

This Week

SUNDAY, November 25

8:00 AM Library Open
 8:30 AM Sunday School 1
 9:45 AM Classic Worship
 Sunday School 2
 Spanish Sunday School
 11:00 AM Sunday School 3
 Chinese Sunday School
 11:11 AM eleven:11 Worship
 12:30 PM Chinese Outreach
 4:00 PM Library Open
 Youth Choir
 4:45 PM Discipleship Training (Yth/Adult)
 Celebrate Recovery Step Study
 Children's Choir
 6:00 PM Evening Worship
 Bible Drill (Grades 1-6)
 7:00 PM SNL at the College House

WEDNESDAY, November 28

5:00 PM Family Fellowship Supper
 College House Supper
 Library Open
 5:30 PM Orchestra Rehearsal
 Sanctuary Choir Dress Rehearsal
 6:00 PM Midweek Service
 Celebrate Recovery
 College Bible Study
 Ignite Youth Worship
 RAs and GAs
 Team Kid

THURSDAY, November 29

9:00 AM Precepts
 9:30 AM Ladies Bible Study
 11:30 AM JOY Club
 6:00 PM Precepts
 Ladies Bible Study

SATURDAY, December 1

5:00 PM Chinese Open House

How to Pray for

"The Singing Christmas Tree"

While "The Singing Christmas Tree" is an entertaining program, we want it to have a greater purpose than just to entertain. We do programs like this in an effort to share the love of Jesus with our community. We want to be sure that each person who attends understands that the birth of Jesus provides for them an opportunity for a full and meaningful life here on earth, and an eternal relationship with God.

You can pray with us about "The Singing Christmas Tree". Pray that those who attend that do not have a personal relationship with Jesus will respond to the message we bring and become Christ followers as a result of this program.

Family Fellowship Supper

Menu for Wednesday, November 28
 Chicken Fried Steak Green Beans
 Mashed Potatoes Rolls
 Tossed Salad Chocolate Cake

Morning Worship

9:45 a.m.

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

Welcome

*Jesus, We Just Want to Thank You
 We Gather Together*

Message

There is Always Reason to Give Thanks

Philippians

Pastor Steve Horn

The Lord's Supper

With a Grateful Heart

Sanctuary Choir and Orchestra

Invitation

We Are an Offering

Welcome New Members

Offertory Prayer

Dennis Smith, Deacon of the Week

Great Things He Hath Done

Sanctuary Orchestra

11:11 a.m.

Forever

Welcome & Prayer

Thank You, Lord!

Offertory Prayer

Lead Me To The Cross

Message

There is Always Reason to Give Thanks

Philippians

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The Lord's Supper

Once Again

How Deep the Father's Love for Us

Invitation

The More I Seek You

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2013 SUMMER CAMPS

**Middle School - XFuge
 June 16-20 Jackson, MS**

**High School - MFuge
 June 30-July 5 Houston, TX**

Save the date and turn in your \$50 non-refundable deposit. Sign up before the price goes up January 1.

FIRST BAPTIST LAFAYETTE
Singing Christmas Tree
-presents-
"Christmas In New York"

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7 - 7PM
 SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8 - 3PM & 7PM
 SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9 - 3PM
 MONDAY, DECEMBER 10 - 7PM

TICKETS - GENERAL ADMISSION
 STUDENTS/CHILDREN - \$6.00
 ADULTS - \$12.00
 1.800.965.9324

**Week of Prayer for International Missions
 December 2 - 9
 Lottie Moon Offering
 National Goal \$175,000,000 FBC Goal \$100,000**

Why was the offering named for this early China missionary?
 Throughout her career, Lottie Moon wrote numerous letters home urging Southern Baptists to greater missions involvement and support. One of those letters triggered Southern Baptists' first Christmas offering for missions - enough to send three new missionaries to China. Lottie served 39 years as a missionary until her death in 1912.

Meet Our New Administrative Pastor

Ray Swift will join our ministerial staff November 26 as Administrative Pastor. Ray comes to First Baptist from a similar position at First Baptist Church of Moss Bluff, where he has served for eight years. Prior to that he pastored churches in Oklahoma for twelve years, and also served in music and youth ministry for several years.

