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Welcome to First Baptist Church Clayton

Worship, Study, Mission and Ministry Opportunities

We are glad you chose to worship with us and we invite you to join our fellowship. Our mission is to Show God's love, Tell the Good News to all people, Grow spiritually and Serve our community and world. At First Baptist we are proud of our history and heritage that stretches over more than 200 years. We firmly believe that God has called us to meet the needs of this generation by proclaiming the truth of Christ and building deep personal friendships. God has given our church a renewed vision to become known as a caring community of believers that seeks to transform lives as witnesses for Christ.

Everyone is welcome to participate regardless of membership. The only requirement is that you seek a closer relationship with God. Inside this booklet you will find listings on worship, Bible study, mission and ministry opportunities. All programs encourage spiritual growth and a strong faith to meet life's challenges and God's call to ministry and service for all believers. For more information about these opportunities, please call the listed contacts or visit our website at www.fbcclaytonnc.org.

See the weekly current church newsletter, *The Outlook*, for other activities and upcoming special events. It is available in print or by weekly email. To get on the distribution list, contact Vicky Elia, church secretary at 919-553-4161 or velia@fbcclaytonnc.org.

Worship Services

First Baptist Church meets for Sunday morning worship at 8:45 a.m. and 10:55 a.m. in the sanctuary. Both services follow a similar traditional worship style and are led by the music of the Sunrise Choir in the 8:45 a.m. service and the Chancel Choir in the 10:55 a.m. service. Prior to the sermon in the 10:55 a.m. service, children ages 3-5 exit for Children's Church in the preschool wing. Nursery is available for infants and toddlers during both services. Wednesday night fellowship meals begin at 5:30 p.m. followed by a Vespers worship service at 6:30 p.m. Church business meetings are held the second Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. To speak to Rev. Dr. Randy C. Clipp, Pastor, call 919-553-4161 ext. 23 or send email to rclipp@fbcclaytonnc.org.

Sunday School

There's something for the whole family on Sunday mornings at First Baptist. Sunday School classes begin at 9:45 a.m. Serving the educational needs of a diverse and mobile congregation is a challenge that First Baptist seeks to meet through a variety of classes and departments. At each age level, opportunities for Bible study, theological exploration and spiritual growth are offered.

Each class is designed to provide age-appropriate, meaningful and challenging study, good fellowship, ministry opportunities and church involvement. For more information about Sunday School classes, please contact Director John Bagley at 919-553-2733 or jbagley@nc.rr.com.

Tuesday Night Bible Study

The Tuesday Night Bible study is a simple, intergenerational approach where anyone can study the Scriptures together for one hour. The study group numbers from 15 to 40 attendees and has been meeting weekly for over 10 years. Study guides for upcoming lessons are available through email or can be picked up at the church. God delights in teaching those who spend time in His Word. We would be delighted to have you join us. The Bible study begins at 7 p.m. For more information contact Jiles Harrell at 919-291-5047 or jharrell2@embarqmail.com.

Senior Adult Bible Study

The Senior Adult Bible Study is open to everyone regardless of age or church affiliation. The group meets on Wednesday mornings from 9:30 to 11 a.m. in the fellowship hall. Most of the studies are video based. Workbooks are available for each study for a nominal fee. For more information, contact Phil Crane at 919-795-7889 or philcrane@yahoo.com.

Ladies Friday Morning Bible Study

The Ladies Morning Bible Study meets on Fridays at 9:30 a.m. Jane Moseley is the leader. Currently the ladies alternate between several different homes. For more information contact Jane Moseley at 919-618-6644 or jandmoseley@icloud.com.

Children's Ministry

Through teaching, experiential learning, music, movement and fun, children's ministry activities guide our children from birth through 5th grade toward building a Biblical foundation rooted in the love and example of Jesus. Our children can explore their faith and curiosity in age-appropriate activities throughout the year.

At First Baptist, it is our prayer that by encouraging meaningful opportunities for growing a child's faith and engaging peers in the process, these children will continue to pursue a life-long path of following Jesus. All of this is made possible through the service, dedication and involvement of our wonderful volunteers, covered in prayer!

On Sunday mornings, we have **Sunday School** classes that follow the school calendar. We ask that you take children to the classes based on their age as of September 1: Infants (Birth to Walkers); Toddlers to Twos (Walking to 2-year-olds); 3- and 4-year-olds; Kindergarten; 1st-2nd Grade; 3rd-5th Grade. Nursery is provided for infants and toddlers in both services, and **Children's Church** is available for 3- to 5-year-olds during the sermon of the 10:55 a.m. worship service.

