

Oak Pointe Chapel Ministry

History, Reason, and Purpose

History:

In early May 2016, First Baptist Church was contacted by Oak Pointe Assisted Living Community. Oak Pointe was looking for a church to provide a weekly chapel service for it's Residents. First Baptist immediately replied to show that there was interest in being involved. Due to our quick response, we were at liberty to choose when a Chapel Service could be provided. Our church Sunday School/Bible Study hour was chosen as the time. Now it was up to our congregation to respond. Within one day, most of the needed volunteers had signed up with interest to help. By the end of that week, our volunteer schedule was full and we had additional people signed up to be alternates if needed.

Reason: *Mark 12:29-31*

First Baptist Church has always been there to minister to our seniors. Now, we will be there to provide a much needed Chapel Service Ministry for those unable to attend our regular services. This is 'hands-on' ministry that will provide physical, spiritual, mental, and social interaction desperately needed in the assisted living community. This is our chance to directly show Christ's love and His amazing grace to our new friends and neighbors. Several within our current First Baptist congregation will be residing at Oak Pointe. Others will be from various faith backgrounds and beliefs. All will be there to worship our God together each week.

Purpose: *Matthew 28:19*

*We, as individuals and as a body of believers, were commanded by our Savior to 'go' and reach others for Him. This is beyond our walls. This is beyond ourselves. This is where we become Christ's hands and Christ's feet. The purpose of this Ministry at Oak Pointe is to live out the life Christ has given us. We are to show His love, His grace, and His understanding as we work together. Each volunteer is part of a team that works together to minister. No one is less or more important than another. But if one team member struggles the entire team will struggle. Work together. Lift one another up in prayer. A team approach is how this is designed to work. If the team falls apart so does the ministry for that week. On the reverse, if a team will band together, pray together and lift up their ministry to the Lord, He will honor those petitions (*J John 5:14-15*). As we minister to Oak Pointe we are ministering to each other. This brings glory to God through Christ (*J Peter 4:7-11*).*