

# Lebanon Area Evangelical Free Church

**September 2026**

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

## Community Connection



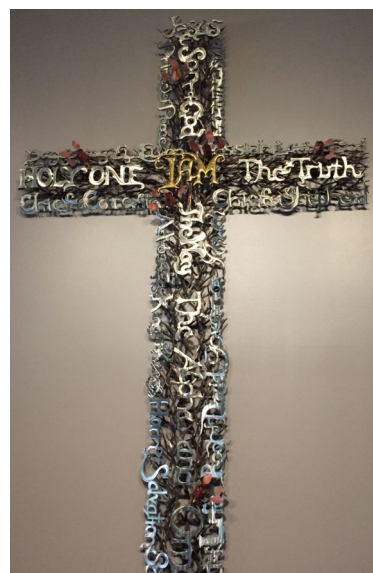
### Adult Connection Classes - Sunday Mornings at LAEFC

- 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—**September 20** (Fellowship Hall)  
*Topic and sign-ups coming soon to the lobby counters.*
- 10:45 am—NEW! Sundays, **August 30 & September 6, Adult Class - Growing Kids Who Love Jesus** (Room A8) led by Pastor Ken  
*Come expecting lots of lively discussion, encouragement and tools to help in implementing solid Biblical foundations pertaining to the priority and vision of building into your children—all ages and stages.*

It hurts to lose someone - - [GriefShare](#) can help. Lebanon Free Church offers this caring community throughout the year. You don't have to go through the grieving process alone. You'll gain access to valuable resources that will provide encouragement, help and hope.

A new 13-week series begins on September 17 and continues every Thurs eve at 6:30pm in Room C1.

And for those who may be grieving the loss of a spouse, join us for a single-session class on September 3 at 6:30pm. You can find sign-ups at the lobby counters. Direct questions to John & Jenn Nelsen.



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**Church Family  
FALL FEST -  
October 24!  
*Save the date.***



## KIDZ HARVEST



### KIDZ HARVEST September 2026 Events:

**Wednesday, September 2nd – AWANA ADULT/ TEEN SHEPHERD TRAINING** will be held at Lebanon Free to prepare for our Awana ministry year. It will run from 6:30-8pm and we encourage all new and returning Shepherds to attend if possible. There will be no childcare offered for this training time.

**Wednesdays, September 9th, 16th, 23rd & 30th – AWANA** from 6:30– 8:00pm at Lebanon Free. Puggles, Cubbies, Sparkies, and T&T Clubs meet. Get ready to grow strong roots in Jesus!!!!

COMING SOON

**“LIGHT THE NIGHT” HALLOWEEN OUTREACH** - Thursday, October 29 from 6:00-8pm



2026-2027

### Wednesday, September 9th AWANA BEGINS!!!

Wednesday nights from 6:30-8:00pm at Lebanon Free Church

Our 16th Awana Ministry Year kicks off for your 2-yr-old thru 5th grader on Sept. 9th! Pray for the development of strong roots in Jesus. Registration can be found on the children's ministry page of our church website. [www.lebefree.org](http://www.lebefree.org)

## Student Ministries - Middle School/High School

### Young Adults

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

Follow Facebook and Instagram for more details and info.

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

*“Welcome Back SMT”—Sunday, August 30!*



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

Sept 1,8 - No RISE  
Sept 15 - RISE Kick-off!  
Sun, Sept 20 - Youth Network Event  
at Church of the Good Shepherd  
Sept 22 - Create Night  
Sept 29 - Life Groups



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

Sept 7 - No YG LABOR DAY  
Sun, Sept 13 - Kick-off Color/  
Mud Smash Night!  
Sun, Sept 20 - Youth Network Event  
at Church of the Good Shepherd  
Sept 28 - Life Groups



**For all Middle/High School Students!**

**Wednesday, September 23 - See You at the Pole!**  
(Global Day of Student-led Prayer)

## MEN'S MINISTRY

### ***Men's Weekly Bible Study at LAEFC – Begins Sept 16th***

Do you want to grow in your faith and connect with other men? Sure you do. *Time to break camp and move forward in faith!* Join us on an epic journey through the Book of Joshua. Offered at 6:15am in the Fellowship Hall and 6:30pm upstairs in the Youth Worship Center. No sign-up; just show up. We'll be looking for you!

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

A terrific mix of a morning devotional, discussion, prayer, fellowship, food and plenty of friendly faces. Newcomers are especially welcome! We meet from 8:00-9:00am on the first Saturday of each month at Heisey's Diner. See you there!

### ***Band of Brothers Men's Retreat – Oct 9th-11th***

The *Band of Brothers* Men's Retreat at Camp Orchard Hill is just around the corner. Full weekend with meals & lodging is \$205. Day camper (sleeping offsite) rate is \$125. Scholarship funds are available for those facing financial hardship. *Note: Registration ends Sunday, September 27th.* Don't wait. Register online now! Detailed info is in the lobby, or see Retreat Group Leader Dan Barnes.

