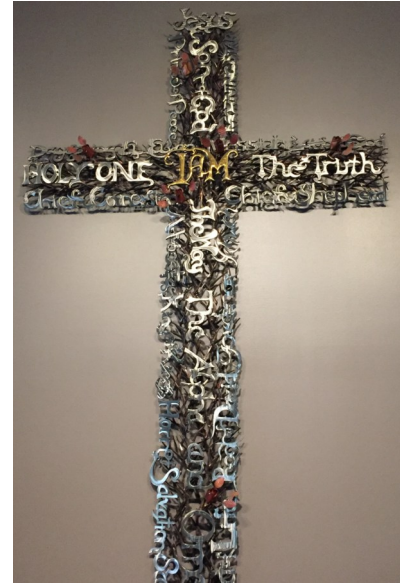


# Lebanon Area Evangelical Free Church

**MAY 2026**

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

## Community Connection



**Spring Members' Gathering**  
 Sunday, May 17 - 5:00-7:00pm  
**Potluck Meal, Fellowship, Worship, Vision and Prayer**  
 For all current Church Members and those interested in pursuing membership at LAEFC!  
**Sign up in the lobby! Please bring a main dish, side or dessert to share!**  
 Childcare provided for nursery & elementary-aged kids (Sign-ups required.)

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### FRESH CONNECTIONS Classes

This special 4-week course is designed to help you get more familiar with who we are as a church family. These sessions will cover what we believe, our history, explore the various ministries of our church, and discover how you might get plugged in and use your unique gifts to serve the Lord! This course is perfect for those new to our church, those just exploring who we are, or those who are looking to become committed members of our Lebanon Free Church family!  
 Classes begin **Sunday, June 7, at 10:45am**, in Room O12.

Join us for a fun afternoon of food, fellowship, games, and laughter for the whole family!

## CHURCH WIDE PICNIC

What to bring:

- Folding chairs or blanket for your family
- A packed lunch (if not ordering subs)
- A side dish or dessert to share
- Your game spirit and smiles!

See you there on:  
**MAY 31st**  
 immediately following 1st Service

Youth Sub Sale to support Youth Missions

### Youth Missions SUB & SANDWICH SALE

For **MAY 31**

**See lobby counters!**



## MEN'S MINISTRY



### **Men's Fellowship Event – Friday Eve, May 29th**

Guys, come join us for a special evening event that will include a movie, a unique testimony from one of our veterans, and lots of fellowship opportunities. Drinks & popcorn will be provided. Bring your favorite snack. We'll meet in the Youth Worship Center. Doors open at 6pm—Movie begins at 7pm. Sign-ups and details can be found at the lobby counters.

### **Men's Weekly Bible Study – "2 Corinthians"**

We're well into our study of 2 Corinthians, but it's never too late to be a part of our Men's Bible Study! What does a successful life look like in the kingdom of God? Come find out!

Offered every Wednesday at 6:15am in the Fellowship Hall and 6:30pm, upstairs in the Youth Worship Center.

## Prayer Garden

Are you looking for some quiet time where you won't be distracted or see things that aren't getting done on your to-do list? Please feel free to escape to our lovely, church Prayer Garden whenever the church office is open.

You don't need an appointment. Just come and enjoy some quiet, alone time with the Lord. Groups are also welcome to use the garden for special times of prayer and sharing.



### **Men's Prayer Breakfast**

No need to sign up. Just show up! We meet 8:00-9:00am on the first Saturday of every month at Heisey's Diner. A great way to connect with other men. See you there!

### **More To Come . . .**

Men's events are being planned for this summer & fall. Watch for details in church announcements, weekly bulletins, & monthly newsletters. Questions or comments on Men's Ministry? Contact Joe Vangeli or Mark Thompson.

## WOMEN'S MINISTRY

### **Women's Bible Studies**

Our spring study has concluded. We will resume with a new Bible study in September! Stay tuned!

### **Women's Connection Class**

#### **A Study in 1 Peter**

Sunday mornings, 10:45am in Room O12, through June 7, Lorraine Truax facilitating.

### **Ladies' Prayer Breakfast**

Every third Saturday of the month 8:30-10am at Heisey's Diner—Gail Foster leads.

### **Summer Play Dates**

#### **For Moms and Kids**

June 10, 17, and 24

9:30-11:30am at Jonestown Park

Invite any neighbors and friends to join us for this time of play for the children and fellowship for the moms. *(In case of inclement weather, playdates will be held at the church.)*

*Dates for monthly Pool Days coming soon!*



## KIDZ HARVEST May 2026 Events

**Wednesday Nights in May – VBS Painting & Prep Nights** from 6:30-8:30pm in the Quad at Lebanon Free Church for all who would like to help prepare for our VBS in June. Missy & Dennis Swoyer will be heading up these fun evenings of community, connections, and decorating.

**Sunday, May 17th – Kidz Harvest Shepherd Appreciation** Adult and Teen Shepherds... Please visit our celebration table in the Kidz Wing before the 9am & 10:45am services and enjoy some delicious drinks and snacks and receive a special gift as we appreciate all adult and teen shepherds who have served this past ministry year in Kidz Harvest.

