

February 2023

LIBERTY RINGS

*Pastor's Paragraph***Special points of interest:**

- Spiritual Growth New Bible Studies
- Welcome to Our Family Births & New Members

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Note: This is the ninth part of a series to introduce the revised and expanded doctrinal statement of LBC. Previous parts of the doctrinal statement may be found at our website in prior newsletters.

WHAT WE TEACH**(Doctrinal Statement of LBC)****The Church (Identity, Formation, and Leadership)**

We teach that all who place their faith in Jesus Christ are immediately placed by the Holy Spirit into one united spiritual body, the Church (1 Corinthians 12:12-13), the bride of Christ (2 Corinthians 11:2; Ephesians 5:23-32; Revelation 19:7-8), of which Christ is the head (Ephesians 1:22; 4:15; Colossians 1:18).

We teach that the formation of the Church, the Body of Christ, began on the day of Pentecost

(Acts 2:1-21, 38-47) and will be completed at the coming of Christ for His own at the rapture (1 Corinthians 15:51-52; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18).

We teach that the Church is thus a unique spiritual organism designed by Christ, made up of all born-again believers in this present age (Ephesians 2:11-3:6). The Church is distinct from Israel (1 Corinthians 10:32), a mystery

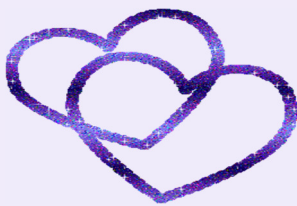
not revealed until this age (Ephesians 3:1-6; 5:32). We teach that the establishment and continuity of local churches is clearly taught and defined in the New Testament Scriptures (Acts 14:23, 27; 20:17, 28; Galatians 1:2; Philippians 1:1; 1 Thessalonians 1:1; 2 Thessalonians 1:1) and that the members of the one spiritual Body are directed to associate themselves together in local assemblies (1 Corinthians 11:18-20; Hebrews 10:25).

We teach that the one supreme authority for the Church is Christ (1 Corinthians 11:3; Ephesians 1:22; Colossians 1:18) and that church leadership, gifts, order, discipline, and worship are all appointed through His sovereignty as found in the Scriptures. The biblically designated officers serving under Christ and over the assembly are pastors (also called elders, bishops, and pastor-teachers; Acts 20:28; Ephesians 4:11) and deacons, both of whom must meet biblical qualifications (1 Timothy 3:1-13; Titus 1:5-9; 1 Peter 5:1-5).

We teach that these leaders lead or rule as servants of Christ (1 Timothy 5:17-22) and have His authority in directing the church. These leaders are to lead by example (1 Peter. 5:1-5) and the congregation is to submit to their leadership (Hebrews 13:7, 17).

Truth matters. Biblical truth matters supremely. LBC is committed to reading, studying, preaching, understanding, and applying Scripture for the glory of God.

Standing with you for biblical truth,
Pastor Stan



Liberty Student Ministry News

LBC parents,

We pray you are having a wonderful New Year and are excited to see what the Lord has in store for the LBC Student Ministry in 2023. We wanted to share with you something that has been laying heavy on our hearts for some time now. We have seen an unprecedented amount of “apathy” from many families within our church since 2021. The dictionary defines apathy as “a lack of interest, enthusiasm, or concern.” We have many families who are demonstrating by their lack of church attendance that they are not concerned, interested, and/or are not enthusiastic about worship and church life. This is very frightening to us because this is revealing what’s truly in the heart!

Psalm 119:2 tells us “Blessed are those who comply with His testimonies, and seek Him with all their heart.” Friends, we are asking you with as much love that’s in our hearts, to first seek God with all your heart and then to comply with His testimonies. We are asking you to teach your children with your words AND your actions to first seek God with all of their heart and then to comply with His testimonies. What does this look like? There’s two words that will define Psalm 119:2 and they are “study” and “sacrifice”. We will only know God’s Will by knowing His Word and only when we KNOW God’s Word can we comply with His Testimonies.

So here is our challenge to all LBC parents (including us) for 2023:

- 1) KNOW God’s Will by studying the Bible both individually and corporately**
- 2) DO God’s will by sacrificially attending and serving in the church**
- 3) TEACH and REQUIRE our children to KNOW and DO God’s will.**

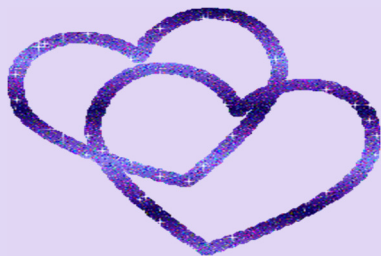
The third challenge is going to be the hardest for some of us. The world tells us to “let our children make their own decisions”, but God’s Word tells us as parents that it’s OUR responsibility to ensure that they make God honoring decisions. Ephesians 6:4 says “Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.” So this means that we as parents should both study our Bible and REQUIRE our children to study their Bible as well. This means that we as parents should both be at church and REQUIRE our children to be at church. This means that we as parents should not only attend church, but serve in the church and REQUIRE our students to do the same!!!! The truth is, at salvation God placed within us a desire to love and serve Him and His Church.

So what’s the take away? The takeaway is to quit treating church attendance and service as “optional”! This mindset of “optional church attendance” is SIN because it goes directly against Hebrews 10:25 and it reveals a heart that may not be truly saved!

We promise to teach your children the Literal, Historical, and Grammatical Interpretation of the scriptures if you will just bring them to us!!! This may mean that you have to REQUIRE them to quit a job that is causing them to miss church. This may mean that you may have to REQUIRE them to give up a sport that pulls them away from the Lord. This may mean that homework will have to be done AFTER church. This may mean that we as parents need to quit being apathetic ourselves and actually bring our children to church!

