



Ministry Team Handbook

First Baptist Church Gainesville, GA

Inaugural Edition



..... the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."Matthew 20:28

Introduction

Jesus compels us to live a life of service. This handbook is designed to help church members and congregants to identify opportunities to plug-in to the work of the church through "ministry teams". Herein you can learn about some of the ways in which our ministry teams serve our church and our community.

In it you'll find a description of each ministry team's mission or purpose, examples of the specific work or ministry the team performs, when and where they meet, and most importantly who you can contact when you're ready to get involved. We hope you'll familiarize yourself with some of the many opportunities you have to serve with us; or in some cases the ways FBCG can minister to you.

Ministry Team vs. Committees

Committees and ministry teams are groups within the church organized to minister to our community of faith and to get the work of the church done. In 2021 the church amended our bylaws to create ministry teams to replace some committees that were under the oversight of the active deacon body. The thinking was that ministry teams would provide more opportunity for people to join in ministry according to their giftedness and commitment to serve rather than having to be assigned to a committee by the Committee on Committees (CoC). So the deacons agreed that letting teams form organically and operate on their own terms might help overall participation in service. The church still has a number of "standing" committees that function in areas of financial administration, personnel, property and facilities, etc. We also have committees who advise and assist the responsible pastor for each area of ministry i.e. Music, Youth, etc.. The CoC still assigns committee members to all "committees". However, ministry teams are empowered to select their own leadership, invite team members, and make their own decisions about governance. Each ministry team is assigned a deacon liaison and a staff liaison to act as conduits to the deacon body and the ministerial staff respectively; primarily to ensure coordination with other functions/groups in the church.

Another unique aspect of the ministry teams is that each team determines the number of people it needs to function optimally. The ministry team is not limited to six members that the CoC assigns to committees. In most cases this will enable more people to be involved and hopefully include within their ranks those who are most passionate about that particular area of service. Also, committee members rotate off their committee after 3 years whereas there is no term-limit for participating on a ministry team. In fact, you don't even have to be a member of FBCG to participate alongside members as part of a ministry team. We welcome anyone who wants to help us serve our neighbors, and each other, in the name of Jesus Christ.

Finally, while our standing committees are named in the bylaws our ministry teams are not. Ministry teams can be added or retired by the church as needed; without amending the bylaws. The CoC will annually assess the ministry teams to determine which are still relevant and functioning or if any of them should be retired. A ministry team will only be retired if it is no longer functioning to achieve its approved purpose/mission or if that purpose becomes obsolete. The list that follows in this edition of the handbook should reflect only the currently active teams.

Joining a Ministry Team

When you're ready to join a Ministry Team the best thing to do is to contact the leader of that team or someone you know who's on the team. Each team's leadership determines the optimal number of participants and the team composition/expectations/requirements. There are some teams who will not limit numbers and others who must because of external requirements, i.e. the Prison Ministry, or for practical reason where there would be "too many cooks in the kitchen". Some ministry teams, i.e. Stephen Ministers, require specialized formal training to join. Some teams need certain giftedness or experience and may choose to require certain level of that experience. Again, to get started or to learn more please contact the team leader named near the top of each ministry team's page in this handbook. Oh! You may join as many ministry teams for which you have the energy and passion to serve.

Initiating a NEW Ministry Team

The ministerial staff and deacons want to encourage our membership to find creative ways to serve and minister to our community. If you have an idea for a new ministry team please contact the Vice Chairperson of Deacons, **David Shumake** dmj3564@gmail.com (2022), who also serves as the Chairperson of the Committee on Committees (CoC). You'll be asked to complete a **New Ministry Team Proposal** form and submit it to the CoC who will review it to ensure the purpose/mission being proposed is aligned to the will of the church and doesn't overlap with other ministries. The CoC will give its recommendation to the active deacon body, and then the church, for the required approvals.

Now, let's get started serving and ministering!!



FIRST BAPTIST of GAINESVILLE

Acolytes Ministry Team

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"You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven. Matthew 5:14-16

Purpose/Mission:

To serve the church in worship by lighting the candles on the Lord's Table, symbolically reminding the church of God's presence during worship and everywhere we go. Children are eligible to Acolyte in 2nd-5th grade.

