



Leighton Church

Proclaiming New Life in Jesus Christ

Rev. David W. Meister

Week of August 28, 2022

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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Office Hours: 9a-3p
Tues/Wed/Thurs

Sunday Worship: 9:30am
Sunday School: 10:45 am for
children, youth & adults

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Sunday, August 28	Ballfield in Use 6:30-8:00pm
Monday, August 29	Men's Basketball 7:00pm
Tuesday, August 30	Barry County Christian School Student Open House 6-7pm
Wednesday, August 31	Praise Team Practice 6:30pm
Thursday, September 1	Church Office Closed
Sunday, September 4	No Children's Church No Children/Youth Sunday School Classes
Monday, September 5	<i>Labor Day</i> <i>Have a Safe Holiday!</i>
Tuesday, September 6	Leadership Team Meeting 6:30pm
Wednesday, Sept. 7	Meeting for all Sunday School Teachers, Youth Leaders, Children's Ministry Leaders/ Volunteers 6pm



Children, Teens and Adults Digging Deeper into God's Word. 10:45-11:45 a.m.

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES AND LOCATIONS:

Age 2 thru 4th Grade—Room 3: Luann Snyder & Noreen Ingersoll

5th-12th Grades-Rooms 12/13: Mark & Ronda Kaechele

Adults: God the Creator: Our Beginning, Our Rebellion & Our Way Back—Rooms 7/8:
Bill & Stacey Aman

Adults: God's Plan Always Prevails: God Leads Godly Leaders—Lounge: Doug Thaler

Adults: Deliver Us: God Redeems His People—Rooms 15/16: Drew Corwin

No Children's Church or Children/Youth Sunday School Classes on September 4th

This summer, the youth group is using the GROW app for weekly lessons. The icon you see below is what the app looks like.

1. Open the app and select custom code (at the top of the screen). There is a new code each week. Watch the weekly newsletters, Facebook and email for the codes!
2. After you enter the code, go back to choose the volume.
3. Select the month and week you are on (you can even go back and do lessons that you may have missed or wish to do again!)

Material will be loaded by Sunday evening each week. Contact Brian Smith if you have any questions (616) 881-1488 or youth@leightonchurch.org



This week's topic: Royals
Use code VYQR



MEETING FOR TEACHERS, BIBLE STUDY AND CHILDREN/YOUTH MINISTRY LEADERS

The Discipleship Team is holding a brief meeting for all Sunday School teachers and helpers, Kids Worship leaders and volunteers, Youth Group leaders and volunteers, and all Bible Study leaders on

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7TH at 6:00 p.m.
IN THE SANCTUARY

The purpose of this meeting is to ensure all areas are ready for fall ministries to kick off in areas of curriculum, supplies and staffing and to review the leadership covenant.

If you cannot attend this meeting or have questions, please contact Mark Kaechele, Discipleship Team Chairperson at (616) 890-6508 or mark141@gmail.com



"God's Word is the Foundation of Our Faith"

**TUESDAY MORNINGS FROM 9:30-11:00 AM
SEPTEMBER 13-NOVEMBER 8
LED BY CINDY HERRING IN THE OLD LIBRARY ROOM AT CHURCH**

Maybe you have questions about the validity of the Scriptures? Perhaps you think that the Bible is an old book that doesn't pertain to life today. Or maybe you'd just like to learn more about how God; His existence, how He works through the Scriptures, and how you can rely on God's Word for all of life's situations.

This study is for men and women of all ages, all spiritual maturity levels, and all phases of life.

Sign up by September 11th in the church lobby or on the church website.

Questions? Contact Cindy Herring at (616) 299-0083 or bigcowdoc@yahoo.com



Sunday, September

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- ◆ Teacher Recognition
- ◆ 2nd Grade Students are presented with a Bible/Devotional
- ◆ Children/Youth move to a new Sunday School class depending on age/grade
- ◆ Children's Church Begins

Tuesday, September

13

- ◆ 9-week Adult Bible Study kicks off
(see page 3 for details)

Sunday, September

18

Youth Group Kicks Off
All 6th-12th Grade Students Welcome
4:45-7:00 p.m.



