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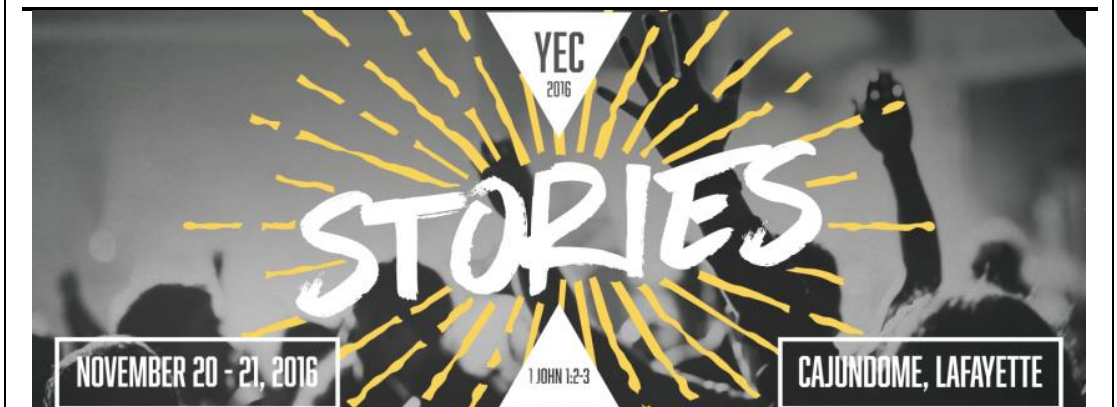
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## Sewing God – Loving People



*Lottie Moon Christmas Offering 2016*  
*First Baptist Goal \$12,000.00*  
*Please give generously so that others will hear the Good News!*



Please pray for our youth and their chaperones while they are away at YEC November 20 – 21, 2016

Youth Minister Search Committee

Please pray about who God would have on this search committee and pick up a ballot and vote for them. Begin praying for these and that God would lead them to the person He has for our church. These young people today are the leaders of tomorrow!!! They need all the support we can give them.

## First Baptist Church of Leesville

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### November

17-Kendra Tuck  
18-Sassy Hurley  
19-Betty Westerchil  
Charles Morgan  
20-Joshua Forque  
20-Jomarie Smith  
22-Emily Page  
23-Angie Magee  
24-Wayne West  
25-Lola Waldrup  
26-Jackson Cooley  
28-Vernon Clark  
Billy Jones  
29-Trent Harvey  
30-Marshal Westerchil

### December

1-Teresa Coleman  
2-Don Holton  
3-Virginia Turick  
4-Roy B. Tuck  
Laura Tuck  
Lelia Mae Waldrop  
5-Francis Taylor  
7-Rachel Hillman

### Sunday

Sunday Bible Study for all ages: 9:30 A.M.  
Sunday Worship Services: 10:45 A.M. & 6:00 P.M.

### Wednesday

Wed. Night Fellowship Suppers 5:15-5:45 PM  
Adults \$5.00-Children to 12 yrs. \$3.00  
Youth & Adult Bible Study @ 6:00 P.M.  
Adult Choir @ 7:00 P.M.  
Awana 6:00-7:30 PM

### FBC State of Affairs

2016 Monthly Budget Requirement	\$39,219.00
Received October 16, 2016	6,952.34
Received October 23, 2016	8,942.29
Received October 30, 2016	7,647.00
Total received Oct. to date	48,350.86
Received November 6, 2016	16,726.01
Repair & Renovation Fund Goal	\$125,000.00
Received to date	86,519.00

### Sunday School Report

	10/30	11/6
Members Present	158	180
Visitors:	23	20
Worship Attendance	227	211

Remember the church wide **Pure Water-Pure Love** Project that will help provide clean water in a country where there is no clean water. If you have already filled a water bottle, please consider filling another one. All donations will be appreciated. This project is sponsored by the WMU.

### Revised Newsletter

Schedule thru

End of Year

*December 2, 2016*

*December 16, 2016*

*January 6, 2017*

Lost: 1 pair of eye glasses. If found, contact Genevieve Johnson.

### A Note From the Pastor

I want to begin this letter with a special thank you to all our veterans. It takes a lot of courage to raise that right hand and make an oath to protect this nation against all enemies. It is that courage and willingness on your behalf that makes this nation great, so please accept my heart-felt thanks and respect for each and every one of you. The great number of veterans we have in this church family are one of the things that make 1<sup>st</sup> Leesville so special to me.

As we are nearing the end of 2016, there are many decisions to make as a church. The ballots have been submitted for deacon nominations, the ballots are out for a search committee for a youth director, and the finance committee is going through a lot of #2 pencils and erasers to iron out a budget for next year. There is a lot of work and prayer that goes into these decisions and I want to encourage each of you to actively be praying for the leadership of this church. Ask God to give us the wisdom to make decisions that will continue to move us forward as a unified body of believers. I waited until after the election to finish this newsletter to see what the results were. Some of you may have woken up Wednesday morning and been pleasantly surprised or you may be horrified by the outcome, but I take great comfort in knowing that this election did not surprise my Heavenly Father. Believe me, He is not on social media right now expressing His concerns or His pleasures for all the world to see. He is not wringing His hands trying to figure out what to do. He knew who would win in each race and He also knows who is the best person for each office. And whether your candidate won or lost, we still have a Biblical command as God's children to pray for those in office.

