Meeting Sundays, 10:30 am at The Long Center theater in Downtown Lafayette





simply practical teaching

"The Bible is hard to understand."

"I don't see how it applies to today."

"It seems so out of date."

Have you ever heard people talk about the Bible that way? (Have you ever talked that way?) It's okay to admit it because it's true... sort of.

The Bible was completed over 2000 years ago. Its words were written in Greek, Hebrew and Aramaic. Its writers were part of cultures completely foreign to us. And the most widely quoted English Bible was translated from secondhand Latin texts during the time of Shakespeare! We know that understanding the Bible can be difficult.

That's why, in our services, we read from accurate, modern translations, we explain points of historical interest and relevance, but most of all, we strive every week to show how people can actually live out the teaching of the Bible on Monday through Saturday!



Lafayette Community Church is a newly forming community of faith that started life as "Southside Church" on Lafayette's southside, and now meets on Sundays at The Long Center downtown and during the week in people's homes throughout the city. It is our goal to simply meet people at any point on their spiritual journey and lead them one step closer to JESUS.

We do what we do because we believe the core message of Christianity is simple, accessible to everyone, hope-giving and life-transforming. The example and teaching of Jesus calls us to higher levels of spiritual awareness, moral purity, and social justice.

We aren't into denominational divisiveness or traditionally hierarchical forms of Christianity, but we believe in cooperation and maintain a healthy partnership with Converge Worldwide, the Willow Creek Association, and TEAMM.

We don't have a permanent location yet, but that's okay with us. Jesus didn't have an office or even a ministry home base. Renting Sunday gathering space saves us money, keeps us flexible, and lets us focus on people more than property. Someday, we'll have a space to call our own, but we aren't pushing for it. In the meantime, you can reach us online, on the phone, or at one of our gatherings.

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is complicated enough!

let GOD bring you some simplicity

simply straightforward

simply inspiring music

simply great childcare

Our world is cluttered.

- Hundreds of channels.
- Hundreds of churches.
- Hundreds of banks.
- Hundreds of stores.
- Thousands in debt.
- Millions of responsibilities.

Why?

The Bible is very clear that there is one fundamental reality underlying all of the clutter in our world. It's what the Bible calls "sin," the human tendency to chase after anything other than God.

If avoiding God is the cause of the problem, then discovering God should be step one of the solution, and the rest of the solution should come in simply paying attention to what He says.

We are a church that tries to authentically, simply, and honestly put God first in everything we do, and we take a straightforward approach to the Bible. We believe when God comes first, everything else will fall into place.

Most people don't listen to "church music" as they drive in their car to work.

Why not? Are they "bad people"?

We don't think so. We think it's just because the music they hear in connection with the church doesn't speak the language of their heart.

The Psalms of the Hebrew Scriptures (sometimes called the Old Testament) display a use of music that consistently proclaims God's greatness while also dealing with the emotional realities of a person's heart.

Any music used to connect the truth of <u>God</u> to people's <u>hearts</u> is biblical.

In our services, you'll hear a modern guitar-driven style of music with thought-provoking lyrics and captivating tunes that will ring in your head throughout the week reminding you how great God really is.

energy, and a passion for life. You couldn't pay us to take that away from them!

Church doesn't have to be boring. In fact, we think that a boring Sunday

God created kids with joy, laughter,

fact, we think that a boring Sunday morning produces spiritual apathy during the week too. That's why we work hard to make our *kidZONE* an <u>exciting</u> place to be.

Our *kidZONE* programs on Sunday *kidZONE* are designed by gifted child-care professionals and implemented by caring volunteers who want more than anything to give your child a positive encounter with God.

We also have security measures in place to make sure that our workers are appropriately screened and trained, that children are never in a room alone with an adult, and that all kids go home with the parent who brought them.

So we're warning you. If you bring your

kids this week, they'll want to come back next week too!



