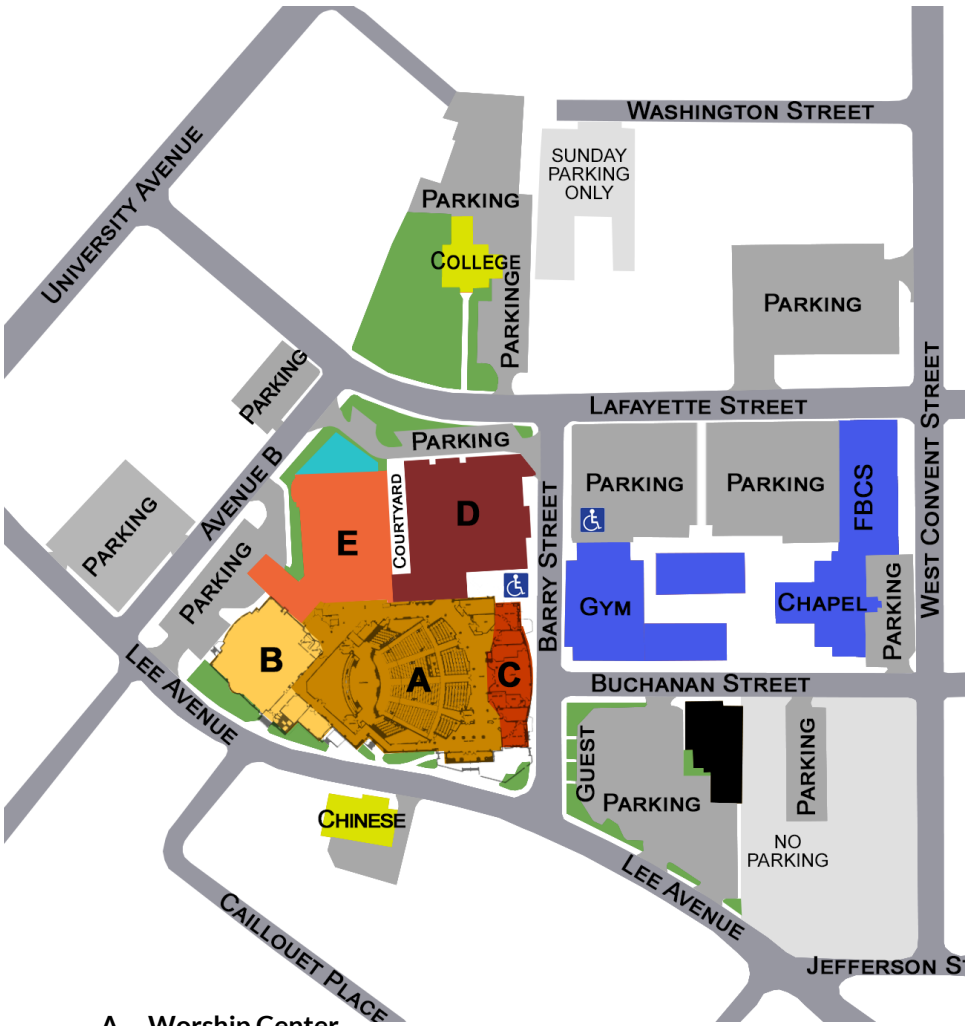




CAMPUS MAP



- A Worship Center
- B Church Offices, Media and Music Suites
- C Library and Assembly Rooms
- D Education Center and Fellowship Hall
- E Preschool / Children / Youth
- CHINESE Chinese Ministry
- COLLEGE College House
- FBCS First Baptist Christian School



First Baptist Lafayette
 1100 Lee Avenue
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knowing Him...making Him known

Connection Guide



OUR MISSION & CORE VALUES

Our **MISSION** of **Knowing Him...Making Him Known** is based on Jesus' Great Commission found in Matthew 28:19-20:

"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.

