Teacher Ministry Description

1. Be responsible to lead the class to effectively reach, teach, and minister to people.
2. Actively participate in the church’s outreach/visitation program.
3. Prepare and present the weekly Bible study lesson.
4. Enlist class Outreach Leaders, Care Group Leaders, and Secretary.
5. Enlist an Associate Teacher and allow him/her to teach at least once a month for the purpose of developing a new teacher.
6. Conduct monthly Class Planning Meeting with the Class Leadership Team.
7. Conduct the Sunday morning class time so that the three purposes of Sunday School are promoted by having a platform and proper emphasis.

Class Time Structure

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8. Implement discipleship studies for the class outside the Sunday morning schedule.
9. Be responsible to meet at the monthly Sunday School Leadership Meeting.
10. Lead the class to birth a new class a minimum of every two years.

Not many of you should presume to be teachers, my brother, because you know that we who teach will be judged more strictly.”

James 3:1 NIV

Truths We Hold Dear:

It is our desire to have those presenting the Word of God to be in agreement with the church’s position on essential beliefs. The following represents those beliefs. Please check the box that most accurately expresses your belief in each of the essentials listed.

About God – God is the Creator and Ruler of the universe. He has eternally existed in three persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. These three are co-equal and are one God.

About the Father – He is all-powerful, all-knowing, all-loving, and all-wise. He reigns with providential care over the universe and the flow of human history goes according to His purposes and plan.

About Jesus – Jesus Christ is the Son of God. He is co-equal with the Father. Jesus has eternally existed and became man at His incarnation. Jesus lived a sinless human life and offered Himself as the perfect sacrifice for the sins of all people by dying on a cross. He bodily arose from the dead after three days to demonstrate His power over sin and death. He ascended to Heaven’s glory and will return someday to earth to reign as King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

About the Holy Spirit – He is the third Person of the Trinity. He guides men into all truth; exhorts Christ; convicts of sin, of righteousness and of judgment; cultivates Christian character; comforts believers; bestows spiritual gifts by which they serve God; and seals the believer until the final day of redemption. His presence in the lives of believers is the assurance of God to bring us into the fullness of the stature of Christ.

About Scriptures – The Bible is God’s Word to us. Human authors, under the supernatural guidance of the Holy Spirit, wrote it. It is the supreme source of truth for Christian beliefs and living. Because God inspired it, it is the truth without any mixture of error.

About Human Beings – People are made in the image of God and are the supreme object of God’s creation. All of us are marred by an attitude of disobedience toward God called “sin”. This attitude separates people from God and causes many problems in our lives.

About Salvation – Salvation is God’s free gift to us, but we must accept it. We can never make up for our sins by self-improvement or good works. Only by trusting in Jesus Christ as God’s offer of forgiveness can anyone be saved from sin’s penalty. When we turn from our self-ruled life and turn to Jesus in faith we are saved. Eternal life begins the moment one receives Jesus Christ into his life by faith.

About Eternal Security – God gives us eternal life through Jesus Christ, the true believer is secure in that salvation for eternity. If you have been genuinely saved, you cannot “lose” it. Salvation is maintained by the grace and power of God, not by the self-effort of the Christian. It is the grace and keeping power of God that gives us this security.

About Eternity – People will be judged according to their deeds. We will either exist eternally separated from God by sin or eternally with God through forgiveness and salvation. To be eternally separated from God is Hell. To be eternally in union with Him is eternal life. Heaven and Hell are real places of eternal existence.

About Baptism by Immersion – We believe that scriptural baptism must be: (1) by being completely immersed under the water, and (2) must be after salvation. Jesus was immersed and all baptisms in the New Testament were by immersion. These two facts set the standard for baptism today. Baptism has no saving power but is the first act of obedience symbolizing (1) the believer’s faith in the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus, (2) the believer’s death to sin and resurrection to walk anew in Christ, and (3) the Christian’s belief that he will die, be buried, and that Jesus will resurrect him from the dead.

About the Lord’s Supper – The Lord’s Supper is a symbolic act of obedience whereby believers remember the death of the Lord Jesus and anticipate His second coming. The bread is symbolic of His body and the juice represents His blood.

About Tithing – At First Baptist Church Woodstock we believe in giving the tithe – 10% of gross income (not net) – as the biblical standard of giving. According to the scriptures we are to give cheerfully, regularly, systematically, proportionally, and literally for the advancement of the Redeemer’s cause on earth.

