

MINISTRY & MISSIONS

BROCHURE

2011-2012

God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another. Do you have the gift of speaking? Then speak as though God himself were speaking through you. Do you have the gift of helping others? Do it with all the strength and energy that God supplies. Then everything you do will bring glory to God through Jesus Christ. All glory and power to him forever and ever! Amen."

1 Peter 4:10-11 (NLT)

"And I thank Christ Jesus our Lord who has enabled me, because He counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry,"

1 Timothy 1:12 (NKJV)

"And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ"

Ephesians 4:10-13 (NKJV)

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For The Glory of Christ
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH MATTHEWS, NC

Our Mission Statement:

***"Treasuring, Following,
and Sharing Christ***

Where is God leading you to serve?

COMPUTER/COMMUNICATIONS – To oversee and to recommend the proper equipment to be obtained; maintain network and hardware in church office.

COUNTING – To provide weekly accounting for the tithes and offerings given in the Sunday services.

FLOWERS – To beautify the sanctuary by coordinating the flowers and greenery, and to minister to our Homebound by sharing these flowers with them the following week.

HOSPITALITY – To plan and implement church wide fellowship opportunities throughout the year.

LONG RANGE PLANNING – To work with the staff on the overall mission of the church and the facility planning needed to carry out that mission.

LORD'S SUPPER - To assist the staff in the observance of the ordinance of The Lord's Supper with the church family.

NOMINATING – To assist members of FBCM in finding places of service consistent with their spiritual gifts and talents; to recommend individuals to serve on the Ministry Teams of FBCM each year.

PERSONNEL - To oversee the human resources needs of the church, including employee review and hiring practices; to recommend new positions and search teams to the church body.

PRAYER – To promote and engage in the ministry of intercessory prayer; to organize the prayer ministry and keep the congregation informed of prayer needs within the church family.

PROPERTIES & INSURANCE – To oversee the physical plant of FBCM and implement changes necessary to carry out the overall ministry of the church.

STEWARDSHIP – To address the finances of the church through budgeting and stewardship education, and to oversee the overall budget of the church.

WEDDING – To coordinate the use of facilities for weddings and to assist the bride & groom in making decisions and preparing for the wedding; assure details are carried out smoothly on wedding days.

WEEKDAY – To assist in setting the overall direction of the Weekday Ministry of FBCM; to offer encouragement to the families and teachers involved in this ministry.

CROSS POINT SPORTS

Cross Point Sports - Our purpose is to provide opportunities through sports and recreation to build relationships with the focus, desire and purpose of reaching people for Christ. CPS makes these opportunities available for adults and children through teams, camps, fitness classes, special events and more. For the latest news and updates, please visit www.CrossPointSports.org.

FAMILY MINISTRIES

Men's Ministry -Seeks to build Godly men through opportunities for Bible Study, Fellowship and Service. We currently offer:

- Wednesday Morning Study Group-meets year around
- Men's Shepherd Groups
- "Men's Fraternity" Group- meet Tuesday nights for study
- Men's Golf Outing -1st Thurs., Fri. & Saturday in October
- Cross Point Sports - teams, coaching, and events

Women's Ministry -To encourage spiritual growth and fellowship among the women of FBCM through Bible studies, social events, conferences, and mentoring. Volunteers are needed to assist with planning the following events:

Fall Retreat—September and Candlelight Coffee—November

First Impression Team - Members of this ministry seek to provide a welcoming environment for our guests and members. They provide a friendly greeting at the main doors, information about FBCM, directions and an escort to various locations on the church campus, and assistance with parking.

OTHER MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

BAPTISM – To aid the pastor and baptismal candidates in the preparation and observance of the ordinance of believer's baptism.

BENEVOLENCE -To distribute the benevolence budget of FBCM while helping and teaching those in financial need with their personal financial planning skills.

