

**2016 Ministry Opportunities**  
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## Introduction

*God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another. 1 Peter 4:10*

As part of the family of First Baptist Church, we each are called to use the gifts and abilities given to us by God to serve one another and proclaim the Gospel as we serve.

Our mission is to reach and disciple people within our circle of influence for Jesus Christ with a loving and caring spirit.

This booklet will introduce you to the current ministries supported by FBC and provide you with ways to contact ministry leaders so you can get involved.

## Connect

As a believer in Christ, you have been given gifts. We invite you to connect with the ministries of FBC and discover all the opportunities available to serve others.

## Engage

As you find your fit in a specific ministry at FBC, we pray you will begin to engage with others who serve in that ministry area. There is great joy and fulfillment found in finding your place of service alongside those who have the same passion, gifts and abilities. Together we can do more than any one of us can do alone.

## Partner

As you become a partner in ministry with FBC, there will be a feeling of ownership and responsibility to that area where you have connected and engaged. As we all partner together to serve others we will truly experience what Christ intended for His Church.

# Ministries and Programs

## Children and Preschool Ministry

The Children's and Preschool Ministry at FBC (ages 5<sup>th</sup> grade and under) is exciting because we are planting seeds and reaping a harvest of children who have accepted Jesus as their Savior! Our goal is to help them understand God's Word and how to apply it to their everyday lives. We are blessed with adults who have a heart for children and a passion for pouring into their lives. Volunteers are always needed in this vital ministry of our church and the blessing will surely belong to you as you serve these young ones.

If you have a desire to teach and nurture preschoolers, many opportunities await you in this ministry area. Join us as we serve those who are precious in His sight!

## Children's Sunday School

Our children and preschoolers learn the same Biblical concepts as our adults during Sunday School. Age specific classes are taught by volunteers and teachers and assistants are always needed.

*Contact: Donna Bryant*

## Extended Teaching Care (ETC) and Children's Church

Learning continues through lessons taught to 3-5 year olds during Extended Teaching Care and to 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders during Children's Church while adults are in worship.

*Contact: Donna Bryant*

## Wednesday Night Awana

Awana offers a fun, proven approach for early evangelism and discipleship. Scripture-based programs and exciting games attract families, promote Bible literacy and help kids develop lifelong faith in Christ.

*Contact: Donna Bryant*

## Vacation Bible School

It takes the whole church to do VBS at FBC! Teachers, small group guides, recreation, snacks, crafts, decorations, construction...there is room for your gifts and talents.

*Contact: Donna Bryant*

## Special Events and Activities

Summer Camp, swimming at the aquatic center, cookouts, day camp, mission camp, downtown harvest festival, Walk w/Jesus Easter event, Christmas Blast, Mother's Day tea, back to school bash and much more.

*Contact: Donna Bryant*

## Sunday Night

On Sunday Nights 1st-5th graders have a disciple's class with a weekly breakdown of a chapter of the New Testament. Five years and under have a review of their Sunday school lesson, "Bible stories for life".

**Contact: Donna Bryant**

## Connections Ministries

The Connections Ministries of FBC have several components and continue to expand as God blesses our church family and ministry.

### Hospitality

The Hospitality team members are the face of the Body of Christ to those God sends our way. How guests experience our greeters is one of the central influences in their decision to return to our church. The task of this team is to help our guests feel the love of God by truly welcoming them into God's house. They greet people at the door and during and after the worship service with a warm smile and a friendly word.

**Contact: Bill Hart**

### Ushers

The ushers help ensure a smoothly running church service and minister to people in a variety of practical ways. Their duties include greeting people as they arrive for the service, assisting people with special needs, and collecting the offering. Ushers stand ready to assist anyone in the congregation who might need help, to aid latecomers in finding a seat, and to inform those in the sanctuary of any urgent matters. The usher team leader coordinates efforts to ensure that the facility, including the parking lot, is monitored to prevent vandalism, theft, or other wrongdoing.

**Contact: Bill Hart**

### Parkfest

Parkfest is basically "Church in the Park". It is an outdoor event hosted in Veterans Park here in Piedmont that we do every fall. The main goal for Parkfest is to invite all of our community that may not have a church home. We serve a huge meal and eat together following the service. In the past we have had live drama, live bands, testimonies, and even baptized people in a horse trough. If you want to reach our community, get plugged into the planning of Parkfest.

