

Lebanon Area Evangelical Free Church

OCTOBER 2025

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

Community Connection



LAEFC Fall Fest

October 18th

3:00PM-7:00PM

Indoor and Outdoor* Event

POTLUCK: Please bring a MAIN DISH, Side and/or Dessert to share!

FACE PAINTING

HAYRIDES*

KIDS CREATION STATION

SQUARE DANCING (4pm-6pm)

CORN HOLE COMPETITION*

DESSERT BAKING CONTEST

TEEN ACTIVITY

AND MORE

*weather permitting



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Adult Connection Classes - Sunday Mornings at LAEFC

- Sundays, 8:00am—"Early Bird" Adult Class - *1 Corinthians*
(Room A8)
- Sundays, 9:00 am—Adult Class - *Going Deeper—Hebrews*
(Room A8)
- Sundays, 10:45am—Men's Class - *Every Thought Captive*
(Fellowship Hall) 5-week class, concludes Oct 12
- Sundays, 10:45am—New Women's Class - *Jesus and Women*
(Room O12) 7-week class begins Sunday, Oct 19.

Annual Church Family SERVE Night!

Sunday, October 19, 6:00-8:00pm

At the church ~ For all ages ~ Join us!

- ♦ Sorting clothes for our Community Clothing Giveaway
- ♦ Preparing goodie bags for the "Light the Night" Outreach



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CIRCUMSTANCES, FOR THIS IS
GOD'S WILL FOR YOU WHO BELONG
TO CHRIST JESUS."
1 THESSALONIANS 5:16-18

KIDZ HARVEST



KIDZ HARVEST October 2025 Events:

Sunday, October 12th – OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD KICK-OFF - Get ready to pack some boxes as a family to reach children across the world. We have a goal of packing 810 boxes from within our church family and you can be a part of it! We will also be packing some backpacks for teens from TRUE LIFE Youth Ministries in Lebanon, PA. You can pick up your boxes and backpacks starting on the 12th.

Sunday, October 19th – CHURCH FAMILY SERVE NIGHT- from 6-8pm at Lebanon Free. Join the church family as we pack goodie bags for the "L.T.N." Outreach and organize clothes for the Clothing Giveaway.

Friday, October 31st – LIGHT THE NIGHT OUTREACH - from 6-8pm during Trick or Treating hours in Lebanon County. There will be **MULTIPLE** locations where free food, free treats, and friendly faces will impact their communities with the love of Jesus. Be praying for GOD-SIZED things to happen!!!

COMING SOON

CHILD DEDICATION SUNDAY - Sunday, November 9th (Two families per service)

2025-2026



- Wednesdays on the 1st, 8th & 15th – Regular AWANA
- Wednesday the 22nd – Special AWANA-**"Dress-Up Night / Friend Night"**
Come and dress up in your trick-or-treating / dress-up outfit and receive some sweet treats!!! Invite friends for even more fun!!!
- Wednesday the 29th – NO AWANA due to "Light The Night"

Student Ministries - Middle School/High School

MS/HS SMT (Sun Morn Truth) - Sundays at 10:40am
(2nd floor—Youth Worship Center)

Young Adults

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

OCT Wednesdays,
7:00-9:00pm:

Oct 1 - TBD
Oct 8 - Bible Study
(at Sayda's)
Oct 15 - Serve Night
Oct 22 - Bible Study
Oct 29 - TBD

Follow Facebook and Instagram for more details and info.



TUESDAYS, 6:30-8:30pm

Oct 7 - Life Groups
Oct 13 - Games & Eats
with HSM (10-1)
Oct 14 - No RISE
Oct 21 - SHINE Night
Oct 28 - TBD



MONDAYS, 6:30-8:30pm

Oct 6 - Worship Night
Oct 13 - Games & Eats
with MS RISE (10-1)
Oct 20 - Life Group Challenge
Oct 27 - Life Groups

This school year's theme: **THE YEAR OF TRUTH**

Monday, October 13 (Columbus Day) 10am-1pm
Combined MS/HS Games & Eats!

MEN'S MINISTRY



Men's Weekly Bible Study

Do you want to grow in your faith and connect with other men? It's not too late to join us. We're currently in the Wild at Heart series titled, *Get Your Life Back*. Learn practical, Biblical steps to care for the neglected parts of your soul as you rediscover God's presence in your life. Offered every Wednesday at 6:15am in the Fellowship Hall & 6:30pm, upstairs in the Youth Worship Center. (We outgrew our former location!)

Men's Monthly Prayer Breakfast - Oct 4th

8:00-9:00am on the first Saturday of each month at Heisey's Diner. You'll always find lots of friendly faces. You'll feel right at home. See you there!