Ray is a graduate of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He and his wife, Diana, have three children, ages 15, 12, and 9. We look forward to having the Swift family as a part of First Baptist Lafayette soon.



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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

Tell Your Friends About "The Singing Christmas Tree"

Be sure to tell your friends about the program. One easy way to do that is with an email or a Facebook status update. You could include a message like this:

The Singing Christmas Tree is a spectacular program celebrating the joy of Christmas. The entire family will be inspired and entertained. The Broadway style production includes children and adult choirs, orchestra, drama cast, and an exciting Christmas light show with over 100,000 lights on a 24 foot tall tree. Performances are Dec. 7, 8 & 10 at 7 pm, Dec. 9 & 10 at 3 pm. Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$6 for students and children, and are available at fbclaf.org, 1-800-965-9324, or First Baptist Lafayette church office. Info: 337-593-3757.

Getting To Know You

name _____

address _____

city state zip _____

home phone _____ business/cell phone _____

email _____

birthdate _____

occupation / school grade _____

male female
 married single widowed

spouse's name _____ birthdate _____

child's name _____ birthdate _____

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 the _____
 9:45 a.m. service 11:11 a.m. service
 6:00 p.m. service other

today's date _____

From Our Pastor

Welcome to First Baptist Church! We want all of our guests to feel welcome today. Please stop by our Information Center for directions to classes, general information about the ministries of our church, and specific information about upcoming events. We also invite our guests to please fill out the guest registration card found in today's bulletin. This morning, the focus of our worship is receiving the Lord's Supper. I cannot think of a better way to finish off this Thanksgiving week than to remember and give thanks for what Jesus did for us on the cross.



How important and effective is the Christmas season in sharing the Gospel? Church strategist Ed Stetzer gives us two points of information as the Christmas season is upon us. First, Stetzer indicates that the most effective means of getting a person to come to church is "personal conversation." Personal conversation with a family member is the best, with conversation with a friend or neighbor second. These are more effective than any other form of advertisement including billboards or newspaper ads. The other piece of information that is encouraging is that the Christmas season is the most effective season of the year for people to consider matters of faith. The point is obviously clear—these next several weeks are very important in terms of sharing our faith. Many people will be ready to talk about matters of faith over the next weeks, especially if you have already established a personal and trustworthy relationship with them. Please consider using "The Singing Christmas Tree" as a major opportunity to invite your friends, business associates, relatives, and neighbors.

Next week, we will be welcoming Bro. Ray Swift and his family to our church to serve in a newly created position called Administrative Pastor. Please pray for the Swifts as they make this transition.

Steve

November 25, 2012

Sermon Notes

There is Always Reason to Give Thanks Philippians

We can always be thankful for the ...

- _____ of our Lives (1:3-7)
- _____ of our Lives (1:12-20)
- _____ of our Lives (1:21-26)
- _____ of the Gospel (3:7-11)

And because of this, there is the continuation of the list...

- _____ of Eternal Life (3:20-21)
- _____ of God (4:7)
- _____ of God (4:19)

So What?

- _____ (4:4-5)
- _____ (4:6)



With John Bisagno, Retired Pastor, FBC Houston; *Tyrone Barnette, Pastor, Peace Baptist, Atlanta*; Al Gilbert, Interim VP, Evangelism Group, NAMB; *Thomas Hammond, Executive Committee, SBC*; Charles Roesel, Retired Pastor, FBC Leesburg; *Gary Cobb, Billy Graham Evangelistic Assn*; Christian Comedian Dennis Swanberg; *Music by Larnelle Harris.*

Senior Adult Luncheon and Program Tuesday, January 29

Mark the date on your calendar now and plan to be a part of this state-wide event.

December Events

Sunday, December 23

Regular Sunday Morning Schedule

4:45 p.m.

Celebrate Recovery

6:00 p.m.

Carols and Candles Service

No other afternoon/evening activities

Wednesday, December 26

No evening activities

Sunday, December 30

10:00 a.m.

