

## **Scheduling change announcement**

for July 22 and 29, 2018

We want everyone to know we will be changing our Sunday schedule in a few weeks. Through the years we have changed our gathering times to meet different needs in different seasons of Lafayette's life. Our current schedule – with our worship gathering at 9:00am followed by classes – was put in place on September 9, 2007 and will continue until our new schedule begins on September 9, 2018. Here's our timetable for implementing this change --

- We will make this announcement on Sundays, July 22 and 29.
- The weeks of August 5 and 12 we will survey Lafayette members seeking input about the exact times of our new schedule.
- Our new schedule will begin on Sunday, September 9, 2018.

Here are proposed class and worship gathering times that you will be asked to choose from –

1. Classes at 8:30am. Worship gathering at 9:30am.
2. Classes at 9:00am. Worship gathering at 10:00am.
3. Classes at 9:30am. Worship gathering at 10:30am.

You will notice that we have decided to begin with classes and conclude our time together with our worship gathering. We believe that this scheduling change will give us better opportunity to be the warm, hospitable church we want to be on a more consistent basis.

Let me explain what I mean: At the conclusion of our worship gathering, the time most visitors choose to join us, we will be free to meet and greet and share conversation and perhaps meals rather than that being a time when all of our members are focused on moving on to classes or meetings. We believe an increased focus on hospitality is needed at this point in the life of Lafayette.

We encourage you to begin thinking about what schedule you will suggest to be chosen. Again, we will be seeking your input the weeks of August 5 and 12. We also want to point out that while we anticipate this change providing a positive impact for our church, the change in time will only be, at most, 30 minutes earlier or later.

As we move toward the implementation of our new schedule on September 9, let's remember the importance of hospitality. As we gather to worship God, let us notice one another, greet one another, and love one another. And as we scatter to reflect God, we can begin by intentionally and immediately using the opportunities this schedule change presents to welcome others as Jesus welcomes us.