

SERMON NOTES

The Measure of an Offering

I. The place - Mark 12:41 T _ _ t _ _ _ _ t _ _ _ _ _ .

II. The history –

Bringing an offering has always been an essential element of authentic worship.

“Enter His gates with t _ _ _ _ _ and his courts with praise! G _ _ _ t _ _ _ _ to him; bless his name!” (Psalm 100:4 ESV)

Genesis 14:17-20 - The offering of a tithe (a tenth) by Abram

Genesis 28:18-22 - Jacob’s vow to God: “And of all that you give me I will give a f _ _ _ t _ _ _ _ to you.”

In the law of Moses in Deuteronomy 14:22: “You shall t _ _ _ _ all the y _ _ _ _ of your seed that comes from the field year by year.”

The offering according to ability: Deuteronomy 16:16

“...give as you are able, according to _ _ _ _ b _ _ _ _ _ _ of the L _ _ _ _ your G _ _ _ that he has given you.”

The offering of first-fruits. Deuteronomy 18:1-5

“The sacred portion” - Deuteronomy 26

“...give it to the L _ _ _ _ _ , the s _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ , the f _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ , and the w _ _ _ _ _ .

A call for renewal and a challenge with a promise:

Malachi 3:8-10 “Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, . . . see if I will not o _ _ _ the windows of heaven and p _ _ _ d _ _ _ for you an overflowing b _ _ _ _ _ .

III. Jesus points to faith in giving. Mark 12:41-44

“...this poor widow has _ _ _ _ in _ _ _ _ _ than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their a _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ ; but she out of her poverty has put in e _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ she had, all she had to live on.”

Our Lord measures our offerings by the attitude of our hearts as we give. He knows what he has entrusted to us and he knows what we are choosing to do with his blessings.

IV. The Questions: Do we enable God to bless us?

Where do we place our hope?

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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

October 8, 2017

Announcements

Welcome and Prayer

Jesus, Son of God

O Praise The Name (Anástasis)

Stewardship Emphasis

Come All Christians, Be Committed

Worship Through Giving

Celebration Choir

Lay Up Your Treasures in Heaven

Message

Dr. Ron Hinson

“The Measure of an Offering”

Take My Life And Let It Be Consecrated

Operation Christmas Child Video

O Praise The Name (Anástasis)



The flowers for today are given
to the glory of God
in honor of the LaFayette Baptist Church
ministers, staff, and WEECare staff by
Matt and April Coleman.

- ❖ Over the next few Sundays, **older preschoolers and children** will be taking home information from Sunday School about **music rehearsals for the Advent season**. Please see April with Questions about Christmas music for our kids.
- ❖ **LBC Launches Satellite On Saturday, October 14th!** No, not a space satellite. We are becoming a satellite location for Second Harvest Food Bank. On the **2nd Saturday of each month** we will be distributing “perfectly imperfect produce” and perishables. This is a new missions initiative of your Missions Council. They are going to need your help. Look for fliers in your Bible Study groups with more information and sign-up to help.
- ❖ **The Church Ministry Coordinating Council will meet on Sunday, October 15th at 3:00pm in the Fellowship Hall.**
- ❖ All are invited to our **LBC Family Reunion Celebration** on Sunday, October 29th. Worship is at 9:30am and will be followed by a potluck lunch. Please bring food to share. **Former choir members** are invited to sing Holy is He that morning in worship with the Celebration Choir. Please meet in the Music Suite at 9:00 am.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Minister on Call

October 8: Steve Branch
October 13-15: April Coleman

- ❖ **Extended Teaching Care** - Extended Teaching Care is for babies-Kindergarteners during the worship hour. Our volunteers for today are Babies-Younger Toddlers: Cathy White and Jan Hinson, Older Toddlers - Younger 4's: Suzanne Cox, Pre-K/K: Matt Coleman, Elizabeth Hile, and Morgan Boehmer. This schedule is subject to change. We are incredibly grateful for your service.
- ❖ **Heart Health Fair - Saturday, October 21, 9:00am - 1:00pm, LBC Fellowship Hall:** This event is being planned for our members and for folks in the neighborhood. The impetus behind this event is that the church will be placing 2 **AEDs (Automated External Defibrillator)** in different parts of the building. We need to train individuals on the use of these potentially life-saving devices. It was suggested that we plan a community event at the same time that would utilize resources of Cape Fear Valley Hospital's community programs. Look for fliers in your Bible Study groups and on the Missions Board. The AED training will be offered to invited leadership of the church. Health Fair elements open to all who attend include: Hands-Only CPR training; the Mended Hearts support group; free Blood Pressure Checks; the CFV Blood Mobile; and info on Advance Directives.
- ❖ **Operation Christmas Child Collection Underway!** Our annual collection of shoebox gifts to be sent to Samaritan's Purse will run through Sunday, November 12th. Information is available on the Missions board.
- ❖ You are invited to go with your church family to **The Carolina Opry Christmas Special in Myrtle Beach, SC on Saturday, December 2nd**! Show-goers will depart LBC at 9:30am that morning and return to LBC at 9:30pm that evening. **Cost is \$50 per person and is due no later than Sunday, October 29th**. Make your check payable to LBC with Carolina Opry in the memo line. You may give your check or cash to Lorraine Shreve, Faith Boehmer, or turn it in at the church office. This event is hosted by the Adult Deacon Team.

Weekly General Fund Budget Needed: \$10,838.48
General Fund Received October 1, 2017: \$10,103.43

THIS WEEK AT LBC

TODAY-Sunday, October 8

8:45am Church-Wide Prayer Time, A121
9:30am Worship/Prove The Tithe Sunday
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
4:30pm Youth Christmas Choir Rehearsal, Music Suite
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
Youth Discipleship, U205-207
KidsZone (1st-6th graders), U205-U207
Preschool Explorers, B136

Tuesday, October 10

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

Wednesday, October 11

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

Saturday, October 14

10:00am Second Harvest Food Bank Distribution

Sunday, October 15

8:45am Church-Wide Prayer Time, A121
9:30am Worship
10:45am Bible Study For All Ages
3:00pm CMCC Meeting
5:30pm Discipleship for Everyone

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