Lord's Supper Service

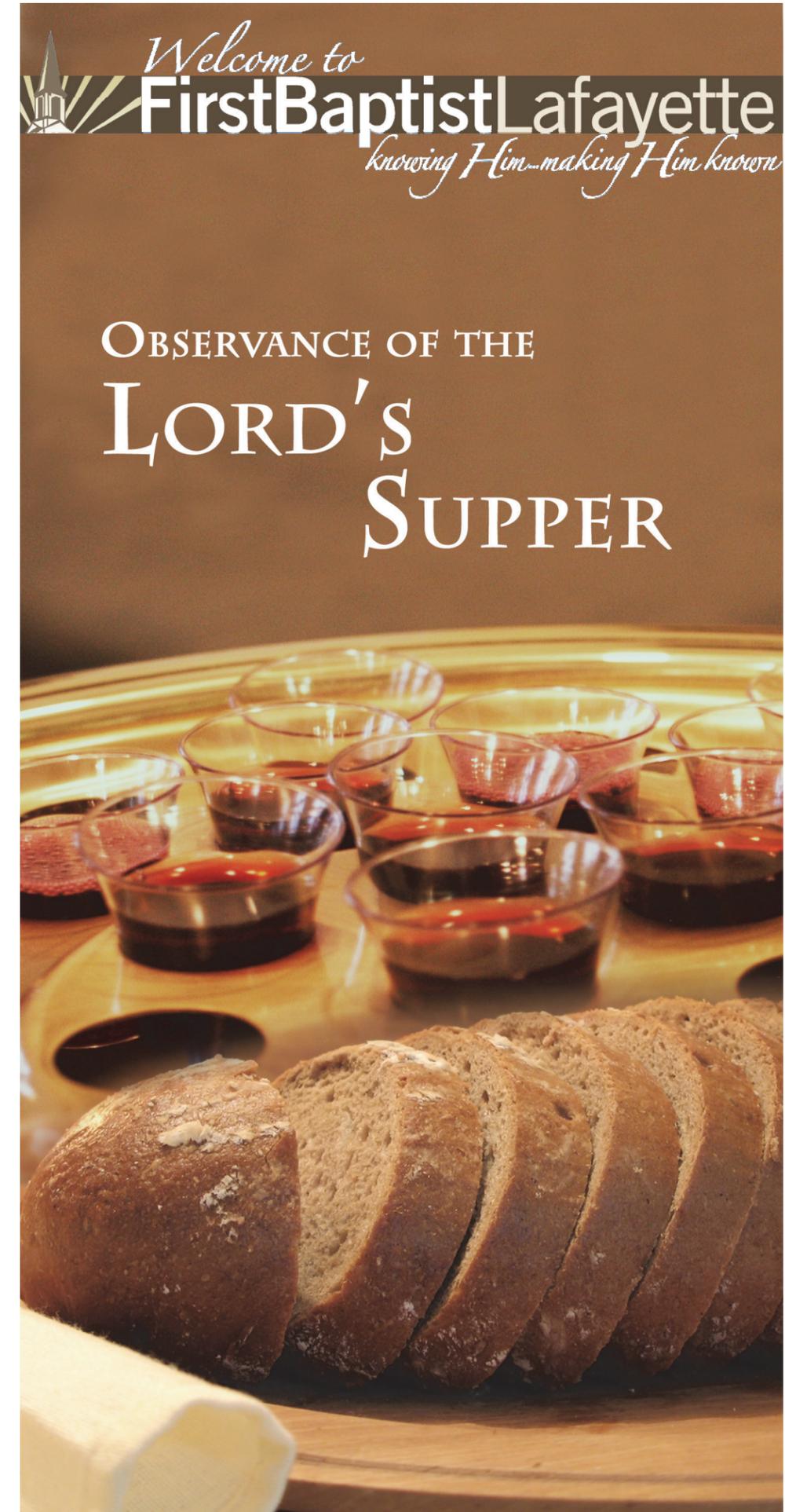
4:45 p.m.

Celebrate Recovery

No other activities or evening service

Wednesday, January 2

Regular Schedule Resumes



Singing Christmas Tree
December 7 - 10
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