

Ministry Opportunities

of

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of
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Our Mission Statement

The mission of FBC, Inwood is three-fold.

- ◆ Tell the world about Jesus Christ.
- ◆ Conform believers into the image of Christ.
- ◆ Grow members into a ministry leadership.

Tell the world about Jesus Christ

The Bible, God's Word has both good news and bad news for mankind. The good news is that God loves all people and has a special plan for them. The bad news is that sin keeps them from God and that plan. The Bible tells us that everyone is a sinner – not just those we deem to be wicked people. People aren't perfect, but God is! There is more good news. Jesus, God's Son, paid for our sins by His death on the cross. When we personally accept His sacrifice for ourselves, God wipes out our sins and makes us a part of His plan for the world.

Conform believers into the image of Christ

The Bible describes the beginning of the Christian life as being "born again." When we trust Jesus as our Savior, we become new spiritual persons. Therefore, some of our Christian life will be about growing up into Christian maturity. There are three things that are vital to this process. The first is a perfect role model. There is none more perfect than our Savior, Jesus Christ. The second is learning to be patient with ourselves. The third is a loving family who will also be patient with us and provide us the tools to reach that goal. FBC wants to be that family for you.

Grow members into ministry leadership

Here at FBC, a minister is not necessarily someone who works full time for the church and draws a paycheck. Instead, a minister is someone who is dedicated to connecting others to the Word of God. Connecting people to the life-changing truths of God's Word is "Job #1" for First Baptist Church. Our strategies are varied. They range from small, indoor, classroom settings to outdoor sports events or one-on-one

discipling. One thing is always the same, we want to connect people to the Word of God by sharing our life with them. That is how we define ministry.
Are you ready to take this step in your life with Christ?

The Plan

- ♦ Accept Jesus as your Lord and Savior.
- ♦ Identify yourself with Him through baptism.
- ♦ Join yourself to this body of believers called FBC.
- ♦ Get involved in a ministry as an observer.
- ♦ Get involved in a ministry as a helper.
- ♦ Apply yourself to become a leader.
 - Join a Bible Study Class
 - Take Discipleship 101
 - Learn more through various Spirit Life Classes
 - Join Faith Bible Institute
- ♦ Share Jesus with your family and neighbors.

Our Ministries

Group Ministries

Music

The Music Ministry includes four age-appropriate choirs, soloists, and small groups which present special music in our worship services. It also includes musicians on various keyboard instruments, guitars, percussion, and orchestral instruments. These accompany hymns, and/or soloists and small groups. If you sing or play an instrument, this would be an excellent ministry opportunity for you.

Contact person: Greg Jenkins, 304-260-0126

Men's Fellowship

The Men's Fellowship meets quarterly for breakfast, prayer, and encouragement. We extend the opportunity to attend a yearly retreat and plan for a yearly fishing trip/steak fry. We also plan for Saturday work days to take care of our enlarging church plant. Opportunities for service include planning, cooking, teaching, landscaping, painting, and carpentry work.

Contact people: Pastor Devin Ward, 304-229-3690
Breakfast: Jerry Cramer, 304-229-8965

Ladies' Fellowship

The Ladies' Fellowship meets monthly on the second Tuesday evening for prayer, Bible Study, and encouragement. A culture-relevant topic is discussed each month. The ladies also plan for their yearly retreat, and other church activities which they sponsor. Opportunities for service include planning and facilitating retreats and projects.

Contact person: Melanie Ward, 304- 725-6848

Golden Agers

The Golden Agers meet monthly on the third Thursday for lunch. During this time, they have a devotional and some other activity. They regularly go to a local restaurant for lunch unless they choose to have a “theme” luncheon in their “family life building meeting room.” They are a great support group for each other, our pastors, and the Food Pantry. Trips outside the local area are regularly planned and they compose the larger part of the Sanctuary Sunday School class. Opportunities for service include serving as greeters, providing visits to shut-ins, meals for new mothers, VBS refreshment group, Day of Prayer refreshment group, van and coach driver.

Contact person: Bill Williams, 304-702-4025

Grow Ministries

Sunday School

First Baptist’s Sunday School has a class for every age group. Students not only learn what the Bible has to say but how the scripture ought to operate within their lives. Opportunities for service include SS administration, qualified teachers, assistant teachers, classroom helpers, visitation helpers and other helping opportunities.

Contact person: Tom McDiffitt, 304-728-8478

Youth Chapels

Our Youth Chapels are worship services designed for the very young. At 10:15 AM every Sunday morning, Preschoolers from birth to 5 years of age have their special time and place for worship. Young children, from kindergarten age to 4th grade, also have a place of their own at this time. Opportunities for service include qualified teachers and assistant teachers.

