

Vital Signs

Last week's offering \$84,738
Weekly budget \$59,997
Sunday worship 1929
Sunday school 1099



Prayer Requests

RECENT BIRTHS

- Jackson Carter was adopted by Billy Jack and Amber Smith

RECENT AND UPCOMING SURGERIES

- Lisa McCracken
- Kathy Rapp
- Howard Clements
- David Reppert
- Brandon Gregg

Contacting Your Pastors

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Responding to the Birth of Jesus



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December 22, 2019
Growing What
God Has Given

December at Faith

TODAY
~~NO ABE~~ or Student Ministries
until January

DECEMBER 26, 27, & 30
~~Winter Break Ministries~~
FAITH EAST 7:00 AM-6:00 PM

MONDAY, DECEMBER 23
~~Winter Break Ministries~~
FAITH EAST 7:00 AM-6:00 PM

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31
~~New Year's Eve Spectacular~~
ALL COMMUNITY CENTERS 5:00-8:00 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

JANUARY 2-3
~~Winter Break Ministries~~
FAITH EAST 7:00 AM-6:00 PM

JANUARY 5 & 8
~~Sunday & Wednesday~~
~~Ministries Resume~~

New Year's Eve

Faith is bringing in the New Year with a fun, alcohol-free celebration full of different activities for people of all ages! Join us from 5:00-8:00 PM at any of our 3 locations

faithlafayette.org/newyear

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Year End Support Projects

This year, our pastors and deacons have designated Car Works and FCDC Affordable Housing as our end of year giving projects. Car Works would benefit from operational support and vehicle donations. Our Faith Community Development program needs funds for affordable housing support in order to help us expand our compassion outreach in the north end of Lafayette.

You may support each ministry equally (50/50) or designate directly to either ministry. You may designate through a giving envelope or give online.

Please submit your gift by December 31, 2019. Thank you.

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CAR WORKS



Children's Ministry

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 December 8 - December 29:

"Jesus answered, 'I am the way and the truth and the life. **No one comes to the Father except through me.**'" **John 14:6***

* Preschool verse in bold print

Faith Church's entire sermon library is available on the SermonAudio app.
Download @ 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 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.

Growing What God Has Given Responding Well to the Birth of Jesus By Faithful Obedience to the Word Luke 2:21-24, 39-40

Matthew 5:17 - *Do not think that I came to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I did not come to abolish but to fulfill.*

1 John 3:5-6 - *You know that He appeared in order to take away sins; and in Him there is no sin. No one who abides in Him sins; no one who sins has seen Him or knows Him.*

Hebrews 5:9 - *And having been made perfect, He became to all those who obey Him the source of eternal salvation...*

2 Corinthians 5:21 - *He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.*

3 ways to pursue Christ-like obedience

I. Understand the Rich _____ of Obedience and Disobedience to the Word

A. _____ examples

1. _____

2. Days for _____

3. Present _____ in the temple

B. _____ examples

1. _____ choice to not circumcise his son

2. The book of _____

3. The disobedience of _____ with the Amalekites

II. Understand the Practical _____ of Obedience

A. It _____ the soul

Psalms 19:7-9 - *The law of the Lord is perfect, restoring the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple. The precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes. The fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever; the judgments of the Lord are true; they are righteous altogether.*

B. It leads to greater _____ because it reveals how amazing Christ's total obedience was

C. It fulfills our _____: glorifying God by doing His will

1. Christ came to do the will of His _____

John 6:38 - *For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me.*

2. We find the same joy in _____ for Him

2 Corinthians 5:9 - *Therefore we also have as our ambition, whether at home or absent, to be pleasing to Him.*

III. Understand the Ongoing _____ of Obedience

A. Christ _____ in all aspects

Luke 2:52 - *And Jesus kept increasing in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men.*

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

"To say that Jesus 'learned obedience' does not mean that he was formerly disobedient any more than saying that he 'became a merciful and faithful high priest' means that he was formerly callous or faithless. The verse, however, emphasizes Jesus' humanity. He learned how to obey in the anvil of human experience, as he experienced life day by day. In particular he learned obedience in his sufferings. When suffering strikes, human beings are inclined to do whatever it takes to avoid it, to find another path where there is joy and refreshment. Jesus, however, learned how to trust God and do his will in the midst of his suffering. His first aim was not his own pleasure and comfort but the will of God." Thomas Schreiner, Commentary on Hebrews, p. 164

B. Obedience means you are focused on _____ in all aspects of your life

Philippians 2:12-13 - *So then, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure.*

2 Peter 1:3-4 - *...seeing that His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence. For by these He has granted to us His precious and magnificent promises, so that by them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world by lust.*

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.

Vehicle Donation

Car Works seeks to provide transportation to those in great need. By donating your vehicle, you could help a family or individual through the support of our program. These vehicles are often repaired and provided at low-cost to those in need. Donations with a higher value are sold to support the mission of our program. Contact Curt Hadley for more information at 765.449.3773 or carworks@faithlafayette.org.

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.

Mentoring

One-on-one mentoring allows members to be matched with wiser, more mature brothers or sisters in Christ for focused discipleship. For more information, please visit faithlafayette.org/women or faithlafayette.org/men.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Services

Bring your family on December 24TH and celebrate the birth of Jesus in song and worship.

5:00PM Faith Church East
Additional Children's Service. Adults welcome.

6:00PM Faith Church West

7:00PM Faith Church North

8:00PM Faith Church East

