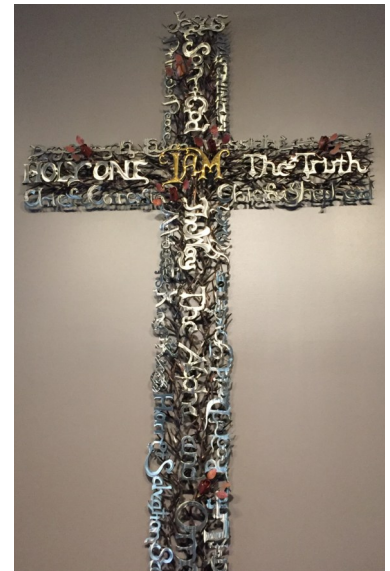


Lebanon Area Evangelical Free Church

December 2025

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

Community Connection



Love is Born

Christmas Candlelight Services

Friday, December 19 Christmas Candlelight Service	Recital 6:00pm Service 6:30pm.
Sunday, December 21 Christmas Candlelight Services	Recital 8:00am Service 8:30am* Recital 10:15am Service 10:45am

 *ASL interpreter available



Christmas Eve Family Worship
December 24, 6:30pm, at LAEFC
For all ages—No childcare



Adult Connection Classes - Sunday Mornings at LAEFC

- 8:00am - **"Early Bird" Adult Class - 1 Corinthians** (Room A8)
- 9:00 am - **Adult Class - Going Deeper - Matthew** (Room A8)

Note: These classes will conclude on December 14 and will resume on Sunday, January 11, 2026.

Winter Weather

In case of inclement weather, please call the church office (717-865-9900) and listen to the announcement or check the website, www.lebefree.org. Please understand that cancellations may need to be done in increments, if conditions deteriorate. (Even if weather improves, the condition of the church parking lot may be an issue.) Please stay tuned in or check back.

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"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."
-Romans 15:13

Merry Christmas!

Men's Ministry

Men's Weekly Bible Study

We'll be closing out the year with our study in the Book of Ephesians. Offered every Wednesday at 6:15am in the Fellowship Hall & 6:30pm upstairs in the Youth Worship Center.

Please note that we will be taking a holiday break after December 10th and will resume in January.

Right Around the Corner in 2026 . . .

- More opportunities to connect with other men and grow in Christ!
 - Friday Evening, February 27th – Sportsman's Banquet
 - March 27th-29th – Kenbrook Men's Retreat
 - More details coming soon. Sign-ups for both events will begin in January.
- If you've never attended a men's event, make 2026 the year you "plug in" with Men's Ministry!



Merry Christmas & Happy New Year from Men's Ministry!

Questions or Comments

Contact Joe Vangeli

Young Adults

Join us on Sundays at 10:45 am, for time in the Word, prayer, and shared friendships, as well as Wednesday eves, 7:00-9:00 pm:

Dec 10 - Bible Study

Dec 17 - Christmas Party

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

Student Ministries - Middle School/High School

SMT (Sun Morn Truth) - Sundays at 10:45am for MS & HS
(2nd floor—Youth Worship Center) **No SMT - December 21 & 28**



TUESDAYS, 6:30-8:30pm

Dec 9 - "This or That"

Christmas Party!

6:30-9:00pm

Dec 16 & 23 - No RISE

Dec 28-29 - *GlowverNighter!*

(All Night Glow Party)

6:30pm-9:00am



MONDAYS, 6:30-8:30pm

Dec 8 - HSM Christmas Party

5:30-9:00pm

Dec 15 & 22 - No HSM

Dec 29-30 - Pre-NYE All-nighter!

5:00pm-7:00am

SOCCKER Saturdays begin January 3! **For 5-yr-olds through adults**

Saturdays at LAEFC in January & February (No soccer, Jan 31)

\$5 per session, suggested donation—Proceeds benefit Youth Missions 2026

Women's Ministry

Our **Women's Bible Studies** have finished for December.

A NEW STUDY begins in January 2026 —

“JOHN - Believe I Am”

by Megan Fate Marshman

Bible Study is open to all women and you are welcome at any time! Our studies meet every other week.

