

SERMON NOTES

Expectation

Luke 3:7-18

- I. John's words were sometimes startling.
- II. He preached repentance without excuses.
- III. He gave descriptions of right living.
- IV. Expectation about the Messiah was high.
- V. John clarified his personal role and pointed to the one coming.
- VI. This is the good news.
- VII. What will you do?

MINISTRY LEADERS

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Senior Pastor

Steve Branch

Pastor: Missions, Nurture &
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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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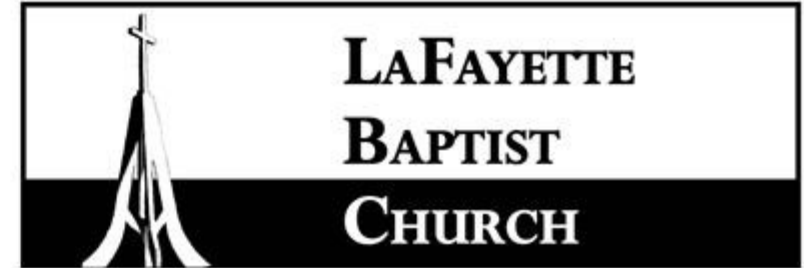
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Today in Worship

December 16, 2018

Announcements

Welcome and Prayer

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Preschool Choir

Jesus Was Born and Special Baby Jesus

Advent Wreath Lighting

The Tomita Family

Old Testament Readings:

Zephaniah 3:14-20 and Isaiah 12:2-6

Pew Bible Pages 667 and 492

Joy to the World (Unspeakable Joy)

Angels We Have Heard on High

Worship Through Giving

Epistle Reading

Philippians 4:4-7

Pew Bible Page 832

LBC Choirs

Jesus, Joy of the Highest Heaven

Message

Dr. Ron Hinson

“Expectation”

Luke 3:7-18

Pew Bible: Page 726

Time of Commitment

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

Called Church Conference

Closing Song

Joy to the World



- ❖ There will be a Called Church Conference today at the close of worship for the purpose of affirming Deacon Candidates.
- ❖ TODAY at Noon there will be a brief meeting of all 2019 Teams (Personnel, Finance, and Maintenance) and Councils (Worship, Evangelism, Equipping, Missions, and Nurture) in the Worship Center.
- ❖ Cookie Swap: TODAY at 5:00pm just before the Blanket Extravaganza. Bake your best cookies and bring them to share with friends. Some of your cookies will be placed on a table to eat and share during the event and others will go on our packaging table to be wrapped and shared with someone you don't know. Please feel free to invite a friend to this event, sponsored by the Evangelism Council!
- ❖ All 2018 Contributions must be received by or post marked by 12-31-18.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Minister on Call

December 16: Steve Branch
December 21-23: April Coleman

- ❖ **Extended Teaching Care** is for babies-Kindergarteners during the worship hour. Our volunteers for today are Babies-Younger Toddlers: Toni Robison and Jessica Chapman, Older Toddlers - K: Winona Ford, Harriett Webster, and Ashley Gale. This schedule is subject to change, and we are incredibly grateful for your service.
- ❖ **BLANKET EXTRAVAGANZA! TODAY at 5:30pm in the Fellowship Hall** - Our annual fellowship to make “no-sew” blankets for the Child Advocacy Center is set! The church will be purchasing some fleece but we ask that you bring your own as well so that we may have more blankets to donate. Remember that you need two pieces of fleece that are 1 & 1/4 yards. One should be a print and the other a solid coordinating color. You are welcome to bring goodies to share. There will be hot apple cider provided.
- ❖ **Our Family Connections Class will meet this Wednesday from 6:30pm - 7:30pm in the Multi-Purpose Room. This is our final Connections of 2018.**
- ❖ **Both the Preschool Sunday School Division and the Children's Sunday School Division will celebrate in-class Christmas parties on Sunday, December 23, during the Sunday School hour.**
- ❖ **Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship will be at 6:00pm on Monday, December 24th.**
- ❖ **We are looking for our GriefShare curriculum. It was loaned out, and we are hoping to retrieve it. If you have it, or if you know who does, please let April know or return it to the church office. Thanks.**

Weekly General Fund Budget Needed: \$10,659.57
General Fund Received December 9, 2018: \$6,987.85

THIS WEEK AT LBC

TODAY-Sunday, December 16

- 8:45am Church-Wide Prayer Time, A121
- 9:30am Worship/Third Sunday of Advent/Called Conference at Close of Worship for the Purpose of Affirming Deacon Candidates
- 10:45am Bible Study for all Ages
Adults: In search of your group?
Come by the Welcome Center
Youth (7th-12th), Room U212
Children (1st-6th Grades), Classrooms
Preschoolers (Babies-Kindergarten) B Hallway Classrooms
- 12noon 2019 Team/Council Organizational Day Meeting, Worship Center
- 5:00pm Cookie Swap, Fellowship Hall
- 5:30pm Blanket Extravaganza, Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, December 18

- 6:30am Men's Prayer Breakfast, K&W Carolina Kitchen (Bordeaux Center)

Wednesday, December 19

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

Saturday, December 22

- 5:30pm Youth Progressive Dinner
- 7:30pm College/Career Movie Night, U205-U207

Sunday, December 23

- 8:45am Church-Wide Prayer Time, A121
- 9:30am Worship/Fourth Sunday of Advent
- 10:45am Bible Study for all Ages
Adults: In search of your group?
Come by the Welcome Center
Youth (7th-12th), Room U212
Children (1st-6th Grades), Classrooms
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