INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Connections

We love families here at FBC and it's our goal to provide top notch care and discipleship for your family. All of our volunteers and staff who will be working with your children are trained and background checked, and they love children!

Nursery- Our loving volunteers will care for your child during Sunday School, Worship, and other events.
Sunday School- We offer Sunday School classes for all ages: from birth to 5th grade for children, 6th-12th grade for youth, as well as adult classes.
Kids' Worship- Children are escorted from the main worship service for a time of Kids' Worship tailored just for them!
Family Worship-We believe families should have opportunities to worship together, so every 5th Sunday, we invite school aged children to join us for the entire worship service.
Bible Drill- On Wednesdays our kids will learn the books of the Bible and memorize scripture in a fun and engaging way.
Choir & Bells- Also on Wednesdays our children participate in age-graded choirs and handbells and music education.

Annual Events

Easter Events- Each year at Easter we host an Easter Egg hunt for children and families!
VBS- Vacation Bible School is focused on teaching the children the Bible and how to apply it to their lives. Look for it the first full week of June.
McSpadden Music Camp- We have a strong music tradition here at First Baptist, and McSpadden Music camp exemplifies that strength in our summer music camp open to the whole community. Look for it the last full week of June.
First Fest– First Fest is our fall festival that we hold each year in the Fall. There are inflatables, games and lots of fun for the whole community.

Too Sick for Church:

We believe in providing a safe environment for all our children and volunteers therefore, we ask that parents not bring their children if they are experiencing the following symptoms:

- Fever– within 24 hrs, (100.5 or greater)
- Vomiting or Diarrhea
- Other viruses: chicken pox, whooping cough, measles, mumps, etc
- Fever with soar throat
- Croup
- Pink Eye
- Unexplained or contagious skin rash/irritation: including, ringworm & impetigo

Check-in, Check-out

Parents, we love your children and take their safety and care very seriously. That is why we require everyone to follow the check-in, check-out procedures.

- All children, ages birth through 5th grade, must be checked in and out following the proper procedure.
- No children are to be dropped off without being checked-in by parent or guardian.
- Children K4-5th grade may check-in at the second floor welcome desk.
- Please check in and print the stickers, attach one to your child and keep the security sticker to retrieve your child.
- Only the parent or guardian with the security sticker can check-out the child. If the sticker is lost you must provide photo ID that matches the name on the security sticker stub.
- No minor shall check children in or out.
- Only teachers and children are allowed to enter children's classrooms, even for check-in or check-out.

MISSION

The mission of First Baptist's Family Ministry is to edify the Church and glorify God by Encouraging, Equipping and Enabling Family Discipleship.

Emphasis 1: Encouraging Parents toward Family Discipleship- We place a high value on Family Discipleship and commend it from the pulpit, in the classroom, and in our homes.

Emphasis 2: Equipping Parents for Family Discipleship- We partner with parents to disciple their children by providing them with the necessary tools, training and encouragement

Emphasis 3: Enabling Parents in Family Discipleship- We support family discipleship opportunities by providing family oriented events and not overfilling the schedule for families.

We partner with parents because the Bible charges the parents with the primary spiritual development of their children.

Deut 6:6-7, "These words, which I am commanding you today, shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your sons and shall talk of them when you sit in your house and when you walk by the way and when you lie down and when you rise up."

Sitting and Walking Discipleship- Life Lessons: Everyday Life Discipleship

Morning and Evening Discipleship- Family Worship: Regular Family Devotions

We also recognize times of Transitional Discipleship, which are intense times of focused discipleship initiated by crucial life events.

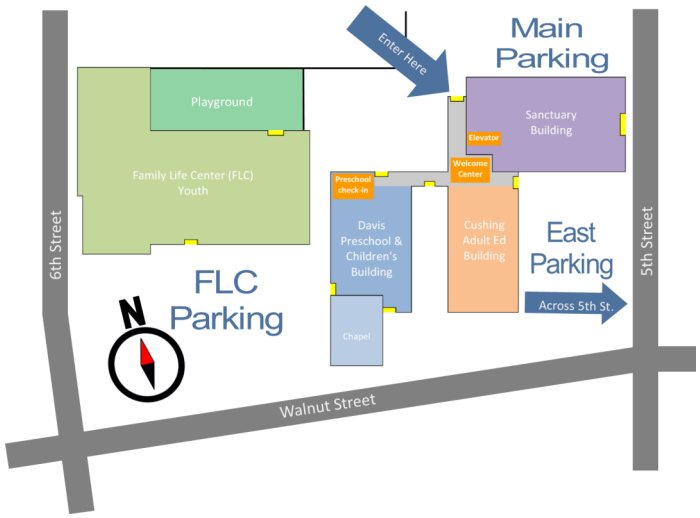
FIRST LOVES FAMILIES

Not only does First love kids, but we also love families. There are many opportunities for "parent support" in the form of Training U classes, Sunday School groups, the Family Resource Page on our website, and other events.

Weekly Children's Schedule

SUNDAY
9:15.....SUNDAY SCHOOL
10:30...KIDS' WORSHIP (K4-5th)

WEDNESDAY
5:00.....Supper
6:00.....Bible Drill & Choir, and Mission Friends for the little ones



PARENT'S GUIDE

1ST FIRST KIDS

CHLDREN'S MINISTRY

first steps
PSALM 119:105

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