

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH PLANT CITY

SERVE

OPPORTUNITIES



Church Family,

I'm excited to introduce this SERVE book to you so that you can find your place to plug-in to our church! Romans 12:4-5 states, "For as we have many members in one body, but all the members do not have the same function, so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another." Our hope is that you discover your God-given gifts and use them to glorify God, minister in His name, and equip others for God's work.

Take a look at all of the opportunities in this book and narrow in on specific ministries that correspond to the Spiritual Gifts God has given you. If you've never taken a Spiritual Gifts assessment, I invite you to do so at www.fbcpc.com. Once you've completed the assessment, it will provide you with a list of the gifts and strengths that you possess. After you review your strengths, look for the icon which represents your gifting next to the different opportunities throughout the book. If you're already familiar with your giftings, flip over to the next page and find the icon that matches those gifts.

Whether you already know your Spiritual Gifts and have served before, or are simply willing to help out where there is a need—we have a ministry for you. One of the best ways to meet people and get connected to the work God is doing here at First Baptist is to SERVE!

Serving with you, and for the Kingdom!

Adam Cunningham

Missions & Connections Pastor



If you are interested in taking a test to find out what some of your giftings might be, go to the following website:

www.fbcpc.com/spiritualgifts

SPIRITUAL GIFTS



ADMINISTRATION

As an administrator you have the Spirit-given capacity and desire to serve God by organizing, administering, promoting, and leading in various aspects of the church.



GIVING

As a giver you have the Spirit-given capacity and desire to serve God by giving of your resources, far beyond the tithe, to further the work of God. You have a strong desire to meet the needs of other Christians and church members.



MERCY-SHOWING

You have the Spirit-given capacity and desire to serve God by identifying with and comforting those who are in need. Your personality naturally allows people to feel comfortable approaching you.



SERVING

You have the Spirit-given capacity and desire to serve God by rendering practical help in both physical and spiritual matters. You enjoy meeting the practical needs of your fellow Christians and the church.



SHEPHERDING

As a gifted shepherd you have the Spirit-given capacity and desire to serve God by overseeing, training, and caring for the needs of a group of Christians.



TEACHING

As a teacher you have the Spirit-given capacity and desire to serve God by making clear the truth of God's Word with accuracy.



EXHORTATION

You have the Spirit-given capacity and desire to serve God by motivating others to action and encouraging others.



PROPHECY

You have the Spirit-given capacity and desire to serve God by proclaiming His truth to fellow Christians as well as those outside of the church.



EVANGELISM

As an evangelist you have the Spirit-given capacity and desire to serve God by leading people who are beyond your natural sphere of influence to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ.



FIRST IMPRESSIONS

The **First Impressions** ministry exists to create an environment which is warm and welcoming. When people come to our church we want their first impression to be one of sincere Christian community. These initial exchanges are often the reasons people choose to engage further in our church family.

I initially felt the urge to serve after one of Pastor Brian's sermons. I now serve on the First Connections and First Impressions teams. Taking this next step of engagement with the church has brought me so many new friends and different avenues to tell others about our church and share about Jesus! Serving has also made me want to do even more at church. I'm no longer hesitant to get involved. I appreciate each and every opportunity to be involved at FBC!

-Diane McDonald

When I first began in the First Impressions ministry I had my doubts that God chose "me" for this ministry, but now I am confident that He did call me and has "grown me" into it. I am amazed at how much I have grown over the years. I am so happy where I am serving. I love helping others find their places where they can grow and serve, guiding new volunteers into finding and using their gifts, and experiencing the joy in it. I love knowing I'm in God's will and doing what he has gifted and called me to do, there is nothing more fulfilling.

-Debby Grimes

Set-Up & Tear-Down Team

Help all of our Sunday morning teams to run smoothly by arriving early or staying late to help with tasks such as setting up tents, putting out parking cones, making first-time guest bags, and doing walkthroughs of the building to ensure everything is ready for services.

Contact Dan Damron | 813-629-2647

Golf Cart Team

Help give guests a great first impression of our church as you have conversations and escort people from their cars to the building.

Contact Art Kittlestad | 813-416-9728

Coffee Team

Make guests feel at home as you prepare and serve coffee for them on Sunday mornings.

Contact Sandy Cook | 813-365-0081

Tent Team

Identify, greet, and assist first-time guests at the outside welcome tents.

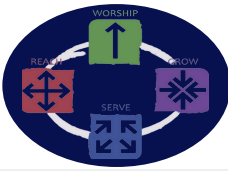
Contact Lynne Halleran | 813-763-1881 or Stacey Carlton | 239-219-3822

Greeter Team

Welcome guests as they arrive at church and help them as they navigate the church for the first time.

