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 occup	ation / school grade
male female married single w	ridowed
are you a church member?	yes no
I am a first time guest a I am new to the Lafayet I want to be enrolled in Want more info about I attended at 9:45 a.m 11:11 a.m	te area Bible Study Bible Study
today's date	
spouse's name Is spouse present today?	birthdate yes no
child's name	birthdate

From Our Pastor

We welcome all who have come today. We want all of our guests to feel welcome. Please stop by our Information Center for directions to classes, general information about the ministries of



our church, and specific information about upcoming events. We also invite our guests to please fill out the guest registration card found in today's bulletin. Bring this card to the Information Center where we have a gift waiting for all first time guests.

This year at Christmas, we are on a journey to Activate Advent. Thank you for joining us. We begin with the word "hope." What is hope? At the root of Christmas is hope. When the prophets of the Old Testament prophesied the coming of Messiah, they did so with hope.

Be ready this morning to open your Bibles to the words of the Prophet Isaiah.

Living in the time between the Prophets and the birth of Jesus, followers of the One True God lived in a constant state of expectation for the coming of Messiah—the advent of Christ. We, who believe in Jesus, in a similar way, must live in a state of readiness for His return—His second advent. This is our great hope! But what is hope? Is hope just wishful thinking? Not at all! Christian hope is simply "faith in waiting."

If you missed last night's concert featuring Meredith Andrews, you have a second opportunity tonight at 6:00 p.m. We invite you to bring a non-perishable food item with you to bless InnerFaith Prison Ministry. As you participate in sharing food, you will be providing hope to the families of those who are incarcerated this Christmas season.

THIS ONE THING

Pray this week that we would become a church who is truly "a House of Prayer for all the nations." December 3, 2017

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Practicing This One Thing: Activate Hope Isaiah 9:1-7: 53:1-6, 12

Sermon Notes

Where do we find hope?

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A	of Christ is
A	in Christ is
So What?	
We activate hope by	





Morning Worship

Fantasia of Christmas Bells First Baptist Choir and Orchestra

Welcome & Prayer

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

The Promise

First Baptist Choir and Orchestra

Message in Song Meredith Andrews

Message

Activate Hope Isaiah 9.1-7;53.1-6,12

Pastor Steve Horn

Invitation

What Child Is This?

Offertory Prayer Ronnie Powell, Deacon of the Week

Offertory

Meredith Andrews

11:11 a.m.

Baptism

Music for today's service will be led by Meredith Andrews

Message

Activate Hope Isaiah 9.1-7; 53.1-6, 12

Pastor Steve Horn Invitation

CCLJ#615645

The flowers are given in loving memory of Sue Gravelle by her husband, Lem Gravelle.

This Week

SUNDAY, December 3

8:00 AM Library and Coffee Shop Open 8:30 AM Sunday School 1

Deaf Sunday School

9:45 AM Worship

Sunday School 2 Hispanic Sunday School

11:00 AM Sunday School 3 Hispanic Worship Chinese Sunday School

11:11 AM Worship

12:30 PM Chinese Outreach

4:30 PM English Outreach (Chinese) Preschool Choir

Library Open 6:00 PM Meredith Andrews Concert

B.L.A.S.T. (3-5 year olds) 7:00 PM SNL at the College House

FUESDAY. December 5

6:00 PM Churchwide Visitation

WEDNESDAY, December 6

4:45 PM Family Fellowship Supper

6:00 PM Midweek Service Hispanic Bible Study Ignite Youth Worship

> Children's Choir Mission Friends (age 3-5) Choir and Orchestra Rehearsals

THURSDAY, December 7

9:00 AM Precept Bible Study Prayer Blanket Ministry

6:00 PM Precept Bible Study



Dudley Bienvenu to Lead Couples Conference February 2 - 3

Created to Connect: Helping Couples to Connect, Reconnect, and Stay Connected through the Challenges and Seasons of Life is designed for married, dating, engaged, and separated couples, 18 and over, who have a sincere desire to improve and strengthen their relationship. The conference is free. You should plan to stay "offthe-grid" from 6:00 p.m. Friday to 6:00 pm Saturday. Please arrange your own childcare during this time.



The 24 Hour Challenge:

Invest 24 hours in strengthening and enriching your marriage Create your private retreat at home or in a hotel, but ALONE! No cell phone, TV, radio, social networking, work, or children Attend and fully participate in all four sessions with your mate

Dudley Bienvenu is Founder and Director of Bienvenu Counseling Services. Dudley is a Board Certified Professional Christian Counselor and Licensed Minister with over 30 years of counseling experience. Dudley has authored four books, created six DVD Small Group Studies, and has produced other educational materials.

Sympathy

To Janice Luck in the death of her husband, Robert M. Luck.

To Michael Shaw in the death of his father, John P. Shaw.

To Sheryl LeJeune in the death of her father, Robert Leon Miller.

Family Fellowship Supper

Menu for Wednesday, December 6 Beef Pot Roast Rice Vegetable Blend

Salad Bread Children's Menu:

Grilled Cheese Potato Chips

Dessert

November 19, 2017 Main School Enrollment 3,382 Attendance 1,085 Average Attendance since Sept. 03, 2017

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ACTIVATE JOY:

DECEMBER 17, 2017 | 6PM

ACTIVATE LOVE:

DECEMBER 24, 2017 | 5PM

A Christmas Eve night of

Worship to benefit those

working on Christmas Eve

CAROLS AND CANDLELIGHT

children in Acadiana

A Broadway-style Children's

Musical to benefit less fortunate

CHRISTMAS DREAM TEAM PARADE

Main School Enrollment 3.382 Attendance 923 Average Attendance since Sept. 03, 2017 Offerings Budget Designated ALL IN YTD Budget Receipts YTD Budget Requirements \$4,026,095.04

FAITH Evangelism Training

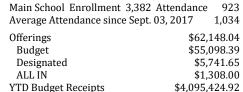
can equip you to share the

gospel with anyone at anytime.

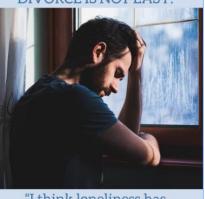
Plan to attend the FAITH Orientation

Tuesday, January 9, at 6:00 pm

November 26, 2017







"I think loneliness has been one of the biggest issues to deal with."



New session starts January 14 - 4:00 p.m. www.FbcLaf.org/DivorceCare



Deadline Dec 6

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Monday - Friday 5:00 a.m. & 2:00 p.m. Sunday 11:00 a.m. & 10:00 p.m. Cox Ch. 97 LUS Ch. 18 Uverse Ch. 40

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 Chr	istian	
how to become a mer	mber of FBC	
_ opportunities for servi	ice at FBC	
specific ministry areas including:		
senior adults	married ac	
single adults	college	

single adults	college
jr/sr high	grades 1
preschool	music
prayer	media
Chinese	Spanish

I have a request	
for prayer	for the sta

for prayer	for the staff	

Christmas Poinsettias Available

We will decorate the Sanctuary with poinsettias soon, and you can give these to recognize loved ones. Please fill out the form below and bring it to the Information Center with payment of \$25.00 each. You may pick up your poinsettia after the Christmas Eve Service.

Poinsettia is given by (your name)	

In memory / honor of (please circle one)

Your phone number or email address