

Morning Worship

9:45 a.m.

O Come, All Ye Faithful

Prayer & Welcome

*Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus
One Small Child*

Message in Song

This Hope

Message

The Promise of Christmas

John 3:16

Pastor Steve Horn

Invitation

Silent Night

Offertory Prayer

Gale Campbell, Deacon of the Week

Message in Song

This Hope

11:11 a.m.

Go, Tell It On the Mountain

Welcome & Prayer

Glory In The Highest

Message in Song

This Hope

Offertory Prayer

Message in Song

This Hope

Message

The Promise of Christmas

John 3:16

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Silent Night

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*The flowers are given in memory of
Mr. and Mrs. Perry McCormick and
Mr. and Mrs. C.A. Burney
by Luther and Marilynn Burney.*

December 14, 2014

Main School Enrollment 3,685 Attendance 1,061
Grand Total Bible Study Attendance 1,084
Average Attendance since Sept. 01, 2014 1,069

Offerings \$112,054.07
Budget \$85,610.54
Designated \$18,621.53
Vision71:/Promise \$1,130.00
ALL IN \$6,692.00
YTD Budget Receipts \$4,305,609.69
YTD Budget Requirements \$4,458,431.50



This Week

SUNDAY, December 21

8:00 AM Library Open
8:30 AM Sunday School 1
9:45 AM Classic Worship
Sunday School 2
Hispanic Sunday School
11:00 AM Sunday School 3
Chinese Sunday School
Hispanic Worship
Sign Language Sunday School
11:11 AM eleven:11 Worship
12:30 PM Chinese Outreach
5:00 PM Library Open
6:00 PM This Hope Christmas Concert
Mission Friends (3 - 5 yr. olds)

WEDNESDAY, December 24

5:00 PM Christmas Eve Service

FRIDAY, December 26

6:00 PM Hispanic Bible Study

Year-End Giving Information

As 2014 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 2014 tax purposes.

IN PERSON: Contributions must be received **in hand by December 31, 2014**. The church office will be open until 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 31 to receive contributions that will qualify as a 2014 donation, so please mark your calendar accordingly.

BY MAIL: Any donations received via mail will be treated as a 2014 donation if the postmark date on the envelope is **on or before December 31, 2014**.

You may contact Gizell Simmons in the Accounting Office at 593-3651 should you desire additional information.



New Building Update

In less than a month you and I will be able to walk together in our new facility designated as Fellowship Hall and Adult Education rooms. This will be a joyful and wonderful experience as we realize another dream and desire being fulfilled by our great God. When completed, this will be a very nice facility with some of the finest craftsmanship and modern equipment, which will help compliment all our other ministries.

However, this will just be the beginning. It will only be the beginning of lives being changed for eternity. It will be another chapter in the annals of First Baptist Lafayette moving forward in obedience to the Lord. It will be the continuation of God's Word being proclaimed in small groups, the continuation of ministry through the kitchen, and the countless opportunities of worship for children through adults of all ages. Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

In anticipating the opening of this new ministry facility, as well as recognizing that things are still beyond our control, we would like to **tentatively offer the following schedule:**

- Sunday, January 11 - the building will be open and you are invited to walk through and observe.
- Sunday, January 18 - adult Sunday School classes will begin meeting in their newly assigned rooms.
- Wednesday, January 21 - Fellowship Meal will resume, prepared by our new Director of Food Ministries, Davide Giacalone.

In the excitement of opening this new ministry building, let's continue to be faithful to our financial commitments. Your faithfulness to the annual budget and to the ALL IN building program is not taken for granted and always appreciated. If you are not currently participating in the ALL IN campaign, feel free to visit with one of the ladies in the Accounting Office.

Sympathy

To Roy McIntyre in the death of his wife, Mrs. Cheryl McIntyre.

To Judy Moon in the death of her husband, Mr. Sidney "Pete" Moon.

To Luther Burney in the death of his sister, Barbara Ann Gimler.



Father Led to Faith in Christ by FBCS Students



FBCS has been a huge blessing in the life of our family. It provided my children with an excellent education through the use of a Bible-based, accelerated academic curriculum. When our daughter was tested for high school, she scored "off the chart" in English. With the Christian education our children received, they were provided a strong foundation of Biblical principles, and this cultivated in them a desire to follow Christ. Our children were in a loving environment at FBCS. Because of the faculty's love and devotion to Christ, we saw this manifested in our children.

