



**first
baptist
visitor
guide**

WELCOME

we're so glad you're here

Thank you for visiting First Baptist!

This booklet is meant to give you an understanding of who First Baptist is as a church and within our community. In these pages you will find our beliefs, the three-part vision for our church, ways you can connect with our congregation, and a campus map to help you navigate.

Read on, and we hope you find your place among us. Ultimately, however, we hope you encounter Jesus while you're here and follow him wherever he leads.



BELIEFS

the fundamentals of First Baptist

we are Christian

We believe Jesus is the Son of God who came to earth and died for the world, so we might believe in him and be saved. The Bible describes Jesus as: the way, the truth, and the life, Messiah, living water, bread of life, Lamb of God. These names mean something. They help us understand God's heart and our invitation to faith. That faith welcomes us into the broader Church and calls us to worship, grow in community, serve, and share our faith with others.

we are Baptist

We embrace Baptist heritage and believe in believer's baptism, the autonomy of the local church, the priesthood of believers, the divine inspiration of the Bible, and religious liberty.

we are moderate Baptist

We choose to be neither legalistic nor liberal in our beliefs and actions, and we understand the tension in living in between those ways of life. We hope to exhibit a healthy diversity of viewpoints within a healthy theme of love for all.

VISION 472

a three-part vision for our church

④ KINGDOM VALUES

worship

Worship happens everywhere and is integral to our Christian life. Regardless of venue or style, we value worship and express it through music, drama, scripture reading, prayer, and preaching.

mission

We value equipping and sending believers to fulfill the Great Commission by meeting physical, spiritual, and emotional needs of our community and world.

discipleship

We teach Biblical truths throughout our church so all continually grow in their personal relationship with Jesus and might discern and fulfill God's calling.

community

We value community that loves one another and respects differing preferences. We seek understanding and affirmation that God works in individuals, families, and the church body.

⑦ CONGREGATIONAL DISTINCTIVES

inter-generational

Every age is represented across our church family, and we encourage all ages to worship and work together, engage in fellowship and community, and learn from one another.

egalitarian

We believe men and women are equal in God's eyes and are therefore given equal opportunity for congregational leadership in membership and ministry.

teaching

We invest in and equip the next generation for vocational ministry through mentoring, internships, and education.

thinking

Healthy discussion and dialogue is essential for the Christian walk. We have created a safe environment for people to respectfully differ theologically while seeking God's truth.

family discipling

Within our homes, we learn who we are and our place in the world. Our goal is to support families raising children to be all God calls them to be.

relational mission

Real change happens when we actively live life-on-life with others. We extend this intentionality to our community, region, and beyond.

partnering

We partner with local, regional, and international ministries and organizations through volunteering and donations. If you want to serve your community, we can connect you.

② HORIZON POINTS

university outreach

Our church is in the middle of downtown, minutes from the University of Tennessee. We work to sustainably impact the campus.

family redemption

Family is sacred. We are committed to redeeming and restoring broken families through ministries focused on marriage, parenting, adoption, and foster care.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

all classes welcome new members

Discovery Class | Rm 346

Cathy Campbell

Designed for those who are new to First Baptist, this class will help you connect, study, and grow among us. We study books of the Bible, looking at the heart of the text.

YOUNGADULTS

Students & Professionals (20s-30s) | Rm 142

Cliff & Pam Shirley | Matt & Angie Lyon

Whether you are a undergrad, graduate student, or a young professional, you are welcome in this class! We have Bible study on Sunday mornings and small groups throughout the week.

Couples & Families | Rm 141

Scott & Joy Claybrook | Wade & Brannon Hulsey

Connect with other young couples considering marriage, young marrieds, and young families. We help give you and your family a firm faith foundation.

ADULTS

Tatum (Mid-30s to Mid-40s) | Rm 207

Alan Tatum

If you're a married couple looking for Bible study with a modern day application, this class is for you. We use PowerPoint and video

Money (35+) | Rm 220

Bob & Sydnor Money

A class of diverse attitudes and experiences, made up of couples and singles. We use Formations literature and welcome lively discussion, respecting differing opinions.

The Midway | Rm 242

Various Teachers

Formed with members who felt "midway" in life. Today, those in all walks of life attend. Teaching style varies with open discussion.

Calloway (40+) | Rm 120

Bob & Carolyn Calloway

Couple's class using a discussion format focusing on various subjects of interest and books of the Bible.

SENIORADULTS

Boswell (Men) | Rm 304B

Wade Boswell

Formatted as a lecture with some discussion and uses LifeWay's Explore the Bible literature.

Servant Hearts | Rm 307

Tere Atwater

This class strives to have servant hearts and is open to anyone who wants to learn and serve. We use Formations literature.

Friendship | Rm 304D

Susan Schleicher | Trecia Hardin

This was originally a singles class, but has grown into a group of women, men, couples, and adults of all ages.

Hall/Reed (55+) | Rm 305

Bob Hall

A co-ed class that uses Formations literature in a lecture and discussion format.

Nelson (Women) | Rm 300

Tammy Baker-Basiri | Gracie Bishop

A diverse group of ladies studying the Bible through lecture and discussion.

Pastoral (65+) | Rm 306

Andy Edmondson | Fred Smith

A co-ed class that is lecture and discussion based.

Shalom (60+) | Rm 310

Micky Roberts | George Johnson

This class is mostly retirees, through there are some couples in their 60s. We use Formations literature in a lecture and discussion format.

