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Welcome to First Baptist Church Clayton

Worship, Study, Mission and Ministry Opportunities

We are glad you are worshipping 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 all generations by proclaiming the truth of Christ and building deep personal relationships. God has given our church a renewed vision to become a caring community of believers that seeks to transform lives as witnesses for Christ.

Everyone is welcome to participate regardless of membership. The only request is that you desire to seek a closer relationship with God. Inside this booklet you will find information 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 details about these opportunities, please call the listed contacts or visit our website at www.fbcclaytonnc.org.

Read the current newsletter, *The Outlook*, for other activities and upcoming special events at First Baptist. It is available via mail or email. If email is requested, you will also receive weekly Friday Reminders of upcoming events for that week.

To be placed on the distribution list, contact Administrative Assistant Terry McCallum at 919-553-4161 or tmccallum@fbcclaytonnc.org.

Worship Services

First Baptist Church Clayton meets for Sunday morning worship at 9:30 a.m. in the sanctuary. Nursery is available for infants and toddlers. During the worship service, there is an opportunity for all children (youngest through 5th grade) to come down front for a short message from the Pastor of Children and Families. To speak to a member of the pastoral staff, call 919-553-4161.

Sunday School

There's something for the whole family on Sunday mornings at First Baptist. Sunday School classes begin at 10:45 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, please call the church office at 919-553-4161.

Wednesday Night Fellowship

Weekly Wednesday Night Fellowship activities run September through May. Dinner is served at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall followed by Children, Youth and Adult activities, and handbell and choir rehearsals. Business meetings are held the 2nd Wednesday of every month at 6:30 p.m. A complete schedule of activities will be available prior to "Kick Off" in September in our weekly bulletin, newsletter and Friday email reminders.

Children's Ministry

The Children's Ministry at FBC Clayton (FBC3M) is a ministry of coming to know Christ through loving, serving, learning, and growing. Join us for activities by registering on our website (www.fbcclaytonnc.org). All of our ministry activities are made possible through the service, dedication, and involvement of our wonderful volunteers, covered in prayer.

Sunday School is a ministry where we commit to pour into the spiritual formation of our children from birth through 5th grade through studying the Bible and encouraging a time of engaging with questions and learning at age-appropriate levels. It is held every Sunday morning at 10:45 a.m. at the church. Sunday School classes for children include:

- Infants Sunday School (birth-1 year)

- Toddlers Sunday School (1 and 2-year-olds)
- 3 & 4-Year-Olds Sunday School
- Kindergarten-2nd Grade Sunday School
- 3rd-5th Grade Sunday School

Please note, classes are based on the child's age as of August 31 or current grade level.

Nursery care is available for infants through 2-year-olds during worship service. Wednesday programming is a time to put "loving others" into action. Through Mission Friends, GA's, and RA's our children learn what it means to be a missionary of the gospel message through service poured out from love for all God's people. Wednesday activities run September through May. Wednesday programming for children includes the following from 6:15 - 7:30 p.m.:

- Mission Friends - Ages Pre-K through Kindergarten
- GAs (Girls in Action) - Girls in 1st-5th Grade
- RAs (Royal Ambassadors) - Boys in 1st-5th Grade

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. We invite you to join us in the FBC3M community as we continue to love, serve, learn, and grow in creative, new ways. For more information on Children's Ministry, please contact Rev. Stephanie Parker, Pastor of Children and Families, at 919-553-4161 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.

Students meet on Wednesdays from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. and Sundays from 5 to 6:30 p.m. 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.

Additionally, Acteens for girls and Challengers for boys in 6th-

12th grades meet the first Sunday of each month. They join together to fellowship and do mission projects as they grow in their relationship with Christ. For more information call the church office at 919-553-4161.

Senior Adult Ministries

The Senior Adult Ministry offers many opportunities for spiritual growth, prayer, Bible study, mission work and fellowship. First Baptist seniors are more active than ever, both physically and spiritually. The Senior Adult Bible Study, which is open to everyone regardless of age or church affiliation, is held on Wednesday mornings from 9:30 to 11 a.m. in the SALT classroom. There is a Zoom option as well. Most of the studies are video based. Participant guides and other related materials are available for each study for a nominal fee.

The New Beginners Club (NBC) holds a covered dish luncheon on the last Monday of each month at 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall, and movie and a meal nights are held the second Friday of each month at 5:30 p.m. Seniors also take adventurous day trips to various sites and eating establishments.

“Grandfriends” is a joint initiative of the Senior Adult and Children’s Ministries to promote partnerships between senior/older adults and children/families for prayer, fellowship, spiritual growth, fun and more. For more information on Senior Adult Ministry activities and opportunities, contact Rev. Stephen Nance, Pastor of Senior Adults, at 919-553-4161 or snance@fbcclaytonnc.org.

Music Ministry

Music has always been a part of the rich heritage at First Baptist Clayton. We believe that making music to the Lord is an expression of the Christian life and is a vital part of corporate worship. Through various music groups, FBC provides opportunities for members to develop their musical gifts and lead worship through song.

