

Thank You For Coming

If you are our guest, we have a special gift for you after today’s service. So we can get to know you better, please fill out both sides of this tear-off section and bring it to the Information Center near the columns. We have a gift bag ready for you.

name

address

city state zip

home phone business/cell phone

email

birthdate occupation / school grade

___ male ___ female
___ married ___ single ___ widowed

are you a church member? ___ yes ___ no

where?

___ I am a first time guest at FBC
___ I am new to the Lafayette area
___ I want to be enrolled in Bible Study
___ I want more info about Bible Study

I attended at
___ 9:45 a.m. ___ 11:11 a.m. ___ 6:00 p.m.

today’s date

spouse’s name birthdate
Is spouse present today? ___ yes ___ no

child’s name birthdate

child’s name birthdate

child’s name birthdate

child’s name birthdate

child’s name birthdate

From Our Pastor

Perhaps many of you are our guests today. If so, we say, “Welcome to First Baptist Church.” If you are visiting from out of town, we pray God blesses this time you get to spend with friends and family. If you live in Lafayette, and do not have a regular place of worship, why don’t you consider making First Baptist your permanent church home? We would love to talk with you more about what it means to be part of the family of God, first, and then, First Baptist Church.



This month we have examined the Christmas story from the subject heading, “Always Christmas.” We have considered the ideas of “Always Prepare” and “Always Proclaim.” Today, I have for our consideration, “Always Rejoice.”

I hope you will join us again tonight at 6:00 p.m. for a special Christmas concert with Gordon Mote and the Foto Sisters. The concert is free. We will be receiving a love offering for our guest worship leaders.

Once again we have emphasized giving to our International Mission Board missionaries through the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. I am grateful to the Lord and to you for giving just over \$25,000 this month to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. Things are a little tight right now, but you are continuing to give to things that really matter.

Please note our schedule for Christmas week. This year, our only service is Christmas morning at 10:00 a.m. If you are in town, let’s give our very best to the ONE who has come to save us from our sins by joining together in worship at 10:00 a.m. Christmas Sunday morning.

Steve



December 18, 2016

Always Christmas:
Always Rejoice
Luke 2:20 and Others

Sermon Notes

In the opening pages of the Gospels, there is a whole lot of rejoicing going on centered around the birth of Jesus.

- Luke 1:28 The Angel to Mary
- Luke 1:46-55 Mary’s Song
- Luke 1:64 Zechariah’s first words after months of silence
- Luke 1:67-79 Zechariah’s Song
- Luke 2:13 A multitude of the Heavenly host
- Luke 2:20 The Shepherds were praising God
- Luke 2:29 Simeon praises God
- Luke 2:38 Anna began to thank God
- Matthew 2:10 The Wise men were overjoyed beyond measure

Always Rejoice because Christmas is the reminder that

God keeps His _____.

God is always _____.

With God, All things are _____.

Eternal relationship is God’s _____.

So What?

LAUNCH17
January 8, 2017

Bible Study and Worship
Information about opportunities in the new year
How you can connect through ministries of FBC
Preview of things we will be doing in 2017

Always Christmas

Today’s Message:
Always Rejoice
Luke 2:20

First Baptist Lafayette
December 18, 2016

We’re glad you’re here!

Morning Worship

9:45 a.m.

The Manger
First Baptist Choir
Joy to the World!
Baptism
Welcome & Prayer
It Came Upon the Midnight Clear
Some Children See Him
Jessica Koski, Solo
Message
Always Rejoice
Luke 2:20 and others
Pastor Steve Horn
Invitation
One Small Child
Offertory Prayer
David Belmore, Deacon of the Week
What Child Is This?
Linda Kidd, Piano

11:11 a.m.

Joy to the World!
Welcome & Prayer
Your Name
What A Beautiful Name
Offertory Prayer
Glorious
Worthy, Worthy
Message
Always Rejoice
Luke 2:20 and others
Pastor Steve Horn
Invitation
Your Grace Finds Me
The flowers are given in
loving memory of Richard Kearley, Jr.
by Clarice Wells Kearley and family.

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Sympathy

To the family of Janelle Foshee.