Significant Activities/Events:

- Weekly: Lighting of Candles on Lord's Table during 11:00 service
- Annually: Acolyte Training for newly eligible 2nd graders as well any 3rd-5th graders interested, typically in the fall
- Annually: Acolyte Recognition during worship service soon after training is completed

Meeting Schedule and Location:

Duties are executed from 10:45-11:15AM on assigned Sundays. Schedule is maintained via Sign-Up Genius found here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c054eaea829abfe3-acolyte>

Team Members: Acolytes

Tripp Davis	Kamden Tafel	Challis Latta
Will Koskovich	Lucy Koskovich	Haley Grace Hartness
Clifton Malcom	Austin Donnell	Will Kelly
Lilly Kelly	Mark Magnus	Mary Beth Magnus
Ella Wheeler	Kaitlyn Mercer	Thomas Herzog
Harper Holloway	Charlie Vanlandingham	Adelynn Vanlandingham
Austin Wilbanks	Dalton Wilbanks	Caroline Lancaster
Ingram Gilbert	Davis Dubnik	Jackson Brohm

Adult Volunteers

Alicia Donnell		
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Christmas Decorating Ministry Team

Leader: Tina McDaniel	phone: 770-533-2924	email: danwell8@icloud.com
Leader:	phone:	email:
Deacon Liaison: Sandra Perry	phone: 770-861-8573	email: skperry67@gmail.com
Staff Liaison: Tony Lankford	phone: 770-546-9497	email: tony.lankford@fbcgainesville.org

Whatever you do, do your work heartily, as for the Lord rather than for men. Colossians 3:23

Purpose/Mission:

To decorate and beautify the church for the Advent and Christmas season so that everyone who visits our campus knows we celebrate the true meaning of Christmas; the peace, hope, joy and love of Jesus.

Significant Activities/Events:

- Develop a decorating theme/plan for the season
- Inventory materials on hand and make a list of materials needed then locate and gather materials
- Put up Christmas trees, garland, lights, candles, nativity, etc. all over the church property
- Take down and store reusable Christmas decorations

Meeting Schedule and Location:

This team meets in early November to begin planning for the season. At that time we determine any materials we need and begin to locate and purchase what we need. Then we meet as needed or communicate by phone/email to coordinate our actual decorating days. We are in need of some younger volunteers as some of our work is physically challenging for older people i.e. being on ladders, lifting, etc. Call Tina if you'd like to learn more!

Team Members:

Betty Brown	Becky Mensinger	
Betty Hulsey (In memoriam)	Sandra Perry	
Gary Lacey		
Barbara Lawson		
Pat O'Kelley		



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Church History Ministry Team

Leader: Josephine (Jo) Cosper	phone: 770-532-8035	email: jocosper@bellsouth.net
Leader: Bob Page	phone: 770-842-0341	email: bobpage860@charter.net
Deacon Liaison: Sandra Edwards	phone: 770-535-1376	email: sedwards3325@charter.net
Staff Liaison: Rev. Dr. Tony Lankford	phone: 770-546-9497	email: tony.lankford@fbcgainesville.org

Remember the days of old; consider the generations long past. Ask your father and he will tell you, your elders, and they will explain to you. Deuteronomy 32:7

Purpose/Mission:

To maintain an inventory of items of historical interest acquired by the church. To assure that a chronicle of church operations is maintained by defining specific church documents to be filed and safeguarded by church administration to constitute an historical church record for reference.

Significant Activities/Events:

- Produced and published Church History Book II in 2020
- Document FBCG life with photographs for posterity
- Maintaining and organizing photos and documents in the archives rooms
- Conducts "show and tell" or church artifact for the edification of our congregation

Meeting Schedule and Location:

Meetings are scheduled as needed, usually on a Tuesday morning in the Koinonia Class Room where the archives closets are located. No meetings have occurred since August 2021 because of Covid concerns and that some members not available to meet. Please contact Josephine (Jo) Cosper to learn more.

Team Members:

Jo Cosper	Tina McDaniel	
Sandra Edwards	Suzie Oliver	
Jerry Grant	Bob Page	
Ben Lancaster	Walter Swift	



FIRST BAPTIST of GAINESVILLE

Columbarium Ministry Team

Leader: Suzie Oliver	phone: 678-936-0406	email: flyero1@bellsouth.net
Leader: Name	phone:	email:
Deacon Liaison: David Black	phone: 770-535-2153	email: bdavid915@aol.com
Staff Liaison: Tony Lankford	phone: 770-546-9497	email: tony.lankford@fbcgainesville.org

Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. Romans 6:8

Purpose/Mission:

To provide needed assistance to families desiring to purchase space in our columbarium. To ensure all columbarium policies are faithfully administered.

