Greetings from our Pastor

Someone once told me, “I’ve waited all my life for a place like First Baptist Church of Naples.” Our church ministers to the entire family, to every age group, and to every background, representing people from all walks of life, ages, denominational backgrounds, and experiences. Consequently, God uses many diverse ministries to touch Southwest Florida and beyond with the glorious good news of Jesus.

This Ministry Guide will help you to discover more about our nearly 100 Christ-centered ministries and activities. We believe that everybody is somebody in His Body (Ephesians 4:12). Our greatest joy in Christ is in worship, witness, and work as we discover that “it is more blessed to give than to receive” (Acts 20:35).

Each one of us in this local body of believers should find a place of ministry, utilizing spiritual gifts, talents, and passion. We recognize that hard work is necessary and that your time is both valuable and often limited. With that in mind, we hope to maximize your service by focusing on God’s priorities and your calling to bring maximum kingdom impact.

Through this Guide, you will find specific contact information for the team leader for each ministry. Each area has a pastoral staff liaison “to equip believers for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ” (Ephesians 4:12). Feel free to call or email and explore the possibilities.

Don’t be overwhelmed by the variety of opportunities! Ask God to empower you to be available and useful. YOU ARE NEEDED AND WANTED! We pray that you will find the Lord’s will and experience His greatest blessings at First Baptist Church Naples.

Grace and peace,

[Signature]

Dr. Hayes Wicker
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The Lord has uniquely equipped each of us to serve in specific ways. “For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we could walk in them.” Ephesians 2:10.

In this booklet, you will find a comprehensive listing of FBCN ministries, most of which need volunteers. If you have been looking for a ministry in which to serve, this should help you find the right role. If you are interested in any of the opportunities, please telephone or e-mail the designated person. Then you can prayerfully seek God’s will.

Some service opportunities are open to seasonal attendees and non-members. Church membership is usually required (year-round or Dual Member).

BIBLE AND LIFE GROUPS

Contact John David Edie at jedie@fbcn.org or at 239-596-8600 x260.

Bible and Life Groups are people experiencing life-changing Bible study and engaging in a lifestyle of reaching and serving others for Jesus Christ with a group of genuine friends. Bible and Life Groups are for adults, students, children, and preschoolers.

At first glance, a large congregation such as ours can be intimidating to a visitor or new member. Joining a Bible and Life Group gives you a great chance to know other members of your church family more closely. By meeting in smaller groups and discussing how God is working in each others lives, you have the chance to build strong relationships. The genuine friendships which you form here can carry you through life’s trials and triumphs.

Join us for Bible and Life Groups, which meet at:
5:00 p.m. Saturday
7:30 p.m. Saturday
8:30 a.m. Sunday
9:30 a.m. Sunday
11:00 a.m. Sunday
Home groups also meet at various times during the week for Bible study.

*For the safety of our children and youth (infants through 12th grade), all people who serve in these ministries are asked to complete an application form and be cleared for security.*

**PRESCHOOL**

*Contact Beverly Burgoyne at bburgoyne@fbcn.org or at 239-596-8600 x351.*

In the preschool years, children learn proper foundations. Adult volunteers come alongside parents to help lay spiritual foundations in young children by meeting physical needs and teaching Bible truths on their level of understanding through activities and interaction. Volunteers are of all ages.

**Administrative Office Help:** Volunteers are needed to assist with special projects.

**AWANA Cubbies:** Wednesday evening volunteers are needed to assist teachers for infants through four year olds.

**Island Kidz:** Island Kidz is a worship experience designed exclusively for kindergartners. It incorporates songs, movement, drama, and Bible content that teach truth.

**Vacation Bible School:** Volunteers are needed to work with preschoolers while their parents serve in children’s VBS.

**MOPS Kidz:** Volunteers are needed on the 1st and 3rd Thursday mornings of each month to assist teachers of infants through four year olds while their moms attend MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers).

**RefresHer Kidz:** Tuesday morning volunteers are needed to assist teachers during Women’s Ministry Bible Study.

**Saturday Night BLG Needs:**

*Infants through Four Year Olds Kindergarten*  
6:00 & 7:30 p.m. - Teachers and assistants are needed.  
6:00 - Leaders and assistants are needed to impact kindergartners during Island Kidz worship.  
They are needed for all ages.
Sunday Morning BLG Needs:

*Infants through Four Year Olds* 9:30 & 11:00 a.m. - Teachers and assistants are needed.

*Kindergarten* 9:30 - Leaders and assistants are needed to impact kindergartners during Island Kidz worship.

*Substitutes* They are needed for all ages.

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**CHILDREN**

*Contact Betsy Evans at bevans@fbcn.org or at 239-596-8600 x370 unless otherwise indicated below.*

**BLGs (Kidz Town Neighborhoods):** On Saturdays from 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. and on Sundays from 11:00 a.m. - noon, you can help by being an assistant teacher, table leader, or substitute teacher.