On Wednesday evenings, children age 3 to 5th grade are invited to participate in choir and one of our missions-focused program areas.

Children are some of our best joyful noisemakers. **Children's Choirs** begin on Wednesday evenings at 6:15 p.m. and include the Preschool Choir, Kindergarten & 1st Grade Choir and 2nd-5th Grade Choir.

The choirs reinforce Biblical teachings, verse memorization and the love of Jesus through song. Each choir shares during an 10:55 a.m. worship service in the fall and spring. Three special musical performances during the year include the Children's Christmas Music Program in December, the Children's Musical in the spring presented by the Kindergarten-5th Graders and Children's Sunday when all children participate in the 10:55 a.m. worship service.

Mission Friends introduces our children to the idea of being a missionary. Children learn about how they can tell others about Jesus while learning about missionaries both far and near. Mission Friends classes are 3-year-old Mission Friends, 4-year-old Mission Friends and Kindergarten Mission Friends.

For our 1st-5th Graders, we have **Girls in Action** (GAs) for the girls and **Royal Ambassadors** (RAs) for the boys. Building on the ideas of missions taught in Mission Friends, our RAs and GAs dive deeper into what it means to be a missionary, following Jesus' calling to teach all nations through mission projects, learning about and praying for missionaries, and memorizing and using scripture.

Vacation Bible School is a summer tradition marked by fellowship, faith and fun. This is one of the biggest outreach opportunities of the Children's Ministry and has brought many new families into our church doors. For more information on Children's Ministry activities, please contact Stephanie Parker at 919-515-4161 ext. 24 or sparker@fbcclaytonnc.org.

Student Ministry

At First Baptist we value worship, discipleship, missions, ministry, and fellowship for all people to enter jointly into a lasting and growing relationship with God. In our student ministry, we seek to engage middle school, high school, and college students in a deep, meaningful, and lasting way that leads to the development and ownership of a faith that lasts.

We invite and encourage everyone to come and experience all that God is doing in and through our ministry together.

Every week, we meet for worship, Bible study, relationship building and fun fellowship through our various small and large group programs and activities. Our student ministry is student and adult led and finds its heartbeat in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit.

Throughout the year, we take times to retreat and reflect. We also take time to serve in missions locally, regionally, and internationally.

Want more information? Contact our Pastor of Students, Jill Martin-Prouty at 919-209-8154 or jmprouty@fbcclaytonnc.org.

Acteens

Acteens is for girls in grade 6 – 12. They meet the first Sunday of each month from 4 to 5 p.m. For more information contact Kim Canipe at 919-550-0951 or kimcanipe@embarqmail.com.

Backpack Buddies

First Baptist Church, Grace Episcopal Church and Cooper Elementary School partner to provide nutritious meals on the weekends for students who are likely to go hungry when at home. Backpack Buddies volunteers pack backpacks, make weekly deliveries to Cooper Elementary and keep the food pantry stocked.

Volunteers are welcome and needed. There is a sign-up sheet on the bul-

letin board leading to the Fellowship Hall. For more information contact Sharon Clifton at 919-243-0812 or sharonclifton34@yahoo.com.

Wilmington Street Shelter Ministry

The First Baptist Church family partners with the Wilmington Street Shelter for Homeless Men in Raleigh. On the first Thursday of every month, church members travel to Raleigh by bus to serve meals and to spread God's love. In the winter, the ministry collects funds to provide warm clothing for the men who rely on the shelter. For more information contact Anne Abene at 919-210-7081 or anneabene@yahoo.com.

Deacon Ministry

The 24-member Deacon Ministry at First Baptist Church is made up of both men and women of God. The role of the deacon is that of spiritual leadership through service to God, the church body and the lost. The Deacon Ministry plays a very important role of guiding and helping church members through difficult times, especially when there is sickness or death. Deacons visit prospective members to follow-up on their visits, share information about our church and invite them to become members of our church family.

The Deacons also serve on Ministry Teams that include lay people within the church. You do not have to be a member of our church to serve on a ministry team.

Bereavement Ministry Team

Focus: Ministry of visitation (home, funeral home, service and graveside) and providing other assistance as required for the family of the deceased.