Joy (Women) | Rm 302 A/B

Norma Coggins

This senior women's class uses LifeWay's Explore the Bible literature.

Ruth (Women 75+) | Rm 301

Barbara Phillips | Janie Price | Sylvia Williams

Mostly made up of women in their 70s, but is open to women of all ages. Our class consists of bible reading, lecture, and discussion.

Wyndward (Women) | Rm 302C

Yvonne Satterfield

This class uses Formation literature in a lecture and discussion format.

MINISTRIES

ways to get connected

children

Susan Tatum, statum@fbcknox.org

We have various opportunities for your children from choirs for all age groups to summer programs like VBS and Kids Camp. Our weekly classes exist to give them a strong foundation in Christ.

youth

Ben Winder, bwinder@fbcknox.org

Our youth have weekly small groups and Bible studies. We also offer mission trips, camps, and other special events.

young adults

Scott Claybrook, sclaybrook@fbcknox.org

This ministry encompasses university students, young professionals, and couples and families. We offer small groups, mission trips, church leadership opportunities, and monthly worship nights.

senior adults

Pam Neal, pneal@fbcknox.org

Our senior adults are very active across our church life and leadership. The Senior Adult Council plans activities throughout the year, and we also have a senior adult choir called Golden Notes.

worship ministry

Richard Buerkle, rbuerkle@fbcknox.org

At First Baptist, we teach worship as a lifestyle. Besides our weekly worship services, we offer opportunities for our members to worship through music, art, and media.

mission opportunities

Arthur Clayton, aclayton@fbcknox.org

Mission, service, and volunteering are at the heart of who we are as a body. Whatever your strength, we have an area of service for you. We also offer mission opportunities throughout the year.

small groups

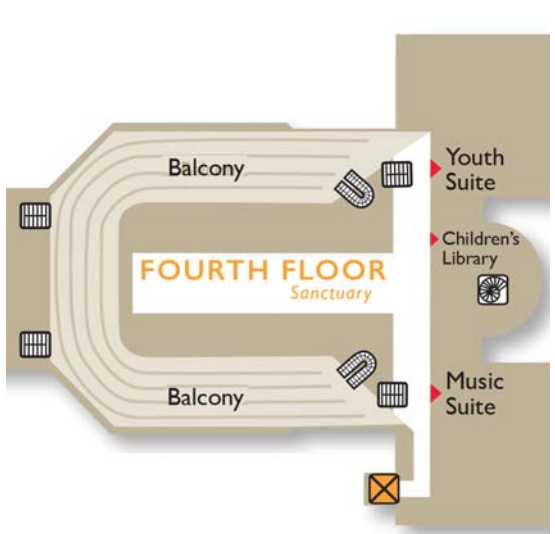
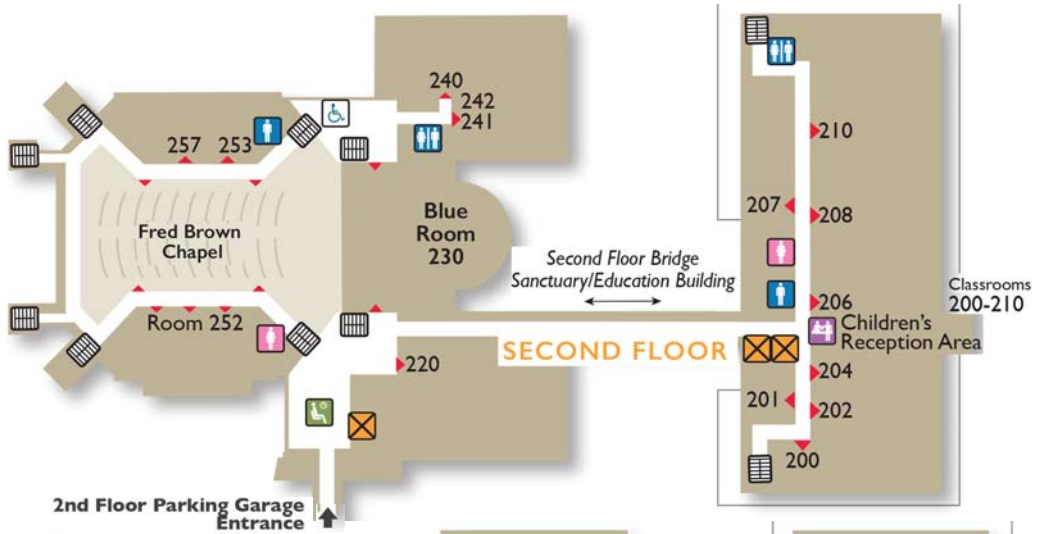
Scott Claybrook

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We offer a variety of weekly small groups for all ages and designed to help you grow within the body of Christ. Contact Scott to get connected today!

CAMPUSMAP





LEGEND

-  Elevator
-  Stairs
-  Restroom
-  Mens Restroom
-  Womens Restroom
-  Spiral Staircase
-  Mens Restroom & Lockers
-  Womens Restroom & Lockers
-  Waiting Area
-  Handicap Ramp
-  Reception
-  Family Restroom



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Arthur Clayton, *Minister of Congregational Mission and Minister with the Deaf*

Pam Neal, *Minister for Administration*

Tom Ogburn, *Senior Pastor*

Susan Tatum, *Minister with Children & Families*

Dave Ward, *Minister Emeritus*

Ben Winder, *Minister with Youth & Families*

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