

## Vital Signs

Last week's offering \$79,452  
Weekly budget \$59,997  
Sunday worship 1977  
Sunday school 1286



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The Beauty of  
the Body of  
Christ

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December 1, 2019  
Growing What  
God Has Given



# December at Faith

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1

## Church Family Morning

ALL CAMPUSES DURING MORNING SERVICES

DECEMBER 6-8

## The Lafayette Living Nativity

FAITH EAST 6:30-8:00PM

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8

## Christmas Message Series Begins

ALL CAMPUSES

DECEMBER 13-15

## The Lafayette Living Nativity

FAITH EAST 6:30-8:00PM

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14

## Christmas for Everyone Distribution Day

FAITH EAST 7:45 AM-4:00PM

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15

## Christmas Carol Sing

ALL CAMPUSES DURING MORNING SERVICES

MONDAY, DECEMBER 23

## Winter Break Childcare

FAITH EAST 7:00 AM-6:00 PM

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24

## Christmas Eve Candlelight Services

FAITH EAST 5:00 PM\*

FAITH WEST 6:00 PM

FAITH NORTH 7:00 PM

FAITH EAST 8:00 PM

\*CHILDREN'S SERVICE AVAILABLE

DECEMBER 26, 27, & 30

## Winter Break Childcare

FAITH EAST 7:00 AM-6:00 PM

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31

## New Year's Eve Spectacular

ALL COMMUNITY CENTERS 5:00-8:00 PM

JANUARY 2-3

## Winter Break Childcare

FAITH EAST 7:00 AM-6:00 PM

JANUARY 5 & 8

## Adult, Student, and Children's Ministries Resume

# Carol Sing 2019

During all Sunday services on December 15

# Lafayette Living Nativity

Since 1991, the annual Lafayette Living Nativity has given the community an opportunity to view a dramatic representation of the major events related to the birth of Jesus Christ. The Living Nativity takes place two weekends in December on Friday-Sunday nights (weather permitting) at Faith East.

6:30 - 8:30 PM December 6-8 & 13-15



# Children's Ministry

**READ:** Numbers 13-14

**ASK YOUR CHILD:**

- Why were spies sent into Canaan? As an opportunity to trust God in the face of challenges.
- What report did the spies bring back? Ten urged Israel to turn back. Two urged Israel to trust God and take the land.
- How was Israel's doubt punished? Israel wandered in the wilderness until everyone over 20 died..

**EMPHASIZE THIS PRINCIPLE:** God deserves our faith.

Therefore, we should trust Him and obey.

**PRACTICE:**

- Trust God's promises.
- Obey God's instructions.

**PREPARE FOR NEXT WEEK:** Read Deuteronomy 4-6

**MEMORIZE FOR November 3 - December 1:** "And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to His purpose. For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters." **Romans 8:28-29\***

\* Preschool verse in bold print

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".

# 4!TWELVE

**Sundays**

Faith East 9:30 & 11:00AM

Faith West 9:30AM

Faith North 11:00AM

**Wednesdays** - Faith East and Faith North 6:30PM

**Thursdays** - Faith West 6:30PM



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## Adult Bible Fellowships

- 8:00AM SONRISE (215/217)
- FOUNDATIONS (203/205)
- 8:30AM DISCIPLES (FW MPR)
- 9:30AM AMBASSADORS (VOH)
- BEREANS (207/209)
- CAREER (FECC rm 1/2)
- GENERATION (201)
- PEACEMAKERS (MS)
- PROCLAIMERS (202/204)
- YOUNG COUPLES (211/213)
- YOUNG FAMILIES (203/205)
- 11:00AM ENCOURAGERS (202/204)
- ESTUDIO BÍBLICO (NCC)
- FRIENDSHIP (MS)

## Faith Groups

Faith Groups promote spiritual growth through meaningful Christian relationships. They encourage spiritual growth through the study of God's Word, being vulnerable with other Christians, group service opportunities, and additional biblical training. They meet throughout the week and are led by various members of Faith Church West.