During the years they were attending FBCS, our children came to faith in Christ. As a result, they led their father to faith in Christ. FBCS gave our children a superior education for success in their future studies, and they gained the wisdom needed to experience an abundant life in Christ. After praying diligently for their dad to know Christ, I decided to enroll our children in FBCS. This school became the tool that God used to answer my prayers and to accomplish His will for my family. FBCS is a blessing to this community and a beautiful ministry of our church.

Lisa Breaux

First Baptist Christian School will have an Open House, Friday, January 16, from Noon - 2:00 p.m. for families of prospective students.

Director of Missions to Retire

Rev. Bert Langley, Director of Missions for the Evangeline Baptist Association, the local association of which our church is a partner, is retiring on December 31, 2014.



We are hosting, for the Association, a retirement service and reception Sunday, December 28, to honor Bro. Bert and Deedy. The service will begin at 4 p.m. with a reception to follow. This will serve as our evening worship next Sunday.

In addition, we want to participate in a retirement love offering for the Langleys that will be presented to them at the service. If you would like to participate in the love offering, please designate your offering "Bert Langley" and bring or mail to the Accounting Office.

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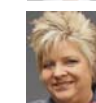
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Your Response

At the invitation time in each service we offer an opportunity for you to publicly make one of the following decisions...

...to accept Jesus Christ as your personal Savior.
...to join First Baptist by baptism.
...to rededicate your life to Christ.
...to dedicate your life to vocational Christian service.
...to transfer your membership from another Baptist church.
...to join First Baptist from another denomination.

I would like more information on...

___ how to become a Christian
___ how to become a member of FBC
___ opportunities for service at FBC
___ specific ministry areas including:
___ senior adults ___ married adults
___ single adults ___ college
___ jr/sr high ___ grades 1-6
___ preschool ___ music
___ prayer ___ media
___ Chinese ___ Spanish

I have a request...

___ for prayer ___ for the staff

I heard about First Baptist from...

___ family member ___ friend
___ direct mail ___ yellow pages
___ television ___ radio
___ billboard ___ newspaper
___ FBC website ___ internet ad
___ facebook ___ other

We pray for and visit those who are in the hospital. If you know of someone who needs a visit, please list the information below.

name of person needing visit

hospital or location to visit

dates of hospitalization

name and phone of person submitting request

Thank You For Coming

If you are our guest, we have a special gift for you after today's service. So that 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

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From Our Pastor

Perhaps many of you are our guests today. If so, we say, "Welcome to First Baptist Church." If you are visiting from out of town, we pray God blesses this time you get to spend with friends and family. If you live in Lafayette, and do not have a regular place of worship, why don't you consider making First Baptist your permanent church home? We would love to talk with you more about what it means to be part of the family of God, first, and then, First Baptist Church.

This month we have examined the most familiar verse in the whole Bible—John 3:16. In this one verse, we have discovered the premise of Christmas, the present of Christmas, and the point of Christmas. Today, we conclude this study with a look at the promise of Christmas.

Today, we are hosting the music group **This Hope**. Originally from Alaska, **This Hope** now lives in Woodstock, Georgia. **This Hope** is singing in our morning services and presenting a full concert tonight. The concert is free and at our regular worship time of 6:00 p.m. We will be receiving a love offering.

Once again, we have emphasized giving to our International Mission Board missionaries through the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. I am grateful to the Lord and to you for giving almost \$100,000 this month to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. I have no doubt we will exceed our goal of \$175,000.

In addition to today's worship experiences, I look forward to joining you Wednesday at 5:00 p.m. for a special Christmas Eve Service.

Merry Christmas from your Pastors and Staff,

Steve

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
 December 24, 25, & 26
 December 31
 @ 1:00 P.M.
 January 1 & 2

Sunday morning messages now on iTunes



December 21, 2014

Sermon Notes

Christmas 3:16 The Promise of Christmas John 3:16

Background to the Promise

- The _____ of Christ is proof that God keeps His promises.
- The _____ of Christ give further proof that God keeps His promises.
- The _____, _____, and _____ of Christ are ultimate proofs that God keeps His promises.

Believing the John 3:16 Promise

Since God has kept His promises in the _____, we can look forward to His promise concerning _____.

- _____ Life!
- Approach Death with _____!



Join us for...
Christmas Eve Service
 Dec. 24
 5:00 pm

Welcome to
First Baptist Lafayette
Knowing Him—making Him known

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. John 3:16

CHRISTMAS 3:16
 The Promise of Christmas:
 "should not perish, but have eternal life."