Our **CORE VALUES** come from verses in **Psalm 71** where we see four truths:

Psalm 71:14-19 "But as for me, I will always have hope; I will praise you more and more. My mouth will tell of your righteousness, of your salvation all day long, though I know not its measure. I will come and proclaim your mighty acts. O Sovereign LORD; I will proclaim your righteousness, yours alone. Since my youth, O God, you have taught me, and to this day I declare your marvelous deeds. Even when I am old and gray, do not forsake me, O God, till I declare your power to the next generation, your might to all who are to come. Your righteousness reaches to the skies, O God, you who have done great things, Who, O God, is like you?"

The Same Gospel (v 15-16)

Our message is the same Gospel that has been preached from this church since its inception: Jesus is the only way to salvation.

To the Next Generation (v 17-18a)

God commands us to have compassion for our children and youth, to reach them with His Gospel so that this generation can be a catalyst for reaching the world.

Until all the Nations Know (v 18b)

We must train this new generation to reach all the nations. If there is no education here, there will be no evangelism there. If there is no burden developed here, there will be no bother to share there.

All For God's Glory (v19)

It's not about us, it's about God! We must seek God's plan and then join Him in that work...all for His glory.

knowing Him...making Him known

WELCOME

Welcome to First Baptist Lafayette! Since 1902 our church has been committed to **Knowing Him...Making Him Known** in Lafayette, throughout Acadiana, and around the world.

This booklet will introduce you to the many ministry options that First Baptist offers. One of our continuing goals is to increase the number of people who will be actively involved in at least one ministry.

Some of you will be ready to immediately get involved. Others of you might have some questions before making a commitment. We pray that you will find your connection point. We pray that finding your connection point will help you to be a more committed follower of Jesus and help others grow in their relationship to Jesus.

I am asked frequently, "How do I get more involved in ministry at First Baptist Church?" For me, that answer is easy. Your first step is to join and get deeply connected to a small group Sunday School class. As you get more involved in our Sunday School, ministry will almost always flow very naturally out of that connection point.

As you find your connection point at First Baptist, I would ask you to make three great commitments:

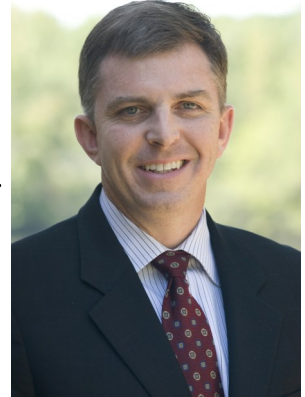
1. Make a great commitment to regular worship,
2. Make a great commitment to active participation in a Sunday School class,
3. Make a great commitment to at least one other ministry in our church.

I look forward to serving alongside of you as we declare the Gospel to Acadiana first, and then, even to the nations.

All for God's Glory!



Dr. Stephen N. Horn
Pastor



For Parents and Preschoolers

Our Preschool Ministry is designed to serve both parents and their preschoolers. We provide a secure, clean, professionally staffed place where babies through kindergartners can have age appropriate learning and fun. Your little ones, who are not ready for corporate worship, are cared for while you worship worry free and without those "little distractions." We also provide fellowship and educational opportunities for parents throughout the year.



Music and Worship

Music activity groups provide preschoolers with opportunities to learn spiritual truths through music. Preschoolers learn to sing, play instruments, perform drama, and experience worship each Sunday evening. They also have opportunities throughout the year to perform in worship services.



Sunday School

Sunday School teaches preschoolers that church is a place where they are loved and accepted. The Bible is used by teachers while children enjoy developmentally appropriate activities. Sunday School meets at 8:30 a.m., 9:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.



Missions

Mission Friends is a missions education opportunity designed especially for preschoolers. They are given the opportunity to learn about missionaries and experience missions through hands-on activities and lessons.



Praizy Worship

During the 9:45 a.m. worship service older preschoolers are involved in activities that extend what they learn in Sunday School. We call it "Praizy" Worship. Preschool parents and volunteers staff this hour on a rotating basis so that other parents can attend worship.