**A.W.A.N.A.:** Leaders are needed on Wednesday evenings from 6:00 to 8:15 p.m.

**Good News Clubs:** Volunteers are needed to be part of a team of five to six who visit an elementary school between 2:30 and 4:30 p.m. once a week. The participating children sing songs and are taught Bible lessons, memory verses, and missions stories. The Child Evangelism Fellowship curriculum is used. Servers can help with: classroom coordination, bringing snacks, leading songs, reading stories, and teaching lessons. Training is provided for volunteers. *Contact Nancy Hale at 239-596-8600 x350.*

**Administrative Office Help:** We are looking for a person who could help a half to a full day per week.

**Vacation Bible School:**
- 5 grade directors
- 30 teachers
- 30 helpers
- 15 greeters
- 1 hallway decorating coordinator
- 2 special events coordinators

**KidzTown Worship:** We need volunteers to help sign-in children and stamp their “passport books” on Saturdays from 5:30-6:15 p.m. and on Sundays from 9:00-9:45 a.m.
Halloween Alternative Event: Each year, our church holds an event that is a Christian outreach which allows for a safe and fun activity. Volunteers can help with planning, promoting, and implementing.

Puppet Ministry: We get the children's attention and facilitate their grasp of Biblical truths. We need volunteers who show creativity and have a sense of humor. Contact Jim Evans at jim@ecomsystems.com or at 941-308-6312.

5th GRADE

Contact Jason Dean at jdean@fbcn.org.

Bible Study: Wednesdays at 6:30pm, Saturdays at 7:30pm, and Sundays at 11:00am in Rooms ED208 and ED222.

MIDDLE SCHOOL (6th-8th Grade)

Contact Greg Clydesdale at gclydesdale@fbcn.org or at 239-596-8600 x203.

BLGs: On Saturdays from 7:30 to 8:30 pm and on Sunday mornings from 11am to noon, church members are needed to serve as leaders of boys or girls in grades 5 through 8.

Wednesday Evenings, “Intersect” Middle School Worship: This group meets from 6:15 to 8:15 pm. Help is needed with sound, lighting, snack bar, coordination of activities, and student supervision in general. Church members who would serve as small group leaders are especially needed.

Special Events: We need chaperones who would be willing to volunteer periodically for special events. Drivers with CDL licenses are especially needed. Host homes are occasionally needed as places for special functions. If you have access to a clubhouse, home theater, beach access, boat, etc., we would love to partner with you.

Summer Camp: Middle School Summer Camp is focused learning, worship, relevant drama, and fun community-building.
HIGH SCHOOL (9th-12th Grade)

*Contact Kevin Taylor at ktaylor@fbcn.org or at 239-596-8600 x202.*

**BLGs:** Church members are needed to team teach BLGs on Saturday nights or Sunday mornings.

**Wednesday Nights:** We need leaders for small groups at the end of our Wednesday night worship service.

**Special Events:** Chaperones who would be willing to volunteer periodically for special events are welcomed. Drivers with CDL licenses are especially needed. Host homes are occasionally needed for a special function. If you have access to a pool house, clubhouse, home theater, beach access, boat, etc., we would love to partner with you.

**Summer Camp:** It is a week of focused learning, worship, relevant drama, mission projects, and fun community building. Students engage in meaningful worship and sound biblical teaching.

**Yearly Events:** Student conferences, Student Leadership University, Disciple Now weekend, etc.

COLLEGE AND TWENTIES (C2)

*Contact Alisha Alvarez at tellyandalisha@gmail.com, unless otherwise indicated below.*

**3rd Fridays:** 3rd Fridays is where 20s and 30s come together for fun, food, and fellowship the 3rd Friday of every month. *For more information, please email 3rdfridays@groups.facebook.com.*

**BLGs:** Church members are needed as teachers on Saturday evening and Sunday morning.

**Administrative Support:** A person who could help for several hours during the week with administrative activities concerning BLGs.

**Christian Vocation Scholarship for Seminary and College:** This scholarship fund, first established in 1982, helps young people fulfill God’s call on their lives to vocational Christian service. The committee should be contacted for application criteria. Those interested in serving on the team are also welcome. *Contact Sandy Graham at sgraham@fbcn.org.*
SINGLE PARENTS

Contact Rhonda Wright at rwright@fbcn.org or at 239-596-8600 x261.

“Car Care” for Single Parents: A volunteer mechanic who could work up to four hours per week is needed.

Carpenter’s Crew: People interested in doing handy-man jobs for those in need are welcome.

Divorce Care: People who have seen godly healing from separation or divorce are needed as facilitators in this ministry. Divorce Care classes are one night per week for 13 weeks. Training is provided.

Divorce Care for Kids (DC4K): Adult church members are needed to facilitate this 13 week class, two hours per week for ages 5-12. Training is provided.

First Family Christmas: This ministry helps provide gifts to needy children of single parents. Members of our church purchase gifts that the children request. Volunteers are needed in November and December to help with pick-up and drop-off tables.

ADULTS AND SENIOR ADULTS

Contact Rhonda Wright at rwright@fbcn.org or at 239-596-8600 x261.