Looking Forward: Coming in 2026 – Another Men's Retreat!

Guys, it's not too early to mark your calendars. We're planning a spring Men's Retreat at Kenbrook Bible Camp, Friday March 27 through Sunday morning, March 29. Sign-ups will begin in January. Watch for details!

Questions or Comments

Contact Joe Vangeli

EAGLES MINISTRY (ages 55+)

Fall Flight for Feathered Friends

- Pastor Gary

The flight of an eagle is always an awesome sight, and the fall season is no exception. Also awesome are the "flights" of our LebFree Eagles group.

In September, many enjoyed the Heritage Hymn Sing with great songs of the faith lifted up, amazing special music, and great food and fellowship following. Also, in September we sent an intergenerational contingent to the *March for Life* in Harrisburg to celebrate God's gift of life and to take a stand for the most vulnerable of God's creation- the not yet born children in the womb.

In October there are two events to respond to that I hope your Eagle eyes will take note of: On **Friday, October 3**, at 6:00pm there will be a great time of fellowship at the home of Dale and Charlotte Hoover featuring hotdogs, potluck, games and more! Be sure to sign up in the lobby. For details, please contact Dale, Charlotte, or Pastor Gary.

October is also your opportunity to sign up for something very special -- Join our group at Sight and Sound to see the 30th anniversary production of **NOAH** on **Tuesday, November 11** (Veteran's Day) at 3:00pm. This is an excellent, inspiring presentation you won't want to miss! **Tickets must be purchased by Oct 5**, so please consider signing up **THIS SUNDAY!** This is an all-church event so know that YOU, your family, and your friends are all invited (no age limits!). See Pastor Gary for details. Tickets are \$84.50 for adults, \$42 for children 4-12, and free for children under age 4. Just 64 tickets are available and last I looked, over half that amount have already signed up! So, get signed up ASAP. Hope to see many of you there! *Fly Eagles Fly!*

Men's Ministry

**Growing with Christ;
Connecting men with
men;
Impacting our world for
God's glory!**



Celebrate Recovery

Are there areas in your life that are holding you back from the walk with

God you desire? Why not consider Celebrate Recovery? CR is a safe place to learn how to lay down your hurts, habits and hang-ups at the foot of the Cross and find freedom in Jesus!

You can learn more about Celebrate Recovery every Thursday at 6:30 pm upstairs in the Youth Worship Center. All adults welcome!



ITEMS NEEDED FOR OCTOBER:

**salt & pepper, peanut butter,
Jello, Spam, Ramen
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
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).

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

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Women's Bible Study - THE GOSPEL ON THE GROUND

with Kristi McLelland Join us for this 7-series study as we unpack the life of the early church in the book of Acts that shows us that the Kingdom of God is always on the move, always looking outward to bring meaning and joy to a world searching for true fulfillment and hope.

Marketplace—Mondays, October 6 & 20, 7:00-8:45pm (Fellowship Hall)

Truthseekers—Wednesdays, October 8 & 22, 9:15-11:30am (Fellowship Hall) Registered childcare available.

Ladies' Prayer Breakfast - held at Heisey's Diner in Lebanon at 8:45am every third Saturday morning of the month. Gail Foster leads.

ALIVE! WOMEN'S RETREAT - OCTOBER 3-5 at CAMP ORCHARD HILL

Pray for the ladies who are attending!

ANNUAL COMMUNITY CLOTHING GIVEAWAY - Saturday, October 25!

We are collecting CLEAN, GENTLY USED clothing in GOOD condition through October 19. Please place just one size per bag, labeled, when dropping off—See the designated area in the church lobby. Thanks for donating clothing items for all ages to bless those in our community!



Saturday, October 4, 2:00pm

**Operation Christmas Child
Full Circle Speaker at LAEFC**

With Special Guest, Lyda Giedd
Join us for this presentation!

OCC DEDICATION & CELEBRATION SERVICE!

Sunday morning, November 16, 9:00am and 10:45am

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD shoeboxes will launch on October 12!

We will also continue our local outreach by blessing the teens at True Life Youth Ministries with backpacks filled with goodies.

OCC boxes can be picked up at the designated lobby table, as well as at the church office entrance during weekday hours. **ALL** boxes need to be returned for **Celebration Sunday, November 16**, for dedication and packing. Cash donations are accepted and will be used to build boxes online through Samaritan's Purse. All checks should be made out to Operation Christmas Child for the \$10 shipping fee per box. (This cost covers not only shipping costs, but also the Gospel materials and other necessary expenses. Our goals this year are 75 bags for True Life and 810 boxes for OCC!

Any questions? Please contact Sherrie Stohler at 717-283-8570.