Welcome to FBCM Missions & Ministries

Our Mission Statement at First Baptist Church of Matthews is **“Treasuring, Following, and Sharing Christ for the Glory of Christ.”** This is the mission and philosophy of ministry that drives all that we do at FBCM. We do all for the glory of Christ. In every mission and every ministry, we want the glory of God and His Son, Jesus Christ, to be pre-eminent in all we do. We believe we are to be a people who treasure Christ as the object of our worship. The Lord Jesus gives us direction in how this should express itself in our lives when he said we are to “love the Lord our God with all our heart, with all our mind, and with all our strength.” This is the Great Commandment and the path to joy and a God glorifying life. Our aim is for this “treasuring of Christ” to manifest itself in our everyday life and in our times of corporate worship together as well.

We also believe that we are to follow Christ as disciples. We believe the best and most Biblical way to do this is through the fellowship that comes from the local church. Our primary discipleship ministry is called “Shepherd Groups.” These are groups where the Bible is taught and Christians experience the journey of life together; rejoicing with those who rejoice, weeping with those who weep, and otherwise encouraging and caring for one another.

Finally we believe we are to share Christ in evangelism, missions, and ministry. We believe that God gifts and equips His people for ministry and empowers them to fulfill His calling on their lives. He has given us a Great Commission to make disciples of all the nations baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Our glorious God is worthy of the worship of the nations and God lets us be involved in reaching the nations for Him! That starts right here and extends around the world.

Come and join us in the journey to **“Treasure, Follow, and Share Christ for the Glory of Christ!”**

For the Glory of Christ,

Pastor Greg

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SPIRITUAL MATURITY

Discipleship Making Council – To plan course offerings for the Discipleship Ministry, to recruit and train potential course facilitators, and to promote the DT courses to the church and community.

Shepherd Groups– Small Group Ministry -The basic unit for Christian Community at FBCM where the Bible is taught and applied to everyday life; where we engage in one another's lives encouraging, exhorting, and living life in Christ with one another; and where we serve our Lord together with gladness in advancing His Kingdom in the world.

Single Moms—Reaching out to single moms in the Matthews area and in our church, sharing God's love through socials, prayer, school supplies, Christmas gift cards, and networking to meet needs.

The Journey Singles Ministry– Journey is a Christ-centered community for singles in their 20's and 30's. An atmosphere is provided where singles can be connected, encouraged, and involved. On the fast-paced highway of life, Journey offers the opportunity to slow down and share the road through regular Bible studies, social times, and fun events.

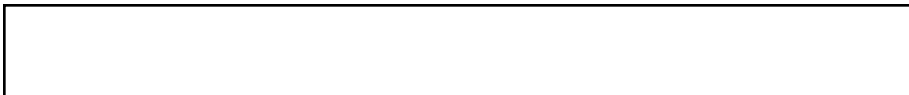
Singles I (45 & up) & Discipling for Singles (Mid 20's - 40's) – These groups of Mid-life singles wants to encourage a larger, stronger family of singles here at FBC Matthews. They meet Tuesday (Singles I) & Thursday (Discipling for Singles) evenings and Sunday mornings.

MUSIC MINISTRY

Adult Music

Audio-Visual, Music, Drama To enhance the worship ministry of the church through the proper use of the sound, lighting, and projection systems, and through music and dramatic presentation.

Praise / Worship Choir Attend rehearsals on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 pm and participate in the morning worship and other special services.



Philippine Mission: (Church Planting Mission) This mission is in partnership with our Filipino International Community Church. Once a year we take a team to the Philippines to begin church plants. We focus on unchurched communities throughout the central area. We accomplish this by holding medical clinics, visiting schools, showing the Jesus video, blitzing communities with flyers and intentionally sharing the gospel.

Operation Christmas Child: This ministry has church members fill shoe boxes. All ages can be involved in this hands-on ministry by filling boxes for ministry around the world. Church members can also serve by helping at the distribution center in Charlotte.

Compassion International: A mission organization that provides the opportunity for people to sponsor children in poverty through out the world.

Also supported financially:

International Mission Board

IN-SERVICE & PROMOTIONS TEAM

This team maintains and updates the mission center, promotes, and communicates all upcoming missions. People are needed to use their gifts for promoting our missions inside and outside the church. These needs include PowerPoint, photography, creative writing, and general creativity skills used to promote missions.