More information about Adult Bible Fellowships, Faith Groups, and Neighborhood Bible Groups is available online at [faithlafayette.org/church/connect](http://faithlafayette.org/church/connect) and at the welcome desk.

## Neighborhood Bible Groups

Neighborhood Bible Groups at the Northend are a place of community that provide a safe place to strengthen one another's faith, encourage one another to good deeds, and to love and serve God and others. The groups meet throughout the week and are led by various members of Faith Church North.

## The Beauty of the Body of Christ

**Leviticus 4:32-34** - If he brings a lamb as his offering for a sin offering, he shall bring it, a female without defect. He shall lay his hand on the head of the sin offering and slay it for a sin offering in the place where they slay the burnt offering. The priest is to take some of the blood of the sin offering with his finger and put it on the horns of the altar of burnt offering, and all the rest of its blood he shall pour out at the base of the altar.

**Exodus 12:21-22** - Then Moses called for all the elders of Israel and said to them, "Go and take for yourselves lambs according to your families, and slay the Passover lamb. You shall take a bunch of hyssop and dip it in the blood which is in the basin, and apply some of the blood that is in the basin to the lintel and the two doorposts; and none of you shall go outside the door of his house until morning."

**Isaiah 53:6-7** - All we like sheep have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; but the Lord has caused the iniquity of us all to fall on Him. He was oppressed and He was afflicted, yet he did not open His mouth; like a lamb to the slaughter, and like a sheep that is silent before its shearers, so He did not open His mouth.

**John 1:29** - Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

**Revelation 5:11-12** - Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels around the throne and the living creatures and the elders; and the number of them was myriads of myriads, and thousands of thousands, saying with a loud voice, "Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing."

3 reasons Christians love the concept of Christ's body

### I. Because the Incarnation Demonstrates God's \_\_\_\_\_ for Us

"There is no Christianity without the incarnation. Moreover, the incarnation is not some vague notion of the divine identifying with the human. It is relentlessly concrete: the Word that was with God and that was God became flesh." D.A. Carson, For the Love of God, December 2 devotional reading

A. He \_\_\_\_\_ among us in His body

**John 1:14** - And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory glory as of the only begotten from the father, full of grace and truth.

B. He overcame \_\_\_\_\_ in His body

**Matthew 4:2** - And after He had fasted forty days and forty nights, He then became hungry.

C. He modeled \_\_\_\_\_ in His body

**Philippians 2:5-7** - Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus, who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men.

D. He learned \_\_\_\_\_ in His body

**Hebrews 5:8** - Although He was a Son, He learned obedience from the things which He suffered.

E. He became our \_\_\_\_\_ high priest in His body

**Hebrews 4:15** - For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who was tempted in all things as we are, yet without sin.

**1 Peter 2:24** - ...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.

### II. Because the Crucifixion Demonstrates God's \_\_\_\_\_ Upon Us

A. His \_\_\_\_\_ was given for us

**Luke 22:19** - *And when He had taken some bread and given thanks, He broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me."*

B. He bore our \_\_\_\_\_ in His body on the cross

**1 Peter 2:24** - *...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.*

C. His body was \_\_\_\_\_ by His followers

**John 19:38-40** - *After these things Joseph of Arimathea, being a disciple of Jesus, but a secret one for fear of the Jews, asked Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus; and Pilate granted permission. So he came and took away His body. Nicodemus, who had first come to Him by night, also came, bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about a hundred pounds weight. So they took the body of Jesus and bound it in linen wrappings with the spices, as is the burial custom of the Jews.*

D. His body was \_\_\_\_\_ from the dead

**1 Corinthians 15:20-21** - *But now Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who are asleep. For since by a man came death, by a man also came the resurrection from the dead.*