Significant Activities/Events:

- Helping fill out all the necessary paperwork to make a purchase
- Responsible for getting baseplates cut and engraved

Meeting Schedule and Location:

As needed to address policy questions about our columbarium or to assist purchasers.

Team Members:

Dick Childers	Ken Kirkpatrick	Judy Devenney
Travis Oliver	Bo Rodgers	

This is a purposefully small group familiar with the policies in place for administration of columbarium vaults.



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Communications Ministry Team

Leader: Rhonda Thompson	phone: 770-654-6644	email: rthompson57@gmail.com
Leader:	phone:	email:
Deacon Liaison: Katie Dubnik	phone: 770-654-1891	email: katie@forumspeaks.com
Staff Liaison: Tony Lankford	phone: 770-546-9497	email: tony.lankford@fbcgainesville.org

Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen. Ephesians 4:29

Purpose/Mission:

To help re-engage congregants, both members and attenders, to the life and work of First Baptist Church. To facilitate improvements in overall church communication by working along staff to develop a process for maintaining accurate individual data records and accessibility of information by congregants.

Significant Ongoing Support for Church Staff:

- Updating & sustaining church ACS People Suite for data record accuracy (church secretary)
 - streamlining and maintaining categories, small groups, and other fields
 - correcting misinformation
 - adding individual photos, top two spiritual gifts, personal skill sets, etc.
- Advising input for church website content (communications staff)
 - ministry details, church calendar, photographs/videos, etc.
 - secure portal for member directory document repository, e.g. church bylaws, security policy, etc.; lists of deacon membership, standing committees, advisory committees and ministry team members; security policy; etc.
- Informing Constant Contact group email lists (communications staff)
 - Streamlining groups
 - Periodic participant email review via ministers and ACS database report crosswalk

Meeting Schedule and Location:

Our team meets on Mondays from 2PM - 4PM; in the church office to meet with staff and move to the church parlor.

Team Members:

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Janice Johnson	678-617-7691	Janiceb.johnson@gmail.com
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Dick Childers	770-540-8161	Dchilders369@gmail.com



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Team Name: Congregational Care Ministry Team

Team Leader's Name: Abby Brewer **Phone:** 912-690-0324 **email:** abby744@gmail.com

Team Mission/Purpose: Working in partnership with the Clergy staff of First Baptist Church, the Congregational Care Ministry Team will assist in giving attention to the needs of our members who are receiving long-term care or recovering from recent hospitalizations or medical procedures, as well as those who are shut-in and those who are in long-term care facilities, etc. This ministry will be carried out by way of personal contacts through personal visits, phone calls, cards & letters, and other means as appropriate. Part of this Ministry Team will be comprised of Deacons who will be willing to visit with our members and offer them Holy Communion as part of our ministry outreach.

Initially, the activities of the team will be coordinated with Ron Grizzle, who is handling congregational care leadership duties for the Clergy staff, on a part-time basis. An important component of the success of this ministry effort will be close communication between staff and lay volunteers to ensure that all church members who need this ministry are included and properly cared for.

Team Members: LeAnne Gilliland, Jeff Thompson, Tami Easterday, Art Kunzer, Kay Kunzer, Lydia Park, Cindy Bryant, Debbie Shumake, Karen Craft, Kim Craft, Cheryl Gray, Ben Ray, Evelyn Pirhalla, Tommy Hudgins, Tony Buesing, Jeff Boggan

Proposed Meeting Time and Place: TBD – as needed for organization and coordination of activities.

Anything else you want the CoC to know: It will be critical going forward that ordained Deacons remain involved as members of this ministry team, although non-deacon members are encouraged, and are essential members of the team.



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English as a Second Language (ESL), Citizenship, and Adult Reading & Writing Ministry Team

Leader: Evelyn Perry	phone: 770-530-7598	email: frperry@charter.net
Leader:	phone:	email:
Deacon Liaison:	phone:	email:
Staff Liaison: Ruth Demby	phone: 678-316-6345	email: ruth.demby@fbcgainesville.org

Let us be concerned for one another, to help one another to show love and to do good.
Hebrews 10:24

Purpose/Mission:

We share the good news of Jesus Christ through meeting our neighbors second language and literacy needs. (Since 1976)

Significant Activities/Events:

- English classes; teaching English as a second language; regardless of which language is the primary language
- Citizenship classes; helping prepare qualified ESL students for their citizenship interview
- Literacy classes for individuals. Currently have teachers for English and Spanish literacy.
- There are periodic training opportunities for anyone interested in joining our ministry team.