SENIOR ADULTS

Bereavement – To coordinate a family meal upon the loss of an immediate family member of a church member; to ensure communication of a death and needs of said family to the congregation.

Homebound– To minister to the needs of our homebound through visitation, prayer, and hands on ministry; to offer encouragement and comfort to them and their families.

Mercy – To visit and meet the special needs of those who are hospitalized or are very ill; to work closely with the Homebound Ministry and the Deacon Hospital Visitation Team.

Senior Adult Council– To plan and promote activities to involve Senior Adults in the overall mission of the church, and to foster fellowship and ministry among our seniors.

PRESCHOOL

Preschool Shepherd Group is for preschoolers whose parents attend 10:30 A.M adult Shepherd Group or Worship. Teachers prepare lesson materials and lead children in Bible learning activities and stories. Commitment to building relationships with the children and families in the class is crucial. Preschool teachers commit to teach each Sunday for one year.

Worship Care is for preschoolers whose parents attend 9:00 A.M. adult Shepherd Group or Worship. Worship Care is staffed by volunteers who serve once every six weeks. Parents of children in worship care are expected to serve unless teaching elsewhere on Sunday morning. Teaching materials are provided for ages two through Kindergarten.

Awana (Cubbies) is our Sunday evening discipleship ministry for preschoolers and children. Volunteers serve from 5:15-7:00 P.M., September through November and January through April. Volunteers are needed to assist children in learning and reciting scripture, teaching and leading breakouts that include recreation, crafts and storytelling.

Preschool Missions is for children ages three years through kindergarten on Wednesday evenings, 6:30 to 7:20pm from September through May. Volunteers are needed to both lead and assist music and mission education.

CHILDREN

Children's Shepherd Groups are for children in grades 1 thru 6. Children's Shepherd Groups are offered at the 9:00 A.M. worship time. Children go to family worship at 10:30 A.M. Teachers are needed to teach and apply Bible truths. Teachers commit to a one-year term.

Awana Sparks, (K-2 grades) and TNT, (grades 3-6) are our Sunday evening discipleship ministries for children. The focus of Awana is scripture memorization and life application. Volunteers serve from 5:15-7:00 P.M. , September through November and January through April and are needed in many capacities such as listening to verses, storytelling, recreation, crafts, planning and staffing quarterly "Store" (incentive program).

3-D Kids –Wednesday Nights children ages 3 through 6th Grade meet from 6:30pm-7:20pm during September through May. We learn about the lives of missionaries who chose to know, love, and serve God with their lives.

Ignition: Sixth Graders for Jesus - Ignition is the “umbrella” ministry title for our ministry with sixth graders. Sixth graders meet in a room designed for them for Shepherd Group, Awana and missions. Monthly activities are planned that include social and ministry opportunities. Volunteers are needed to chaperone events and build relationships with preteens.

Vacation Bible School -VBS is a concentrated week of Bible study, worship, relationship building and fun for children in grades K—6. Leaders are needed to teach. Volunteers are needed to prepare snacks for children and staff the hospitality room for teachers.

YOUTH

YOUTH MINISTRY – ADULT OPPORTUNITIES

We have several opportunities for adults and/or parents to be involved. These basically fall into two different categories: task oriented and people/relationally oriented.

Task oriented opportunities include: helping to plan, organize and/or even host special youth gatherings. These may be on-site events at the church, or off-site events at homes or other locations.

Relationally oriented types of service could include chaperoning an overnight youth trip, engaging the youth as a small group leader or helping to cultivate their gifts as a Wednesday night Squad leader or assistant.

Whatever your talents are, most likely there is an opportunity for you to use your talent(s) within this youth ministry!

OUR JUDEA & SAMARIA- North America *(cont'd)*

Andrew II Mission: The first part of this ministry is called “Partners Care Ministry”. Pick ups are made from partners in mission every two weeks from 4 SC locations and dropped off at 4 Virginia locations. The second ministry is called “Team Up with Jesus Revival Ministry”. Andrew II class partners with local churches to hold 4-day revival meetings. The community is invited to a cook-out on the final afternoon and ends with Gospel music at the church.

