

PRAYER REQUESTS

Recent Deaths

- Angie Wisler's father
- Jeremy Vegter's father

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Our children's Sunday school classes are designed to ground kids in the foundational truths of God's Word. We encourage parents to review the content of each week's lesson with their children. You can use the QR code to find helpful suggestions for continuing the discipleship process at home.



LIVING NATIVITY

Thank you to everyone who served in this year's presentation of the Lafayette Living Nativity. The commitment and sacrificial service of all who play a role in presenting the message of Jesus Christ to our community is a great encouragement to thousands of people.

OFFERING ENVELOPES

With the increase of online giving and fewer numbered boxes of envelopes used, we are discontinuing the use of envelope numbers and the box of dated envelopes. For those who like the convenience of the boxed set, we are still offering a box of 52 envelopes or a packet of 12 for monthly giving. If you would like a different packet amount, please fill out the form at the table with your name and quantity you would like. Contributions are recorded by name and address on a check or by the name and address on the envelope with cash gifts.

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

To view the dates and times of the various holiday ministries taking place at Faith, as well as any deviations from our typical schedule, please visit faithlafayette.org/holidayschedule or use the QR code.



CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

Bring your family on December 24 to celebrate the birth of Jesus in song and worship. Each campus will be hosting a Candlelight service at the following times:

- Faith East – 5:00 pm & 8:00 pm
 - Service for families with children age 4 - 5th grade (Gym) – 5pm
- Faith West – 6:00 pm
- Faith North – 7:00 pm

NEW YEAR'S EVE SPECTACULAR

Join us at one of our 3 community centers for activities and fun on December 31 from 5pm - 8pm. Visit our faithlafayette.org/newyear to learn more. We also need servants to help us provide a safe and fun way for families to celebrate New Year's Eve. To sign up, go to faithlafayette.org/serve.

FAITH COMMUNITY INSTITUTE

Faith Community Institute begins Wednesday, January 10. Find more info and sign up at faithlafayette.org/fci.

INTRODUCTION TO FAITH

Introduction to Faith begins this Wednesday, January 10, from 6:30-8pm at Faith East. Sign up online at faithlafayette.org/intro or scan the QR code.



SUNDAY WORSHIP PLAYLIST

You can find today's worship music by searching [faithchurchmusic](https://open.spotify.com/playlist/faithchurchmusic) on Spotify



ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH
JAMES CHADWICK

THE FIRST NOEL
PHIL WICKHAM

O PRAISE THE NAME (ANASTASIS)
THE WORSHIP INITIATIVE

AWAY IN A MANGER
WILLIAM KIRKPATRICK

ONLY A HOLY GOD
CITYALIGHT

Last Week's Offering: \$112,819.94 | Weekly Budget: \$74,195
Last Week Sunday Worship: 2,086

FAITH CHURCH EAST
5526 St. Rd. 26 East, Lafayette

Sunday Worship - 8:00, 9:30, 11:00am
Children's Ministries - 8:00, 9:30, & 11:00am
Student Ministries - 9:30 & 11:00am
Family Service - 11:00am

FAITH CHURCH WEST
1920 Northwestern Ave., West Lafayette

Sunday Worship - 9:30 & 11:00am
Children's Ministries - 9:30 & 11:00am
Student Ministries - 9:30am

FAITH CHURCH NORTH
2000 Elmwood Ave., Lafayette

Sunday Worship - 9:30 & 11:00am
Children's Ministries - 9:30 & 11:00am
Student Ministries - 11:00am

December 17, 2023

Light of the World

Grow closer
to God.

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with others.

Faith is the place for
practical Bible teaching
with real-life relevance.

One Church. Three Campuses.

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We are a diverse church family committed to biblical truth, loving this community, and supporting one another. There is a place for you here.