An extensive listing of Bible and Life Groups for adults is found in the publication, Bible and Life Groups, located at the information booths and kiosks throughout the Fellowship Hallway and the Commons.

Each Bible and Life Group has specific roles which are all filled by volunteers. They are:

Teacher/Leader: In order for group members to grow spiritually, this person must communicate the truths of the Bible in a way that is doctrinally sound, relevant, and challenging. This person is also the leader of the team of people who serve the BLG.

Class Administrator: This person/couple organizes the class for effective ministry, oversees and implements the leadership positions in the class, coordinates the classroom set-up, maintains accurate records, and enrolls new members.
Evangelism Leader: This leader encourages the BLG members to be involved in evangelistic outreach within the class, the church, and the community. This person contacts guests and class prospects and interfaces with the Witnessing Training program.

Missions Leader: This is the champion for missions, who helps members to be more connected to the missions ministry by communication and promotion of missions opportunities.

Prayer Leader: After developing and coordinating a comprehensive prayer ministry plan, this person leads the class in prayer weekly, communicates prayer needs of the members and the church leadership, and encourages others to get involved in prayer opportunities.

Assimilation Leader: Responsible for the care and nurturing of new members in the BLG, this person contacts new members, welcomes them, answers their questions, and explains ways to become more involved with other members and First Baptist Church Naples.

Care Group Leader: Care Groups are BLG “shepherding” sub-groups of 8-15 people. Care group leaders build relationships with their group members, pray for them, encourage them, and minister to their needs.

Community Leader: This person/couple provides oversight to the Care Group ministry in larger BLGs. They select and train Care Group Leaders and organize care group membership.

ADDITIONAL ADULT MINISTRIES

Anna’s Tea: This is a ministry of the deacons and pastoral staff wives to the widows of our congregation. It provides a haven of comfort. A sweet time of fellowship, food, and a special speaker is provided the last Monday of each month. Contact Vada Ehling at vehling@fbcn.org or at 239-596-8600 X268.

Crown Ministry: Crown teaches people about biblical principles regarding finances and possessions. The goal is to help people know Christ and serve Him. Offerings include: small group studies, individual counseling, and seminars--along with a range of financial tools. Volunteers are trained and can serve as class leaders or counselors.
Senior Adult Activity Team (SAAT): This team helps plan and implement the Legacy Builders senior adult events. Contact Larry Rigley at lrigley@fbcn.org or at 239-596-8600 X632.

Wills and Trusts: We partner with PhilanthroCorp, a Christ-centered estate planning firm, to assist individuals and families with estate planning. Contact Conard Wrightsman at cwrightsman@fbcn.org or at 239-596-8600 X257.

Weddings: Members or children of members of FBCN may be married at our church. Contact the Wedding Director, Mrs. Jody Statile, at 239-591-1895 or jstatile@naplessunrealty.com.

Legacy Builders: Legacy Builders is a ministry that provides a variety of activities for senior adults. Something for everyone - trips, luncheons, inspirational concerts/speakers, dinner theaters, and much more. Check the table in the Fellowship Hallway, and watch “First Word” for upcoming events. Legacy Builder’s purpose is to enrich the lives of seniors for the Kingdom through inspiration, fellowship, activities, and the gospel of Jesus Christ. Contact Vada Ehling at vehling@fbcn.org or at 239-596-8600 X268.

BIBLICAL COUNSELING

Contact Steve Hayes at shayes@fbcn.org or 239-596-8600 x266.

If you are in need of biblical counseling, contact this ministry. Lay counselors are also needed to help. Specialized training is provided.

COMMITTEES

Standing committees are nominated by the pastoral staff, and members serve three year terms. Some special committees exist for short terms to accomplish specific tasks and are nominated by the senior ministerial staff.

Standing committees include: Finance, Personnel, and Benevolence. Examples of special committees include: Master Planning and Building.
Angel Tree: This is a ministry to the children of prisoners. At Christmas, gifts are purchased for each child and are given to him/her by our volunteers on behalf of the incarcerated parent. Each child also receives a food voucher and a Bible. **Contact Dottie Scofield at dtscofield1@aol.com or at 239-566-9712.**

Blessing Christ: This ministry primarily serves Immokalee and other lower income areas in Collier County by providing help for their physical needs. It concentrates on the beginning of the school year and Christmas. **Contact Ramon Chao at 239-250-9528.**

“Car Care” Outreach: We are volunteers who are car-savvy, helping car owners in need of preventive maintenance. Two to three large events per year are scheduled. **Contact Rod Foster at 239-851-6011.**

Carpenter’s Crew: This outreach helps single mothers and widows with jobs around their home.

Celebrate Recovery: This program works to help those struggling with hurts, habits, and hang-ups by showing them the loving power of Christ through a restoration process utilizing 8 principles from the Beatitudes of the New Testament and 12 biblical steps of recovery. This program is distinctly Christian and uncompromisingly biblical. **Contact Steve Hayes at shayes@fbcn.org or at 239-586-8600 X266.**

Disaster Relief Teams: The church provides helping teams when major tragedies occur, primarily hurricanes. We are building our preparedness for such emergencies. If you can help with clean-up, encouragement, or rebuilding, you are encouraged to join the team.