### **Men's Ministry Questions or Comments?**

Contact Joe Vangeli or Mark Thompson

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### **LAEFC Membership Applicants**

These individuals have completed the requirements and are desiring membership at Lebanon Free Church: Bob & Sharon Shepler and Guy & Leesa Young. Anyone wishing to comment may speak to a member of our elder team.



### ***Celebrate Recovery***

Life has its challenges. Jesus is the answer! Find freedom from life's hurts, hang-ups & habits. *CR* is for anyone struggling with co-dependency, anger, eating disorders, control issues, perfectionism, people-pleasing, anxiety, substance abuse, and more.

You can learn more about Celebrate Recovery, here at LAEFC, every Thursday at 6:30pm. We meet upstairs in the Youth Worship Center. All adults are welcome.

## LIBRARY CORNER

We thank Ashley Nolt for donating the most recent author, Colleen Coble series, of three fiction books.

They were written and published in 2025 and 2026.

Book 1 in the Sanctuary Series is *Ambush*, Book 2 is *Prowl* and Book 3 is *Conspiracy*.

The church library is open between the two Sunday morning services. You are welcome to borrow books, DVDs and puzzles. Check us out!



### **Benevolence Fund**

LAEFC has a Benevolence Fund to help our church individuals and families that are experiencing short-term financial hardships due to a variety of circumstances.

If you are experiencing a short-term financial need or crisis and you want us to consider your request, please contact Pastor David to begin the process.

All requests are kept strictly confidential. This is a powerful way for brothers and sisters in Christ at LAEFC to come alongside one another.



### ITEMS NEEDED FOR SEPTEMBER:

**Cereal**  
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

### New Women's Bible Study beginning this month!

Registration is open for our new Fall Bible Study. Join us as we dive into the story of Joseph in our study entitled, "He Won't Leave You There" by Anne Graham Lotz and Rachel-Ruth Lotz-Wright. BOTH studies meet every other week in the Fellowship Hall and are open to all women – Stop by the table display in the church lobby for registration and info!

**Marketplace** Bible Study begins **Monday, September 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm**

**Truthseekers** Bible Study begins **Wednesday, September 16<sup>th</sup> at 9:15am**

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

### ALIVE! WOMEN'S RETREAT - OCTOBER 2-4 at CAMP ORCHARD HILL!

Guest speaker, Lauren Gaines, will share God's truth on the topic of "Known and Loved: Embracing Your God-Given Identity." If attending the retreat, you can pay a \$50 deposit and register at this link >> **Men's and Women's Fall Retreats** << Select our group name "Women of LAEFC". You do not want to miss out on this amazing time of fun and fellowship! Reach out to Erika Ebersole or the Women's Leadership team with any questions.

## EAGLES MINISTRY (ages 55+)

**Eagle Activities are Great - Look at these Examples and Sign up!** - Pastor Gary

In the wild, Eagles take extensive care of their young, providing food, warmth, and protection. The LebFree Eagles received sweet care from the young ones last month! If you missed the Ice Cream Social/Game Night hosted by Kidz Harvest, you missed a great time of intergenerational fun! We enjoyed delicious ice cream and toppings but the best part was playing games with the kids. As Psalm 145:4 says, "One generation commends Your works to another; they tell of Your mighty acts." This was a great opportunity, not only for fellowship but for getting to know some of our kiddos. If Kidz Harvest invites us again next year, consider coming out!

Don't miss out on the next Eagles' events by signing up in the church lobby:

**The Bird-in-Hand Dinner-Theatre!** AUGUST 31 is the new deadline to sign up for the Eagles' trip to see "Dear Soldier Boy," 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... The date for the dinner and theatre production is **Sat, October 10** but remember the sign-up deadline is August 31. All inclusive tickets are \$79/pp. See Pastor Gary for details.

**The Hoover Shindig!** This annual fellowship, featuring hotdogs, potluck, games, a devotional and more, is at the home of Dale and Charlotte Hoover on **Friday, Sept 25** at 6:00pm. Hotdogs provided—bring some food to share and a lawn chair (if weather is good). Sign up in the church lobby by September 20. Contact Pastor Gary or the Hoovers for more details. This has always been a favorite activity for the last number of years.

**Christmas is Coming!** Sign-ups begin September 6 and end October 4 for "**A Candle-light Christmas**" with the Collingsworth Family at Calvary Church, Lancaster, Monday, November 16 at 7:00pm. This is the kick-off concert for their national Christmas tour! These concerts are always inspirational, pointing us the celebration of the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus! General admission tickets—\$28.95 and Artist Circle tickets—\$74.95.