job of explaining the doctrines of grace, foundational to reformed theology, and how it's rooted in historical Christianity. Will be shown in 2 parts to allow for discussion after. Will start with dinner promptly at 6pm, and will start movie at 6:30pm sharp.





LBF Christmas Celebration

Thursday, December 14th at 6pm

All LBF members and guests are invited to attend. This will be potluck style, with a gift exchange, games, and some fun activities. Sign up at the Welcome Center or online to let us know what you'll be bringing.

THE BOOK OF
HEBREWS

Hebrews 6:1- 8; Covenantal Security is
Eternal Security

6 Therefore let us leave the elementary doctrine of **Christ and go on to maturity**, not laying again a foundation of **repentance** from dead works and of **faith** toward God, ² and of **instruction about washings**, the **laying on of hands**, the **resurrection of the dead**, and **eternal judgment**. ³ And this we will do if **God permits**. ⁴ For it is **impossible**, in the **case of** those who have once been **enlightened**, who have **tasted** the heavenly gift, and have **shared (become partakers)** in the Holy Spirit, ⁵ and have **tasted** the goodness of the word of God and the powers of the age to come, ⁶ and then have **fallen away**, to **restore** them **again** to repentance, since they

are **crucifying once again** the Son of God to their **own harm** and holding him up to **contempt**.⁷ For land that has drunk the rain that often falls on it, and produces a **crop useful to those** for whose sake it is cultivated, **receives** a blessing from God.⁸ But if it bears **thorns and thistles**, it is **worthless** and **near** to being **cursed**, and its **end** is to be **burned**.

Pew Research Center, Barna Group, National Public Opinion Reference Survey

2007 - Christians 78% - “nones” 16%

2021 – Christians 63% - “nones” 29%

2022 - 74% of “nones” formerly considered themselves
Christian

“Currently only 4% of adults in America possess a Biblical
worldview.” – Dr. George Barna, & Schoolhouse Rocked

Cosmology = the science of the origin and development of the universe

Ontology = the branch of metaphysics dealing with the nature of being

Metaphysics = the branch of philosophy that deals with the first principles of things

Epistemology = the theory of knowledge, especially with regard to its methods, validity, and scope

EVERYTHING about what and how we think, believe, and behave hinges upon our worldview.

Though the issues being worked out in The Letter to The Hebrews are addressing the lives of first century Hebrew Christians, they are Divinely applicable to our current context.

Do we really believe what we say we believe? Do our lives reflect the reality of Who and what we believe consistently?

1 Corinthians 2: ⁶ Yet among the mature we do impart wisdom, although it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to pass away. ⁷ But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. ⁸ None of the rulers of this age understood this, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. ⁹ But, as it is written,

“What no eye has seen, nor ear heard,
nor the heart of man imagined,

what God has prepared for those who love him”—

¹⁰ these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit.

For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. ¹¹ For who knows a person's thoughts except the spirit of that person, which is in him? So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. ¹² Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God. ¹³ And we impart this in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual truths to those who are spiritual.

¹⁴ The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is not able

to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. ¹⁵ The spiritual person judges all things, but is himself to be judged by no one. ¹⁶ “For who has understood the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?” But we have the mind of Christ.

A brief and necessary detour into prophecy.

A biblical worldview is strengthened with a greater understanding of the complexity of God's promises coming true.

The 1st century Hebrews had an understanding of the oracles of God that gave them the knowledge of Christ and the accuracy of His prophetic fulfillments.

Daniel 9: ²⁴ “Seventy weeks are decreed about your people and your holy city, to finish the transgression, to put an end to sin, and to atone for iniquity, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to seal both vision and prophet, and to anoint a most holy place. ²⁵ Know therefore and understand that from the going out of the word to restore and build Jerusalem to the coming of an anointed one, a prince, there shall be seven weeks. Then for sixty-two weeks it shall be built again with squares and moat, but in a troubled time. ²⁶ And after the sixty-two weeks, an anointed one shall be cut off and shall have nothing. And the people of the prince who is to

come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary. Its end shall come with a flood, and to the end there shall be war. Desolations are decreed. ²⁷ And **he shall make a strong covenant with many for one week, and for half of the week he shall put an end to sacrifice and offering.** And on the wing of abominations shall come one who makes desolate, until the decreed end is poured out on the desolator.”

A.D. 49, Emperor Claudius expelled the Jews from Rome for disturbances caused by followers of “Christus.”

A.D. 64-66, Emperor Nero engaged an assault on Christians that resulted in extreme persecution.

A.D. 66-73, Jewish War, Judean revolt against Rome led to the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem in A.D. 70, and a final defeat of Jews at Masada in A.D. 73.

Mark 13:¹ And as he came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, “Look, Teacher, what wonderful stones and what wonderful buildings!” ² And Jesus said to him, *“Do you see these great buildings? There will not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down.”*

During the second century A.D., rabbinical Judaism, a wholesale departure of the covenantal practices of biblical Judaism, rose from the ashes of the destruction of the second temple.

Acts 7-8 shows us transition of covenantal promises from Jews to Gentiles, Saul's persecution and subsequent conversion, which likely took place 3 ½ years after the resurrection. (In fulfillment of Daniel's 70 weeks prophecy)

70 weeks of Daniel = Sabbatical Structure in Leviticus 25

$70 \times 7 = 490$ years

First 7 weeks (49 years) = 2nd Temple Rebuild, 458/445 BC,
Ezra 7, Nehemiah 2:1-5

+ 62 weeks = 434 from Messiah cut off, AD 30-ish

$69 \times 7 = 483$ years, from rebuilding of 2nd temple to Jesus'
crucifixion = 483 years, AD 30-33

Final 70th week "decreed" results that happened within a
generation, see Matthew 24-25, "Olivet Discourse"

6 Therefore let us leave the elementary doctrine of Christ and go on to maturity, not laying again a foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God,

Therefore let us leave = Wherefore having left, the verb is actually in the past tense

Elementary doctrine = first principles

doctrine (principles) - oracles of God (v5:12) -foundation of repentance = The Old Testament prophetic revelations of The Messiah

The fear and discontentment of the times undoubtedly had an impact on those who did not have complete confidence in the covenantal promises of Christ.

Are we being punished for abandoning the old or for not adopting the new? (...laying again foundation of repentance...)

Does God? Would God? Why God?

Complete faith during such times of upheaval or even mere ambivalence is an indication of the work of the Holy Spirit.

² and of instruction about washings, the laying on of hands, the resurrection of the dead, and eternal judgment.

These are Old Testament instructions, particularly in pharisaical circles, regarding fundamental religious issues, as they relate extensively to the high priestly duties.

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Partakers of the new covenant in Christ, Jesus, our Lord, Savior, & Great High Priest are fully aware of God's grace in their salvation.

Mere professors of Christ as Lord and Savior, reserve the right to emphasize personal choice and agency over the complete and total, (SOVEREIGN) authority of God in all of life.

Be sober minded. Do you know where you stand and why?