Divorce Recovery & Next Step: People who have experienced separation or divorce are always needed as facilitators in this ministry. Divorce Recovery classes are one night per week for 13 weeks. Training is provided.

Divorce Care for Kids (DC4K): Adult church members are urgently needed to facilitate this 13 week class, two hours per week for ages 5-12. Training is provided.
Fellowship of Christian Athletes: The Southwest Florida Fellowship of Christian Athletes is a student-initiated and student-led campus ministry. FCA challenges coaches and athletes on the professional, college, high school, middle school, and youth levels to use the medium of athletics to impact the world for Jesus Christ. FCA focuses on serving local communities to help students to make a difference for Christ with programs that promote positive character and values (integrity, serving, teamwork, excellence). FCA is interdenominational. Visit the website at www.swfloridafca.org. **Contact Gretchen Shelton at gshelton@fca.org or at 239-784-3377.**

Freedom Crosses: Freedom Crosses, engraved with “In God We Trust,” are designed to be placed on the personal property of Christians as a symbol of freedom of religion. Sometimes we utilize a booth at a fair or at rallies. Volunteers are needed to help “man” the booths and hand out literature. The web site is www.freedomcrossesusa.com. **Contact Lacey King at info@freedomcrossesusa.com or at 239-206-1005.**

Good News Clubs: Volunteers are needed to be part of a team of five to six people, who minister weekly in an elementary school. Children sing and are taught Bible lessons, memory verses, and missions stories with the Child Evangelism Fellowship curriculum. Servers help with classroom coordination, snacks, songs, stories, and teaching. Training is provided. **Contact Nancy Hale at 239-596-8600 x350.**

Grief Share: This 13-week course meets weekly, beginning in February and August, and is intended for those who are experiencing hurt from the loss of a loved one. Our people are also available at other times to talk. **Contact Betty at 239-738-4199.**

Helps Outreach: Food, clothing, and furniture are received and distributed to those in financial need. A wide range of volunteers are needed who will commit to an hour or more per week. The outreach is open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday and is located at 2025 J&C Boulevard. **Contact Angie or Joe Valentini at 239-593-3226.**

Jail Ministry: Female church members are needed to help with a Sunday morning worship service and to witness to women prisoners. Male church members are also needed to preach, teach, and witness in a Sunday evening service to male inmates. “Pen pals” are needed to maintain contact with new believers. The Collier County Jail is located at the Government Center (Airport Road and East 41). **Contact Bob Beyer through the church at 239-597-6057.**
Pregnancy Resource Center of Southwest Florida: The PRC exists to save the lives of unborn children from abortion, by meeting the physical and emotional needs of the clients and by sharing God’s love and forgiveness in Christ. Volunteers are needed as counselors (training is provided). More information is available at www.supportprc.com. Call PRC at 239-513-9775.

Protected Harbor: Our mission is to build Christian career group homes for developmentally disabled adults with quality care and love in a family atmosphere (when their parents are unable to care for them). Volunteers are needed to help with an annual golf outing and other events. Contact Bob Schurbing at schubey1@embarqmail.com or at 239-248-7449.

Red Shoes: In this ministry, small groups of women walk together through neighborhoods praying while wearing red shoes, white clothes, and a smile. The prayer is that people will recognize these walkers and ask them to pray for specific needs. Relationships and invitations grow from there. Contact Barbara Hoff at 239-514-1337.

Contact Linda Peiffer at lpeiffer@fbcn.org or at 239-596-8600 x 280, unless otherwise indicated below.

Baptism: To follow the example of Jesus, believers are baptized by immersion in a public declaration of their faith. Baptisms occur during regular church services on Saturday night or Sunday morning. We also hold beach baptisms throughout the year. Volunteers are needed to help guide people through the process and to help with logistics. Contact Doug Pigg at gwest@fbcn.org or at 239-596-8600 X250.

Witnessing Training: Beginning in February and September, there are opportunities to develop evangelism skills and to put them to use in the community. Each session meets on Sunday evening and lasts for approximately 8 weeks, utilizing class teaching and on-the-job training in visitation.

Food Ministry for Witnessing Training: The food support component of our Witnessing Training is an integral aspect of this ministry, providing a light meal for those who are involved in one of the two semesters annually. Through the donations of food or money, BLG class members are asked to provide sandwiches, chips, fruit, veggies, and dessert each week. Contact Cristie Smith at cgbinvenice@aol.com or at 239-405-1910.
Invitation Encouragers: “Encouragers” are church members who assist people making a decision for Christ during our Saturday and Sunday services. Those making a decision come to join the church or they come for baptism, for salvation, and other decisions. A key part of this ministry is training. Contact Doug Pigg at gwest@fbcn.org or at 239-596-8600 X250.