Mother's Day Out

Mother's Day Out is designed for infants ages six weeks to Pre-Kindergarten. Believing that most parents want more than babysitting and entertainment for their preschoolers, and that even infants are capable of absorbing information, we offer a Bible-based, scope and sequence curriculum throughout our program. Mother's Day Out is offered on Tuesday and Thursday of each week, with holiday breaks.



Sunday School

Our Sunday School curriculum is designed to teach boys and girls in grades 1 - 6 about their relationship with God, Jesus, the Bible, the Church, their families, and others. All of the units and sessions apply Biblical truths to daily living. Children are grouped by school grade. Sunday School is offered at 8:30 a.m., 9:45 a.m., and 11:00 a.m.



Discipleship

We are called to be disciples who grow with Christ, and to make disciples who follow Christ. Growing in Christ is an important part of a child's development. A variety of opportunities are offered throughout the year, including Bible Drill. In Bible Drill children increase their knowledge of the Bible, develop skills in effectively handling the Bible, learn how to apply the Bible to their life, and begin developing memory skills. Bible Drill meets at 6:00 p.m. Sundays.



Missions

Girls in Action (GAs) is a missions discipleship organization for girls. Every girl in grades 1 - 6 can be a part of GAs. Through GAs, girls learn about praying for, giving to, and doing mission work. They also make new friends and have lots of fun.

Royal Ambassadors (RAs) is a missions discipleship organization for boys in grades 1 - 6. Through hands-on activities that encourage spiritual growth, games and sports, and mentoring relationships with RA leaders, RA members become a faith-based brotherhood.

Both groups meet each Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. Several weekend outings and special events each year offer opportunities for additional missions involvement.



Music and Worship

Lifelong worship begins as a child. We strive to build a future generation of worshippers, and have a place for your child to experience the joy of praising the Lord. Each of our choirs for children is specifically designed to the child's developmental level. The choirs meet at 4:30 p.m. each Sunday during the school year.



VBS / Camps / Retreats

Vacation Bible School, along with weekend and summer camps offer more intensive times of physical, mental, social, and spiritual growth. We provide children with the opportunity to see that being a Christian can be fun. Special events include a Mother-Daughter Tea, Daddy-Daughter Date Night, the annual Fall Festival, and more.



Vacation Bible School 2016



Sunday School

Our Student Ministry is designed to reach teenagers, help them grow in faith, and encourage them to influence others with the gospel of Christ. Join us Sundays at 8:30 a.m. or 9:45 a.m. for small groups. Students meet together at the beginning, then move into smaller groups (guys or girls, Jr. High or High School) with an adult leader for Bible study.



Music and Worship

The Youth Choir is for students in grades 7-12. The goal of this ministry is to raise up students with a heart for passionate worship! The Youth Choir also participates in mission opportunities where students learn that worship is more than singing! If you want to be involved in life-changing ministry that impacts our community, state, nation and world, then check us out!



Discipleship

Sundays at 4:30 p.m. students explore ways to own their faith through specific studies during the year. We learn it's okay to question as long as we filter those questions through the Bible and to God in prayer. The focus of Youth Discipleship is not only to learn Scripture, but also to apply that knowledge to real life situations.



Special Events / Trips

Any time we take trips together, we get to know each other even better. Throughout the year the Student Ministry offers a variety of events, such as See You At The Pole (SYATP), Youth Evangelism Celebration (YEC), Disciple Now Weekend, Spring Retreat, SPIRIT Week, FUGE Summer Camps, and mission trips (like The HUB in Shreveport and Mission Lab in New Orleans). These special events will help students learn to serve others, make new friends, and even develop new skills while having a blast at the same



IGNITE Youth Worship

Meeting every Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. in the Youth Area, IGNITE is a relaxed time of worship through music, a biblical message, games, videos and more! Show up early at our café to order food and snacks. The grill opens at 4:30 p.m. and closes at 5:45 p.m.





Sunday School

Our goal is to nurture students and young adults who love the Lord God with all of their heart, and help them express that love by being passionate followers of Jesus Christ. For those who want to go beyond casual Christianity, the College Ministry provides two Sunday morning Bible study times. Sunday School meets each week at 8:30 a.m. and 9:45 a.m. at the College House, located at 1206 Lafayette St.

