

SERMON NOTES

Our Generous God
Matthew 20:1-16

This passage tells us what the Kingdom of heaven is like.

This parable describes the commonly seen hiring of day laborers by a vineyard owner.

The agreed upon daily wage was a denarius.

Workers were hired early in the morning for the day.

Three hours later, the vineyard owner saw additional workers standing in the marketplace doing nothing.

He told them to go to his vineyard and start working and he would pay them what was right.

Again at the sixth and the ninth hours he went again to the marketplace, found workers not working and sent them to his vineyards to work with the promise that he would pay them what was right.

About the eleventh hour he went and found still others standing around doing nothing.

He told them to go and work in his vineyard.

As the sun set, the foreman was told to pay each of the workers the daily wage, beginning with the last hired.

The first hired workers complained when they were paid the same as the agreed daily wage. The landowner reminded them that it was his business to decide how much he paid and that no one should complain about His generosity. The kingdom of heaven is like that.

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TO OUR GUESTS

Thank you for coming! We are glad that you have joined us for worship. You are encouraged to fill out a Connection Card found in the pew in front of you. Please place the card in the offering plate as it passes or bring to the Welcome Center following worship. If you are unable to stay after worship today, you may place your card in the Connection Box in the church foyer as you exit.

Please accept this service as a gift to you from the LaFayette family. The giving of tithes and offerings as a part of this worship experience is an opportunity to support the ministry and mission of LaFayette in response to God's faithfulness to us.

For our youngest guests, infants through kindergarten, Extended Teaching Care (ETC) is provided. Any of our ushers would be happy to assist you in locating the Preschool Area.

Following worship, we have a time of Bible Study for all age-groups. Preschool, children, and youth are in age-graded classes. Our adults have a variety of options depending on your preference. Our Welcome Center staff will be glad to assist you in finding your place. In the hallway behind the sanctuary, follow the crowd and you will see the "Welcome Center" on the left.

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Today in Worship
September 24, 2017

Announcements

Welcome and Prayer

Psalm Reading

Psalm 145:1-8

Pew Bible: Page 447

Celebration Choir

Almighty God

Everlasting God

Great is Thy Faithfulness

Epistle Reading

Philippians 1:21-30

Pew Bible: Page 831

Let It Be Jesus

Worship Through Giving

Old Testament Reading

Jonah 3:10-4:11
Pew Bible: Page 655

Message

Dr. Ron Hinson
"Our Generous God"
Matthew 20:1-16
Pew Bible: Page 697

Time of Commitment

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

Closing

Great is Thy Faithfulness



- ❖ **LBC Keenager Fall Trip to Savannah - October 2-4:** We look forward to our upcoming trip to Savannah. A flier with details is available on the Nurture Board outside of the Worship Center. **The deadline to sign-up for the trip is TODAY.** See Steve to make your deposit.
- ❖ **Fall discipleship for all ages continues TONIGHT.** Our adult classes include *The Daniel Prayer*, *The Marriage You've Always Wanted*, and a biblical study of *Isaiah*. We also have classes for preschoolers, children, and youth. Check your bulletin for classroom locations. You are welcome to come to any class even if you did not sign up. Each course ends on Sunday, October 22.
- ❖ Second Harvest Mobile Food Pantry will be distributing food in our parking lot on Tuesday, September 26, from 4:30pm - 6:30pm. If you know of anyone in need, please pass along this information.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Minister on Call

September 24: April Coleman
September 29-October 1: Ron Hinson

- ❖ **Extended Teaching Care** - Extended Teaching Care is for babies-Kindergarteners during the worship hour. Our volunteers for today are Babies-Younger Toddlers: Jackie O'Donnell and Claudia Mabry, Older Toddlers - Younger 4's: Genia Bateman and Lauren King, Pre-K: Sheila Howell. This schedule is subject to change. We are incredibly grateful for your service.
- ❖ **September is the month designated to receive over-and-above offerings for the NC Missions Offering and for NC CBF.** Offerings given throughout the month will be forwarded to the designated offering and will be used to support missions and ministry within NC and missions beyond that are being carried out by NC Baptists. If you wish to make an over-and-above gift to support the hurricane relief efforts of NC Baptist On Mission, you may indicate "Hurricane Relief" in the memo line of your check. NCMO and CBF Global Missions offering envelopes are available in the pew racks in the Worship Center.
- ❖ To complete our Partner in Prevention with Child Advocacy Center, we are hosting the **Stewards of Children Training on Sunday, October 1 from 3:00pm-5:00pm in the Multi-Purpose Room.** Those who are needed to earn our partnership have already been notified, but any church volunteer who works with our babies - high school seniors is welcome to attend! Please see April for more information. Snacks will be provided at the training.
- ❖ **Our 1st - 6th Graders** are invited to attend the **CBFNC Children's Missions Day** on Saturday, November 4. If your child is interested in attending, they must **sign up by Sunday, October 1st.** Sign up sheets are available in class boxes this morning. Please see April for details.

Weekly General Fund Budget Needed: \$10,838.48
General Fund Received September 17, 2017: \$6,310.50

THIS WEEK AT LBC

TODAY-Sunday, September 24

8:45am Church-Wide Prayer Time, A121
9:30am Worship
10:45am Bible Study For All Ages
Adults: In search of your group? Come by the Welcome Center
Youth (7th-12th Grades), Room U212
Children (1st-6th Grades), Classrooms
Preschoolers (Babies-Kindergarten), B Hallway Classrooms
2:00pm Morrison Baby Shower, Multi-Purpose Room
5:30pm Discipleship for Everyone
A Biblical Study of *Isaiah* led by Dr. Ron Hinson, Fellowship Hall
The Marriage You've Always Wanted led by Mike Cox, A121
The Daniel Prayer led by Faith Boehmer, Multi-Purpose Room

Tuesday, September 26

6:30am Men's Prayer Breakfast, K&W Cafeteria on Village Drive

Wednesday, September 27

10:30am Intercessory Prayer, Prayer Room
6:30pm Bible Study, Fellowship Hall
Celebration Choir, Music Suite
Youth Mid-Week Workout, U210-U212
Connections, Multi-Purpose Room

Sunday, October 1

8:45am Church-Wide Prayer Time, A121
9:30am Worship/Intro to Stewardship Sunday
10:45am Bible Study For All Ages
3:00pm Stewards of Children, Multi-Purpose Room
5:30pm Discipleship for Everyone

We graciously request that no food or beverages be brought into the Worship Center at any time. Thank you!

WC - Worship Center, MS - Music Suite, FH - Fellowship Hall PR - Prayer Room,
MP - Multi-Purpose Room, U - Upstairs
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