Also supported financially:

North America Mission Board

OUR ENDS OF THE EARTH - INTERNATIONAL

Water for Life: an organization that drills wells in rural villages in poverty stricken nations is making a difference. In 10 years they have provided over 2500 wells, each costing \$4,800. In 2011 they hope to drill 400 more wells in 20 nations around the world. FBCM has begun to collect money to fund the drilling of these wells. This will be an ongoing mission project.

Kiev, Ukraine Mission: (Operation Christmas Child)

In February 2009, we partnered with New Life Church, a Samaritan’s Purse distribution church in the Ukraine to distribute Operation Christmas Child gifts. These boxes also include an age appropriate Bible study series which leads to an opportunity to receive Jesus Christ. The New Life Church’s pastor, Anatoliy Kalyuzhnyy, is the head of the Council of Independent Evangelical Churches and the Co-Director for Operation Christmas Child Ministry in the Ukraine. These trips will be 1 week in length.

Managua, Nicaragua Mission: (Church Planting Mission)

We will be coming along side an **A**ssociation of **B**aptists for **W**orld **E**vangeli**S**m church planting team to assist in the completion of the following vision: “ABWE personnel plan to establish Baptist Churches, train national leaders through theological education by extension, and start works among youth of Nicaragua, where almost half of the population is under the age of fifteen.” We take 1 week trips.

Fillipino International Community Church: Be a part of a multi-cultural church plant with a heart for missions at FBCM. This group meets every Sunday morning at 10am in the fellowship hall. They also have social activities and go on an annual mission trip.

OUR JUDEA & SAMARIA- North America

Disaster Relief Ministry: Ministers by meeting the emotional, physical and spiritual needs of people resulting from hurricanes, floods, tornadoes and other natural disasters. Our needs include people to do construction repairs, assist in clean up and help in the feeding ministry. (Training required in some cases.)

Blanket America : FBCM launched this 501C 3 mission ministry in 2006. **Blanket Appalachia** is an annual weekend event, the first weekend (Friday thru Sunday) in November, where over 200 people go into 4 Appalachia states to assist churches in meeting needs of their community and sharing the gospel. Blanket America also sponsors **Love Thy Neighbor**, a distribution ministry that makes weekly deliveries of gently used clothing, furniture and toys from FBCM to Baptist ministry centers in VA, TN, KY, and WV.

Prison Ministry: This ministry serves 3 different men’s prisons monthly on Sunday evenings . Ministry teams go into the prison to lead worship, special music, preach, pray and share Jesus Christ with the inmates. Volunteers are continually needed in this ministry. Training is required.

Angel Tree Ministry: This Ministry takes place every fall and is a way to ensure that all children in our Appalachian ministry receive Christmas gifts and the true message of Christmas, Jesus Christ. This ministry has been expanded to assist our Single Moms Ministry.

Billy Graham TV/Telephone Counseling Ministry:

We are one of forty “Call Centers” throughout North America that answer callers responding to the gospel message from weekly Billy Graham Classic Telecasts. A one-time Training class is required to participate in this ministry. This mission continues to grow and we need people to serve as phone counselors, prayer warriors, call flow support, administrative support, and trainers.

Conejo Church Plant: Partnering with Conejo Church in Los Angeles, CA in church planting through physical, financial, and prayer support.

Wednesday night ***Ministry Squads*** from 6:00 – 7:30 pm. In a nutshell, this is where we develop and sharpen individual gifts and talents among students based upon their interests. This creates a strong sense of ownership as they take on regular responsibilities within the ministry and in service to each other.

Band: The Youth Praise Band. This could be playing an instrument, singing vocals or both. This is much more than just playing music, but it is leading the youth group to a heart of praise and worship to God.

Drama: Performing skits for our Youth Vertical service on Sunday mornings. This will be a combination of fun, random humor type skits and ice-breakers, along with illustrative presentations that will go along with the speaker’s topic that day.

Emcee: If you are really outgoing and enjoy making people feel comfortable in a crowd, then this is for you. We are looking for guys and gals to work together as the “hosts” for our Sunday morning Vertical. This could involve some humor, youth announcements, introducing the band and other various responsibilities.