Wednesday Nights

College students gather each Wednesday evening at 6:00 p.m. in the College House for Bible study. This is a great informal opportunity to invite others to come and meet people and become involved in the College Ministry.



Please see the ADULT pages that follow for more ministry opportunities for College students.

SNL at the College House

Immediately following the Sunday evening worship service, students gather at the College House for a free meal and a time of fellowship.



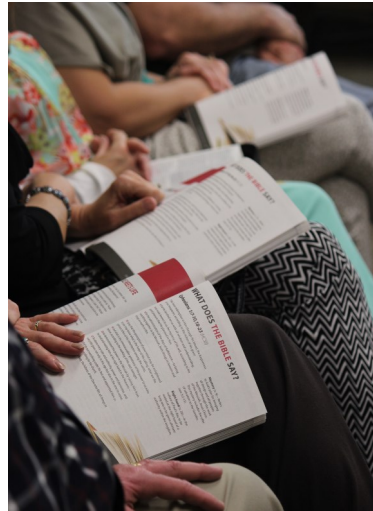
Special Events

The College Ministry participates in several special events each year such as the Collegiate Evangelism Conference, the Fall Retreat, and the National Collegiate Week. In addition, several opportunities each year are provided for fun trips and service trips (local and international missions).



Sunday School

At First Baptist Lafayette, Sunday School is about reaching people for Christ, teaching people God's Word, and ministering to people in the name of Jesus. Our goal is to provide you with Bible learning opportunities that promote transformation of life. Our core classes meet on Sunday mornings at 8:30 a.m., 9:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. We offer co-ed classes as well as classes for women only, men only and single adults. Weekday and evening Bible study opportunities are also offered as a supplement to the Sunday School, but we want every member to be involved in a Sunday School class. It really is where life and ministry at First Baptist Lafayette begins!



Discipleship

While our primary method of disciple-making is the Sunday School, spiritual growth is enhanced through discipleship courses offered on Sunday afternoons and weekdays in the spring and fall each year. These classes vary each semester and include subjects such as: theology, prayer, how to read and study your Bible, Old and New Testament survey, Experiencing God, relationships, money matters, how to share your faith, and many others. Some classes are specifically for men or women. Leadership training is offered for those teaching classes or in other leadership positions.



Evangelism

FAITH is an evangelism training strategy linked directly to the ongoing work of the Sunday School. FAITH teaches a simple but effective gospel presentation utilizing a team of three people. Classes and visitation are offered on Tuesday evenings, with a goal of each team visiting prospects and members of their Sunday School class. We encourage every adult Sunday School class to be represented in this primary evangelism strategy of FAITH.



First Look

First Look is a two hour seminar designed for new members and prospective members. It covers the beliefs, history, ministries, missions, and other things about First Baptist Lafayette. First Look is led by Pastor Steve Horn and is offered five or six times each year at 5:30 p.m. Sunday.

Women's Ministry

Opportunities are offered for women to share concerns about nurturing a family and building relationships based on common experiences and needs. An annual conference held in September is one of the more popular offerings, in addition to discipleship classes.



Men's Ministry

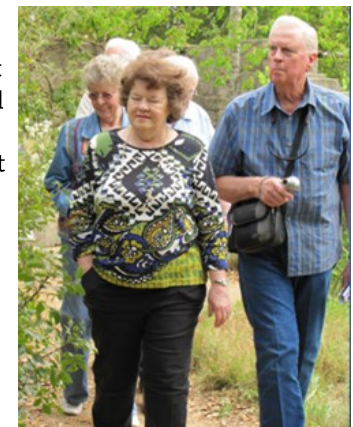
Men are encouraged to develop a strong, positive role as the spiritual leader of the family. We offer weekend seminars, discipleship classes and prayer breakfasts to support this effort. The quarterly Daniel's Men events help men become men of purpose, prayer and partners.