About Evangelism – It is the duty of every born again follower of Jesus Christ and of every church to endeavor to make disciples of all men everywhere. It is the command of Christ for every believer to seek constantly to win the lost to Christ by personal effort and by all other methods in harmony with the gospel of Christ.

About the Church – A New Testament church of the Lord Jesus Christ is a local body of baptized believers who are associated by their common faith and fellowship with Jesus. A local church is to observe these two ordinances: (1) baptism, and (2) the Lord’s Supper; exercise their God-given gifts; and extend the gospel to the ends of the earth. The church is an autonomous body serving under the Lordship of Christ. All members are equally responsible as they serve with the scriptural offices of the church, the pastors and deacons.

About Christian Unity – To live in harmony with other believers is clearly the teaching of the New Testament. It is the responsibility of each believer to endeavor to live in fellowship with each member of the congregation. It is further the responsibility of each member to bring all-gossiping and backbiting to an end.

We believe:

1. In the one true God, eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son, Holy Spirit.
2. In Jesus Christ, the Lord our Righteousness.
3. In the Holy Scriptures as the inspired and inerrant Word of God.
4. In the person and deity of the Holy Spirit.
5. In the resurrection of the dead.
6. In the regularization of church membership.
7. In the local church as the one visible expression of God’s universal church.
8. In the Lord’s Supper and baptism as symbolic acts of obedience.
9. In the Divine inspiration of the Bible, the inerrancy of its teaching, and the absolute authority of the scriptures in all matters of faith and practice.
10. In the one universal church, composed of all genuine believers, as a living body, to be manifested in local churches.
11. In the present and imminent personal return of our Lord Jesus Christ, to establish His reign on earth.
12. In the immediate effectual calling, electing, regenerating, sanctifying, and glorifying of all God’s醛 children.
13. In the personal and premillennial return of Jesus Christ, to judge the world and to destroy Satan with fire.
14. In the personal and imminent rapture of the church, the saints being caught up to meet Christ in the air.
15. In the eternal separation of the lost, and the eternal bliss of the saved.
My Personal Testimony
Please use the following questions as a guide to share your testimony.

Date of Salvation __________________ Date of Baptism __________________

Were you baptized after you were saved? [ ] Yes [ ] No
Were you baptized by immersion? [ ] Yes [ ] No

1. What my life was like before I received Christ.

2. How I knew that I needed Christ.

3. What took place when I received Christ.

4. How my life has been different since Jesus saved me.

Sunday School Teacher Covenant
Read carefully the following covenant, check the appropriate box for each statement. Please sign and date at the bottom if you wish to join yourself to a team of leaders committed to ministry.

1. I have a personal relationship with God through Jesus Christ. [ ] Yes [ ] No
2. I feel called of God to serve Him through the Sunday School. [ ] Yes [ ] No
3. I will strive to follow the leadership of the Holy Spirit. [ ] Yes [ ] No
4. I will *actively participate in training and growing opportunities. [ ] Yes [ ] No
5. I will *actively participate in regular, on-going Outreach/Visitation. [ ] Yes [ ] No
6. I will *actively participate in the monthly Sunday School Leadership Meetings. [ ] Yes [ ] No
7. I will do all I can to make Sunday School a positive, uplifting experience. [ ] Yes [ ] No
8. I will be faithful in tithing (giving 10% of my gross earnings). [ ] Yes [ ] No
9. I will completely refrain from the use of alcoholic beverages. [ ] Yes [ ] No
10. I will attend Sunday AM and PM Worship Services unless providentially hindered. [ ] Yes [ ] No
11. I will be supportive of the Pastor and staff. [ ] Yes [ ] No
12. I have read the Six Core Values of Sunday School and agree with the church’s Sunday School philosophy and will lead according to it. [ ] Yes [ ] No
13. I commit to fulfilling the Teacher Ministry Description with excellence. [ ] Yes [ ] No
14. I commit to service under the leadership of my class Teacher. [ ] Yes [ ] No

Before my Lord Jesus Christ, I commit to serve Him and His church by faithfully ministering through the Sunday School of First Baptist Church Woodstock, Georgia.

Sign: __________________ Date: __________________

*“actively participate” means that you will regularly participate unless providentially hindered.

SUNDAY SCHOOL VISION STATEMENT
To lead my local church to be a New Testament church by involving our people in the twofold mission of the Great Commission: 1. Evangelizing the unsaved, 2. Discipling the saved.