YOUR PASTORS

EAST CAMPUS - 8:00AM

Johnny Kjaer - FE Community Ministries
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Trey Garner - Children's Ministries
tgarner@faithlafayette.org 765-237-2700

Ian Woodall - Youth Ministries
iwoodall@faithlafayette.org 585-991-1838

EAST CAMPUS - 9:30AM

Dustin Folden - Adult Ministries
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Brent Aucoin - Soul Care
baucoin@faithlafayette.org 765-714-6866

Josh Aucoin - Worship Ministries
jaucoin@faithlafayette.org 765-237-1687

EAST CAMPUS - 11:00AM

Rob Green - Faith East
rgreen@faithlafayette.org 765-413-0442

Greg Wetterlin - Restoration
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EAST CAMPUS (GYM) - FAMILY 11:00AM

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WEST CAMPUS

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Stefan Nitzschke - College Ministries
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WEST CAMPUS

Ross Reeder - Community Development
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NORTH CAMPUS - 9:30AM

Rod Hutton - Faith North Ministries
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LIGHT OF THE WORLD

Hope For a Secure House because of the Child Called Eternal Father
Isaiah 9:6

The name, "Eternal Father" implies four hope filled actions of One who provides an everlasting, secure house for His people

I. _____ a House for His People

A. Consider the Isaiah context of "Father/Son/House /Dynasty"

Isaiah 7:1-17, 8:14, 18 - Now it came about in the days of Ahaz, the son of Jotham, the son of Uzziah, king of Judah, that Rezin the king of Aram and Pekah the son of Remaliah, king of Israel... When it was reported to the house of David... Then the Lord said to Isaiah, "Go out now to meet Ahaz, you and your son... on account of the fierce anger of Rezin and Aram and the son of Remaliah... Let us go up against Judah ... set up the son of Tabeel as king (new dynasty) in the midst of it... Then he said, "Listen now, O house of David!... The Lord will bring... on your father's house... But to both the houses of Israel, a... Behold, I (Isaiah) and the children whom the Lord has given me are for signs and wonders in Israel from the Lord of hosts, who dwells on Mount Zion (DAVID'S HOUSE)."

B. Consider what God had promised to David (2 Samuel 7)

2 Samuel 7:1-14 - Now it came about when the king (David) lived in his house... that the king (David) said to Nathan the prophet, "See now, I dwell in a house of cedar, but the ark of God dwells within tent curtains." But in the same night the word of the Lord came to Nathan, saying, "Go and say to My servant David, '... I have been with you wherever you have gone... and I will make you a great name... I will also appoint a place for My people Israel and will plant them, that they may live in their own place ...' The Lord also declares to you that the Lord will make a house for you. When your days (David's) are complete and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your descendant after you, who will come forth from you, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build a house for My name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. I will be a father to him and he will be a son to Me; Your house and your kingdom shall endure before Me forever; your throne shall be established forever."

II. _____ with the House of His People

What is the tension in this text? "For a child will be born to us, a son will be given... and his name will be called... eternal father."

A. A child that is given, a son that is to be born (Isaiah 9:6)

B. Immanuel – God with us (Isaiah 7:14)

Isaiah 7:14 - Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, a virgin will be with child and bear a son, and she will call His name

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Immanuel (God with us).

Matthew 22:41-46 - Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them a question: "What do you think about the Christ, whose son is He?" They said to Him, "The son of David." He said to them, "Then how does David in the Spirit call Him 'Lord,' saying, 'The Lord said to my Lord, sit at My right hand, until I put Your enemies beneath Your feet'? If David then calls Him 'Lord,' how is He his son?" No one was able to answer Him a word, nor did anyone dare from that day on to ask Him another question.

"We catch sight of a new key principle – the power of the Higher, just in so far as it is truly Higher, to come down, the power of the greater to include the less ... Everywhere the great enters the little – its power to do so is almost the test of its greatness." (C. S. Lewis, Miracles, commenting on the miracle of the incarnation)

III. Becomes the Life-Giving _____ for His People

Isaiah 53:10 - He will see His offspring...

John 1:12-13 - But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

Hebrew 2:11-18 - For both He who sanctifies and those who are sanctified are all from one Father; for which reason He is not ashamed to call them brethren, saying, "I will proclaim Your name to My brethren, In the midst of the congregation I will sing Your praise." And again, "I will put My trust in Him." And again, "Behold, I and the children whom God has given Me." Therefore, since the children share in flesh and blood, He Himself likewise also partook of the same, that through death He might render powerless him who had the power of death, that is, the devil, and might free those who through fear of death were subject to slavery all their lives. For assuredly He does not give help to angels, but He gives help to the descendant of Abraham. Therefore, He had to be made like His brethren in all things, so that He might become a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. For since He Himself was tempted in that which He has suffered, He is able to come to the aid of those who are tempted.

IV. _____ to Be the King Forever of His People – Isaiah 9:7

Isaiah 9:7 - There will be no end to the increase of His government or of peace, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and righteousness from then on and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will accomplish this.

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