Jerry Slagh
jdsmusic@aol.com

In his book, "Don't Sweat the Small Stuff: And It's All Small Stuff", author Richard Carlson invites readers to ask themselves this question:

"Will this matter a year from now?"

Carlson goes on to say, "Almost every day I play a game with myself that I call 'time warp.' I made it up in response to my consistent, erroneous belief that what I was all worked up about was really important.

To play 'time warp,' all you have to do is to imagine that whatever circumstance you are dealing with isn't happening right now, but a year from now. Then simply ask yourself, 'Is this situation really as important as I am making it out to be?' Once in a great while it may be—but a vast majority of the time, it simply isn't.

Where it be an argument with your spouse, child, or boss, a mistake, a lost opportunity, a lost wallet, a work-related rejection, or a sprained ankle; chances are a year from now you aren't going to care. It will be one more irrelevant detail in your life. While this simple game won't solve all of your problems, it can give you an enormous amount of needed perspective. I find myself laughing at the things that I use to take far too seriously. Now rather than using up my energy feeling angry and overwhelmed, I can use it instead on spending time with my wife, children, friends, or just engaging in creative thinking.

My thoughts: Ask my wife Nancy and she will tell you about the many sayings I have in our marriage. One of the most common for me is simply, "Well the sun is going to come up tomorrow in the east and go down in the west!" It's my way of saying that this problem will certainly pass and GOD is in control. I believe the more we put God's word in our hearts and reflect on HIS provisioning in our life, even the BIG STUFF becomes bearable.

King Solomon broke all of life down at the end of Ecclesiastes when he wrote:

"Now all has been heard; here is the conclusion of the matter: Fear God and keep His commandments, for this is the duty of all mankind!" ~Ecclesiastes 12:13

~Jerry

Guitar Lessons



The group guitar lessons came to an end this past Wednesday, August 24th; however, Jerry Slagh is willing to provide individual lessons.

If you wish to set up a time for guitar lessons with Jerry, please contact him at jdsmusic@aol.com.



All ages and abilities are welcome!

FIDGET TOYS WANTED FOR



KIDS ACTIVITY BAGS

Fidget toys like fidget spinners, pop-its, etc. are wanted to put in the kids activity bags. These toys will be used for older children (3rd-5th Grade) to keep their minds and hands busy during church.

Fidget toys can be found by searching "fidget toys of kids" online or in the toy section of most stores.

If you'd rather contribute financially for these items to be purchased, please note 'FIDGET TOYS' on your contribution, either by check, cash, or online giving under General Fund.

Questions can be directed to Sarah Geers (616) 299-6898 or sarahgeersbb@gmail.com



COMMUNITY GARDEN STAND

The Community Garden Stand is located by the 142nd Avenue church driveway. The veggie stand is a busy place; people are picking up and dropping off veggies.

Here are some notes that have been left at the stand.

If you have extra produce from your garden, place it on the stand for those in need in our community to have access to fresh vegetables.

Thank you!
For the yummy
Veggies!

Thank you small
donation in bag
Appreciate your
kindness

I hope you
like this food
THANK YOU
BLESS YOU

→ This is the response that was left by the recipient.

← This note was left along with a food donation.



Lori Haselden
Hand2Hand Coordinator
(269) 838-5941
lghaselden@gmail.com

Dear Church Friends,

Here we are again ready to kick off a new school year! That also includes the start of Hand2Hand deliveries of weekend food for children with food insecurities at Paris Ridge Elementary, part of the Caledonia School District. Although we had only nine kids last year, I expect the number may be much higher this year due to the increasing cost of food. Please consider what you might be able to contribute to this important ministry, whether it be physically helping with packing and delivering food bags, food donations, or monetary gifts. All is greatly needed and appreciated. Below is a list of food items needed. You can also find copies of the list in the Lobby by the Hand2Hand display and on the church website under Community.