Connect: This squad will be the main door greeters and “welcome crew” in the youth ministry. This includes welcoming people as they come in on Sunday morning, and following up with visitors and other youth members during the week through phone calls, electronic messages and even old school, hand-written cards.

Video: This is for a group of techno savvy students who like to express their creativity through making their own video clips and who are willing to get out in the community to conduct assigned street interviews, promote upcoming youth special events or to spotlight individual people.

Events: If you are organized and really prefer more task oriented involvement, this will give you the chance to develop those skills as you help plan, put together and promote youth events and activities.

AV/Tech: We need this squad to help pull everything together and take advantage of our professional tech equipment that we use on a weekly basis. This will include not only be trained to run the sound board, but other media elements and lighting as well.

MISSIONS & EVANGELISM:

MISSIONS & EVANGELISM COUNCIL: The FBCM council gives oversight to all mission projects, the Annual Missions Celebration, the Acts 1:8 Mission Center, finances & support of all in-service missionaries.

OUR JERUSALEM-Local

Car Care Ministry: People reaching out to widows, single moms and people who can't afford to have regular maintenance and minor repairs to their cars. We need women to share the gospel with the people waiting for their car and we need folks that can do repairs.

Charlotte Rescue Mission: provides shelter to people who find themselves homeless while recovering from addictions. We help once a month by providing and serving meals to residents.

Changed Choices: This is a faith-based non-profit organization that invests in the lives of incarcerated and formerly incarcerated women. We hope to provide mental, emotional, physical and spiritual assistance to motivated women during their incarceration and as they transition into society enabling them to make positive changes and achieve self-sufficiency. Changed Choices is adding a new program to help with the family during mom's incarceration and transition back. It is being called "Family not Forgotten". We are looking for Shepherd Groups to adopt a family. Some of the things we will provide are transportation for the family to visit their mom, buying school supplies and clothing for the children in need, and serving as a mentor for the entire family, to show them what it is like to walk beside Christ everyday!

Room in the Inn: The Urban Ministry Center has been working with churches including FBCM who open their facilities one night a week to provide shelter, 2 meals, fellowship and witness to the homeless during the winter months.

Outreach Ministry: G.R.O.W. (Go Reach Our World) Outreach to those who have visited our church or live within a 5-mile radius of our church. There are four ways you can participate: write letters, make phone calls, pray, or go out on visitations.

Handy Man Ministry: Providing ministry to our FBCM members by doing minor repairs to their homes and other simple labor needs. We need folks with handyman skills.

Feeding The Multitude: Dozens of churches in the Metrolina Baptist Association are coming together to "Feed the Multitudes" and to share the gospel of Jesus Christ. FBCM is the distribution center for Matthews/East Charlotte. Members are asked to donate \$ for food items. In November we purchase the items, pack the bags, and hold a worship service to share the good news of Jesus Christ.

Christian Motorcycle Association: The basic purpose of a CMA Chapter is to support the National CMA effort of sharing and showing the love of Jesus Christ to motorcyclists, and supporting the overall ministry of CMA. In this, there is a three-fold purpose:

1. Provide and encourage members to be active in testimony and Christian witnessing to all motorcyclists.
2. Provide a Christian fellowship ride group.
3. Provide an evangelistic association for motorcycling.

Serving Strangers (Vietnamese Refugee Project): This ministry to the Vietnamese people in East Charlotte is led by Scarlett & Byron Sellers. Basic personal care items are collected for these refugees, but more importantly they are provided a Bible study where they learn the truth of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. You can get involved with this ministry by giving, supporting a family, teaching, or just spending time with these Vietnamese people who live nearby.

Salvation Army's Center of Hope: A women & children's homeless shelter that seeks to provide daily stability and a permanent way out of homelessness. It is Charlotte's only 24/7 year round emergency shelter that has 224 beds and routinely operates at capacity. Center of Hope is the largest shelter in the Southeast that offers a comprehensive program of onsite services. FBCM serves a meal monthly and ministers to the women.

Also supported financially: Metrolina Baptist Association
And Pregnancy Resource Center of Charlotte