Sheetpherd’s Voice  
by Gordon Bond

Watching and Waiting

Luke’s opening remarks in Acts detail Jesus’ last days on earth following His crucifixion and resurrection.

[Act 1:1-5 ESV] 1 In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, 2 until the day when he was taken up after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. 3 He presented himself alive to them after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. 4 And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, “you heard from me,” 5 for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

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Isaiah wrote (40:31),

“but they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.”

Events for this calendar should be submitted by the 25th day of the month before the event.
May Newsletter

PLEASE KEEP YOUR INFO UPDATED
forms are on the website: WWW.R-C.ORG all forms are on the front page

Meeting Schedule
Bible Classes............. 9:00
Worship .................. 10:00
Sunday Evening.......... 5:00
Wednesday .............. 7:00

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April Averages
Sunday Worship ............. 644
Sunday AM Class .......... 379
Sunday Night .............. 250
Wed. Bible Study .......... 329
Contribution ............. $18,684

May 7th - Laurel Park - Summer Kick off - 6 pm
Family Night - Bring outdoor games and enjoy some fun and fellowship. Pizza, drinks and dessert will be served!

ESSE PURSE MUSEUM (LR)
Lunch at The Flying Fish
May 18th
Leave R&C @ 9:30 am
Sign-up - Info Desk

Bethlehem House Meal Night
MAY 14TH & 20TH
See Debbie Moreland or Michelle Tooke

Food for Families
Taco Pile-up & Sopapilla Cheesecake
Wednesday Night - May 15th
Serving time: 6:00 - 6:40

ESSE PURSE MUSEUM (LR)
Lunch at The Flying Fish
Saturday, May 18th - Leave R&C @ 9:30 am
There are only 3 museums like it in the world and LR has the only one in the USA. Admission for seniors: $8.00
Sign-up at Info Desk. Guest welcome - please sign-up.

ESSE PURSE MUSEUM (LR)
Lunch at The Flying Fish
May 20th

Wedding Shower
Tabby Blevis & Kody Aldridge
Sunday, May 19th 2-4 pm
R&C Parlor

Special Projects Contribution
MAY 19TH
For FUND RESEARCH OF CHILDREN EDUCATION BLDG

2019-2020 SEASON
Sign-up ends soon...sign-up today! Pick up & return
Heart Sister or Heart Mom forms to Info Desk for the next Heartfelt ministries.

Church Building" Projects
Fellowship Room - May 5th
Immediately following morning service.
Bring a sack lunch.
(for girls 3rd - 6th grade)

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