

## SERMON NOTES

### “A Wake-Up Call”

December 3, 2017

First Sunday of Advent

Isa. 64:1-9; Ps. 80:1-7,17-19; 1 Cor. 1:3-9; Mark 13:24-37

Is God absent? Asleep? Hidden? Angry? Or simply waiting? Do we wait? Do we seek God? Do we obey? Do we seek righteousness and truth? When should we expect God to act? Are we the ones to set the date? Are we the ones to be prepared? Are we the ones to “stay awake?”

An Alarming Cry (L \_ \_ \_ \_ ) – Isa. 64:1-2

A Remembrance - Isa. 64:3-5a

A Half-way C \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ - Isa. 64:5b-7

A Plea - Isa. 64:8-9

An Invocation or Demand? – Ps. 80:1-2

A Question of Effective P \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ or Impatient Demand for Response? – Ps. 80:4

A Call for Pity or an Accusation of B \_ \_ \_ \_ ? – Ps. 80:5-6

A Prayer for R \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ and Renewal – Ps. 80:17-18

A Triple Chorus of Need and Hope – Ps. 80:3,7,19

The signs of His return- Mk. 13:24-37

The powers in the heavens will be s \_ \_ \_ \_ . Mk. 13:25

Learn from the f \_ \_ t \_ \_ . Be prepared. He is near... Mk. 13:29

He will return, but you won't know when! Mk. 13:32

Learn from the parable. Be alert...Be at your w \_ \_ \_ . Keep awake!

Mk. 13:34-37

Benediction/Greeting - 1 Cor. 1:3

God's grace is given you in Jesus Christ; you have been enriched in him; in speech and knowledge; the testimony of Christ strengthened among you. - 1 Cor. 1:4-6

The church is “not lacking in any spiritual g \_ \_ \_ as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ.” - 1 Cor. 1:7

“He will strengthen you to the end that you may be b \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.” - 1 Cor. 1:8

“God is faithful; by him you were called into the f \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.” - 1 Cor. 1:9

We are called by God to live in Christ, as the church, the body of Christ -- prepared, equipped, and supplied as we serve in His name and wait for his coming again.

## MINISTRY LEADERS

### Dr. Ron Hinson

Senior Pastor

### Steve Branch

Pastor: Missions, Nurture & Youth

### Melanie Walk

Interim Pastor: Music & Worship

### April Coleman

Pastor: Children & Families

### Deborah Laymon

Church Office Administrator

### Lorraine Shreve

Financial Administrator

### Dixie Gentry

Administrative Assistant

### Alton McEachern

Building Maintenance Custodian

### Mary Sweat

WEECare Director

## 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

December 3, 2017

Announcements

Welcome and Prayer

Advent Wreath Lighting: Hope

*Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus*

Epistle Reading

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Pew Bible: Page 806-807

*In Christ Alone*

*Come, Lord Jesus (Even So, Come)*

Worship Through Giving

Celebration Choir

*Our God Has Come to Us*

## Message

Dr. Ron Hinson  
"A Wake-Up Call"  
Mark 13: 24-37  
Pew Bible: Page 719

## Time of Commitment

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

## Closing Song

*Come, Lord Jesus (Even So, Come)*



- ❖ The **Preschool Christmas Choir (ages 2-Kindergarten)** will continue music rehearsals at the end of Sunday School today. Please have your children here each Sunday as we rehearse.
- ❖ Back in 2012 we were introduced to **WaterStep** and sent a team to Costa Rica in 2013 to learn about bringing safe water to people who desperately need it. Since then we have partnered with **WaterStep** by collecting and sending athletic shoes to them that they in turn use for safe water projects. We are hoping to send another team to Costa Rica in the summer of 2018. We will have an information meeting **TODAY at 4:30** in the **Music Suite**. Anyone interested in learning more about being a part of this team is invited to attend.
- ❖ **Blanket-Palooza for the Child Advocacy Center - TODAY at 5:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall.**
- ❖ The **Children's Christmas Choir** will continue rehearsal this **Wednesday, December 6, from 6:30pm - 7:30pm in U205/U207**. We will also rehearse this Saturday, December 9. Please meet Mrs. April at 10:00am in the Worship Center.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Minister on Call

**December 3: Ron Hinson**  
**December 9-11: April Coleman**

- ❖ **Extended Teaching Care** - Extended Teaching Care is for babies-Kindergarteners during the worship hour. Our volunteers for today are Babies-Younger Toddlers: Connie Walling and Sheila Howell, Older Toddlers - Younger 4's: Gerry Kleffman, Pre-K/K: Tammy Murphy and Sarah Gonzalez. This schedule is subject to change. We are incredibly grateful for your service.
- ❖ **MONTHLY PRODUCE & PERISHABLES DISTRIBUTION - Saturday, December 9, 10am-Noon.** Come and be a part of this wonderful ministry that is blessing our community. No "training" required.
- ❖ The Worship Ministry will present ***Wonder and Glory* on Sunday evening, December 10th, at 5:30pm.** We hope everyone will join us for this special time of worship. Please bring your favorite sweet or salty Christmas treat to share afterward!
- ❖ **Preschool and Children's Sunday School classes will celebrate in-class Christmas parties on Sunday, December 17.**
- ❖ **Sunday, December 17 at noon there will be a brief meeting of all Teams (Personnel, Finance, and Maintenance) and Councils (Worship, Evangelism, Equipping, Missions, and Nurture) in the Worship Center.**
- ❖ As always, we are looking forward to our Christmas Eve Service this year! Here is a schedule for **Christmas Eve**, which falls on a Sunday this year. **Morning Worship** will be at **9:30am** as usual. Our traditional **Christmas Eve Worship Service** will begin at **6:00pm that evening.** We will not have Bible Study/Sunday School that day or any other activities besides the two worship services.

**Weekly General Fund Budget Needed: \$10,838.48**  
**General Fund Received November 26, 2017: \$5,491.00**

## THIS WEEK AT LBC

### **TODAY-Sunday, December 3**

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  
4:30pm Interest Meeting for 2018 Mission Trip, Music Suite  
5:30pm Blanket-Palooza, Fellowship Hall

### **Monday, December 4**

6:30pm Personnel Team Meeting, Welcome Center

### **Tuesday, December 5**

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

### **Wednesday, December 6**

10:30am Intercessory Prayer, Prayer Room  
6:30pm Bible Study, Fellowship Hall  
Celebration Choir Rehearsal, Worship Center  
Youth Christmas Choir Rehearsal, Worship Center  
Children's Christmas Choir Rehearsal, U205-207

### **Thursday, December 7**

9:30am Keenagers, Fellowship Hall  
1:30pm Prayer Shawl Ministry, Multi-Purpose Room 153

### **Saturday, December 9**

10:00am Food Distribution  
Christmas Choir Rehearsal (All Choirs), Worship Center

### **Sunday, December 10**

8:45am Church-Wide Prayer Time, A121  
9:30am Worship  
10:45am Bible Study for All Ages  
5:30pm "Wonder and Glory", Worship Center  
(Fellowship and Snacks to Follow in the Fellowship Hall)

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