**Contact: Micah Harbison**

### Fellowship Meals

The Kitchen Team coordinates meals that provide the opportunity to celebrate a special event or anniversary, acknowledge those who contribute to the life and work of the church and share fellowship with church friends and family. Holidays and seasonal events provide another occasion for church dinners that enable church members to share a special time together before they scatter to their own families' homes.

## Men's Ministry

At First Baptist we want to equip men to be godly leaders at home, church, and in the community. We offer ministries to help men become all that God desires. As a body of believers, our vision is to root ourselves in Christ, build each other up in the faith, lift each other up when we stumble and rejoice together in victory.

*Just as iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another. Proverbs 27:17*

### Men's Ministry Workday

Men at FBC serve God through events such as our Men's Ministry Workday. This ministry provides an opportunity for the men and boys of First Baptist to perform maintenance on our church buildings and grounds, but more importantly, to help members of our church and community with needs around their homes.

*Contact: Sparks Harper*

### Carpenters for Christ

Carpenters for Christ is a Brotherhood of men who work together to build churches and other facilities to glorify Christ. Only a fraction of the men are carpenters by trade, but when we make ourselves available He blesses our efforts and completes the work. Although some Carpenters for Christ from our church have assisted other groups for many years, the Piedmont FBC Carpenters for Christ team has led a cooperative effort with brothers from many churches to complete projects since 2002.

*Contact: Doug Rosser*

## Worship Ministry

"And He said to him, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'" – Matthew 22:37-39.

FBC is a church that loves to worship together. Whether it is on Sunday, Wednesday nights, or special events throughout the year, we strive to provide powerful environments and experiences that allow you to come to Christ in worship.

### Choir

Our sanctuary choir is more of a family than a musical group. We practice on Sunday nights from 6:30-7:30 in the Choir Suite. If you like to sing and feel that you can express your worship through song we would love to have you join our family. Whether you are a soloist or just like to sing in the shower there is a place for you! Our ages range from teenagers to mature adults in their mid 70's. Come help us lead worship.

*Contact: Micah Harbison*

### Praise Band

We have several opportunities for you if you play an instrument. We have bands that play on Sunday mornings in our worship service and on Wednesday nights in our youth service. If you can play an

instrument we would love to get you plugged in on Sunday mornings or Wednesday nights. Please call or text Micah Harbison for more info.

**Contact: Micah Harbison**

### Technology Ministry

We are always in need of more people to join our technology team. Whether it's running sound, operating our multimedia program Pro Presenter, making short-movies for worship, or helping us with our social media, we are always looking for folks that are gifted in the areas of technology and computers. We believe that God has given us technology to reach this generation and the generations to come and we want you to be a part.

**Contact: Micah Harbison**

### Student Ministry

ReGroup Student Ministry is a group of students that thrive on having a good time while learning to encourage each other as they face the struggles of daily life together. Each week we get together and "ReGroup" from the events of the past week and allow God to heal and recharge us as we are sent back out. At Refuel @ 6:00 on Wednesdays we feed the students before engaging in worship, games, and bible study at ReGroup @ 6:30. We are always in need of teachers and people to help in the kitchen.

**Contact: Seth Harbison**

### College Ministry

College Ministry at FBC consists of a hangout/bible study on Monday nights @ 6:00. We also take these college and career young adults on outings like bowling, frisbee golf, and are still on a quest to find the world's best food establishment this side of the Mississippi. Also, small group Sunday School meets on the 2nd floor @ 9:00 to engage in discussion and bible study. So come join this group in a very pivotal time in their lives as we see God lead and grow them!

**Contact: Seth Harbison**

### Women's Ministry

The Women's Ministry and Missions is made up of several ministries to meet the needs of the women in our church, community, and beyond. As we pass through the different seasons in our lives may our women be "encouraged in heart and united in love". (Colossians 2:2)

Additional information about Women's Ministry and Missions may be obtained from Co-Directors Shelia Harper and Cynthia Baker or from a leader of each ministry listed below.