**COMING SOON**

**Kidz Harvest Community Involvement** Kidz Harvest will be in the Jonestown Memorial Day Parade on May 25 starting at 9:00am! Come see us!



**June 14<sup>th</sup> to June 18<sup>th</sup>,** we will be hosting our Summer VBS, **EMERALD CROSSING.** In a world filled with worry and confusion, kids need to know there is a God who cares for them. At VBS, we will journey through Ireland’s lush landscapes, exploring the powerful words of **Psalm 23.** We’ll discover the life of the shepherd-king, David, and will learn how to cross from worry to peace, from fear to faith, and from uncertainty to a firm foundation in God’s Word through a relationship with the Good Shepherd!  
**Online Registration is now OPEN** for potty trained 3-yr-olds to children who just finished 5th grade and for adults and teens who can help serve. If you have more questions, please contact the Kidz Harvest Staff.

## Student Ministries - Middle School/High School

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



**TUESDAYS, 6:30-8:30pm**

- May 12 - Connect Night
- May 19 - RISE Crew-led YG
- May 26 - *Taste O’RISE* (for incoming 5th graders, only)
- May 31 - Youth Sunday and Church Picnic!



**MONDAYS, 7:00-9:00pm**

- May 11 - LEADS-led YG
- May 18 - Life Groups: Airsoft for all!
- May 25 - No HSM *Memorial Day*
- May 31 - Youth Sunday and Church Picnic!

On **YOUTH SUNDAY, MAY 31**, we would like to honor anyone that will be graduating from high school, college or a continuing education program this year. Do you have a student that is graduating? Please reach out to Pastor Marc or Jen Helms at [jhelms@lebefree.org](mailto:jhelms@lebefree.org) if you do!

## Young Adults

Join us on Sundays at 10:45am, for time in the Word, in prayer, and in shared friendships!  
 (Room C1)

Wednesday, May 20 - -  
 Cookout & Games at the Kleinfelter’s home  
 100 N Mill St, Jonestown  
 6:30pm - All young adults invited!

Follow Facebook (Lebanon Free Young Adults) Insta posts!



### ITEMS NEEDED FOR MAY:

**Spam, diapers (any size),  
baby wipes (any kind),  
squeezable jellies,  
pudding cups,  
toilet paper and reusable  
tote bags**

Food and household  
donations are given to the  
Jonestown Outreach Pantry  
(JOY).

*Please consider bringing  
several items each 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  
Sundays at 10:35 am on  
YouTube or Facebook.

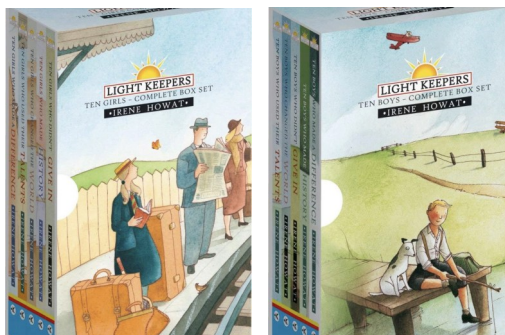
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Office hours:  
8:00am - 4:30pm

## LIBRARY CORNER



New books for boys and  
girls, ages 7-12, were  
recently purchased!

Visit the Church Library  
on Sundays, 10:15-10:45  
and after 2nd service.

### Adult Connection Classes - - Sunday Mornings at LAEFC

- 8:00 am—**Adult Class - NT Book of 2 Corinthians** (Room A8)
- 9:00 am—**Adult Class - NT Book of Hebrews** (Room A8)
- 10:45 am— **Women's Class - 1 Peter** (Room O12)

*Come fellowship, share life experiences, and grow in  
God's Word together!*

## EAGLES MINISTRY (ages 55+)

### *Have You Seen Any Eagles?*

- Pastor Gary

Wikipedia says that the best time for eagle viewing is January-March but the LAEFC Eagles can be seen in a lot of places in the month of May! In our recently completed J-ROCK weekend, the Eagles were part of many of the outreach events. Many took part in the visitation ministry of singing at nursing homes and at personal residences. Many were blessed, both on the giving and receiving end of that outreach. There were individual Eagles involved with the Carnival, being key members of the sewing project, blanket project, helping out with yard work, working in the kitchen, and even helping out with construction and more.

There were also two sign-up opportunities that received a lot of Eagle response: a June 20th trip to Bird-in-Hand for a dinner theatre production and a June 12th world-premiere movie at the Junction Center, Manheim, featuring the story of our Valentine's Dinner guest speaker. Although sign-ups for these two events have concluded, please feel free to contact Pastor Gary to see if we can get you in. The Eagles strive to not just remain in their "nests" but, as the Lord allows, remain active by enjoying fellowship and inspiration, sharing in Kingdom work, and being a part in declaration of the Good News of Jesus.

If you are 55+ or would just like to hang out with some of those who are, know that you are welcome to any of our events. If you are not at that age, please consider getting to know some of our *Enthusiastic And Life Experienced Saints* and be in prayer for them. Yes, the LAEFC Eagles are out and about.  
*Happy bird watching!*