**John 20:26-29** - *After eight days His disciples were again inside, and Thomas with them. Jesus came, the doors having been shut, and stood in their midst and said, "Peace be with you." Then He said to Thomas, "Reach here with your finger, and see my hands; and reach here your hand and put it into My side; and do not be unbelieving, but believing." Thomas answered and said to Him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus aid to him, "Because you have seen Me, have you believed? Blessed are they who did not see, and yet believed."*

**2 Corinthians 5:8** - *...to be absent from the body and to be at home with the Lord.*

### III. Because the Church Demonstrates God's \_\_\_\_\_ Among Us

A. We were all \_\_\_\_\_ into His body the church in exactly the same way

**1 Corinthians 12:13** - *For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and we were all made to drink of one spirit.*

B. Our common baptism into His body is the foundation of our \_\_\_\_\_

**1 Corinthians 12:12** - *For even as the body is one and yet has many members, and all the members of the body, though they are many, are one body, so also is Christ.*

**Ephesians 2:16** - *...and might reconcile them both in one body to God through the cross, by it having put to death the enmity.*

C. Being a body helps us \_\_\_\_\_ each person's unique contribution

**1 Corinthians 12:14-18** - *For the body is not one member, but many. If the foot says, "Because I'm not a hand, I am not part of the body," it is not for this reason any less a part of the body. If the foot says, "Because I am not a hand, I am not a part of the body," it is not for this reason any the less a part of the body. And if the ear says, "Because I am not an eye, I am not part of the body," it is not for this reason any the less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But now God has placed the members, each one of them, in the body, just as He desired.*

D. Being a body \_\_\_\_\_ us to provide compassionate, consistent care to every member in need

**1 Corinthians 12:25-27** - *So that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another. And if one member suffers, all the members suffer with it; if one member is honored, all the members rejoice with it. Now you are Christ's body, and individually members of it.*

## Living Nativity New Servants

If this is your first year serving in the Living Nativity, please plan to attend an informal meeting December 1, 12:30PM at each of the 3 campuses. This brief meeting will help answer some of the frequently asked questions for first-time servants.

## Senior Christmas Trip

Friday, December 6, Caleb's Kin seniors will be taking a bus tour to view the Living Nativity and Christmas lights in the area. The only cost is \$3.00 for gas—we will leave from Meijer behind Dunkin' Donuts at 5:15PM. We can only take 30, so sign up early by contacting Nancy Wood at 765.357.1142. (And, if you sign up but then can't make it, please let us know so we can make your seat available to someone else.)

## Offering Envelopes

Offering envelopes will be out in the main foyer at each campus for pick up on Sunday, December 8.

## Christmas for Everyone

If you have a green bag ready, you can return it to the community center at the campus where you picked it up. Please remember to return your green bag by December 8.

## Senior Christmas Meal

Calling all senior adults to join our monthly fellowship at 10AM on Wednesday, 12/11 in the Senior Living Community clubhouse for a delicious Christmas meal (free to all who attend as our Merry Christmas gift to our seniors), a Christmas Carol sing-along with Pastor Trey Garner and his family, and a hilarious "Nasty Santa" Gift Exchange (bring a gag gift or a nice gift under \$5 to exchange). Questions? Contact Alisha Vegter (765.350.0919) or Roseanna Beecher (765.337.1699).

## Valet Parking

While scenery for the Living Nativity is set up around the Faith East campus from November 24 through December 15, we plan to offer limited valet parking on Sunday mornings to seniors citizens and persons with disabilities who have difficulty walking long distances. If you are interested in using this service, please fill out the form online ([faithlafayette.org/valet](http://faithlafayette.org/valet)) or at the welcome center.

## Census

The 2020 Census is almost here. When we complete our census form, we will be standing up for the belief that everyone counts. We will help shape our future. We will lift up our community and all the families and people in it. That's why Faith Church is a proud 2020 Census partner. Learn more and get started at [2020census.gov](http://2020census.gov).