

Lebanon Area Evangelical Free Church

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"Knowing, Living, Sharing... the Heart of Jesus"

Community Connection



Miles of Memories for Heather

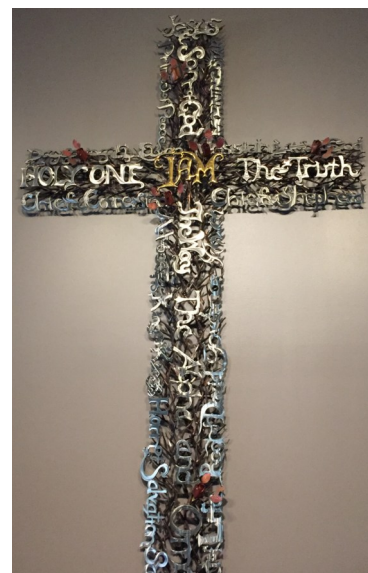
"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith."
-2 Timothy 4:7

Join us on Saturday, October 10, 2026, for the Heather Light Memorial 5K Run/Walk, sponsored by our LAEFC Connect Team, as we celebrate Heather's life, her unwavering faith, and the lasting impact she continues to have on our church family.

Breakfast will be served from 7:00 to 10:00am with the 5K Run/Walk beginning at 8:00am. Whether you choose to run, walk, or simply come to encourage others, we hope our entire church family will join us for this meaningful morning of remembrance and fellowship.

All proceeds from this event will go directly to Brayden and Oakley's tuition costs, honoring one of Heather's selfless hopes that her boys would be able to continue their education at New Covenant Christian School.

If you own a business and would like to sponsor the event, we'd love to partner with you. Sponsors who register by the T-shirt deadline will be recognized on the *Miles of Memories for Heather* 5K event T-shirts.



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*"The LIGHT shines
in the darkness,
and the darkness
has not
overcome it."
- John 1:5*

KIDZ HARVEST



KIDZ HARVEST August 2026

August 12th - Kidz Harvest “End of Summer” Blast - at the Church Pavilion from 11am-3pm. There will be a hotdog lunch provided at 12 noon for everybody. We will close the summer by playing some water games and sliding down a HUGE INFLATABLE WATER SLIDE and connecting with each other. This is not a drop-off event. We would like parents and guardians to stay and connect as well!!

COMING SOON

August 30th - MOVE-UP SUNDAY - Our “OFFICIAL” start to our 2026-2027 Ministry Year!! Beginning with those who are entering Pre-School through those who are entering 5th grade... all children will begin their new classes starting this Sunday!!!



Young Adults

Join us on Sundays at 10:45am, for time in the Word, prayer, and shared friendships; and also on Wednesdays 7:00-9:00pm: (Room C1)

Follow Facebook (Lebanon Free Young Adults) and Insta posts!

AWANA 2026-2027 Online Registration will be LIVE on August 9th

Awana is for “potty-trained” 2-year olds to 5th Graders. Opening night is **Wednesday, September 9th** from **6:30-8:00pm**. Register your clubber(s) and consider volunteering as shepherds.

Student Ministries - Middle School/High School

SMT (Sun Morn Truth) - Sundays at 10:45am for MS & HS (2nd floor—Youth Worship Center)

NOTE: No MS/HS SMT on August 16 and 23. “Welcome Back SMT” on August 30!



TUESDAYS, 6:30-8:30pm

Aug 4 - *End of Summer Blast*
6:00-9:00pm at the Carpenter’s home

Aug 10 - (Monday) Combined Intern-Led Youth Group w/HSM

Aug 11, 18, 25 - No RISE



MONDAYS, 6:30-8:30pm

Aug 2 - Church Family Scavenger Hunt & Ice Cream, 2pm

Aug 3 - Beach Day to OCNJ
For those pre-registered

Aug 10 - Combined Intern-Led Youth Group w/MS RISE

Aug 17, 24 - No HSM

Sun night, Aug 30—Youth Network Worship—Cleona Park

Women's Ministry

Ladies, get excited to jump into the study "God Won't Leave You There" by Anne Graham Lotz and Rachel-Ruth Lotz Wright. It's a Bible study on the life of Joseph. Start preparing your heart for what God wants to teach you through this incredible study! Be on the look-out for our Women's Ministry counter in the church lobby for Bible study sign-ups, starting mid-August! You will also find a bookmark with our Women's Ministry events for the year. Please contact Erika Ebersole or the WM leadership team with any questions (erika@lebefree.org)

Women's Bible Studies—

Bible Study is open to all women and you are welcome at any time! Our studies meet in the Fellowship Hall, every other week, September - April.

Marketplace - Begins Monday, September 14, 7:00-8:30pm

Truthseekers - Begins Wednesday, September 16, 9:15-11:30am

Adult Connection Classes - Sunday Mornings at LAEFC

- 9:00 am—**Adult Class - NT Book of Matthew** (Room A8)
FAITH CHATS (once monthly series of stand-alone classes)
- 9:00 am & 10:45 am—AUGUST 23 (Fellowship Hall)
Topic and sign-ups coming soon to the lobby counters.