Meeting Schedule and Location:

- English classes meet Tuesday mornings, 10:00 – 11:30AM (*meet during public school year in classrooms above music suite*)
- English and Citizenship classes meet Wednesday evenings, 6:30 – 8:00PM (*meet during public school year in classrooms above music suite*)

Team Members:

Evelyn Perry	Judy McFadin	
Amy Lawson	Jane Gregson	
Nancy Bowen		
Mike Sims		



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Team Name: Family Life Center Ministry Team

Team Leader's name: Amanda Ramey **Phone:** 770-535-0478 **Email:** amanda.ramey@fbcgainesville.org

Purpose/Mission: The Family Life Center Ministry Team will serve to minister to the community within and beyond the members of First Baptist Gainesville by nurturing the health of the mind, body, and spirit. We will utilize the unique opportunity the FLC facility affords us to encourage, inspire, and transform members and guests by being the hands and feet of Christ.

Example actions/activities: Daily operating procedures of the FLC (cleanliness, hospitality, etc.); helping to plan and execute monthly quarterly, and annual gatherings, ministry events, and fundraisers; giving tours to prospective members and helping serve members and guests; help facilitate group sports and other fitness-related activities; understand and help cultivate the individual group cultures at the FLC

Hospitality for FLC

- Greet clients
- Answer questions
- Give tours
- Assist clients

Be Grateful 5k FLC Fundraiser Event

- Help plan and execute the Be Grateful 5k and Fun Run
- Help recruit participants
- Help fundraise and secure sponsors

FBC Ministry Nights & Special FBC Ministry Hours Only, Ambassadors (Part of FLC Ministry Team and designated to the FLC area only)

- Serve on Wednesday Evenings from 6 PM-8 PM and Sundays after church for 2 hours once team members are added
- Greet Church members
- Monitor Walking Track activity and those participating in Church member fitness classes
- Clean Up
- Facility Monitoring

Team Sports/Fitness Classes

- Help facilitate sports and or fitness classes
- Ensure participants are following FLC policies and rules
- Ex: raising the basketball goals for volleyball, setting up and putting away pickleball nets, etc.

Upward Leagues & Camp

- Help facilitate various leagues including basketball, cheerleading, and volleyball
- Ensure participants are following Upward/FLC policies and rules
- Coach teams of various sports within the leagues

Team Members:

Staff: Cathleen Chance, Sarah Morters, Kate Sandlin, Gretta Jernberg, Jan Smith

Team: Quinton Borum (and Quinton Jr.), Kimberly Hulsey, Scott Wiley, Thomas Hudgins, Linda Ostrow, Scott Wiley, Nancy Stead. Tony Walker, Elizabeth Wiley

Advisory Committee: Bill Murphy, Miriam Hill, Kelly Lee, Anissa Balch, Jennifer McCall, Leanne Richardson, Counte Cooley, Rev. Tony Lankford

Proposed Meeting Time and Place: The Gathering Place (Family Life Center)

Anything else you want the CoC to know:

The current FLC Ministry Team is excited to continue innovating and expanding our services to be a place where people can encounter Jesus through community and experiences. Strengthening our relationship with the main church will provide a great opportunity to do outreach to those who need to know God's love. Our ministry team is open to all who are interested in supporting our team from those involved in our classes, team sports, camps, and youth leagues, FBC church members, FLC members, and those willing to serve our great community. Our ministry team is considered the "boots on the ground" members who directly serve face to face in our facility and at FLC-related events. Our plan is to have a representative from the active groups and areas in the FLC join our team. We will have an interest email and meeting to establish new members to the team annually.

An ambassador is defined as a person who acts as a representative or promoter of a specified activity. Our FLC Ambassadors are team members who will encompass our missional action words: ENCOURAGE, INSPIRE, & TRANSFORM, both staff, and our ambassadors will wear them when they are actively scheduled for their various areas of responsibility and engagement. We want our action words to be visible as a reminder to all who participate in activities of our positive atmosphere as well as having our team easily identifiable when someone is in need.