I thank all of you for your past generous support to this worthy cause.

Lori Haselden
Hand2Hand Coordinator

Hand2Hand Food List

BREAKFAST

Individual servings boxed cereal
Oatmeal packets
PopTarts
Applesauce Cups
GoGo Squeeze Yogurt
Pancake Mix
Pancake Syrup (small plastic bottles)

MISCELLANEOUS

100% Juice Boxes
Resealable Quart Bags
Resealable Sandwich Bags

LUNCH/DINNER

Knorr Alfredo Noodle Packet
Knorr Mexican Rice Packet
1 lb dry spaghetti
Canned chicken/tuna
Boxed Scalloped Potatoes
Cheesy Tuna Helper
Mac and Cheese
Fruit cups
Peanut Butter (15-16 oz)
Strawberry or Grape Jelly
(Plastic Jars Only)
Condensed Chicken Noodle Soup
Canned Vegetables:
 Corn, Cut Green Beans, Black Beans,
 Green Peas, Tomatoes w/onion and
 green chilies
Canned beef stew or Chunky beef soup
Cheese Pizza Kits (Chef Boyardee)

SNACKS

Granola Bars
Trails Mix (individual packets)
Fruit Snacks
Teddy Grahams (individual bags)
Fish Crackers (individual bags)
Microwave Popcorn
Rice Krispy Treats
Crackers and Cheese
Crackers and Peanut Butter
Short Slim Jims or similar meat sticks



Barry County Christian School - Middleville Campus

at Leighton Church

School is starting up for many students in the next week or two. This includes students attending Barry County Christian School at Leighton Church. The first day of school is Tuesday, September 6th.

Enrollment at BCCS—Middleville Campus has grown. Approximately 40 students are enrolled (Kindergarten thru 12th Grade) which means the school is leasing more space at the church.

In the north wing of the building the school is using rooms 7/8, 14 (school office), 15/16 and the gym. In the east wing of the building, the school is using rooms 2, 3 & 4.

With the school using a large portion of the building, all of the church entry doors will be locked during school hours (7:30-2:45 pm). A doorbell/camera will be installed on the main entry door (not the double doors, but the single door to the left of the double doors). Visitors will push the doorbell to enter the building. The church office will be equipped with a monitor to see who is at the door and a release to open the door. This procedure will be in place only during school hours.

Regular visitors (Bible study attendees, employees, Hand2Hand volunteers etc.) can enter the building during school hours through the main entry doors and check in at the church office. Other visitors during school hours must enter the building through the school entry and check-in at the school office.

PUZZLE

Fruit or false

Spotting true fruits can be tricky. Thankfully, it's much easier to spot the fruit of the Spirit.

Directions: Determine whether each item is a fruit or vegetable and circle the correct letter. Then insert the letters in order below to complete the verses.

	Fruit	Vegetable
Apple	V	P
Carrot	E	O
Tomato	Y	R
Grape	C	F
Eggplant	T	D
Celery	I	N
Banana	K	M
Cucumber	N	W
	Pepper	O
	Spinach	R
	Watermelon	H
	Broccoli	G
	Pumpkin	T
	Pear	F
	Asparagus	L
	U	S
	P	N
	Y	C
	R	R

But the fruit of the Spirit is lo_e, j___, pea_e,

pa_ie__ce, __ind__ess, go__dne__s,

fait__ful__ess, gen__leness, sel__-cont__ol.

GALATIANS 5:22-23, ESV

Answer: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control



We wish to thank the kind person(s) who wrote us each a note and gave each of us a gift card to Kohl's. Your kindness and generosity touched both of us. We would love to thank you personally, but respect your wish to remain anonymous.

Thank you for thinking of us. We appreciate your act of kindness.

~Annah & Amanda Smith

Thank you to all those who prayed for me, sent a card, or called me following my hand surgery. My hand is healing nicely and I am doing well.

Thank you for your care, support, and encouragement.

~Mary Hanna



Happy belated anniversary to Pastor Dave & Denise Meister who celebrated 51 years of marriage last Sunday, August 21st.