December 11, 2016

Main School Enrollment	3,545	Attendance	934
Average Attendance since Sept. 04, 2016			943
Offerings	\$122,848.44		
Budget	\$82,715.17		
Designated	\$35,885.27		
ALL IN	\$4,248.00		
YD Budget Receipts	\$4,030,541.84		
YTD Budget Requirements	\$4,215,776.50		

Friday, January 20
6:00 PM
Fellowship Hall
Guest Speaker, Photo Booth,
Music, Dessert
\$5⁰⁰ per person
Registration deadline
January 15

Mother-Daughter
Winter Tea
Girls in 1st - 6th grades & mothers
Attire: Mother & Daughters wear dresses.
(Evening Gowns or Princess Costumes welcomed)

For more information, contact
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This Week

SUNDAY, December 18

- 8:00 AM Library Open
- 8:30 AM Sunday School 1
Deaf Sunday School
- 9:45 AM Classic Worship
Sunday School 2
Hispanic Sunday School
- 11:00 AM Sunday School 3
Hispanic Worship
Chinese Sunday School
- 11:11 AM eleven:11 Worship
- 12:30 PM Chinese Outreach
- 6:00 PM Evening Worship

Katie Gaspard Medical Relief Fund

Are you looking for something worthy to do this Christmas season other than give gifts to those who do not really need them? Katie Gaspard, granddaughter of our missionary friends, Marvin and Debbie, has been in Texas Children’s Hospital in Houston for over a year. They could use our help. Friends have established a medical relief account for Katie’s family at First National Bank of Louisiana on Camellia Boulevard. Simply go in that branch and indicate that you would like to contribute to the Katie Gaspard Medical Fund.

Women’s Book Club

The first meeting of the Women’s Book Club will be Friday, January 27, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. in Assembly Room 1. We will be discussing, **Miracle on Voodoo Mountain: A Young Woman’s Remarkable Story of Pushing Back the Darkness for the Children of Haiti** by Megan Boudreaux.

You can purchase the book locally or online for \$16.99 or the ebook for \$9.99. The holidays will give you an opportunity to get ahead on your reading.

First Baptist Christian School
FBCS Open House
Friday, January 13
Noon - 2:00 P.M.
Meet the teachers, tour the school, receive information about FBCS.
PreK3 through Eleventh Grades

In Concert
Gordon Mote
&
Foto Sisters
December 18 - 6:00 pm
Free Admission

Schedule Changes
10:00 am Worship Service
Christmas Day
New Year’s Day
(No Sunday School or evening activities either day)
No Wednesday Activities
December 21 and 28

Year-End Giving Information

As 2016 quickly draws to a close, would you prayerfully consider how God may lead you to give to First Baptist Church? Whether your donations are for general use through the church budget or for a specific use such as ALL IN, the following information from the church Accounting Office can help you process your gift.

According to IRS Regulations, your year-end donations must meet the following deadlines in order to receive credit for calendar year 2016 tax purposes.

IN PERSON: Contributions must be received **in hand by December 29, 2016**. The church office will be open until 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 29 to receive contributions that will qualify as a 2016 donation, so please mark your calendar accordingly.

BY MAIL: Any donations received via mail will be treated as a 2016 donation if the postmark date on the envelope is **on or before December 31, 2016**.

ON-LINE GIVING: Contributions may also be made through the church website at **www.fbclaf.org/give**. On-line gifts must be **processed on-line by December 31, 2016**.

For information and assistance regarding Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCD) up to \$100K directly from an IRA to the church, contact the accounting office.

You may contact Gizell Simmons in the Accounting Office at 593-3651 should you desire additional information.

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Your Response

At the invitation time in each service we offer an opportunity for you to publicly make one of the following decisions...

- ...to accept Jesus Christ as your personal Savior.
- ...to join First Baptist by baptism.
- ...to rededicate your life to Christ.
- ...to dedicate your life to vocational Christian service.
- ...to transfer your membership from another Baptist church.
- ...to join First Baptist from another denomination.

I would like more information on...

___ how to become a Christian	
___ how to become a member of FBC	
___ opportunities for service at FBC	
___ specific ministry areas including:	
___ senior adults	___ married adults
___ single adults	___ college
___ jr/sr high	___ grades 1-6
___ preschool	___ music
___ prayer	___ media
___ Chinese	___ Spanish

I have a request...

___ for prayer	___ for the staff
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I heard about First Baptist from...

___ family member	___ friend
___ direct mail	___ yellow pages
___ television	___ radio
___ billboard	___ newspaper
___ church website	___ internet ad
___ facebook	___ other

We pray for and visit those who are in the hospital. If you know of someone who needs a visit, please list the information below.

name of person needing visit

hospital or location to visit

dates of hospitalization

name and phone of person submitting request