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Flower Ministry Team

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Deacon Liaison: Sarah Koskovich	phone: 770-378-4969	email: sarahkosk@gmail.com
Staff Liaison: Tony Lankford	phone: 770-546-9497	email: tony.lankford@fbcgainesville.org

"Even the wilderness and desert will be glad in those days. The wasteland will rejoice and blossom with spring crocuses. Yes, there will be an abundance of flowers and singing and joy! The deserts will become as green as the mountains of Lebanon, as lovely as Mount Carmel or the plain of Sharon. There the Lord will display his glory, the splendor of our God." Isaiah 35: 1-2

Purpose/Mission:

To beautify our worship spaces with flowers, greenery, and/or live plants. Our primary areas of focus are the main sanctuary and chapel but when materials are available we also try to provide arrangements for other areas i.e. the sanctuary foyer, chapel mirror table, and educational foyer, etc.

Significant Activities/Events:

- Source and acquire flowers, plants, containers, accessories, and other materials and supplies for flower arranging
- Designs and arrange flowers, plants, greenery, etc. and tags them for placement
- During the week water, mists, refreshes and cares for flowers/plants/greenery
- Provide floral arrangements for special events when requested by the pastor.

Meeting Schedule and Location:

No scheduled meetings. May select a time and date once or twice per year to determine the work schedule.

Team Members:

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FIRST BAPTIST of GAINESVILLE

Holy Ordinance Ministry Team

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Leader: Name	phone:	email:
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Staff Liaison: Tony Lankford	phone: 770-546-9497	email: tony.lankford@fbcgainesville.org

"For all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. Gal 3:27

After taking the cup, he gave thanks and said, "Take this and divide it among you. For I tell you I will not drink again from the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes." And he took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me." In the same way, after the supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you." Luke 22: 17-20

Purpose/Mission:

To enlist and equip volunteers to assist the ministerial staff in providing our congregation with meaningful baptism and communion experiences

Significant Activities/Events:

- Prepare the communion table and enlist deacon servers
- Prepare the baptismal pool, ensure there are adequate gowns, towels, etc. in place for the baptismal experience
- Preparation of certificates of baptism

Meeting Schedule and Location:

We conduct one annual meeting early in the year to organize and provide training to new team members. Generally after our initial meeting volunteers will be contacted by phone or email.

Team Members:

Angie Cooper	Kate Sandlin	
Brenda Harrington	Kayanne Smith	
Amy Lawson		
Jeff Lawson		



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Living Christmas Tree Ministry Teams

Leader: Jerry Johnson, LCT Coordinator	phone: 770-335-7881	email: rjjgrampa@gmail.com
Leader: Richard Weaver, LCT Construction	phone:	email:
Deacon Liaison: Ken deVries	phone: 404-388-4500	email: devrieskenh@aol.com
Staff Liaison: Mark Green	phone: 770-5347354	email: mark.green@fbcgainesville.org

For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and His name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. **Isaiah 9:6**

Purpose/Mission:

To support our Minister of Music in producing and presenting the annual Living Christmas Tree (LCT) in hopes that all who attend are refocused on the true meaning of Christmas because of they have heard and seen and experienced at FBC.

Significant Activities/Events:

- Construction and dismantling of the LCT main platform and all the related finishing details.
- Designing, creating, and putting up stage sets for visual impact
- All aspects of lighting and sound production
- We enlists large numbers of volunteers for myriad responsibility during the 5 presentations i.e. ushers, greeters, stage support team, golf cart ministry, etc.

Meeting Schedule and Location:

We meet on an as needed basis beginning in mid-summer. Most meetings are between the individual leaders of their respective area of responsibility and the LCT Coordinator or the Minister of Music. We use email as our primary means to communicate work schedules and volunteer enlistment. If you would like to be involved in any aspect of the LCT please call **Jerry Johnson** or **Mark Green** at the numbers listed above or send us an email.

Team Members: (some of the leaders/volunteers from our 2021 LCT)

Mary Jane Ables (costumes)	Tony Lankford (outreach)	Valarie Shoulta (drama)
Leon Barrett (set/LCT construction)	Barbara Meincke (costumes)	Stan Shuford (LCT lights)
Carl Beddingfield (LCT lights)	Randy McAbee (cross placed)	Patsy Shuford (hospitality/smocks)
Gene Byrd (emergencies)	Mac McCahan (videographer)	Kayanne Smith (publicity/stage)
Kim Craft (photography)	Jameson Murray (sound)	Walter and Pam Swift (LCT lights)
Shannon Dewitt (lighting)	Anna Pardue (artists helper)	Brenda T. and Young Adults (greenery)
Ken DeVries (set/LCT construction)	Lydia Park (outside greeters)	Rhonda Thompson (lining the tree)
Laura Escovar (childcare)	Carol Perkins (outside greeters)	Richard Weaver (construction)
Christy Gregory (set art)	Carroll Perry (golf carts)	Darrell White (light panels)
Jim Grogan (light panels)	Charles Phelps (publicity)	Men's Ministry Team!
Eddie Hartness (ushers/greeters)	Bo Rodgers (construct. prep)	The Christmas Decorating Ministry Team!