1 Timothy 2:1-2

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. (ESV)

These elected officials have a great responsibility to lead the people and they desperately need your prayers.

I pray you have a blessed week and remember to point someone to Jesus.

### Music Notes from Bro Craig

As I sit to write this article, the Presidential Election is still a day away, and I have no idea who the winner will be. By the time you receive this newsletter, the winner will have been revealed--- maybe. What will be true is that whoever the new president may be, they will be in need of our prayers. First, as always, I will be praying for the salvation of the new president. Then I will be praying that this president will be one who follows the will and leadership of God in their decisions. Regardless of what their mindset may be at the beginning of their term, my prayer is that they will be conformed in the likeness of Christ. Although it may seem impossible, our God is able to do exceedingly abundantly more than all we ask or think.

This is also a time of year when we traditionally reflect on the things that have made our nation great. Of course, it is the blessing of the Lord that has made America great. He has taken the dream of the Pilgrims for freedom of religion and has made America the greatest nation in the world. At this time of Thanksgiving, let us all actively remember the grace of God to our nation, and let us live as people who are appreciative of that grace. May our nation again turn to the God Who has made us great. Since this will be the last newsletter before Thanksgiving, let me wish all of you a very Happy and meaningful Thanksgiving.

As we remember the things that have made our nation great, we cannot forget to mention the men and women who have valiantly served in the armed services. Many of you will receive this newsletter on Veteran's Day, and I would like to use this opportunity to thank all of our veterans for their service to our nation and to each of us. As far as anyone in the office can figure, Ikey Davidson is our last active resident member who is a veteran of WWII. He served in the Marine Corps. I want to take this opportunity to especially recognize him.

I also want to take this opportunity to thank those who have helped in worship the last couple of weeks. Leigh Ann Prewitt was gracious in filling in for Elizabeth on the piano on the morning of October 30, Jane Holton played in the evening service, and Elizabeth Cyr was back on Nov. 6. All three ladies were great blessings. The Adult Choir inspired us with "The Day Before" (with soloist Jackie Self), "Christ is Enough for Me," and "How Can I Keep from Singing." Bradyn Gibson encouraged us with "Praise You in this Storm" as did Grant Blackwell with "Through the Fire". Thank you all for using your talents in the Lord's service.

This will be the last newsletter before the Christmas Program 2016, "Season of Hope." There is a new drama with this program. It will be Friday and Sat December 2 and 3 at 6 PM and Sunday morning, Dec. 4 at 10:45 AM. Please help us get the word out to family and friends and if you are a user of social media, please help us let folks know through that. Most of all, please be in prayer that the Lord will use this ministry for His glory. If you would like to help with the drama in any way, please see me. There is still time to help.

May God bless you all more abundantly than you could ever hope or expect.

### Upcoming Youth Events: Save the Dates!!!

**November 20-22** - YEC @ Cajun Dome in Lafayette, La. – Cost is \$50.00 per student and MUST be received by Oct 5

DETAILS COMING SOON FOR THE FOLLOWING TWO EVENTS:

December 16 – Progressive Dinner Christmas Party @ 4:45 PM

December 31 --- Ringing in the New Year – weather permitting

### Christmas Day Schedule

December 25, 2016

No Sunday School

Worship Service @

10:30 A.M.

No Evening Service

Merry Christmas

November 16 & 23, 2016

NO Wednesday Night Dinners

November 23, 2016

No Awana

NO evening Services

Church Office Closed

# Happy Thanksgiving



New Members  
Jeremy & Braydn Girdler

December 18, 2016

6 P.M. in the CLC

Ugly Christmas Sweater Party

Wear your ugliest sweater and

enter in the fun!

# Ugly Sweaters

### Tapestry Hospitality Dinner 2016



# Christmas at First Baptist Church, Leesville, LA

“Season  
Of  
Hope”

Everyone  
Invited –  
Free  
Admission



Presented by:

FBC Adult  
Choir &  
Drama Team

Fri., Dec. 2  
6:00 PM

Sat., Dec. 3  
6:00 PM

Sun., Dec. 4  
10:45 AM

Children's Christmas Musical  
December 11, 6:00 P.M.



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December 24, 2016

5:00 PM

Candle Light  
Service and

The Lord's supper



Tapestry would like to thank  
everyone who helped make our  
Hospitality Dinner a success. Our  
silent auction raised \$1,100 for the  
Lottie Moon Christmas offering.  
Tapestry is every second Tuesday in  
each month at 6 P.M., and every  
lady is welcome to come and join  
them.