The Choir - This adult choral group sings during the 9:30 a.m. worship and at various other special services. Practices are held on Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. in the Choir Room.

The Handbell Choir - This adult handbell choir plays at various worship services throughout the year. Practices are held Wednesdays at 6:15 p.m. in the Handbell Room upstairs.

Mix It Up Handbells - This mixed age handbell group for 3rd graders and up meets weekly on Sunday mornings from 11:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. September through May.

The Praise Band - The Praise Band is a mixed group of adults and

youth who play and sing at special events and upon request. They practice at various times.

Children's Choirs - There are various children's choirs that practice throughout the year for ages kindergarten through fifth grade.

Youth Choir - The youth choir meets twice monthly on Sunday afternoons at 2 p.m. If you would like more information about one of the various musical groups or would like to get involved, contact Rev. Keeley Tarkington, Minister of Music, at 919-553-4161 or ktarkington@fbcclaytonnc.org.

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. The Deacons also serve and lead 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: A ministry of visitation, providing love and support, to families who have lost loved ones.

Casserole Ministry Team

Focus: A ministry of providing food for those dealing with health concerns or other issues.

Celebration Ministry Team

Focus: A ministry recognizing birthdays, anniversaries, baptisms, special occasions, etc., to our church family.

Homebound Ministry Team

Focus: A ministry of contact by personal visitation, phone calls or correspondence to homebound church members.

Hospital Visitation Ministry Team

Focus: A ministry of visitation for church members in the hospital.

Prayer Ministry Team

Focus: A ministry of prayer and sending cards or personal notes of encouragement from the church.

Transportation Ministry Team

Focus: A ministry of providing transportation for church members to and from church services, special events, doctor's appointments, etc.

Visitor/New Member Ministry Team

Focus: A ministry of welcoming visitors to First Baptist Church and

making them aware of worship and mission opportunities, and educating and introducing new members to our church family.

For more information about these ministries, contact Deacon chair Joe Hester at 919-625-0420 or johes@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 16 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. and meets upstairs in the Salt Sunday School classroom. For more information contact Jiles Harrell at 919-291-5047 or jilesharrell2@gmail.com.

Wednesday Morning Bible Study

Rev. Stephen Nance, Pastor of Senior Adults, leads a Wednesday morning Bible Study from 9:30 to 11 a.m. The Bible Study meets in the SALT Classroom. Rev. Nance's studies are DVD based and typically last five to six weeks. On average, the Bible Study has 20 to 25 attendees. It also has a Zoom option. Everyone is invited. For more information, contact Rev. Nance at 919-553-4161 or snance@fbcclaytonnc.org.

Women's Missionary Union (WMU)

The WMU is an umbrella missions organization which encompasses the following age groups:

- Mission Friends for boys and girls in preschool through kindergarten
- Girls in Action (GAs) for girls in first through fifth grades
- Royal Ambassadors (RAs) for boys in first through fifth grades
- Acteens for girls in grades six through twelve
- Challengers for boys in grades six through twelve
- Women on Mission (WOM) for ladies of all ages.

The groups for children and youth combine learning about missions with doing missions. Examples of mission projects include collecting food for Clayton Area Ministries, participating in the Appalachian Christmas Outreach Backpack Ministry, and leading the church-wide Souper Bowl on Super Bowl Sunday. These groups also participate in fun activities such as Mother/Daughter tea, tailgating, lock-ins, and race car derby.

There are currently eleven WOM groups at FBC Clayton. The focus areas of these groups range from multi-focus to Bible Study to prison

ministry to lifestyle.

Examples of specific mission projects these groups participate in are ministering to local assisted living facilities, rescue mission, hospice house, and group homes, providing school supplies and Christmas presents for area children. One group visits an area women's prison on a regular basis while another group has a focus of reading about missionaries and their work. Each group identifies a mission project to complete on a regular basis.

The WMU sponsors several church-wide events each year. In December, International Missions Focus Week culminates with a guest speaker. In March, North American Missions Focus Week is celebrated. WMU Focus Day is held on a Sunday in February each year. All these events shine a light on the work that is being done to fulfill the Great Commission around the world. For more information contact Jennifer Blackley at 919-215-7401 or jblackley1018@gmail.com, or Lynn Matthews at 919-971-8214 or lynn.matthews04@gmail.com.

First Baptist Men

The First Baptist Men's organization is open to men of all ages throughout the church. The group meets on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. and enjoys a fellowship meal and program. The men plan activities for mission outreach and service projects for our church family and the community at large. The group also works closely with the NC Baptists on Mission on disaster relief and other projects. For more information contact Ronald Mooneyham at 919-422-0097 or rgmbuilders@hotmail.com.

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 Tara Senarian, Director of the First Baptist Church Child Development Center at 919-550-4018 or ccddirector@fbcclaytonnc.org.

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