

## Vital Signs

Last week's offering \$93,373.36  
Weekly budget \$59,997  
Sunday worship 2002  
Sunday school 1131



## Prayer Requests

Rowan was born to Perry & Carissa Cox

### RECENT & UPCOMING SURGERIES

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# BUILDING ON *Christmas Promises*

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December 23, 2018  
Being Careful How  
We Build



# Faith Holiday Schedule

**Sunday, Dec 23**

No ABF or student ministries

**Monday, Dec 24**

Christmas Eve candlelight services

5:00PM - Faith Church East\*

6:00PM - Faith Church West

7:00PM - Faith Church North

8:00PM - Faith Church East

Nursery available for newborns -

age 3 at all campuses

\*children's service

ages 4 - 5<sup>th</sup> grade;

adults welcome

**Wednesday, Dec 26 - Friday, Dec 28**

Winter break ministry at Faith East

**Sunday, Dec 30**

No ABF or student ministry

**Monday, Dec 31**

New Year's Eve at Faith East, Faith West,  
and Northend Community Centers

**Wednesday, Jan 2 - Friday, Jan 4**

Winter break ministry at Faith East

**Sunday, Jan 6**

No church family night

ABF & student ministry resume

**Wednesday, Jan 9**

Winter FCI classes

Student & children's ministry resume



What's  
going  
on?

Please be praying for these  
ministries!

Christmas Eve candlelight  
services are tomorrow  
evening



No ABF or student  
ministries today



Over 9,900 people  
went through the  
Lafayette Living  
Nativity



Children's Ministry



**4:twelve** Student Ministries

Sundays  
Faith East 9:30 & 11:00AM  
Faith West 9:30AM  
Faith North 11:00AM  
Tuesdays - Faith North 6:30PM  
Wednesdays - Faith East 6:30PM  
Thursdays - Faith West 6:30PM

**READ:** Matthew 1:1-2:12  
**ASK YOUR CHILD:**

- What does Jesus’ name mean? *“The Lord will save.”*
- Why did God come to earth as a man? *Jesus came to save His people from their sin.*
- Who were the magi? *Scholars who were likely descended from Israelites exiled during the Babylonian captivity.*
- What did the magi do when they came to Jesus? *They worshiped Him and presented Him with gifts.*

**EMPHASIZE THIS PRINCIPLE:** Jesus is the Messiah. Therefore, we should rejoice and draw near to him.

**PRACTICE:**

- Thank God for sending Jesus to rescue sinful men.
- Worship and devote yourself to Jesus.

**PREPARE FOR NEXT WEEK:** Read Judges 1-3

**MEMORIZE FOR DEC 9-DEC 30:** “For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that **whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.” John 3:16\***

\* Preschool verse in bold

Faith Church’s entire sermon library is available on the SermonAudio app. Download @ [sermonaudio.com/mobile](http://sermonaudio.com/mobile). Church member ID is “faithlafayette”.

Adult Bible Fellowships

8:00AM	SONRISE	Rob Green	• 215/217
	FOUNDATIONS	Brent Smitley	• 203/205
	COLLEGE	Matt Wilburn	• Faith West small MPR
9:30AM	AMBASSADORS	Dave Jones & Guy Campbell	• Vision of Hope
	BEREANS	Jeff Baker	• 207/209
	CAREER	Lee Morrison	• Community Center, Room 2
	ESTUDIO BIBLICO	Newton Pena	• Northend CC
	GENERATION	Joe Blake & Eric Seubring	• Community Center, Room 1
	PEACEMAKERS	Adam Murphy & Jerry Jamison	• Music Suite
	PROCLAIMERS	Dan Wickert & Scott Grass	• 202/204
	YOUNG COUPLES	Rob Green	• 211/213
11:00AM	YOUNG FAMILIES	Aaron Patton	• 203/205
	ENCOURAGERS	Dustin Folden	• 202/204
	FRIENDSHIP	Chester Bankes & Jeff Baker	• Music Suite

Being Careful How We Build  
Building on Christmas Promises  
The Promised Shepherd  
Matthew 2:1-6

Matthew 2:2, Daniel 1:17-21, Matthew 2:3-4, Matthew 2:6

3 lessons from the promise that Jesus would be born in Bethlehem

I. The Promise Displays God’s Complete \_\_\_\_\_

A. He knew the exact \_\_\_\_\_

**Matthew 2:6** - *And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah...*

**2 Peter 1:16** - *For we did not follow cleverly devised tales when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ...*