Cake was served at the Backyard Picnic Fellowship at Art & Connie Hooker's last Sunday night.

Happy Anniversary!!



Address for Gabe Pollmann

Gabe Pollmann
99 Michigan Avenue
Box 743
Fort Campbell, KY 42223

(do not use P.O. Box 743, just Box 743 otherwise it won't get there.)





Forgiven Ministry works to bring reconciliation between inmates and their families by hosting “One Day with God” camps inside the prisons.

Recently a Federal Prison in the Denver Colorado area expressed interest in a One Day with God Camp in 2023. For years, Forgiven Ministry leaders have known that one day the door would open to minister in a Federal Facility. With growth comes a need for more prayer, volunteers, and funding to do the work. Pray that God will provide as He guides the ministry in new areas to share the Gospel.

Many years ago, there was talk of creating a workbook for women inmates on being a Godly mother. In 5 weeks and many hours, the book “Godly Mothers Matter” was completed. Topics covered in the book include becoming a woman of strength, a woman of grace, and a woman filled with love. Other topics include healthy and unhealthy boundaries, godly values and nurturing children. For many of the inmate mothers, this will be new information that they were not taught. In October of this year, Forgiven Ministry will teach this study to 100 mothers at Huron Valley in Michigan. Please be in prayer that God will guide and anoint the teaching, and many will assume a new role as a mother and most of all they will begin a relationship with Jesus if they do not know Him as their Savior.

One Day with God Camps are scheduled at the following prisons:

September 24: Metro Re-entry Facility, Atlanta GA

October 15: Orange Correctional Facility, Raleigh NC

October 22: Madison Correctional Facility, Madison, FL

November 5: Whitworth Women’s Facility, Hartwell GA

November 19: French Roberson Unit, Abilene TX

December 3: Foothills Correctional Facility, Morganton NC

Pray for the Holy Spirit to work in the hearts and lives of the inmates and families attend these camps.

Your gift to the Leighton Church Faith Promise Mission Fund supports the ministry of Forgiven Ministry and 11 other faith-based organizations around the world. Thank you for giving!



PRAYER PILLOWS—Let our missionaries know that we are praying for them and supporting them by writing words of prayer, encouragement and support on pillowcases. When they lay down to sleep at night, they can drift off to sleep reading prayers and encouraging words.

Pillowcases for **Bob & Lisa Margaron** are out for your signatures, words of encouragement, prayers, or scripture passages. The Margaron's minister to children, teens and families at The Center in Stockton, California, a city known for high crime rates, drug use, etc.

Stop by the display table in the Lobby to sign the pillowcases.



SIGN UPGRADE NEEDED

The church's digital sign at the corner needs to be upgraded in the coming months. The framework for the sign will remain the same, but the digital sign is old (12-13 years old) and parts are no longer available.

The current sign has 24 panels. 18 of the 24 panels have been replaced. These panels are no longer being manufactured. More and more panels continue to go out as the weeks go by. It is easy to see the panels that are no longer working.

The estimated cost for a new digital sign is \$16,000. To-date, **\$4,370 has been given.**

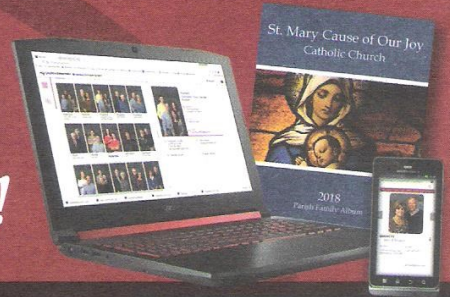
If you wish to contribute toward this need, you may make checks payable to Leighton Church and designate your gift SIGN or give safely and securely online and select the Sign Upgrade Fund. www.leightonchurch.org/give

Questions can be directed to Chris Herring, Board of Trustees Chairman (616) 437-3484 or herring@iserv.net



Be Part of Our New Church Directory!