Contact Debby Grimes | 813-478-9367





FIRST CONNECTIONS

The **First Connections** Team is responsible for building relationships with guests and new members to help them get plugged-in with various ministries of the church. This team will help individuals learn about opportunities available to them and touch base with them on an on-going basis.

Outreach Team

Be one of the first people to welcome our guests by writing them a personal letter and offering to walk with them through their next steps of engagement with our church.

Contact Eunice Gresham | 813-240-9607

Home Run Team

Show love to our first-time guests by delivering gift baskets to their homes while they are at church.

Contact Eunice Gresham | 813-240-9607

STARTING POINT

There are many ways to get plugged-in to help make this monthly luncheon for guests and new members possible:

Meal Preparation

Join a team to help with gathering supplies, preparing food, and serving plates to all of our guests who attend.

Contact Eunice Gresham | 813-240-9607

Decorations

Plan and setup table décor for the luncheon.

Contact Janice Gresham | 813-967-4224

Serving is seeing the happiness in a person's eyes when they need it the most. A conversation on the golf cart leads to building relationships and getting to do life with others in my church. Serving food and decorating tables is a way to bring people together and enjoy conversation. Being able to serve at FBCPC is a privilege and allows me to see different aspects of my church. I wish I would have started serving sooner. When I felt unworthy to serve, God opened doors and showed me ways to serve.

-Julee Shepherd



FIRST KIDS

First Kids offers a place where children from infants through sixth grade can discover and develop a passion for God. Through small groups, Awana, worship, teaching, and a variety of fun activities, children are exposed to God's Word and challenged to grow in their relationship to God.



WEDNESDAY NIGHT AWANA

Opportunities available to help with our Wednesday night programming for children age 2-6th grade:

Small Group Leaders - Be responsible for one group on a weekly basis as they study God's Word

Story Tellers - Share Bible stories with children in creative ways through songs, movement, or age-appropriate activities

Listeners - Be a listening ear for children as they share the Bible verses they have memorized

Substitutes - Available to fill-in where needed

SUNDAY MORNING

Nursery Workers - Provide care for infants - 1 year olds while parents attend Small Groups and Worship

Preschool and Children's Teachers - Teach Bible lessons and lead students in activities to reinforce biblical concepts

Greeters - Welcome families as they get checked-in and help them find classes

Audio/Visual Team - Assist with technological needs during Children's Worship

Children's Church Leadership - Lead kids (K-3rd grade) in worship or Bible study during Children's Church

Special Needs Facilitators - Help lead and provide appropriate activities for children with special needs.

CONTACT

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I serve because Jesus is the greatest example of serving and by seeing others as He sees them, I am able to be more like Him. Sometimes you experience miracles when you see lives changed. Serving helps me experience God's presence in new ways and builds my Faith. It helps me to experience the joy and peace that comes from obedience and even opens doors for me to sacrifice something that I have to totally depend on Him for.

-Eunice Gresham



FIRST STUDENTS

First Student Ministry is for students in 7th-12th grade. We have weekly Small Groups, a mid-week program, and many opportunities for service and fellowship. Student ministry volunteers are committed to one year of service. We recruit and train new volunteers every August.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT

Café Team

Set-up before students arrive, prepare food, serve beverages and food, collect money, and more during café times on Wednesday evenings.

Greeting Team

Create and facilitate a comfortable and welcoming environment. Welcome students and be on the lookout for guests to connect with. Help disciple a team of students to do this well.

Middle School & High School Leaders

Help keep the student ministry a welcoming environment and be prepared to counsel students as needed. Let the Student Minister know of any decisions or follow-up needs.

SUNDAY MORNING

Communication Director

Make sure adult leaders are aware of changes, events, and other student department communications. Look for opportunities to encourage leaders and help meet the needs in their lives. Coordinate with Student Minister to plan fellowship opportunities and find substitutes.

Middle School & High School Small Group Leader

Teach the Bible and engage students in their Small Groups. Plan with other leaders in your Small Group and prepare diligently. Engage with the students and their parents. Attend Small Group regularly. Take a few of your group members and invest in their lives.

Café Director (one for both middle and high school)

Set out, serve, and clean up Sunday morning breakfast utilizing a team of adults. Be a welcoming presence. Recruit and assist the Parent Team Coordinator (who creates a list of parents/others to bring in food and reminds them of their commitment). Keep inventory in stock in the kitchen areas.

CONTACT: Hannah Inman- Student Ministry Assistant | hinman@fbcpc.com

I love serving because it has taught me that I cannot out give God, even in time. In serving others I get back much more than I put in by meeting new people, learning new things, and being made aware of more opportunities. If you want to fit in and join in, then plug in.

-Cathy Stahl

WORSHIP MINISTRY

Our greatest desire as a worship ministry is to work together as a team to create an atmosphere that allows every believer in the church to go beyond just good enough and attain his or her fullest potential as a worshipper. We would love to have you serve on one of our teams as we seek to lead our church in worship.