Senior Adults

Our senior adults want to share the gospel with the next generation. They share their faith, support missions, and participate in multiple ministry projects throughout the year. Many senior adults are connected to classes at First Baptist Christian School, and others minister at area assisted living and nursing homes.

Seniors also gather the last Thursday of each month for a JOY Club covered-dish luncheon and a time of information and inspiration. Trips are planned frequently and include day trips to area attractions as well as week-long get-aways and conventions.



Missions

For the past decade a highlight of the spring has been First Baptist Loves Lafayette, a day of community missions and ministry. As many as 600 people have participated on a Saturday in up to 40 different projects throughout Acadiana.



Each year several hundred First Baptist members participate in mission trips. These trips occur primarily, but not exclusively, during the summer months. Activities range from backyard Bible clubs and evangelistic crusades to construction work, medical missions, musical concerts, and other efforts to share the love of Christ around the world. For information about mission trips visit www.fbclaf.org/trips.

First Baptist Lafayette works through partnerships with the Southern Baptist Convention and its mission agencies by giving and going nationally and internationally. Special church-wide emphases four times each year support missions in the local association, state, nation, and around the world.

Prayer

At First Baptist Lafayette, we seek to encourage, teach and develop a praying church at every opportunity, both corporately and privately. To support this effort, a Prayer Room is available for those who wish to pray at the church building on Sundays. *PrayerWorks* is an online method for submitting prayer requests and praying for the requests of others. The National Day of Prayer is observed the first Thursday in May. Men meet weekly at a local restaurant for breakfast and prayer. The Prayer Blanket Ministry provides Prayer Blankets to those who are experiencing serious illness or sorrow. At 10 a.m. each weekday the church staff prays together.



Support Groups

Support groups are offered for those who are experiencing grief after the loss of a loved one, and for those recovering from a marital separation or divorce. These groups meet each spring and fall in 13 week sessions. For more information about GriefShare and DivorceCare visit www.fbclaf.org/support.



First Baptist Choir

The First Baptist Choir leads worship each Sunday during our Classic Worship at 9:45 a.m. and presents several major productions each year. The choir presents traditional anthems as well as choral arrangements of more contemporary songs. The group is open to all adults with a heart for glorifying God through music.



eleven:11 Praise Band and Praise Team

This group leads the eleven:11 contemporary worship service. Our desire is to be lead worshippers as we honor our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ each Sunday.



Instrumental Groups

The Orchestra is a symphonic style group that accompanies the choir and congregational singing each Sunday during the Classic Worship Service. This group also presents instrumental selections during worship services and concerts throughout the year. Other instrumental ensembles also perform throughout the year.