We are asking each of you to courageously stand with us and raise up the next generation of Christian Warriors by raising them IN the Word of God and INVOLVED IN the CHURCH of God!!!! We are praying for both you and us as well as we consider what we have challenged us all with!!!!

In Christ’s love, Josh and Mary Bowman



LOVE

NEW STUDIES in OUR BIBLE CLASSES

Sunday Morning 9:45

Growing Together – Study in the Book of Romans –
Answers Bible Class – Foundations of Grace –
Ladies Bible Class – Study in the Book of Galatians –

Tuesday Morning 11:00

Ladies Bible Study – Spiritual Disciplines for the Christian
Life –

Saturday Morning

7:30 AM

- Men's Bible Study - Discovering The Glorious Gospel -

10:00 AM

- Ladies Bible Study – “God’s High Calling for Women” –

If you're not plugged into a Bible Study class we can help!

God
is love,

AND WHOEVER
ABIDES IN LOVE
ABIDES IN GOD,
AND GOD
ABIDES IN HIM.

1 JOHN 4:16, ESV

AS THE
FATHER
HAS LOVED
ME, SO
HAVE I
LOVED
YOU. ABIDE
IN MY

LOVE

JOHN 15:9,
ESV

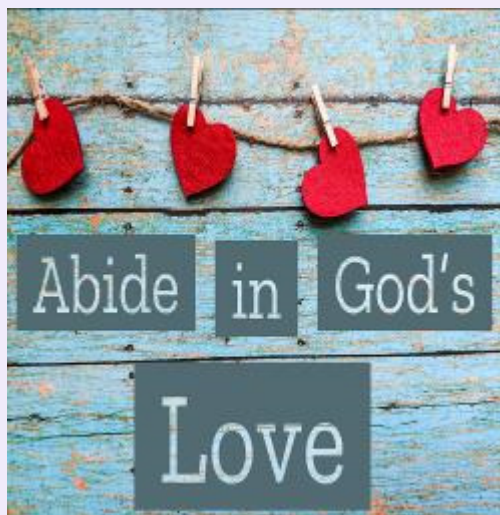
LOVE

BEYOND
MEASURE

Love is **PATIENT**,
Love is **KIND**.
It does not **ENVY**,
it does not **BOAST**,
It is not **PROUD**.

1 Corinthians 13:4-6





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Student Ministry**

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We hope you will come join us for another wonderful month in AWANA

We meet each Sunday at 6:00 PM for students 3rd Grade—12th Graders meet in the Education Building

Students
1 1/2 years – 2nd Grade
Will begin AWANA at 7:00pm in the Education Building

**Join us at 7:00pm
In the Sanctuary
As Josh Bowman brings
our Sunday
night message**



2023 HBA Student Conference

The dates are March 24-26

(Friday-Sunday)

at Ridgecrest Conference Center.

More Information will be provided in the Bulletin



Congratulations

**Tanner & Kaitlin Denton on the birth of their
Daughter**

"Silvia Kate" Born January 11, 2023

**Blessed Grandparents
Kevin & Tammy Denton**

Liberty Bulletin Board

LBC Food Pantry
MONDAY,
 February 6th @ 12:30PM
VOLUNTEERS PLEASE
ARRIVE AT 11:45AM

We
 love
 because
 He first
 loved us.
1 John 4:19

HAVEN OF REST SERVICE
TUESDAY
FEBRUARY 28TH
7:30PM
SPEAKER: STEVAN COX



Way of the Master

Evangelism Training
Beginner - Advanced
Classes

Classes begin on
Tuesday, March 7th
6:00 PM



*Do You have a New
 Phone Number? Address? or
 Email?*

Please contact the church office so our records
 are up to date. Our email is lib-
 ertycares@btes.tv or by phone
 during regular business hours
 423-764-5673



**Welcome,
 New
 Members!**

Elizabeth Deel
 Amber Moss
 Judy Thomas



**Volunteers are needed
 in many of our
 Ministries**

**Please be in prayer
 about where you can
 serve and contact the
 church office for info
 you need about any
 Ministry**

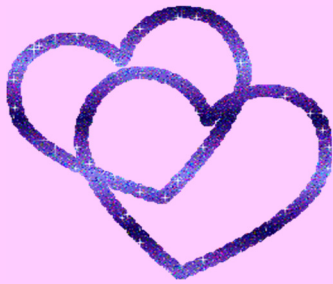
LBC Financial Info

YTD Budget Needs: \$38,145
YTD Budget Giving: \$22,885.
YTD Building Fund Giving: \$1,095






Calendar Schedule

- Feb 6 - LBC Food Pantry
- Feb 14 - Valentine's Day
- Feb 28 - Haven of Rest Service



February 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6 	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14 	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28 				



For God so loVed the world
thAt he gave his
onLy
begottEn
SoN,
thaT whoever
belIeves
iN him should not perish
but havE everlasting life.

(John 3:16, NKJV)

Adrienne Bowman	02/02	Connor Trent	02/21
Larry Jones	02/06	Todd Smith	02/22
Gay Smith	02/06	Chad Osborne	02/24
Tori Stout	02/09	Melissa Campbell	02/26
Jason York	02/12	Jason Fritz	02/26
Nancy Davis	02/15	Kathy Millard	02/26
Janice Brock	02/16	Charlotte Jones	02/27
		Ann Godsey	02/28