Adult Worship Choir - This is the heartbeat of our worship ministry. Come join us in leading worship during the Sunday services and for special occasions throughout the year.

Instrumental Worship Team - Help to form the foundation of our Sunday morning services by utilizing your instrumental skills to lead our congregation in worship.

Amplify Worship Team - Come be a part of our student choir and band or join our leadership team as we seek to equip our students to lead in worship throughout the year

Kids' Worship - Our Kids' Worship Team is always in need of helping hands on Wednesday evenings as we seek to raise up the next generation of worshippers and worship leaders. Help is needed to work in classrooms, provide weekly meals, and assist in the Worship Center as they lead worship throughout the year.



CONTACT

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FIRSTLIGHT MINISTRY

Photography Team - Use your love for photography by joining our team of individuals who take pictures during our ongoing activities and for special events. This role is critical as we seek to provide testimony of the ways God is working in and through our church.

Audio/Video/Lighting Team - Come join an existing network of volunteers who have a passion for meeting the technological needs of our church. Assist on Sunday mornings with tasks such as operating video equipment, audio consoles, and providing environmental effects to create an atmosphere of worship each week.



CONTACT

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CHURCH-WIDE OPPORTUNITIES

As our church seeks to lead people beyond just good enough to experience LIFE in Christ there are many ways to get plugged in both within our church and in the community.

Bereavement Team -

Minister to hurting families within our church and community by helping to arrange and provide meals for families after funeral services.

Contact Sandy Cook | 813-365-0081

First Responders Team -

Join a team to assist in the event of an emergency at our services and special events.

Contact Sherrie Stwan | 813-601-0808

Keeping In Touch Ministry -

Join us as we reach out and provide support to our members who are currently unable to attend church. Many of these individuals look forward to receiving a visit or an encouraging word from us during the week.

Contact Buddy Plaire | 813-763-3001

Prayer Warriors -

Join a rotation of individuals gathering on Sunday mornings to pray during one of our two services. Prayer is central to all we do and this is an integral role in the ministry of our church.

Contact Susan Venning | svenning@fbcpc.com

REACH -

Serve on one of our Monday night REACH teams as we seek to share the gospel with our community. There will be a time of training as well as an opportunity to visit people and tell them about the hope we have in Christ!

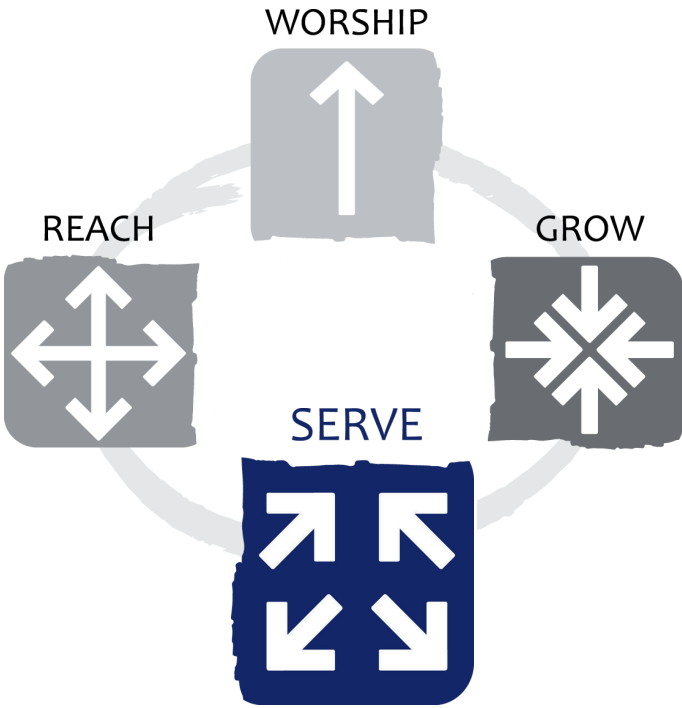
Contact Susan Venning | svenning@fbcpc.com

Why do I serve? I wanted to do more for God, my church and others. I'm a people person and I love to meet people. Since working the coffee bar and serving in the church, I have met more people in the past nine months than I did in the ten years that I've been a member! A verse I love is Psalm 100:2 "serve the Lord with gladness come before him with joyful singing."

- Deborah
Cmehil-Jackson

I see the opportunity to serve as a way of thanking God for His many blessings and for the spiritual gifts He has given me. When I serve, I'm using my God-given talents. My talent may not be delivering a sermon, but I can smile and shake hands, I can prepare food for a celebration of life, I can serve coffee. Serving gives me the opportunity to get to know people within the church - others with whom I serve as well as guests and members. Serving grows me in my walk as I learn to become more like Jesus.

- Meredith Leonard





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