

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

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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.

Steve

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

Sermon Notes

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

Where do we find hope?

A with Christ is

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A of Christ is

A in Christ is

So What?

We activate hope by . . .

ACTIVATE HOPE: MEREDITH ANDREWS IN CONCERT

TONIGHT | 6PM

BRING A NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEM

A Christmas Worship Concert to benefit Innerfaith Prison Ministry.

FirstBaptistLafayette

Today’s Message: Activate Hope Isaiah 9:1-7; 53:1-6,12

Morning Worship

9:45 a.m.

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

The flowers are given in loving memory of

Sue Gravelle

by her husband, Lem Gravelle.

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 “off-the-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.

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

TUESDAY, 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

Sunday morning

messages now on iTunes



Family Fellowship Supper

Menu for Wednesday, December 6

Beef Pot Roast

Rice

Vegetable Blend

Bread

Salad

Dessert

Children's Menu:

Grilled Cheese

Potato Chips

ACTIVATE JOY:

CHRISTMAS DREAM TEAM PARADE

DECEMBER 17, 2017 | 6PM

A Broadway-style Children's Musical to benefit less fortunate children in Acadiana



ACTIVATE LOVE:

CAROLS AND CANDLELIGHT

DECEMBER 24, 2017 | 5PM

A Christmas Eve night of Worship to benefit those working on Christmas Eve



FAITH


EVANGELISM

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 19, 2017 | | | | November 26, 2017 | | | |
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| Main School Enrollment | 3,382 | Attendance | 1,085 | Main School Enrollment | 3,382 | Attendance | 923 |
| Average Attendance since Sept. 03, 2017 | | | 1,043 | Average Attendance since Sept. 03, 2017 | | | 1,034 |
| Offerings | | | \$78,387.78 | Offerings | | | \$62,148.04 |
| Budget | | | \$61,805.20 | Budget | | | \$55,098.39 |
| Designated | | | \$15,242.58 | Designated | | | \$5,741.65 |
| ALL IN | | | \$1,340.00 | ALL IN | | | \$1,308.00 |
| YTD Budget Receipts | | | \$4,040,326.53 | YTD Budget Receipts | | | \$4,095,424.92 |
| YTD Budget Requirements | | | \$3,942,218.06 | YTD Budget Requirements | | | \$4,026,095.04 |

HEALING FROM DIVORCE IS NOT EASY.



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

DIVORCE

Care

New session starts January 14 - 4:00 p.m.

www.FbcLaf.org/DivorceCare

D Now

Jan 12-14

Grades 7 -12

\$30⁰⁰

NEXT

(GROWING A FAITH THAT LASTS)

Sign up in Youth Area

Deadline Dec 6

First Baptist Lafayette

1100 Lee Avenue P.O. Box 3888 Lafayette, LA 70502

phone 233-1412 info@fbclaf.org www.fbclaf.org

To connect with wifi

Select: First Baptist Password: Lafayette

Connect with us online anytime at:

fbclaf.org stevehorn.org

Facebook.com/fbclaf twitter.com/fbclaf

First Baptist is on TV

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 Christian

___ how to become a member of FBC

___ opportunities for service at FBC

___ specific ministry areas including:

___ senior adults

___ single adults

___ jr/sr high

___ preschool

___ prayer

___ Chinese

___ married adults

___ college

___ grades 1-6

___ music

___ media

___ Spanish

I have a request...

___ 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