

# Welcome to Faith

December 18, 2022

## Prayer Requests

### SURGERIES

Lynn Colwell  
Marsha Meyer

## 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 who play a role in presenting the message of Jesus Christ to our community is a great encouragement to thousands of people.

## Christmas Eve Services

Bring your family on December 24 to celebrate the birth of Jesus in song and worship. Each campus will be hosting a Candlelight service at the following times:

- Faith East – 5:00 pm & 8:00 pm
  - Children/Family Service in church gym at 5pm
- Faith West – 6:00 pm
- Faith North – 7:00 pm

For more information see the holiday schedule below.

## Holiday Schedule

To view the dates and times of the various holiday ministries taking place at Faith, as well as any deviations from our typical schedule, please visit [faithlafayette.org/holidayschedule](http://faithlafayette.org/holidayschedule) or use the QR code.



## Get Equipped!

Faith Biblical Counseling Ministries equips thousands annually to help others handle life biblically. In 2023, Faith Church would like to see many from our own body benefit from this same training. Go to [faithlafayette.org/addme](http://faithlafayette.org/addme) to receive regular email updates on all the training that FBCM provides. Also, Faith members receive discounted rates on the counseling tracks training.

## Children's Ministry

2<sup>YR</sup> - 5<sup>TH</sup> grade

Pastor Trey and his friends will be uploading encouraging videos at [faithlafayette.org/kidsvids](http://faithlafayette.org/kidsvids).

You can find this week's online children's Sunday School lesson at [blogs.faithlafayette.org/faithkids](http://blogs.faithlafayette.org/faithkids). You can use the ideas below to discuss the lesson as a family.

**GOD CALLS ISRAEL TO LOVE THROUGH OBEDIENCE**

**READ:** GOD GIVES JERICHO TO ISRAEL

**ASK YOUR CHILD:**

- What happened when the people of Israel shouted? *The walls of Jericho fell.*
- Why did God bring down the walls of Jericho in this way? *To bring glory to Himself and to demonstrate that He gives victory to those who trust and obey Him.*

**EMPHASIZE THIS PRINCIPLE:** GOD USES OUR OBEDIENCE TO ACCOMPLISH HIS WILL. THEREFORE, WE SHOULD TRUST AND OBEY HIM.

**PRACTICE:**

- Remember that difficult situations are opportunities for God to glorify Himself.
- Obey the Lord and trust Him for the results.
- Repent and flee to Christ to escape God's righteous judgment.

**PREPARE FOR NEXT WEEK:** READ MATTHEW 1:1-2:12

**MEMORIZE FOR DEC 11-JAN 1:** "JESUS ANSWERED, 'I AM THE WAY AND THE TRUTH AND THE LIFE. **NO ONE COMES TO THE FATHER EXCEPT THROUGH ME.**'" **JOHN 14:6** (NIV)\*

\* PRESCHOOL VERSE IN BOLD PRINT

## Faith Community Institute

Faith Community Institute is a great way to connect with other people in the community, learn valuable life skills, and grow in your relationship with the Lord. We have a variety of classes that will begin Wednesday, January 11. Find more info and sign up at [faithlafayette.org/fci](http://faithlafayette.org/fci).

Last Week's Offering - \$96,993.84

Weekly Budget - \$74,195

Last Week Sunday Worship - 1,735

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**Growing in Gospel Gratitude**  
**5 Fulfillments of Christ's Birth that Bring Joy**  
**Christ's Rule: The King of the Jews**  
**Matthew 2:6**

3 aspects of Jesus being the King that give us great hope

**I. Jesus Is the \_\_\_\_\_ King of the Jews**

A. In contrast to \_\_\_\_\_

B. \_\_\_\_\_ by the prophet Micah

**Micah 5:2** - *But as for you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you One will go forth for Me to be ruler in Israel. His goings forth are from long ago, from the days of eternity.*

C. His right to rule goes back to \_\_\_\_\_

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D. He rules in the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of the name of the Lord

**Micah 5:4-5a** - *And He will arise and shepherd His flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord His God. And they will remain, because at that time He will be great to the ends of the earth. This One will be our peace.*

**II. Jesus' Rule Is the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Promised Davidic King**

A. Herod's rule \_\_\_\_\_

B. Jesus is a \_\_\_\_\_ of David

**1 Chronicles 17:11-14** - *When your days are fulfilled that you must go to be with your fathers, that I will set up one of your descendants after you, who will be of your sons; and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build for Me a house, and I will establish his throne forever. I will be his father and he shall be My son; and I will not take My lovingkindness away from him, as I took it from him who was before you. But I will settle him in My house and in My kingdom forever, and his throne shall be established forever.*

**Matt 1:1, 17** - *The record of the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah, the son of David, the son of Abraham...So all the generations from Abraham to David are fourteen generations; from David to the deportation to Babylon, fourteen generations; and from the deportation to Babylon to the Messiah, fourteen generations.*

C. The \_\_\_\_\_ Kingdom is eternal

**2 Samuel 7:12-13** - *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. He shall build a house for My name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever.*

**2 Samuel 7:16-17** - *Your house and your kingdom shall endure before Me forever; your throne shall be established forever. In accordance with all these words and all this vision, so Nathan spoke to David.*

**Matthew 21:9** - *The crowds going ahead of Him, and those who followed, were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David; Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest!"*

**III. Jesus' Rule Is that of a \_\_\_\_\_ Not a Tyrant**

A. Herod was a \_\_\_\_\_

B. God is the Great \_\_\_\_\_

**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.*

**Psalms 78:52** - *But He led forth His own people like sheep and guided them in the wilderness like a flock...*

**Psalms 23:1-3** - *The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside quiet waters. He restores my soul; He guides me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.*

**C. Jesus is our \_\_\_\_\_ Shepherd**

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

**Hebrews 13:20-21** - *Now the God of peace, who brought up from the dead the great Shepherd of the sheep through the blood of the eternal covenant, even Jesus our Lord, equip you in every good thing to do His will, working in us that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen.*