FIRST BAPTIST ACADEMY

First Baptist Academy develops students (pre-school through high school) with Christian character and a biblical worldview, equipping them for life, learning, and leadership. First Baptist Academy is a Kingdom Education school.

Level I volunteers have contact with students in the presence of an FBA employee. Level II volunteers have direct contact with students outside the immediate presence of an FBA staff member.

All volunteers must complete an application (which includes two references and a photo ID). For Level II volunteers, further security checks are undertaken. Volunteer training is also provided.

Pre-School and Elementary: Volunteer opportunities include classroom interaction with students, assisting teachers, reading and math tutors, art display helpers, and general office assistance. Contact Elizabeth McGriff at emcgriff@fbalions.org or at 239-597-2233 X331.

Middle School: Volunteer opportunities may include one-on-one tutoring after school or helping with special events. Contact Kim Whitcomb at kwhitcomb@fbalions.org or at 239-597-2233 X313.

High School: Volunteer opportunities may include individual tutoring after school or helping with special events. Contact Jennifer Gonzalez at jgonzalez@fbalions.org or at 239-597-2233 X646.

Evening of the Arts: This event highlights artwork of FBCN members and FBA students. Volunteer opportunities include hanging/arranging art for display or serving on the hospitality committee. Contact Linda Shaw at lshaw@fbalions.org or at 239-597-2233 X301.
FBA Athletics: Volunteer opportunities include the Booster Club serving in areas of ticket and concession sales and parking for football games. Booster offices are held by FBA parents. Other areas of service may include running the clock or score-keeping at games, and assisting in coaching. **Contact Cindy Murphy at cmurphy@fbalions.org or at 239-597-2233 X622.**

FBA Fine Arts: Volunteer opportunities include helping with the yearly musical production, the concert production, fundraising, and providing art displays. **Contact Lani Mastrangelo at lmastrangelo@fbalions.org or at 239-597-2233 X302.**

Financial Aid Committee: This committee evaluates applicants and allocation of financial aid funds for the First Baptist Academy. Although a volunteer position, there is a nomination and selection process. **Contact Cindy Case at ccase@fbcn.org or at 239-596-8600 X256.**

School Board: Board members are selected by FBA and FBCN leadership. Although a volunteer position, there is a nominating and selection process. **Contact Shannon Beam at sbeam@fbalions.org or at 239-597-2233 X568.**

Summer Day Camp: Two camps run throughout June and July. For the PK4-2nd grade camp, **contact Sandra Maciques at smaciques@fbalions.org or at 239-597-2233 X582.** For the 3rd-8th grade camp, **contact John McGillicuddy at jmac@fbalions.org or at 239-597-2233 X315.**

Teachers and Parents Together (TAPT): This is a group of volunteer parents, selected by the School Administration, who assist in teacher appreciation week, fundraising, and organizing Classroom Parent Representatives and Homeroom Moms and Dads. **Contact Shannon Beam at sbeam@fbalions.org or at 239-597-2233 X568.**

Language/Ethnic Ministries: Our cross-cultural language/ethnic ministries minister to congregations in their native language.

Hispanic Congregation: Contact Miguel Cruz at mcruz@fbcn.org or at 239-596-8600 X274.
The Grace Romanian Church: Contact Adrian Roman at 239-398-2527.

Vietnamese Congregation: Contact Jimmy Duy Nguyen at dnguyen@baptized.com or at 239-404-2627.

The Nehemiah Baptist Church (Haitian Congregation): Contact Daniel Garcon at dgthenem@yahoo.com or at 239-298-4929.

**MEN’S MINISTRY**

**Contact Terry Cole at tcole@fbcn.org or at 239-596-8600 x232.**

Band of Brothers: Each Wednesday evening, men meet in the Chapel to learn practical truths from God’s Word through teaching and discussion in smaller groups. Table leaders, who are church members, are needed to head up small discussion groups, which also “shepherd” the men at their table.

Promotion Team: Four to six men are needed to brainstorm ideas to improve the promotion of various men’s ministries. Backgrounds in marketing/sales would be helpful.

One-to-One Discipleship: Men have an opportunity to act as mentors to men who are seeking to grow in their walk with the Lord.

Newsletter/Web Site Team: One to two people are needed to write/publish a newsletter and to improve and maintain the contents of the men’s ministry section of the web site.

**MINISTRY TEAMS**

Ministry Teams are groups that are formed to perform a specific role of ministry. They relate to a specific staff member and can exist indefinitely or for a short term.

Audio Visual Lighting (AVL) and associated Information Technology (IT): People who are interested in AVL or IT who have a servant’s heart and are willing to learn are always welcomed. We will train those that need help in understanding AVL systems and put those with much experience to work quickly. We also need IT support people who can help with maintenance, training, and general
troubleshooting. Contact John Patterson at jpatterson@fbcn.org or at 239-596-8600 x231.

Deacons: Deacons are qualified men who serve the Body, advance the Kingdom of Christ, and represent the pastoral staff. They undergo a rigorous screening process and minister to widows and in other capacities.

