

Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others,
faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms. 1 Peter 4:10



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
TUSCALOOSA

Magnify. Multiply. Minister.

Our Mission:

First Baptist Church meets to magnify Jesus Christ and multiply His Kingdom, to mature believers into effective Christ-followers, and to minister to others in Jesus' name.

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Your Complete Guide to the Ministries of
First Baptist Tuscaloosa

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**Ministry
Guide**

Use this guide to discover areas of First Baptist Church in which you and your family may become involved, and to find ministries in which God may use your special gifts and talents to serve Him.

Community Ministries

Vial Fontenot, 366-4403

Extending the reach and message of the church into the community by meeting needs

Christian Ministry Center

Open M, W, Th, 10-12:30; (workers also needed Tues. 9-12 to sort donations)

Bus Ministry

Provides transportation for homebound and internationals for English as a Second Language classes

Soup Bowl

Open weekdays, 11-12:30; provides free hot lunch; always needs servers

Good Samaritan Clinic

Offers medical care to those with little or no insurance; open T & Th evenings

Caring Congregations

Provides care and support for families dealing with Alzheimer's Disease

Temporary Emergency Services

Provides clothing and food for those in need; First Baptist supports financially

Family Support Group for Chemical Dependency

Twelve-step program in a Christian atmosphere

Outreach and Assimilation

Joe Armour, 366-4420

Reaching people for Christ

Outreach

Ongoing outreach opportunities through Deacon and Sunday School visitation

Lunch with the Pastor

Provides opportunity for potential members to become familiar with First Baptist in a casual setting

First Impressions

Greeters, Welcome Center and Parking Attendant ministries

Discover First

Orientation for adult new members and others interested in learning more about First Baptist Church

Services

Kris Sullivan, 366-4401

Meeting basic needs; usually behind the scenes

Food Servers

Help with Wednesday night meal

Ushers

Welcome worshipers to sanctuary, collect offerings, distribute bulletins, offer seating help

Church Committees

Committees in each ministry area work with staff to plan and facilitate church events and operations

Deacons' Ministry

Men chosen by the church membership to serve others and lead by example

Students

John Lowe, 366-4404

Reaching students through systematic Bible study, fellowship, recreation and life skill building

Sunday School

Meets at 9:45 a.m. in the Student Ministry building. Students are divided into groups by grade and gender to connect with one another, adults who love and care for them and the Word of God. Over a 7-year period students will systematically study major concepts from all the Scriptures.

First Baptist University (FBU)

Our Sunday evening time for discipleship. Students meet in smaller groups to take strides toward becoming more like Christ through Bible study, prayer and discussion.

Pre-Game

Wednesdays at 3:00 p.m. until The Arena begins. Homework, Ping-Pong and dinner really do go together.

The Arena

Wednesday Night Bible Study, 6:00 p.m. We sing today's most popular Christian music, meet the student of the week, preview ministry events and cover topical, student-related issues based on principles and truths found in God's Holy Word.

Overtime

Meets on selected Wednesday nights in our church gym for games and fellowship.

Friday Night Lights

Students gather in the Student Ministry Building on selected evenings for fellowship and recreation.

Summer Camp

Usually in July. We worship, study the Bible, recreate, fellowship, eat, play and grow as a family.

Disciple Now

Our annual weekend focused on deepening our faith. This weekend is devoted to topics relevant to a teenager who is committed to growing in his/her Christian faith.

College

Tim Simpson, 366-4404

Leading college students into a growing relationship with Jesus and equipping them for a lifetime of ministry

Small Group Bible Studies - Discipleship groups led by students; meet throughout the week

Environment Ministry Team - Creating welcoming and friendly environments for students

Retreat Ministry Team - Helping organize and plan our retreats, road trips, and getaways

Social Event Ministry Team - Recruiting adult Sunday School classes to provide meals for our monthly College Community Dinners; helping organize and plan times to build community and fellowship

Publicity/Arts Ministry Team - Promotion of events, retreats and Epic, our mid-week college worship service

Outreach Ministry Team - Weekly contacting visitors and planning outreach events

Focus on Freshmen Ministry Team - Helping reach out to freshmen and integrating them into our ministry and church

Intramural Ministry Team - Using sports as an opportunity to bring people to Christ and into our ministry

Prayer and Missions Ministry Team - Seeking God in prayer and helping us lay a firm foundation for our ministry; planning our local, national and international mission trips

Praise Ministry Team - Organizing our praise band and leading us in worship Tuesday nights at Epic

Grad Ministry Team - Reaching out to graduate students and helping them find a place in our ministry

Preschool & Children Beth Yates & Stefanie McGuire, 366-4409

Leading children to faith in Christ and helping them grow through Bible study, missions, music, and special events

Sunday School

Bible study for all ages every Sunday at 9:45 a.m.

Worship WeeCare

Preschool care and teaching during worship services

Worship KidStyle

Children's worship service for grades 1-5, Sundays at 11:00 a.m.

Bible Skills, Drills and Thrills

Fun-filled activities for kids in grades 1-5 that help sharpen basic Bible skills; memory verses, key passages; meets on Sunday nights

Children's Choirs

Music activities for children age 3 through 5th grade; Wednesdays, 5:45-6:35 p.m.

Mission Friends

Mission education and projects for ages 3-kindergarten; Wednesdays, 6:40-7:30 p.m.

Royal Ambassadors (RAs) & Girls in Action (GAs)

Mission education and projects for boys and girls in grades 1-5; Wednesdays, 6:40-7:30 p.m.