Tommy Hudgens (light panels/const.)	Ben Sellers (sound)	The Construction Team!!
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Men's Ministry Team

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Deacon Liaison: John R. Carter	phone: 770-561-4201	email: n769cb@yahoo.com
Staff Liaison: Tony Lankford	phone: 770-534-7354	email: tony.lankford@fbcgainesville.org

Commit thy works unto the LORD, and thy thoughts shall be established. Proverbs 16:3

Be on guard; stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong. Do everything with love. 1 Corinthians 16:13-14

Purpose/Mission:

To encourage and empower men to engage in service/ministry and model Christ in their home, their church and their community.

Significant Activities/Events:

- Our team has received service projects from the Ministry of Caring and other sources.
- Initially our projects include making needed repairs or home improvements for people who are in need of help.
- In 2021 this team worked with the Women's Ministry Team to renovate two classrooms for the YMCA Learning Center.

Meeting Schedule and Location:

Team meetings are scheduled for the 2nd Monday of each month at 10:00AM in the Banquet Hall.

Team Members:

Jim Story	David Shumake	John Nix
Bruce Fields	Clyde Pirkle	Daryl Clever
Jimmy McGowan	Johnny Entrekin	Ken deVries
Ken Kirkpatrick	Paul Gilbert	Richard Weaver
Tommy Hudgens	Johnny Carter	Bill Wittel
Mitch Harrington		



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New Members Ministry Team

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Staff Liaison: Tony Lankford	phone: 770-534-7354	email: tony.lankford@fbcgainesville.org

So in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. Romans 12:5

Purpose/Mission:

Plan and execute events to welcome new members into our church fellowship and to help them find their place in our fellowship. Our future challenge is to start a new member orientation program.

Significant Activities/Events:

- Quarterly events to welcome new members

Meeting Schedule and Location:

Quarterly meetings on Wednesday at 4PM in the Winsome Sunday School classroom

Team Members:

Karen Craft	Carol Perkins	
Gail Hill	Sandra Perry	
Lisa Johnson	Patsy Shuford	
Tony Lankford		



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Prison Ministry Team

Leader: Jimmy McGowan	phone: 678-485-1492	email: jem@sterileworks.com
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Staff Liaison: Ruth Demby	phone: 678-316-6345	email: ruth.demby@fbcgainesville.org

I was in prison and you came to visit me ... I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me." Matthew 25:36, 40

Purpose/Mission:

To do as Jesus tells us in Matthew 25:36,40; visit and minister to men who are imprisoned; to encourage them with the good news of Jesus Christ; to do our best to demonstrate His love, empathy, and compassion, and to uplift their spirits as they work to rebuild their lives.

Significant Activities/Events:

- We visit Hall County Correctional Institute (HCCI) every 3rd Saturday of each month to fellowship with the inmates and conduct bible study/worship services.
- Every December we help FBC organize a meal and Christmas celebration for the men at HCCI.

Meeting Schedule and Location:

We meet at 7:00AM every third Saturday of the month at HCCI and enters together for fellowship and service. Members of this team have to go through a screening process and some training. Call Jimmy McGowan if you have a special interest this ministry or if you're trained in this area and would like to join the team. The size of this team is necessarily limited because of the nature of what we do and where we do it.

Team Members:

Hammond Law	Jeff Boggan	Jerry Johnson
Jimmy McGowan		



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Promising Futures Ministry Team

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Leader: Janice Hale, Coordinator	phone: 770 842-9604	email: janloyhale@gmail.com
Deacon Liaison: Cheryl McElveen	phone: 770-654-3950	email: acmac@bellsouth.net
Staff Liaison: Ruth Demby	phone: 770 534-7354	email: ruth.demby@fbcgainesville.org

"For I know the plans I have for you," says the Lord. . . . "Plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope." Jeremiah 29:11

Purpose/Mission:

Promising Futures provides a safe, loving environment for children to grow spiritually, physically, and academically. We seek to express the love of Christ in all that we do. We offer enrichment and academic support for children from PreK through high school, with a special commitment to the children in our community whose parents have limited English skills.