Elders: Elders are godly men nominated by the pastor to provide counsel to the pastor and staff as needed, but have no administrative authority. They and the Deacons also take the lead in church discipline and resolving conflicts.

Food Service Ministry: This ministry provides all school lunches, all Wednesday night meals, and over 90% of other banquets and food service events at the church. Volunteers are needed. Contact Chef Herb Small at hsmall@fbcn.org or at 239-596-8600 X212.

Friends-N-Faith (Food for the Soul): This ministry is a Christian outreach where food and prayer are shared with families in the midst of a short term crisis for up to two weeks. The ministry prepares and delivers food and prays with the families. The volunteers who are most needed are those who enjoy cooking and have a heart to help. Others will deliver the food and interface with the families. Contact Camille Strakaluse at camillerigor@yahoo.com or at 239-877-3057.

Hospitality Ministry: Each person is assigned to either the Saturday night service or one of the two services on Sunday morning, and also may be asked to serve at special events. Contact Georgia West at 239-586-8600 x250 or at gwest@fbcn.org unless otherwise indicated below.

Funerals: Ushers are often called upon to assist at funerals. Contact Roger Sparling at 239-596-1994.

Greeters: If you have a friendly, outgoing personality, this is a place for you to serve. All ages are encouraged to help.

Information Center: People are needed for each service/event to help others locate destinations (you will accompany them) and share information about upcoming events.
Special Events: Ushers and other volunteers are occasionally asked to facilitate special events, usually to help with serving food.

Traffic: Shuttle drivers are needed to drive our golf carts and provide passengers with a pleasant, efficient ride.

Ushers: Friendly, courteous men serve in this role. Black slacks, a white shirt, and a tie are required. The church provides you with a sport jacket.

Lighthouse Bookstore: There are many opportunities to volunteer in your church bookstore to help with point-of-sale check-out, arranging merchandise, answering customer questions, or organizing details for monthly or special events (Book Clubs, Book Fairs, Summer Reading Program, FBA Outreach Programs, FBCN Outreach Programs, and Christmas Gift Wrap). Contact Rae Manchester at rmanchester@fbcn.org or at 239-449-4488.

Lighthouse Cafe: The Lighthouse Cafe is designed to be a place where friends and family can meet and share Christ-honoring fellowship.

Media Ministry: This ministry records Pastor’s message as well as special event speakers on CDs to sell after every service. Dr. Wicker’s message is used for radio broadcasts and is available for shut-ins and others in hospitals/nursing homes. In addition, we offer CDs and videos by the authors and recording artists of our church family. Contact John Patterson at jpm@fbcn.org or at 239-596-8600 x231.

Pastors’ Prayer Partners: Every Thursday from 11 a.m. to noon, praying people meet in the Administration Building to lift up our church staff and their needs. Contact Dave Miller at 239-596-3430.

Safety and Security: This ministry helps keep the Body of believers safe as they worship, study God’s Word, and fellowship. We help those with physical needs, direct those who need to find their way on the campus, and help with crowd control and traffic. We monitor doors and hallways to ensure safety and accountability. Contact Ron Scammon at rsc@fbcn.org or at 239-596-8600 X236.
Website/Graphics Design Team: People who are able to utilize their experience and knowledge can offer creative work for online and print publications. **Contact Mark Tucker at mtucker@fbcn.org or at 239-596-8600 X230.**

**MISSIONS**

*Missions*

*Contact David Heath at missions@fbcn.org or 239-596-8600 x631, unless otherwise noted under specific ministries.*

**STATE**

**Florida Baptist Convention:** This organization exists to inspire and equip—in word and deed—Florida Baptist churches and associations to accomplish the Great Commission.

**Public Issues Team:** The mission of this ministry is to inform the congregation on issues that challenge our biblical and conservative morals and ethics, and then provide opportunities for individuals to take action. Examples of recent projects include: the campaign to pass a constitutional amendment to preserve marriage between one man and one woman in 2008; distributing non-partisan Voter Guides in advance of Election Day; distributing Bibles in area high schools; prayer vigils in front of Planned Parenthood; and hosting Candidates forums.

**NATIONAL**

**Disaster Relief Teams:** The church has provided teams when major tragedies occur, primarily hurricanes. We are building our preparedness for such emergencies. If you can help with clean-up, encouragement, or rebuilding, you are encouraged to join the team.

**North American Mission Board:** This organization within the Southern Baptist Convention has church planting as its first priority. It also focuses on evangelism through the efforts of thousands of missionaries in all U.S. states and Canadian provinces.

**Prison Fellowship:** This ministry provides support for the transition to a “life on the outside” and offers spiritual support, employment support, mentoring, and addresses many other issues that arise when an inmate is released.
Source Ministry: This outreach is for at-risk young people in the Minneapolis, MN area. Staff and volunteers build relationships with them and serve. Contact Peter Wohlers at 612-599-4300.

Other National Missions/Ministry Partners: Cedarville University, Prison Fellowship, The Adrian Rogers Pastor’s Training Institute, and many others.