Marketplace - Resumes Monday, January 12 at 7:00pm in the Fellowship Hall
(*Sorry, no childcare available*)

Truthseekers - Resumes Wednesday morning, January 14 at 9:15am in the Fellowship Hall (*Registered childcare is available*)

Celebrate Recovery

God will always meet us where we are. We need to hand our burdens to Him. At Celebrate Recovery we learn how to hand our struggles to God and walk in the freedom only He can provide. Whether you are dealing with trauma, mental illness, abuse, or addiction, you will find support here. We meet Thursday nights at 6:30pm, upstairs in the Youth Worship Center.

KIDZ HARVEST

KIDZ HARVEST December 2025



Friday & Sunday, December 19th/21st – CANDLELIGHT SERVICES—PreK/K and Elementary kids will sing songs and ring bells. Our last Sunday AM practices will be on December 14th. There will be a 6:30pm practice on Thursday, December 18th for about 30 min for both PreK/K and Elementary.

Shepherd KONNECT Videos – Every 1st Thursday of the month released at 7pm

& Parent KONNECT Videos – Every 3rd Thursday of the month released at 7pm

*** (Video links are released on the children's page of the Lebanon Free website thru mass texts and Kidz Harvest Facebook / Instagram posts)

*** (Both are monthly opportunities to hear Pastor Daryl's heart and connect with him.)

DECEMBER EVENTS—AWANA CLUBS, 6:30-8:00pm

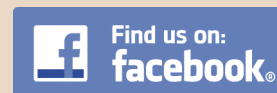
• **Wednesday, Dec 10th** - “Special” AWANA—DOUBLE SHARE

For Sparks and TnT. Everything that shares can be earned for will be double for the night. It's a great night to catch up, get on track, and earn some extra Awana bucks!

• **Wednesday, Dec 17th** - “Special” AWANA—Christmas Parties

All clubbers can come dressed in red and green and we will celebrate Jesus' Birthday with some fun parties!

• **Wed, Dec 24th / 31st** - No AWANA— for Christmas / New Year's Break





ITEMS NEEDED FOR DECEMBER:

**canned fruit, canned red
beets, canned yams,
cooking oil, toilet paper,
and reusable tote bags.**

*Please consider bringing
several items to help
others in need this
Christmas season!*

Collection baskets are located
in the youth hallway, by the
church mailboxes.

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 (LAEFC Church) or
Facebook.

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8:00am - 4:30pm



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

"After the weeks of flurry with Operation Christmas Child, both through the spring and fall events, please join me in a Selah moment-- A time to pause and reflect on all God accomplished in and through our church in 2025!

On top of the 1,000 boxes packed in the spring, we exceeded our November-810 box goal with a grand total of **873** that included 137 boxes packed online. That exceeded our goal by 7.78%!!!!

Through your generosity, LAEFC gave 1,873 "cups of cold water in Jesus' Name" this year--Living water that only comes through Jesus Christ our Lord. One day in Heaven, we will meet the children who received Christ as their personal Savior through our united effort.

May we take a moment to reflect and thank the Lord for His amazing work in and through our church which includes the 80 plus gift bags collected for True Life Youth Ministry in Lebanon."

*Sherrie Stohler
For the OCC Committee*



EAGLES MINISTRY (ages 55+)

New Year's Eve - Eagles' Style

- Pastor Gary

YOU ARE INVITED to a New Year's Eve Open House at the Walter Home! December 31, 2025 starting at 6:26pm! Come join us for a great night of fun and fellowship at the home of Pastor Gary and Joan Walter. Come for all or part of the evening but sign up today so we can be prepared for you. Here's the schedule of festivities: 6:26-7:26—Enjoy a tasty spaghetti dinner. All spaghetti, sauces, and beverages provided. Feel free to bring a salad for the dinner or a snack or dessert to share for the evening to follow. 7:26-11:26—"Spontaneous Time" to do whatever you would like in small or larger groups. Here are some of the possibilities: Upstairs- play board games at the dining room table, share conversations with friends new and old, sing around the piano. Downstairs - play ping pong, inside basketball, close-quarters corn hole, or table hockey in the sports area, watch "It's A Wonderful Life" in the TV room or other DVDs provided, or play more games in the kids' area. Then from 11:26-12:05:26— Enjoy Prayer and Praise into the New Year!!! Sign-ups available now in the church lobby. Any questions, contact Pastor Gary at 732-286-5106. ***Have an Eagleific New Year!***