*Dear Church family,
It's time for a New Directory!*



*Celebrating faith.
Connecting families.
Sharing hope.*

When people enter the doors of our church they are looking for a place to belong. Our directory brings us together to develop new relationships, connect with our own families, and reconnect with those we haven't seen in a while. Join us for this "Connections Event" and be part of what God is doing right here at our church!

Directory Committee

Connections Event

Our church directory will not be complete without you. Join us to celebrate faith and family with our new church family album.

- Schedule your professional photography session when you stop by the sign-up table at the church or simply go online and follow the instructions below. If we don't see your name on our list of appointments, you will receive a phone call inviting you to participate.
- Everyone who is photographed by Universal will receive a complimentary 8 x 10 portrait and a directory!
- Universal provides a complete professional portrait studio right here at our church! You'll enjoy a variety of poses, backgrounds, portrait sizes, finish and framing options AND have the opportunity to purchase portraits to give to family and friends.

Set your appointment with Universal today!

*Gathering families,
Connecting generations.*



**Make your appointment at church on Sunday mornings or online
Throughout the week. www.leightonchurch.org/church-directory/**

Photography Dates:

Thursday, September 29th 3:00-8:30 p.m.

Friday, September 30th 3:00-8:30 p.m.

Saturday, October 1st 10:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.



Service in Action

Greeter Ministry:

August 28: Scott & Terri Farmer
September 4: Clay & Luann Snyder
September 11: Jan Geukes & Kim Bender

Intercessory Prayer:

August 28: Drew & Jackie Corwin
September 4: Mike & Sandy Shanahan
September 11: Alverna Truax

Nursery:

August 28: Robbi & Anabelle Hilton
September 4: April Taylor & Lori Haselden
September 11: Sarah & Makiah Geers

Coffee Bar:

August 28: Robbi & Anabelle Hilton
September 4: Drew & Jackie Corwin
September 11: Servers Needed

Provide Treats for Coffee Fellowship:

August 28: Connie Blain & Ronda Kaechele
September 4: Luann Snyder & Joy Rogers
September 11: Kim Bender & Sarah Geers

Kingdom Kids Children's Church:

August 28: Valerie Lepeak & Britney Bredeweg
September 4: No Children's Church

Church Yard & Ball field Mowing:

September 1: CHURCH-Josh Hilton
 BALLFIELD-Tyler/Ian Norris
September 8: CHURCH-Brad Geers
 BALLFIELD—Doug Thaler
September 15: CHURCH—Bill Aman
 BALLFIELD—Tyler/Ian Norris

How do I get involved?

Contact Diane Porter, Greeter Ministry Coordinator
(616) 617-0269 or
dianeporter93@gmail.com

Contact Alverna Truax
(616) 891-8219. The Intercessory Prayer team is actively praying during the church service. Serve every 6 to 8 weeks.

Contact Sarah Geers. Nursery staff must undergo background checks and attend Child Protection Class. (616) 299-6898 or sarahgeersbb@gmail.com

Contact Connie Hooker if you'd like to serve coffee (616) 891-8742
Or sign up at the Coffee Bar

Contact Nona Steeby if you'd like to provide refreshments for Coffee Fellowship (616) 891-1567 or iamsteeby@gmail.com

Contact Sarah Geers.
(616) 299-6898 or
sarahgeersbb@gmail.com





THANK YOU
Leighton Church



for providing
3,212 Meals
to children and families in need
in the US and around the world.

The children who attended Vacation Bible School this past summer did a fabulous job embracing the week's mission moment; bringing in coins to provide meals for Ukrainian refugees through the Children's Hunger Fund.

By the end of the week, the children donated \$603 and another \$200 came in through another donor. The total of \$803 provided 3,212 meals. Because of the fabulous job the VBS kids did in providing money for these meals, they have been recognized as "Fantastic Fundraisers" by the Children's Hunger Fund.

These kids blessed others and made a difference in the lives of people they don't know around the world.

"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink... Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink?' The King will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.' "
~Matthew 25: 35a, 37, 40