**Contact: Cynthia Baker**

**Contact: Shelia Harper**

### Missions and WMU

Encourages and promotes mission projects, mission offerings, and WMU activities.

**Contact: Mickie Kerr**



### Prayer Ministry

Prayer is an integral part of the Women's Ministry and Missions. Two events emphasize projects, activities and missions:

**Ministry and Missions Focus Week (February)**

**Baptist World Day of Prayer for Missionaries (November)**

**Contact: Martha Garner**

### Bridal Teas and Baby Showers

Marriage and the birth of a child are some of the most important events in our lives. Our Bridal Tea and Baby Shower teams have an opportunity to help make these events memorable in the lives of those in our church family.

**Contact: Cissy Harper**

### Card and Shut-In Ministry

A birthday card is sent to each woman in the church family. During holidays or special days, "Thinking of You" gifts are taken to church members not able to attend church services.

**Contact: Helen Godby**

### Moms and Miracles

The arrival of the newest little feet at Piedmont First Baptist is very important. To help with this blessed event a meal is arranged for the family and a gift basket is taken to the mom and baby.

**Contact: Missy Bostick**

### Quilt Ministry

A lap quilt is given to show love and concern to church members who are admitted to the hospital. Also a baby quilt is given to a baby born in our church family. A group of women meet to construct these quilts the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday at 5:00 in the sewing room.

**Contact: Sue Dempsey**

### Retreats

A time to get away for refreshing and renewing enhances personal and spiritual growth. Bible study, praise time, craft time and fellowship are a large part of this event.

**Contact: Pam Acker**

**Contact: Carrie Yakely**

### Bible and Books

Going to the next level with the Lord involves studying in the work and Christian based books. These studies will encourage growth in your walk with Jesus, equip you for service, and help cultivate deeper relationships with one another.

**Contact: Pam Jones**

## Special Events

There are events that take place to celebrate, inform, or honor. Teams work together to plan for a banquet, meal, conference, cookie swap, or craft class.

**Contact: Cynthia Baker**

**Contact: Shelia Harper**

## Senior Adult Ministry

The senior adults of First Baptist are committed to ministering to those around them. We meet weekly and our activities include ministry to those in area hospitals and health care facilities as well as a time to enjoy singing traditional hymns. We also meet monthly for a meal and a time of fun and fellowship along with an interesting and informative program. Regularly scheduled trips add fun and excitement to the activities of this busy group.

**Contact: Rhonda Ledbetter**

## Prayer Ministry

The Prayer Ministry team prays continuously and strives to make prayer a part of everything they do. They encourage other church members to make prayer a significant part of their lives. “Call on me, and I will answer you and show you great and mighty things which you do not know.” (Jeremiah 33:3) Our Sunday School classes, D-Life Bible Study Groups and different kinds of retreats are always encouraged to study and teach our church about prayer and how we must stand on God’s Promises when we pray.

## Pastor Prayer Support

This group meets to pray together with the pastor...Each Sunday morning in our prayer room from 8:30 – 9:00 we are praying for our pastor and the services for that day. We also are praying for special needs in our church, whether it is the loss of a loved one, sicknesses, or activities taking place in our church.

**Contact: Martha Garner**

## Email Prayer Ministry

The Email Prayer Ministry Team prays for specific spiritual, emotional, relational and physical needs of the First Baptist family, friends and community. Church members share prayer requests with this team via the church website so that the team can pray about them. When members submit their prayer requests by completing a form on the website, the request is immediately sent to this team via email so that they can pray for a specific need or offer thanksgiving for answered prayers.

**Contact: Ronnie Morrow**

## Evangelism, Outreach, and Inreach Ministries

### Card Ministry

Those involved in this ministry write and send cards to people in the church, community, and

elsewhere to acknowledge birthdays, illnesses, anniversaries, deaths and other special occasions or needs.

**Contact: Sparks Harper**

### Teaching Ministry

The purpose of the Teaching Ministry at FBC is to help people grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ and with others. This is accomplished, for the most part, in small groups. Our Sunday Morning Bible study classes are age-graded from babies and preschoolers through adults and are focused on building relationships, growing in God's Word, and service to others. Additionally, teaching opportunities are available for special studies, including Disciple Life and other small group topics.