INTERNATIONAL

Big Life Ministries: This ministry empowers believers worldwide to reach their own people for Jesus Christ and to plant churches. Big Life is currently working in Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Nepal, Pakistan, and the U. K. Contact John Heerema at 239-289-3957.

International Missions Board: An entity of the Southern Baptist Convention, the Missions Board exists to make disciples of all people in fulfillment of the Great Commission. Over 6,000 people groups still live with little or no access to the gospel. Nearly 5,000 field service people serve around the world. Our giving to the Cooperative Program in our operating budget funds this outreach.

Operation Christmas Child: This ministry of Samaritan’s Purse demonstrates God’s love in a tangible way to needy children around the globe. People fill shoe boxes with gifts that are age and gender specific and give a booklet sharing Christ. Contact Jody Statile at 239-591-1895.

Operation Soldier Care: OSC is an outreach ministry which provides prayer and tangible support and encouragement to our troops through cards, letters, and care packages. This is implemented through our Bible and Life Groups. Volunteers are needed to pack 75-105 care packages each packing session. There are nine packing sessions per year. Volunteers are needed to write letters to the troops. The web site is www.soldiercare.org. Contact Tony Zawacky at soldiercare@aol.com.

Other International Missions/Ministry Partners: Word of Life Hungary, Aegean Ministry, Pioneers Ministry, Association of Baptists for World Evangelism (ABWE), and Global Aid Network (GAIN).
Benevolence Fund: Our benevolence fund helps people in financial crisis. Volunteers to serve in this ministry should have the gift of discernment, a compassionate heart, and be members of the church. Contact Vada Ehling at 239-596-8600 x268 or vehling@fbcn.org.

C.I.A. (Christians in Action): Church members are needed to visit weekly with those who are homebound or in a nursing home. Contact Marjorie Trautwein at amtraut2003@yahoo.com or 239-404-2331.

Grief Share: This 13-week course meets weekly and is intended for those who are experiencing hurt from the loss of a loved one. Come join others who are in the same situation. Sharen is also available at other times to talk. Contact Betty at 239-738-4199.

Hospital Visitation: We need people that have a heart for encouragement to bring wise, appropriate encouragement to those who are hospitalized. Contact Vada Ehling at vehling@fbcn.org or at 239-596-8600 x268.

Jail Ministry: Female church members are needed to help with a Sunday morning worship service and to witness to women prisoners. Male church members are needed to preach, teach, and witness in a Sunday evening service to male inmates. Pen pals are needed to maintain contact with new believers. The Collier County Jail is located at the Government Center (Airport Road and East 41). Contact Bob Beyer through the church at 239-597-6057.

Marriage Savers: Godly church member couples with healthy marriages are needed to mentor younger couples. Contact Steve Hayes at shayes@fbcn.org or on 239-596-8600 x266.

Pastors’ Prayer Partners: This ministry lifts up pastoral staff in prayer, bringing before God the ministers’ requests. Contact Kay Miller at 239-596-3430.

Prayer Engine: Our online prayer ministry that allows participants to post and regularly pray for the requests of our fellowship. Just log on to www.fbcn.org and click on the “PRAY” icon to get started.
SPORTS OUTREACH

Contact Kevin Van Duser at kvanduser@fbcn.org or at 596-8600 x213.

We use sports to develop young people, teaching them basic fundamental skills in a variety of sports in an encouraging atmosphere, building character in a family-friendly atmosphere.

Volunteers with experience in the following sports are needed to serve as coaches and assistant coaches in both training sessions and games:

- Tackle Football: August-November
- Flag Football: January-April
- Basketball: April-June
- Volleyball: January-April
- Speed & Agility Training: November-January & April-July
- Soccer: Summer months
- Summer camps for Soccer, Basketball, Tackle Football, Golf, and Speed & Agility: May-August

Volunteers are also needed for operating concessions at games and for set-up/breakdown.

All volunteers are expected to complete an application form in advance of serving.

WOMEN’S MINISTRY

Contact Shannon Moore at smoore@fbcn.org or at 239-596-8600 x240, unless otherwise indicated below.

Administrative Support: A woman who could spend half a day on Monday or on Wednesday morning providing light administrative support is greatly needed to prepare for RefresHer sessions.
**Apples of Gold:** This is a mentoring ministry that meets in a personal home and disciples women in practical and godly ways to be a wife, mother, and homemaker. Apples of Gold meets twice a year in 7-week sessions.

**Back to Basics:** If you can sew or quilt, or want to learn, please join this group every other Monday evening at 6:30 p.m. Contact Pam Cole at pcole@fbcn.org or at 239-596-8600 X270.

**EnricHer:** This format for women’s Bible study consists of 8-12 classes offered to meet the specific needs of women, such as marriage, parenting, prayer, or deeper Bible study and usually lasts 6-8 weeks. They meet on Tuesday mornings at 9:00 a.m. and Wednesday evenings at 6:00 p.m. in tandem with our RefresHer studies.