Christmas Productions

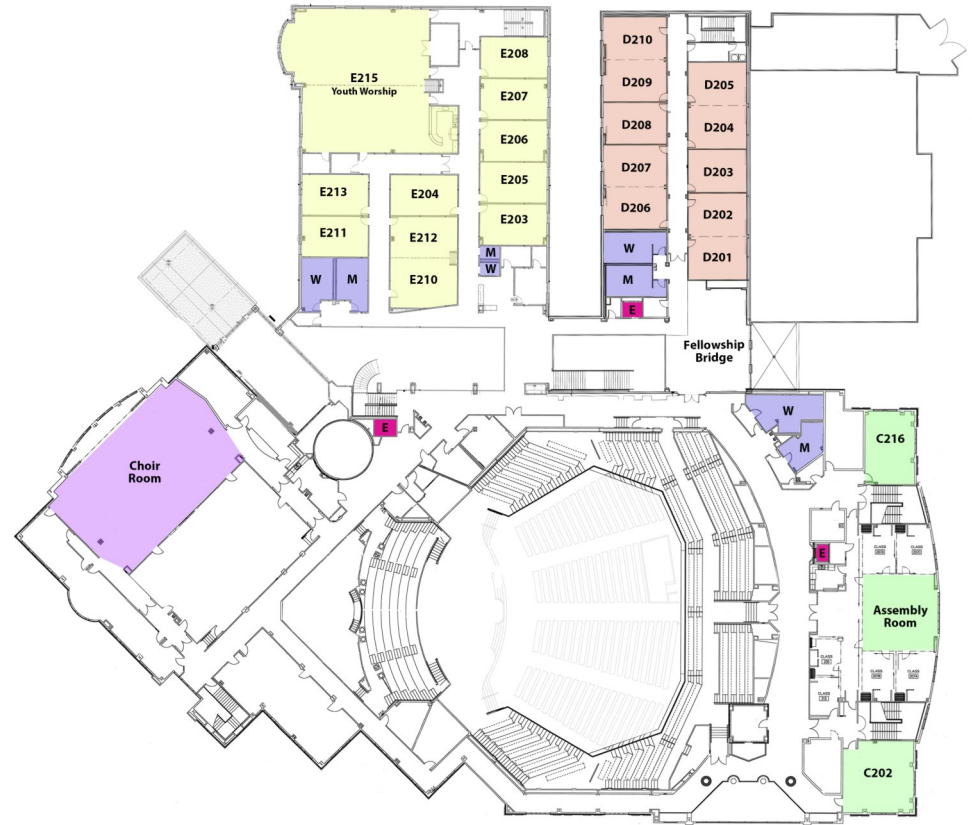
The Christmas season unites the entire music ministry in a presentation of Christmas favorites. The Singing Christmas Tree, a tradition in our community dating back to the mid-eighties, is presented some years, while a music/drama is presented other years. Opportunities are numerous for short-term, non-singing participants, including drama cast members, set builders, costume makers, tech team, prop managers, decorating and more.



FIRST FLOOR



SECOND FLOOR



CHINESE MINISTRY

Weekly Schedule

Sunday Worship

9:45 a.m. Sanctuary

Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Singing, Prayer
& Bible Study

Chinese Ministry Building

Other Sunday Activities:

12:30 p.m. Outreach Lunch, recreation, English classes, Childrens Choir, Childrens Bible Drill, one-on-one Bible studies and discipleship

Transportation on Sundays:

Transportation provided from ULL campus at 9:30 a.m. for Sunday Worship Service and at 10:45 a.m. for Sunday School.

Fabulous Fridays:

Friendship Club / East & West Club / Outreach trip / Food & Fellowship / Bible Study
(Meeting time and place dependent on the activity)

Weekly Grocery Shopping (for students without cars)

Sunday 1:30 p.m. - Transportation provided to take students grocery shopping. It leaves from the Chinese Ministry Building.



HISPANIC MINISTRY

Los Domingos

Estudio Biblico 9:45 a.m.

Adoracion 11:00 a.m.

Chapel

Los Miercoles

Estudio Biblico 6:00 p.m.

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Education Center



DEAF MINISTRY

A Sunday School class for the deaf is offered each Sunday at 8:30 a.m. Interpretation is offered during the 9:45 a.m. worship service, and for special programs.



FIRST BAPTIST CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Core Values

- Embracing a Christian worldview
- Excelling in academics
- Educating with a Biblical curriculum
- Equipping in discipleship
- Exemplifying Christian leadership
- Engaging parents and families
- Encouraging evangelistic focus

Mission

First Baptist Christian School is committed to partnering with parents to equip students to reach their full potential by providing academic excellence in a Christian environment.



What We Offer

Christian Curriculum

Our curriculum includes such publishers as Bob Jones, Glencoe, Clairmont and ABEKA. Core classes include Bible, language arts, math, science, and social studies.

Christian Certified Teachers

Lower student-teacher ratios promote a more individualized learning environment.

State Approved PreK3 - 11th Grades

FBCS meets the requirements set by the State Department of Education.

Enrichment Opportunities

In addition to offering standard enrichment opportunities such as library and physical education, FBCS offers fun and exciting classes such as Spanish, art, computer and music.

Technological Advancements

Technological advances such as Promethean boards make learning more interactive, fun and enjoyable.