**Contact: Michael Ingram**

### Bereavement Meal Ministry

Our Bereavement Meal Ministry provides a home-cooked meal for family and friends who have lost a loved one. This ministry provides the grieving family with a much-needed environment where family and friends can gather on the day of a funeral.

**Contact: Lil Haslam**

### Benevolence Center Ministry

The Piedmont Benevolence Center provides food, clothing, domestic items, furniture, assistance for utilities, medical, dental, eye, mental health, medicine, counseling, transportation, jobs and referral for various social and spiritual services. FBC supports this ministry financially through our budget. Even more importantly, our church supports this ministry through volunteers who help carry out the programs (food, clothing and furniture distribution, Star of Christmas program, etc.) and services to those in need.

**Contact: Sandy Phillips**

### Library

The church library provides and encourages the use of excellent resources in support of our church's ministries. Materials in the library are Christian materials or are closely related to church ministries. It also includes some fun children and family reading and family films. Volunteers should ideally have some familiarity with locating and shelving books using the Dewey Decimal System.

**Contact: Joyce Coble**

### Share Jesus without Fear

**Share Jesus Without Fear** teaches believers a natural, nonthreatening way to share the gospel that eliminates the pressure, the arguments, and the fear of failure. Training sessions are conducted for those joining the group. Join this team and learn to effectively share your Christian faith with others in any setting.

**Contact: Sparks Harper**

### Go-Night Ministry

The Go-Night visitation teams make needed evangelistic visits and visit new members, prospects who have never attended our church, and guests who have attended our worship services or other activities. They make sure that those visited receive information about our church programs.

**Contact: Sparks Harper**

### Network Visitation

The Network Visitation teams visit those in our church family and community during times of illness, hospitalization and other crises. Teams also make evangelistic visits as required and share the gospel with those who need to make a decision for Christ. Every single member of FBC can be a part of this ministry.

**Contact: Sparks Harper**

### D-Life Groups

D-Life groups meet at various times throughout the week to connect and build community by studying God's Word together. Some of these groups meet on the church campus and many of them meet at various locations in the community. The groups enjoy times of Bible study, fun and fellowship with activities throughout the year.

**Contact: Michael Ingram**

### Van Ministry

The Van Ministry is dedicated to providing transportation to and from church for people who would otherwise be unable to have fellowship and attend the activities and worship services of our church. In addition to providing transportation to church members, the Van Ministry team seeks to connect with and build relationships with families outside our church walls.

**Contact: Sparks Harper**

### Bicycle Ministry

A bicycle can provide an opportunity to kids who have not had the chance to own their own bike. The freedom, joy, and friendship that comes from exploring the neighborhood by bike is one many cherish. This ministry accepts donated bikes, refurbishes them and gives them to people (usually children) who do not have a bike. While most of the needs associated with the Bicycle Ministry are in volunteer hours, there are additional costs when it comes to the parts needed to refurbish the bikes. Donated bikes are generally not in top condition. Many are stripped down to help rebuild and refurbish other bikes, but even after this stripping process there are critical parts which must be purchased. Cables, cable housings, tubes, tires and new helmets are the most common needs. This ministry provides opportunities to share Jesus with children and family members.

**Contact: John Haney**

### Disaster Response Team

The purpose of the Disaster Response Team is to help meet the physical and spiritual needs of those impacted by a disaster. This is accomplished through the work of our volunteers and a semi-trailer

mobile feeding unit that enables us to prepare and serve up to 1500 meals per day. The feeding unit has three portable generators to provide power in situations where commercial power is not available. This team is supported by a church family that is ready to serve on a moment's notice. The unit can be set up in just two hours and be ready to serve meals in just a few hours.

*Contact: Sammy Holbrooks*

## International and North American Mission Trips

One of leading missions of FBC is to make disciples of all peoples in fulfillment of the Great Commission. We send mission teams and provide financial support for missions around the globe including Nicaragua, Philippines (Nehemiah Teams) and the Dominican Republic in addition to communities and cities in the United States.

FBC has opportunities for everyone to be involved in missions! Find your spot!

*Contact: Sheila Harper*