**2 Peter 1:19-21**

B. He purposely chose and elevated an \_\_\_\_\_ place

**2 Samuel 7:12** - *When your days are complete and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your descendant after you, who will come forth from you, and I will establish his kingdom.*

**2 Samuel 7:16** - *Your house and your kingdom shall endure before Me forever; your throne shall be established forever.*

**2 Samuel 7:18-22**

II. The Promise Points to God’s Compassionate \_\_\_\_\_

A. One who would \_\_\_\_\_

**Matthew 2:2** - *Where is He who has been born King of the Jews?*

**Genesis 49:10** - *The scepter shall not depart from Judah, nor the ruler’s staff from between his feet, until Shiloh comes, and to him shall be the obedience of the peoples.*

**Matthew 2:6** - *...For out of you shall come forth a Ruler...*

**Romans 10:9-10** - *...that if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved; for with the heart a person believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation.*

B. One who would rule \_\_\_\_\_ as a shepherd

**2 Samuel 5:2**



**Isaiah 40:11** - *Like a shepherd He will tend His flock, in His arm He will gather the lambs and carry them in His bosom; He will gently lead the nursing ewes.*

1. with \_\_\_\_\_

**Psalms 23:1-3**

**Isaiah 40:11** - *Like a shepherd He will tend His flock, in His arm He will gather the lambs and carry them in His bosom; He will gently lead the nursing ewes.*

**Revelation 7:17** - *...for the Lamb in the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and will guide them to springs of the water of life; and God will wipe every tear from their eyes.*

2. with \_\_\_\_\_

**John 10:11** - *I am the good shepherd; the good shepherd lays down His life for the sheep.*

**John 10:14** - *I am the good shepherd, and I know My own and My own know Me.*

**John 10:27-29** - *My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me; and I give eternal life to them, and they will never perish; and no one will snatch them out of My hand. My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand.*

3. with \_\_\_\_\_

**1 Peter 2:24-25** - *...and He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, so that we might die to sin and live to righteousness; for by His wounds you were healed. For you were continually straying like sheep, but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Guardian of your souls.*

**III. The Promise Reveals Three Possible** \_\_\_\_\_

A. \_\_\_\_\_

**Matthew 2:16** - *Then when Herod saw that he had been tricked by the magi, he became very enraged, and sent and slew all the male children who were in Bethlehem and all its vicinity, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had determined from the magi.*

B. \_\_\_\_\_

C. \_\_\_\_\_

**Matthew 2:11** - *After coming into the house they saw the Child with Mary His mother; and they fell to the ground and worshiped Him. Then, opening their treasures, they presented to Him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.*

## Introduction to Faith

The next Introduction to Faith class starts Wednesday, January 9, 6:30-8:00PM at Faith East. Intro is designed for people who have questions about Christianity, the Bible, or our church. Sign up online at [faithlafayette.org/fci](http://faithlafayette.org/fci).

## Lafayette Living Nativity

Thank you to everyone who served in this year's presentation of the Lafayette Living Nativity. The commitment and sacrificial service of all those who played a role in presenting the message of Jesus Christ to our community was a great encouragement to many people.

## Sunday Sneak Peek

Each Friday, the church office sends a preview of the upcoming Sunday message and bulletin. This email includes *Faith Prayer* and *Celebrating Our Victories*. If you'd like to subscribe to the Sunday Sneak Peek, please email [faith@faithlafayette.org](mailto:faith@faithlafayette.org).

## Cancer Ministries

Are you or someone you know facing cancer or want to learn more about cancer? If you have a question or just need a shoulder to lean on, our cancer ministry is here for you. Our core group has experiences with the many trials of cancer. For more info, please contact Bill Rogers at 765.448.1986 or [brogers@faithlafayette.org](mailto:brogers@faithlafayette.org).

## Christmas/Year-End Giving Project



Faith often chooses a Christmas/Year-end giving project that seeks to bless an entity outside our regular family of ministries. This year we would like to help the Hanna Center raise up to \$60,000 to purchase a 2018 Ford Starcraft mini-bus. This vehicle seats 15 passengers and is able to safely transport children and adults. Hanna, a Northend Community Center partner, is using a 2006 15-passenger van to transport children to their after school program. Insurance companies have been warning against that type of vehicle for some time, and what Hanna is using is no longer reliable or road-worthy.

Hanna's program is a blessing to Northend youth. It has capacity for more children, but without a reliable vehicle, they cannot meet the need. Please use the offering envelopes in the chair in front of you and write "Hanna Bus."



**Hanna  
Community  
Center**



**NORTHEND  
Non-Profit Partner**