

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 guests today. Welcome to First Baptist Church. We would love for you to fill out the guest registration form in this bulletin. We love to know who is with us in worship. We invite you to bring this completed registration card to the Information Center. As our guest, we have a gift waiting for you.



Activate Joy—Our advent theme today is Joy. I will be preaching today on “How to Activate Joy” in our lives. You will want to return tonight for the Children’s Christmas musical titled, “Christmas Dream Team Parade.” In keeping with our month long emphasis on impacting our community, tonight we are collecting unwrapped new toys to give to underprivileged children in our community.

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering—Have you given your gift yet to the Lottie Moon Christmas offering? We have received as of last Sunday, \$26,828. Please hurry and make your gift. I cannot think of any gift that you could give this Christmas that will have a more lasting impact.

Schedule Next Sunday—Please be aware of our schedule for next Sunday, Christmas Eve. We are having one Sunday morning service at 10 a.m. There is no Sunday School. We will also have one 5:00 p.m. traditional Christmas Eve service.

Steve



December 17, 2017

Activate Advent
Activate Joy
Luke 1:67-79

Sermon Notes

Joy because . . .

- _____ is _____.
- _____ is _____.
- There is _____ for the _____.

So What?

- _____ with joy to the Lord.
- _____ the joy of the Lord.
- _____ the joy of the Lord.



Morning Worship

9:45 a.m.

Joy to the World!

Welcome & Prayer

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing
Angels We Have Heard on High
Joy Has Dawned

Scripture Reading

Jesus, Joy of the Highest Heaven
John Frank Reeve, Solo

Message

Activate Joy

Luke 1:67-79

Pastor Steve Horn

Invitation Hymn

Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne

Offertory Prayer

Rodney Manning, Deacon of the Week

Celebrate the Joy!

First Baptist Orchestra

11:11 a.m.

Joy to the World!

Welcome & Prayer

He Shall Reign Forevermore
Your Name

Offertory

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

Message

Activate Joy

Luke 1:67-79

Pastor Steve Horn

Invitation

Come As You Are

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The flowers are given in memory of
Hershel Truelove
by First Baptist Church.

This Week

SUNDAY, December 17

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
5:15 PM Library Open
6:00 PM Christmas Dream Team Parade
B.L.A.S.T. (3-5 year olds)

WEDNESDAY, December 20

4:45 PM Family Fellowship Supper
6:00 PM Midweek Service
Hispanic Bible Study
Ignite Youth Worship
Mission Friends (age 3-5)
Choir and Orchestra Rehearsals

THURSDAY, December 21

9:00 AM Prayer Blanket Ministry

DECEMBER 31
REGULAR MORNING SCHEDULE
LORD'S SUPPER
(NO EVENING ACTIVITIES OR SERVICE)

THIS ONE THING

Pray this week for
Former Governor Kathleen Blanco
as she battles cancer.

Important Message Regarding Ministerial Staff Changes

On December 3, we announced to you the retirement of Gary Ruffin as Minister of Education and Outreach effective on December 31, 2017. We will honor Gary on the evening of January 14, 2018.

Gary's retirement brings about the opportunity for a restructuring of our staff which has been approved by our Personnel Committee.



Brad Gill

On January 1, Brad Gill will promote from Minister to Students to Minister of Outreach. In this new position, Brad will be responsible for evangelism (including FAITH Evangelism), guest and member outreach, and new member assimilation. He will also be the minister on staff directly responsible for College Ministry, and will also be the direct supervisor to a new Minister to Students. We have begun the search for a new full-time Minister to Students.

Also, on January 1, Scott McKenzie will promote from Minister to Senior and Single Adults to Minister of Education. In this position, Scott will be the director of Sunday School and Discipleship, and will also be the minister on staff directly responsible for all adult ministries. He will also be the direct supervisor to the Minister to Children and the Directors of Preschool.

Andrea McKenzie has resigned from our ministerial staff. We appreciate her 9 ½ years of service and pray God's blessing and favor on her life.

I know you will join me in praying for each of these families, specifically, as well as all of our ministry families.



Gary Ruffin



Scott McKenzie

Read Through
the Bible
A one year daily reading plan
A DAILY DEVOTION BY PASTOR STEVE
A WEEKLY OVERVIEW VIDEO
READ OR LISTEN TO DAILY BIBLE PASSAGES
AT FBCLAF.ORG/RTB BEGINNING JANUARY 1

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

Family Fellowship Supper

Menu for Wednesday, December 20

BBQ Chicken Potato Salad
Baked Beans Rice Dressing
Bread Salad Dessert

Children's Menu

Corn Dogs Chips

December 10, 2017

Main School Enrollment 3,378 Attendance 979
Average Attendance since Sept. 03, 2017 1,031

Offerings \$111,745.51
Budget \$85,849.01
Designated \$22,778.50
ALL IN \$3,118.00
YTD Budget Receipts \$4,306,558.43
YTD Budget Requirements \$4,193,849.00

HEALING FROM
DIVORCE IS NOT EASY.



"The people I got the best
support from were the
people who helped me grow."

DIVORCE Care

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

www.FbcLaf.org/DivorceCare

LOTTIE MOON
CHRISTMAS
OFFERING
DEC. 3 - 10
FBC GOAL
\$175,000

Wednesday, December 27
No activities
or Midweek Service

Wednesday, January 3
No Family Fellowship Supper
Midweek Service at 6:00pm

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Select: First Baptist Password: Lafayette
Connect with us online anytime at:

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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

Year-End Giving Information

As 2017 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 2017 tax purposes.

IN PERSON: Contributions must be received in hand by Sunday, December 31, 2017. The church office will be open until 1:00 p.m. on Friday, December 29, to receive contributions that will qualify as a 2017 donation, so please mark your calendar accordingly.

BY MAIL: Any donations received via mail will be treated as a 2017 donation if the postmark date on the envelope is on or before December 31, 2017.

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, 2017.

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.

Couples Conference February 2-3

Created to Connect 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.

To register, please list both names below, as well as the best ways to get in touch with one of you. Drop this form in the offering plate or at the Information Center.

First Name Last Name

First Name Last Name

Best Email Address

Best Phone Number

ACTIVATE JOY:
CHRISTMAS DREAM TEAM PARADE
A BROADWAY-STYLE CHILDREN'S
CHRISTMAS MUSICAL
6PM | DEC. 17 | BRING A TOY TO GIVE
ACTIVATEADVENT.ORG

Daniel's Men
Helping men become men of purpose, prayer and partners.
January 16
6:30 am
Fellowship Hall
Breakfast
Tickets available for \$5⁰⁰ each
at the Information Center
Speaker:
Kevin Foote
The Daily Advertiser
and ESPN 1420 radio