Athletics

FBCS offers a wide variety of athletic programs including volleyball, basketball, and baseball. Students must maintain a 2.0 GPA in core subjects to participate in sports.

Member School of SBACS and ACSI

FBCS is a member school of the Southern Baptist Association of Christian Schools and the Association of Christian Schools International, and participates in competitions such as Math Olympics, Creative Writing, Art Festival, Speech Meet and Spelling Bees.

To connect with FBCS visit www.fbcslafayette.com





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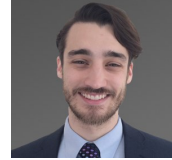
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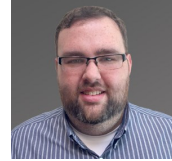
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WORSHIP

The Sunday 9:45 a.m. service features hymns and familiar worship songs with choir and orchestra. The 11:11 a.m. service includes a vocal team, praise band, and other contemporary features. Pastor Steve Horn delivers the same Bible-based message at both services.

The Sunday 6:00 p.m. service provides a rich mix of contemporary and traditional songs and our Pastor often teaches through a book of the Bible at this service.

Wednesdays at 4:45 p.m. we gather for a Family Fellowship Supper in Fellowship Hall. This is followed at 6:00 p.m. with a brief Bible study and an extended time of corporate prayer.



WEEKLY SCHEDULE

SUNDAY

- 8:00 AM Library and Coffee Shop Open
- 8:30 AM Sunday School 1
Deaf Sunday School
- 9:45 AM Classic Worship
Sunday School 2
Hispanic Sunday School
- 11:00 AM Sunday School 3
Hispanic Worship
Chinese Sunday School
- 11:11 AM eleven:11 Worship
- 12:30 PM Chinese Outreach
- 4:00 PM DivorceCare
GriefShare
- 4:30 PM Adult & Youth Discipleship
Childrens Choir
Preschool Choir
English Class (Chinese)
Library Open
- 5:45 PM Youth Choir
- 6:00 PM Evening Worship
Bible Drill (grades 1 - 6)
B.L.A.S.T. (3-5 year olds)
- 7:00 PM SNL at the College House

TUESDAY

- 9:15 AM Women on Mission (monthly)
- 5:00 PM FAITH Evangelism Supper
- 6:00 PM FAITH Evangelism Training

WEDNESDAY

- 4:45 PM Family Fellowship Supper
- 6:00 PM Midweek Service
Hispanic Bible Study
College Bible Study
Ignite Youth Worship
RAs/GAs (grades 1 - 6)
Mission Friends (3-5 year olds)
Choir Rehearsal
Orchestra Rehearsal

THURSDAY

- 9:00 AM Precept Bible Study
Ladies Bible Study
Prayer Blanket Ministry
- 11:30 AM JOY Club (monthly)
- 6:00 PM Ladies Bible Study
Precept Bible Study
Women on Mission (monthly)

STAY UP-TO-DATE

Websites

- www.FbcLaf.org – Our primary website includes helpful information for first time guests, in addition to information about ministries and events. You can also watch or listen to messages by Pastor Steve Horn on this site.
- www.PerrySanders.org – Messages by long-time pastor Perry Sanders.
- www.SteepleStories.com – A year-long daily devotional with stories by over 200 of our members.

Social Media

www.facebook.com/fbclaf and www.twitter.com/fbclaf – You can "like" or "follow" us at these sites.

Blog

www.SteveHorn.org – Pastor Steve Horn posts several times each week. Subscribe on the site to receive email notifications when the blog is updated.

Email

Looking Ahead is our weekly email newsletter. You can subscribe to this publication at www.FbcLaf.org/enews.

Print

Sunday's *Bulletin* and Wednesday's *Between Sundays* are print pieces distributed at worship services to help keep you up-to-date.

Television

Our telecasts are seen on FamilyVisionTV at 11:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m. Sundays, and at 5:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. weekdays. A channel listing is at www.FbcLaf.org/stations. If you miss one of our daily telecasts, or live outside the viewing area, you can watch each day's broadcast at www.LifeatFirst.org.

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