

Are You a Follower or a Fan of Jesus?

Matthew 4:12-25

The First Followers:

Many followed Jesus, but not all were fully _____ followers, some were just _____.

The First Message:

Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at _____.

Six times in the Book of Acts, early Christians were called “people of the _____.”

Bringing others to Jesus was one of the fruits of new _____ (_____).

Andrew brought _____, Philip brought _____.

Together they influenced _____ and _____.

Jesus was looking for _____. He told “wanna-be” followers to _____ first the kingdom of God.

Examples of 3 “_____” followers:

Follow Me and _____ to follow Me for the rest of your life.

Following Jesus means going where He _____, doing what He _____, and _____ what He proclaimed.

Following Christ is not about convenience, it is about _____.



Welcome to First Baptist Church of Lakewood

December 14, 2025

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering Video

Welcome & Prayer

Pastor Walt Kelly

Scripture Reading

Hayward Kelley

Matthew 4:12-25

Congregational Songs

Sermon

Pastor Walt Kelly

“Are You a Follower or a Fan of Jesus?”

Invitation

Offering & Announcements

Special Called Business Meeting

Closing Prayer

Our Mission Statement

We exist to exalt Jesus Christ as Lord by seeking, teaching and caring for the people in our church, community and world.

**worship services are recorded for live stream & replay online*

Christmas Eve Service

Who will you invite to sit with you at the Christmas Eve service this year? We look forward to celebrating the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ together at this special service. Date/Time: Wednesday, December 24 @ 7 PM.

RSVP Today: Senior Adult Christmas Luncheon

This Thursday, December 18 at 12 PM, is the Senior Adult Christmas luncheon at the church! Please RSVP by December 15th so we know we have enough tables set up. Write “Senior Christmas Luncheon” on a Connect Card today or by contacting the church office (phil@fbclakewood.org; 253-582-1000).

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering (LMCO)

By giving to this special missions offering, our gifts will help support a missionary family somewhere around the world so they can focus on sharing the gospel with the people in their city! Will you prayerfully consider giving to this special offering this year? For your Lottie Moon gift, use an LMCO envelope, write “LMCO” on your check/envelope, or pick the “Missions” option for online gifts.

New Mid-Week Discipleship Class in January

A new mid-week discipleship class will begin in January! Please use a Connect Card to sign up or contact Pastor Phil Roy (253-582-1000; phil@fbclakewood.org).

“The Promise of Heaven” – a co-ed Bible study by Dr. David Jeremiah. Despite common portrayals that imagine heaven as boring or abstract, its reality offers far greater meaning & joy. Heaven is a real place where peace & belonging are guaranteed for those who have faith in Christ. Thinking about eternity in this way will transform how you live today, give you hope in the midst of life’s challenges, encourage you to live with intention, & share God’s love with others. Facilitator: Pastor Phil Roy. **This class will be offered at two different times.*

—Mondays @ 6:30 PM beginning January 5 in Room 135

—Fridays @ 10 AM beginning January 9 in Room 135

Special Called Business Meeting

Today in the 9:30 & 11 AM worship services, there is a special called business meeting to vote on the 2026 Church Budget. A summary of the proposed 2026 budget is in the bulletin. Contact the church office for a detailed copy of the budget & with any questions.

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Deacon of the Week

Scott Hardwick

Watchman Prayer

Join us for a time of prayer every Sunday at 5 PM. For directions & for info about becoming a Watchman Host, contact Pastor Phil Roy (phil@fbclakewood.org; 253-582-1000).

Tonight's Watchman Prayer:

Danielle Alexander