**Holiday Outreach Banquet:** An annual Christmas outreach event is held with a program including a speaker. Women are encouraged to invite unreached friends. Volunteers are needed to host tables for the event.

**H.O.P.E.:** This is a support ministry for women who are dealing with infertility, miscarriage, or the loss of a baby. It meets twice each month. Women gather to seek God in the midst of these life challenges. Contact Cathy Dean at cdean@fbcn.org or at 239-596-8600 X241.

**MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers):** This weekly ministry seeks to encourage, equip, and develop every mother of preschoolers to realize her full potential as a woman, mother, and leader in the name of Christ. Contact Jennifer Patterson at Jennifer@jjpatterson.com or at 239-352-8554.

**Prayer Shawl:** If you can knit or crochet, please join this group which meets the 3rd Friday of each month to provide shawls to those in need, particularly in the hospital. Contact Brenda Hein at 239-495-9272.

**RefreshHer:** This foundation of our Women’s Ministry meets weekly on either Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. or Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. In-depth Bible studies which speak to the heart of women are studied in fall, winter, and spring sessions. Small accountability groups meet together at the beginning to review homework and answer questions as well as to pray. This is followed by a time of praise and worship. Volunteers serve as table leaders. On Wednesday night, greeters are also needed to welcome people as they enter and direct them to tables.
Woman-to-Woman Mentoring: Church members are needed to provide one-on-one mentoring and discipleship. Godly mentors will be matched to new Christians or a woman experiencing a need to grow.

Women’s Event Decorator: When special events are held, someone who could help with decorating and stage design is needed and would work with the Director of Women’s Ministries.

**WORSHIP AND MUSIC MINISTRY**

Contact Tina Platter at tplatter@fbcn.org or at 239-596-8600 x229, unless otherwise indicated below.

Worship Choir: If you love to sing and have a heart for worship, please attend a rehearsal and we will share with you the details of making a commitment to the Worship Choir. Rehearsals are on Wednesdays from 6:30-8:00 pm in the Choir Room (WC129).

FBCN Orchestra: Unsure of your skills? Call Tina Platter whose contact information is provided above. We rehearse Wednesdays from 8:00-9:15 pm on the Worship Center platform.

Saturday Night Worship Team: Auditions are required to be a part of this group. Please call Tina Platter for more information.

Praise Kids Choir (age 4 through 4th grade): This choir meets Sundays from 5:00-6:00 pm in the Education Building.

5th Grade Choir: This choir meets Sundays from 5:00 to 7:00pm in Room DC220 (2nd floor of the Discipleship Center). For more information, call the music office at 239-596-8600 x229.

Amplify (6th through 8th grade): This choir meets Sundays from 5:00 to 7:00pm in the Family Life Center. For more information, call the music office at 239-596-8600 x229.

Resonate Student Creative Arts Team (9th through 12th grade): This choir meets Sundays from 5:00 to 7:30 pm in the Student Center. For more information, call the music office at 239-596-8600 x229.
**Living Christmas Trees:** The Living Christmas Trees is the largest outreach event at FBCN. It takes over 300 volunteers each year to produce the eight performances for more than 11,000 attendees. Some areas of involvement include: choir, orchestra, AVL team, ushers, greeters, decorators, set building, costumes, makeup, parking, ticket sales, prayer team, loft removal/setup, and tree construction.

**Drama Team:** This team meets on an “as needed” basis for providing creative support for Dr. Wicker’s sermons and the Living Christmas Trees.
Saturday
5:00 PM Bible and Life Groups
6:00 PM Contemporary Worship Service (Worship Center)
    Spanish Worship Service (Modular 1)
    KidzTown Children’s Worship (DC120)
    Island Kidz Kindergartner’s Worship (ED132)
7:30 PM Bible and Life Groups

Sunday
8:15 AM Bible and Life Groups
9:00 AM Haitian Bible Study and Worship (ED207)
    Vietnamese Bible Study and Worship (DC221)
9:30 AM Blended Worship Service (Worship Center)
    KidzTown Children’s Worship (DC120)
    Island Kidz Kindergartner’s Worship (ED132)
    Bible and Life Groups
    *Does not meet from mid May - mid October
10:00 AM Romanian Bible Study and Worship (Modulars 3 & 4)
11:00 AM Blended Worship Service (Worship Center)
    *Does not meet from mid May - mid October
    Bible and Life Groups
12:30 PM Spanish Worship Service (Student Center)
5:00 PM Age-Graded Choirs (Praise Kids, 5th Grade, Amplify, Resonate) *during school year
6:00 PM Romanian Church (Modular 4)

Wednesday
4:45 PM Wednesday Night Family Meal (Gym)
6:20 PM Children’s Ministry (Education Building)
6:30 PM Summer Adult Bible Study (Worship Center)
    High School Ministry (Student Center)
    Middle School Ministry (Family Life Center-Gym)
    Worship Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
8:00 PM Orchestra Rehearsal (Worship Center)

Thursday
6:00 PM Celebrate Recovery (DC121)
6:30 PM Many other support groups