Casserole Ministry Team

Focus: Providing food for those dealing with difficult issues in their lives.

Celebration Ministry Team

Focus: Ministry of recognition of birthdays, anniversaries, Baptisms, graduation, marriages, staff anniversaries, etc.

Homebound Ministry Team

Focus: Ministry of contact by visitation, phone calls and letters to homebound members.

Hospital Visitation Ministry Team

Focus: Ministry of visitation for those in the hospital, both short- and long-term.

Inactive Member Ministry Team

Focus: Ministry for individuals and families that have fallen away from the church or who have indicated that they may become inactive. Emphasis

is on listening and learning rather than problem-solving.

New Member Ministry Team

Focus: Ministry of taking new members by the hand and introducing them to Sunday School, Worship opportunities, Wednesday night fellowships, etc.

Prayer Ministry Team

Focus: Ministry of prayer, sending prayer cards and personal notes of encouragement.

Small Jobs Ministry Team

Focus: Ministry for members who need God's hands and feet to do work that improves their lives in tangible ways.

Transportation Ministry Team

Focus: Ministry of providing transportation for members to and from church services, doctor appointments, trips to the grocery store, etc.

Visitor Ministry Team

Focus: Ministry of welcoming visitors to First Baptist with a focus on making them feel loved and appreciated.

For more information about these ministries, contact Deacon chair Stewart McLeod at 919-669-7542 or wstewartmcleod@gmail.com.

Women's Missionary Union (WMU)

The Women's Missionary Union (WMU) actively ministers to the needs within our church family, in the community and beyond. Their purpose is clearly linked to the commission Jesus gave his disciples on the mountain, "Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost." - Matthew 28:19

Women on Missions (WOM) groups meet the 2nd Tuesday of each month. Some of the groups meet in the daytime and others in the evenings. There are six multi-focus groups: Bible study, Prayer, Mission Lifestyle, Ministry, Missionary Round Table and Prison Ministry that meet on the 3rd Monday of each month. We invite all women to join. For more information about women's programs, contact Melissa Long at 919-359-1384 or melissalong2038@gmail.com or Rhonda Mooneyham at 919-422-0098 or rhondamooneyham@yahoo.com

First Baptist Men

The First Baptist Men's organization includes men of all ages throughout the church. The group meets on the 1st Sunday of each month at 7:30 a.m. and enjoys a fellowship breakfast and program. The men also plan activities for mission outreach and service projects for our church family and the community at large. The group also works closely with the North Carolina

Baptist Men on disaster relief and other projects. All males are encouraged to participate. For more information contact John Betterton at 336-598-1948 or jbetterton@embarqmail.com.

Senior Adult Ministries

The Senior Adult Ministry offers opportunities for spiritual growth, prayer, Bible study and fellowship. First Baptist seniors are more active than ever, both physically and spiritually. The ministry offers a weekly morning Bible Study, a monthly covered dish luncheon (NBC), monthly movie nights with a supper and popcorn, day trips to various sites, eating out adventures and much more. There are also opportunities for missions involvement. For more information about Senior Adult Ministries, contact Joe Hester at 919-625-0420 or johes@nc.rr.com.

Music Ministry

The music ministry at First Baptist is part of its rich heritage. The Chancel Choir sings during the 10:55 a.m. worship service and practices on Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. The Sunrise Choir sings during the 8:45 a.m. worship. and practices on Sunday evenings at 5:30 p.m. Choirs for children and youth practice on Wednesdays at 6:15 p.m. For information about choir programs, contact Music Director Keeley Tarkington at 919-553-4161 or ktarkington@fbcclaytonnc.org.

Child Development Center

The First Baptist Church Child Development Center opened its doors in 2006. The center offers full-time and part-time, year-round care to children ages 6 weeks to 5 years of age and is licensed by the State of North Carolina through the Division of Child Development and Early Education.

The CDC's mission is to recognize that children are a gift from God and seek to nurture them with the love of Jesus Christ and create for them a Christ-centered educational environment where each child can grow and learn. The staff of Christian administrators and teachers provides age-appropriate learning experiences that are Biblically based and promote growth and development.

Teachers use the Bible-based curriculum, ABC Jesus Loves Me and the study based Creative Curriculum. For more information contact Wendy Huff, Director of the First Baptist Church Child Development Center at 919-550-4018 or cdcdirector@fbcclaytonnc.org.

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