Parents' Night Out

Parents drop off preschoolers/children for fun activities; held several Friday nights during the year

Summer Fun Days

Activities for preschoolers/children to have fun adventures on select days during the summer

Vacation Bible School

Summer week of fun-filled Bible activities, crafts, music, worship, recreation and snacks

Fall Family Event

Held in October of each year

Easter Eggstravaganza

Family fun event at Easter

Children's Discovery Classes

New member classes for children who are new Christians or asking questions about becoming a Christian or about baptism; parents are encouraged to attend

Children's Prayer Ministry

Volunteer-led prayer ministry for grades 1-5; available prior to Sunday School each week

Cradle Roll

Ministry to expecting parents

Child Development Program

Daycare Monday-Friday; preschool care in a Christian environment

Recreation

Promoting physical wellness and fellowship among believers

Basketball and Softball

Team sports for all ages-seasonal

Volleyball for Adults

Monday nights in the Family Life Center

First Ladies Ministries

Linda Humber, 366-4422

Involving women in growing relationships with each other and with Christ

Women's Discipleship/Bible Studies

Leading women to grow spiritually; classes meet at various times throughout week

Women's Mission Groups

Prayer and awareness of Southern Baptist mission work; involves hands-on activities; five groups

Special Events

First Ladies Night, Retreat, Holiday events, Spring Celebration, fellowships

Publications

Newsletter, birthday calendar, cookbooks and other publications

Media

Web site, publicity, bulletin boards, etc.

Touch Ministry

Card ministry, Prayer Shawl ministry, First Ladies Prayer ministry, Sweet Dreams Pillowcase ministry, Mentoring; Encouraging Hearts ministry

Mission Studies

Seasonal emphasis studies on mission work around the world

Mission Action

Involves hands-on activities and service outside church such as Sav-a-Life, Hospice, Baptist Campus Ministries

Special Interests

Cover Girls quilting circle, Aerobics, and other groups as needed

Men's Ministries

Vial Fontenot, 366-4403

Involving men in service, prayer and Bible study

Men's Work Days

Carpentry, Lawn care, Repair work on member homes

Traffic Control

Ensures safety of people crossing to and from Children's Center

Outdoor Cooks

Able to provide food for fundraising projects, disaster relief, special events

Men's Fraternity

Small-group discipleship for men

Men's Prayer

Meets Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m.

Single Adult Ministry

Joe Armour, 366-4420

Provides an inviting and loving atmosphere for single adults to grow in Christ

Fellowships and Bible Studies

Weekly small group meetings and special events designed for single adults of all ages

Sunday School

Sunday morning Bible study classes for single men and women, divided by broad age groups

Music/Worship

Music Ministry Staff, 366-4405

Leading others to praise and worship in a corporate setting

Adult Choir

Leads in worship on Sunday mornings; practice Wednesdays, 6:35-8:00 p.m.

Orchestra

Meets Wednesdays at 6:35 p.m.; lead in worship on Sundays

Children's Choirs

3 years-grade 5, meets Wednesdays at 5:45 p.m.

Drama

As needed for special worship emphasis

Technical Support

Sound, lighting and visual systems throughout our church

Multi-Media

Kris Sullivan, 366-4401

Witnessing through print and broadcast media

Television

Broadcasts worship services and special events; provides audio, video and DVD copies of services

Library

Sun. (9-11 a.m.) and Wed. (3-7 p.m.), 2nd floor, Children's Center; Christian books & tapes

Website and Network Publicity

Communicating and informing through church's website, email and social networking methods

Mission Trips

Vial Fontenot, 366-4403

Involving members in the spread of the Gospel message around the globe

Builders for Christ: January 31-February 5

Local missions projects

Haiti: March 14-21

Construction

Southeast Asia: April 11-21

English as a Second Language

New Orleans: June 13-18

Family Trip to serve with Rachel Sims Mission

Brazil: June 30-July 9

Medical Team

Kansas City: July 16-23

Builders for Christ Project

Ottawa, Canada: September 12-19

Evangelism

Tanzania, Africa: October 10-20

Evangelism/Vacation Bible School

Kerala, India: November 14-26

Medical care/Evangelism

Senior Adults

Jerry Lake, 366-4402

Ministering to seniors through fellowship and service; involving seniors in service to others

Care Givers

Visitation to homebound members

Second-Hand Rose

Provide flowers to shut-in friends

Triple L

Monthly fellowship and lunch, trips

Naomi's Sisters

Fellowship/support group for widows

The Martha Ministry

Assists Sunday school classes in providing meals to families of recently deceased church members.

Exercise

Exercise and More: Exercise/flexibility, meets Tuesdays and Thursdays in the Family Life Center.

Line Dancing Exercise Classes: Meet Mondays from 6:00-7:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Short-term Classes

Informational and instructional courses on a variety of topics of interest to seniors

Adult Ministry

Joe Armour, 366-4420

Growing disciples and equipping them for works of ministry

Adult Sunday School

Sunday morning adult small-groups for Bible study, outreach, fellowship and ministry

Adult DiscipleLife

Small-group ministry providing opportunities for Christian growth through in-depth Bible study; available on Wednesday and Sunday nights

Special Needs Adults

Providing a friendly environment for Bible teaching for special needs adults

DivorceCare

Small group recovery course for those divorced or separated

Mid-week Bible study for retirement centers

Teachers, helpers, piano players, song leaders providing ministry each week

International Ministry

Vial Fontenot, 366-4403

Reaching the International community for Christ by meeting needs and building relationships

English as a Second Language

Free Classes: Sunday, Wednesday, Thursday

Sunday School

Classes in English, Chinese and Spanish

Chinese Mission

Friday night Bible study, choir practice, prayer meeting, Sunday school, worship

Spanish Mission

Sunday school, worship, Wed. prayer service, other activities to reach Spanish-speaking community