

Welcome to the Breakfast Club

Welcome to the Breakfast Club Our vision is to provide monthly programs (and breakfast!) for men and women to share their faith in Jesus Christ and support charities within and outside ULC by providing contributions to organizations in need. We also support Watoto Child Care Ministries in Kampala, Uganda and participate in the “Keep Arkansas Beautiful” campaign to remove litter from local roads. Our regularly scheduled meeting time is 10:00am on the first Tuesday of each month. However, our next meeting will be at 10:00am on Friday, August 4th to accommodate the speaker, Brooks Blevins, a historian and Noel Boyd Professor of Studies at Missouri State University in Springfield. His talk titled, “How to Talk Ozark in Seven Simple Steps” will explore Ozarks history and culture through regional dialect. Sign up at the activity center and bring a friend!

The devotion from our last meeting was about the importance of congregational singing for our spiritual well-being and presented by Pastor Fred: How can I keep from singing? • Singing is not an accessory to our worship each week. Singing is not filler in a service. Congregational singing is essential to our life together in Christ. As St. Paul urged the Ephesian congregation to “sing to yourselves songs, hymns, and spiritual songs, making melody in your hearts to the Lord”. (Eph. 5:19)

- Congregational Singing Teaches Our Hearts. We are created in such a way that repetition and rhythms help cement ideas in our minds. This is why certain song lyrics bring you back to moments in your life or can stir the soul so powerfully. You don’t have to feel good when you sing in a congregation. Sometimes life is so hard you can barely mouth the words. Simply listening to those singing around us can encourage us to “keep on!”
- Congregational Singing Helps Us Disciple Others. Our singing is a witness to the truths we believe and hold dear. Our music and lyrics shouldn’t be diluted and watered down so it can be comprehended by those who aren’t familiar to the faith. There should be a kind of gospel language that is both appealing and yet challenging to those God is pursuing through the Holy Spirit.
- Congregational Singing Offers Praise and Worship to the Lord. It is imperative to always sing in church, regardless of how our voice sounds or makes us uncomfortable to sing with others. Regardless of the quality of your voice, we are charged to “make a joyful noise” to the Lord. The next time you are in church don’t just stand there silently – sing, praise, let God move in you! Remember what St. Augustine said, “The one who sings, prays twice!