We believe that all human beings have an intrinsic need to serve. We provide a supportive environment where volunteers of all ages may grow spiritually and emotionally. We are committed to encouraging and educating our volunteers as they develop and share their own gifts and enjoy participating in a mission larger than themselves.

Significant Activities/Events:

- Promising Futures after school program offers tutoring and enrichment activities on Tuesday afternoons during the school year, focusing on children in grades PreK - 12th grade whose parents have limited English skills. Volunteers work with specific age groups to provide age and grade appropriate academic support, art, music, recreation, cultural enrichment, and spiritual development.
- An annual Christmas store provides the children an opportunity to buy Christmas gifts for their families using points they have earned during the school year by doing homework, reading, and demonstrating kindness and good citizenship. Items in the store are provided through donations from volunteers and church members.
- Summer camps provide a week of activities centered around a curriculum designed specifically for this population of children. Volunteers lead rotations including arts and crafts, Bible stories, recreation, and group discussions, and breakfast snacks and lunch are provided. A message based on scripture and life application is a major element of the camp each day.
- Field trips to local theater productions, cultural activities, farms, and other enrichment opportunities are provided during the year.

Meeting Schedule and Location:

Promising Futures meets on Tuesday afternoons during the school year from 3:50 to 6:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center and the Youth Center. Orientation and training sessions for volunteers are held each year prior to the opening of a new school year and during the year as appropriate.

Team Members:

Gail Hill	Gayla Rogers	Jayne Bedingfield	Denise Lee
Nancy Bowen	Judy McNeilly	David McNeilly	Jan Hughes
Gail Day	Cheryl McElveen	Carol Perkins	Janice Johnson



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Stephen Ministry Team

Leader: Bob Page	phone: 770-842-0341	email: bobpage860@charter.net
Leader: Julie Weaver	phone: 678-576-1006	email: juliw43@bellsouth.net
Deacon Liaison: Nancy Page	phone: 770-983-7610	email: mtncityredd@charter.net
Staff Liaison: Kellie Denton	phone: 678-516-1388	email: kellie.denton@fbcgainesville.org

Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. Galatians 6:2

Purpose/Mission:

Stephen Ministers are lay members of our congregation who are trained to provide one-to-one care to those experiencing a difficult time in life, such as grief, divorce, job loss, chronic or terminal illness, or relocation. A Stephen Minister typically has one "care receiver" (gender-specific) at a time and meets with that person once a week for about an hour. Care receivers are individuals in the congregation or community who are going through a crisis or life difficulty.

Significant Activities/Events:

- Provides one to one support/care to people going through a life challenge/difficulty/crisis.
- Conducts periodic training sessions to equip congregation members to provide gender-specific one-to-one care.
- Conducts monthly, or more frequently, peer support/supervision session with Stephen Ministers to assist them with issues that may be of concern in their Caring Relationship.

Note: Caring Relationships are always completely confidential. Peer support utilizes situations, NOT names.

Meeting Schedule and Location:

Leaders names are given below. There are about 30 trained Stephen Ministers in our congregation; 15 of whom are currently active. The others may be available if the need arises.

Team Members:

Kay Bell	Julie Weaver	
Jan Hensley	C J Wehmiller	
Bob Page		
Nancy Page		



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Ushers and Greeters Ministry Team

Leader: Eddie Hartness	phone: 770-540-7415	email: elhartness@bellsouth.net
Leader: Charlie Sims	phone: 770-536-6523	email:
Leader: Jackie Mauldin	phone: 770-532-1281	email: mauldin1952@gmail.com
Deacon Liaison: Eddie Hartness	phone: 770-540-7415	email: elhartness@bellsouth.net
Staff Liaison: Tony Lankford	phone: 770-534-7354	email: revtonylankford@gmail.com

Contribute to the needs of God's people, and welcome strangers into your home. Romans 12:13

Purpose/Mission:

To enlist and organize teams of ushers and greeters for all our services including our weekly 11:00AM Sunday worship service and special events like the Living Christmas Tree presentations. Ushers and greeters desire to make everyone in attendance feel welcome and cared for while at FBCG.