Contact person: Ynita Swomley, 304-283-0800

Word of Life Clubs

These are Wednesday night programs where kids learn the truths of God's Word and how to apply them to their lives. Opportunity is given for spiritual growth, fun, and Christian service as youth participate in things like outreach, rescue mission visits, the local Christmas parade, summer camp, retreats, lock-ins and more. The Olympian and Teen club members earn their way to camp by participating in a discipleship program that promotes a personal devotional time, Bible study, reading Christian literature and getting involved in Christian service. Teens can also get involved in our "Ministry In Action" program by participating in activities like puppets, drama, solo, choir, instrumental and speaking presentations. There are many opportunities for service for qualified adults desiring to mentor young people.

Contact person: Pastor Josh Marsh, 814-319-2057

Faith Bible Institute

Faith Bible Institute is a video teaching program designed to take the serious student of God's Word through the Bible in three years. During this time, students will study chronologically through the entire Bible and systematically through every major Christian doctrine. The classes meet two semesters every year on Monday nights from 6:30 to 9:15 PM. Classes are also offered on Tuesday mornings from 9:00 AM to 11:45 AM for those whose schedule better fits a morning FBI setting. Diplomas are offered to those completing the various levels of achievement. Opportunities for service include setup and takedown teams, refreshments providers, and recruiters.

Contact person: May Jeffries, 304-262-8385

Give Ministries

Library

FBC supports a well-stocked Christian library of reference and popular fiction books. It also has a wide variety of magazines. Opportunities for service include assistant librarians.

Contact people: Linda Hoeksema, 304-725-7329
Elaine Combs, 304-229-8610

Tracts

A great assortment of Bible tracts are made available on racks located throughout our church plant. Please pick up as many as you will use. Opportunities for service include assistants to Carroll.

Contact person: Carroll Hutzler, 304-229-2713

Transportation

FBC provides van transportation to Sunday School and Worship for many children, as well as adults who cannot drive. It also provides a van service Sunday and Wednesday evening for adults who cannot drive to attend those services. Opportunities for service include both bus and van drivers and helpers.

Contact person: Pastor Devin Ward, 304-229-2486
Daphne Hutzler, 304-839-2496

Nursery

This is a highly under-estimated ministry. It does a very great service to young parents who are seeking to include the Lord in their family life to know that their babies are safe, loved, and well cared for in a clean and comfortable environment. There is no telling how great a kingdom work this truly is. Opportunities for service include nursery workers, assistant workers, and cleaning crews.

Contact person: Angie Quaglio, 304-886-3108

Ushers

FBC is a caring church and our ushers are the front lines of expressing that sentiment. Not only do they greet folks as they arrive, but they help them with directions. They also greet newcomers with a "Guest Packet" and participate in the worship of receiving the offerings. From time to time, they also serve to direct traffic. Opportunities for service abound for men willing to serve in this capacity.

Contact person: Jason Ward, 304-725-6848
Carroll Hutzler, 304-229-2713

Hospice

Helping God's people have quality life at the end of life is Hospice's greatest desire.

Contact People: Thelma Fulk, 304-229-8910

Helping Hands

This ministry provides a meal to new mothers just coming home from the hospital and families grieving the loss of a loved one. Opportunities for service include cooking meals, delivering those meals and preparing the fellowship hall for serving meals.

Contact people: Faye Hutzler, 304-229-2713
Anita Balsinger, 304-229-4258

Audio-Visual

This is a very culturally-relevant ministry. Not only does the sound room need to be staffed by capable persons, but our video cameras need to be staffed as well. Creative talents are needed also to put together slide and video presentations and to present them. Opportunities for service include running sound equipment and videoing worship services.

Contact person: Jessie Jenkins, 304-260-0126

Food Pantry

FBC has regular visitors stopping by the office for assistance. One way we help is by providing a large bag of food for those with this need. Opportunities for service include stocking the food pantry and getting the food ready to distribute.

Contact person: Mandy Sanders, 304-229-6657

Go Ministries

Fishers of Men

This ministry involves teams of 2 or 3 people visiting FBC guests and visitors a week or two after we first meet them. Some advanced teams also do neighborhood surveys from time to time. Opportunities for service include people trained in evangelism and non-trained people wanting to learn how to share Christ in a non-threatening way.

Contact person: Pastor Devin Ward, 304-229-3690

Missions

Everyone is encouraged to support missionaries in accordance with the Great Commission found in Matthew 28:18-20. Our church supports missionary work and church planting around the globe. In recent years, we have served as the sending church for church planters Jason Sheffstall and Russell Knight in Morgantown, WV as well as Aaron Johnson and Jonathan Woodring in Washington, PA. It is our privilege to encourage them through prayer and offerings that they may reach self-supporting status. There are also other important ways to get involved! How about you?

Contact people: Pastor Devin Ward, 304-229-3690
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