Men's Ministry

Assistant Director of Men's Ministry

Many of you know Mark Thompson. Mark has been using his leadership and teaching gifts to fill the growing needs in Men's Ministry. Recently, Mark was given the title of Assistant Director for Men's Ministry. We're thankful for Mark and looking forward to seeing how the Lord will use him as he continues to serve the men of our church!

Men's Weekly Bible Study at LAEFC

Mark your calendars. Every Wednesday, beginning September 16th! Offered 6:15am in the Fellowship Hall for early risers (coffee included), and again at 6:30pm upstairs in the Youth Worship Center. This is a terrific opportunity to meet other men and grow in Christ. Plug-in. Get connected. If you haven't joined us before, you'll want to join us in September!

Men's Monthly Prayer Breakfast

You have to eat. You need to pray. Why not check out our Men's Prayer Breakfast? We meet the 1st Saturday of each month, 8:00-9:00am at Heisey's Diner.

Band of Brothers Men's Retreat at Camp Orchard Hill – Oct 9-11

Join your brothers in Christ for a weekend of action, adventure, and solid teaching from God's Word. Watch lobby for details coming later this month.

Thank You!

Thank you to the Gehman family for hosting our men's campfire last month. Over 60 men attended this fellowship event!

Celebrate Recovery

Celebrate Recovery is a Christ-centered recovery program offering hope and healing for *anyone* facing life's struggles, brokenness, and challenges. Open to all adults.

Please join us Thursday nights at 6:30pm in the 2nd floor Youth Worship Center. Call Michele Hickok at 717-383-9830 with any questions.





ITEMS NEEDED FOR AUGUST:

**CEREAL and
reusable tote bags**

Food and household donations are given to the Jonestown Outreach Pantry (JOY) and/or to persons in emergency crisis that meet with a pastor. *Please consider bringing several items this month to help others in need.*

**Collection baskets are
located in the youth hallway.**

Sundays at LAEFC
Worship Services at
9:00am and 10:45am

If you are unable to worship with us in-person, join us Sunday mornings at 10:35am on YouTube and Facebook.

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8:00am - 4:30pm

EAGLES MINISTRY (ages 55+)

Four Great Things for Free!

- Pastor Gary

They say that "free" is the most important word in advertising. That makes sense to me but "free" is a great word for a lot of occasions. For instance, we are the Lebanon Area Evangelical FREE Church. Another example is ads that say "Buy one get one free" get our attention. But I would like to let you know about a great deal, "Buy none and get up to 4 free!" Four activities are available to share some fellowship with the Eagles over the next few months.

1) Sunday, August 9, there is a free concert at Coleman Park in Lebanon beginning at 6:00pm, featuring the popular Christian singing group, Karen Peck and New River. If you would like to flock together with some of the Eagles at that event, contact Pastor Gary.

2) The Eagles have been graciously invited by our Kidz Harvest ministry to an Ice Cream Social and Game Night on Wednesday, August 19 at 6:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. Look forward to some intergenerational fellowship there! See the sign-up sheet in the church lobby. For more details see Pastor Gary or Daneen Diem.

3) Another great evening of ministry and music will feature Scotty Inman, on Sunday August 16. Scotty does Southern Gospel with a country flare. The concert will be also be at Coleman Park, beginning at 6:00pm. Contact Pastor Gary if you would like to gather with the Eagles that night.

4) A 4th opportunity for free fellowship will be the annual shindig on Friday, September 25, 6:00pm at the home of Dale and Charlotte Hoover, featuring hot dogs, potluck, games and more. Watch for coming sign-ups in the lobby. Contact Pastor Gary or the Hoovers for more details.

All four activities above are absolutely free. But that reminds me of the fact that our salvation is FREE indeed - John 8:36 says, "So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed." Christians are truly free to enjoy life knowing what Christ has done for us! Come enjoy these times with brothers and sisters.

Well, everything isn't free... but this is really good... The Eagles will be returning to the Bird in Hand theatre on October 10 for the dinner theatre presentation of "Dear Soldier Boy." This is a really hilarious play about an Amish girl who writes to 3 soldiers at war, all of whom think they are the only one. When they get back from the war, the real fun begins. All inclusive tickets are \$79 each. **Sign up in the lobby as soon as possible to secure your spot. All sign-ups must be made by September 6.** See Pastor Gary for details.

As always, though our activities are designed for those age 55 and up, everyone of every age is welcome to join us for the fellowship! *Fly Eagles Fly!*

Blood Drive for Central PA Blood Bank

Lebanon Free will be sponsoring another Blood Drive at the church on Saturday, **August 15**, from 8:00am-1:00pm.

For an appointment, call 1-800-771-0059 or 717GiveBlood.org

It hurts to lose someone - - **GRIEFSHARE** can help. You don't have to go through the grieving process alone. Lebanon Free Church offers this caring community throughout the year. You're invited to attend a "Loss of a Spouse" single session on **September 3, at 6:30pm** in Room C1. A new 13-week series begins on **September 17**, and continues every Thursday evening.