Significant Activities/Events:

- Cheerfully and proactively meet and greet attendees, direct them where they need/want to go, seat attendees, pass out bulletins and other literature, take up collections, help locate our hearing devices for those who need them, and see to the general welfare of those in attendance
- We serve weekly at all 11:00 church services, annually at Christmas Eve and for the five Living Christmas Tree presentations in December, and irregularly at other events as requested by the pastor.

Meeting Schedule and Location:

We serve in the Sanctuary and meet in the front vestibule before each event to assign individual tasks for that event. We have phone or electronic media contact with each other to ensure we have enough ushers, but do not have meetings per se. Please contact Eddie Hartness, Charlie Sims, or Jackie Mauldin to let one of them know you'd like to help as an usher/greeter.

Team Members: *(too many to list all those who volunteer so we're listing the current leadership)*

Eddie Hartness	Charlie Sims	Joy Sims
Jackie Mauldin		



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Women's Ministry Team

Leader: Lynn Fletcher	phone: 770-539-1854	email: fletch7747@bellsouth.net
Leader:	phone:	email:
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Staff Liaison: Kellie Denton	phone: 678-516-1388	email: kellie.denton@fbcgainesville.org

"Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for He who promised is faithful. And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another..." Hebrews 10:23-25

Purpose/Mission:

The Women's Ministry Team seeks to empower and unite women through discipleship, outreach, missions, and special events in order to serve Christ in the church and the community

Significant Activities/Events:

- Holds Bible studies, plans and hosts social activities, retreats, and participates in local missions activities
- Plans and executes the annual fund raiser and local community event "The Emporium" that raises money for a predetermined local charity
- Plans and executes special events such as hosting well-known Christian authors/speakers at FBC

Meeting Schedule and Location:

Meetings are held as needed, based on the planning and preparation needed for upcoming events/functions. Most meetings are held at the church, although Zoom has been used more often during the past two years. Sub-groups may meet more often to conduct the work necessary for a specific activity. Contact any of the leaders listed above for more information about how to take part in Women's Ministry.

Team Members:

There are too many team members and volunteers to list them all so we're listing a number of women who are either currently or have recently provided leadership for the Women's Ministry.

Lynn DeVries	Dena Hudgens	Christy Malcom	
Tami Easterday	Wendy Fountain	LeAnne Richardson	
Lynn Fletcher	Elizabeth Latta	Rhonda Thompson	
Jan Hensley	Amy Lawson		



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New Ministry Team Proposal Form

Please complete this form and email to David Shumake, Chairman of the Committee on Committees (CoC), at cdshumake@gmail.com. David will give you a call to discuss this proposal and next steps; one of which will be to bring this proposal to the CoC.

Proposed New Team Name:__

Team Leader's Name:__

Phone:__

eMail:

Team Mission/Purpose:__ *(briefly describe the intended purpose and some example actions/activities this team might be involved in)*

Team Members:__ (if known)

Proposed Meeting Time and Place:__

Anything else you want the CoC to know:__



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Greeters Ministry Team

Leader: Ken Kirkpatrick	Phone: 678-858-7191	Email: kenkirk39@gmail.com
Leader: Tommy Hudgins	Phone: 470-484-2655	Email: twh3rd@yahoo.com
Deacon Liaison: Sandra Perry	Phone: 770-861-8573	Email: skperry67@gmail.com
Staff Liaison: Rev. Tony Lankford	Phone: 770-534-7354	Email: revtonylankford@gmail.com

Purpose/Mission:

Our team will greet members and visitors at entrances to FBC.

To enlist and organize teams of greeters for all our services including our weekly 11:00AM Sunday worship service and special events like the Living Christmas Tree presentations. Greeters desire to make everyone in attendance feel welcome and cared for while at FBCG.

Significant Activities/Events:

Greeters will serve weekly at each service, at Christmas Eve and at the Living Christmas Tree and other events requested by the pastor.

Hopefully to have golf cart driver to assist and welcome people.

Will assist ushers as/if needed.

Meeting Schedule and Location:

The greeters will serve in the front lobby of the Sanctuary and the entrance of the South Portico before each service or event requested by the pastor.

Team Members: (Currently recruiting team members.)

Johnny Carter	Rosemary Carter	Richard Weaver
Tony Buesing	Carol Perkins	Elizabeth Wiley
Diann Rountree	Paul Bellamy	Scott Wiley
Ken Reed	Kay Bell	Kent Easterday
Tami Easterday	Lora Hartness	Russell Hartness
Lydia Park	Cheryl McElveen	Linda Gilleland