



Spring Discipleship

O p p o r t u n i t i e s

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First Baptist Church Panama City

Mission – Vision – Discipleship Philosophy – Functions of the Church Discipleship Process

The Mission of First Baptist Church Panama City

“The mission of First Baptist Church is to go and make disciples of all nations by evangelizing and teaching people how to become fully mature followers of Jesus Christ” (Mt. 28:18-20).

The Vision of First Baptist Church Panama City

“The vision of First Baptist Church is to be a ‘House of Hope’ for all generations that equips its members to love God, obey God, and serve God” (Dt. 11:13).

• The Discipleship Philosophy of First Baptist Church Panama City

- Biblical – *What Does the Bible Say?*
- Theological – *What Does It Mean?*
- Practical – *How Do I Apply It In My Life?*
- Intentional – *Live with God’s Purpose in Mind.*
- Relational – *Live in Christ-centered Relationships with God and People.*
- Strategic – *Live with God’s Vision and Plan in Mind.*

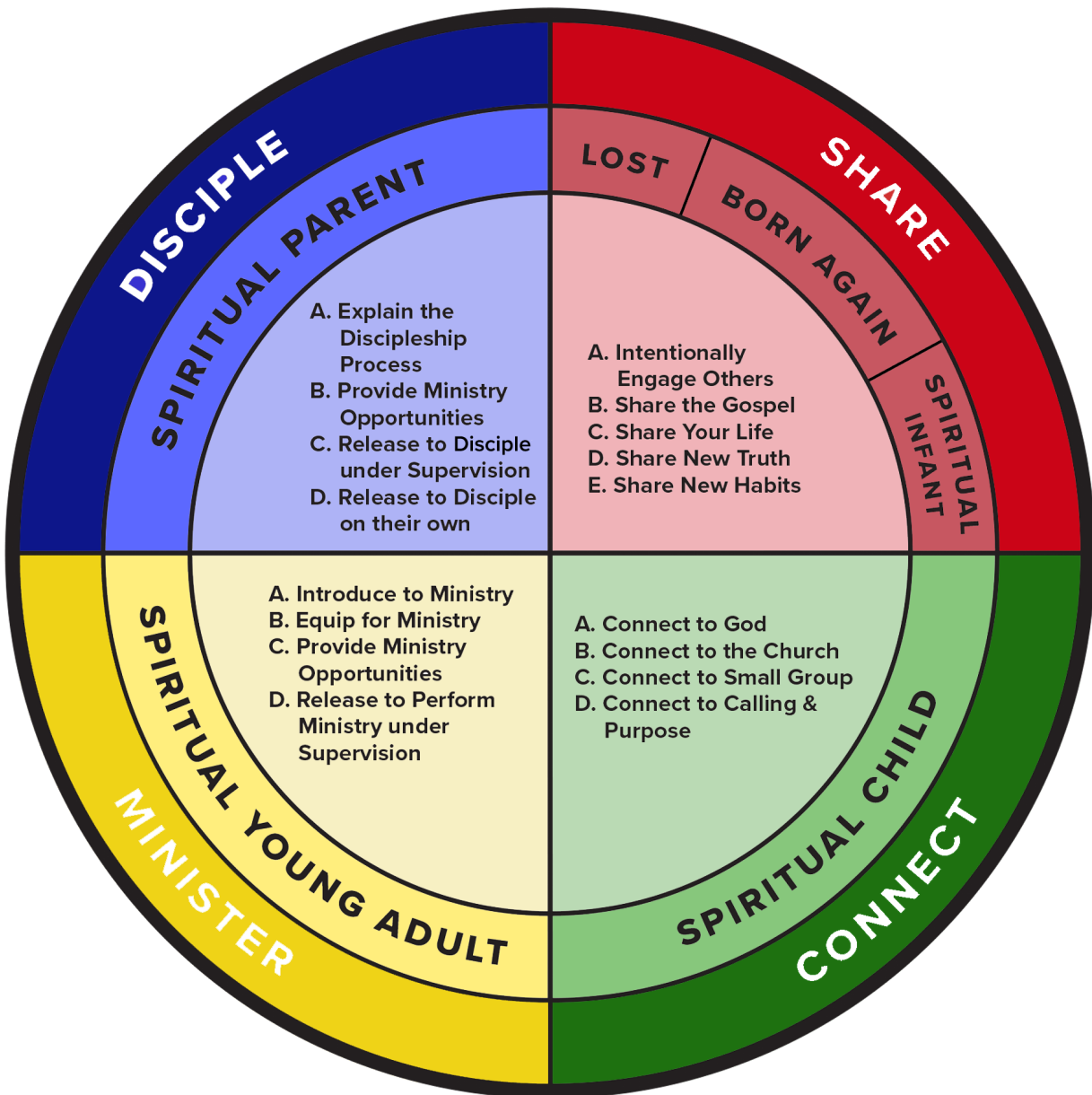
• The Five Functions of the Church

- Worship – *A Lifestyle of Born-again, Spirit-filled Worship (Jn. 4:21-24).*
- Evangelism – *A Lifestyle of Born-again, Spirit-filled Evangelism (Rom. 1:16)*
- Teaching – *A Lifestyle of Born-again, Spirit-filled Teaching, Preaching, and Discipleship (Mt. 28:18-20).*
- Ministry – *A Lifestyle of Born-again, Spirit-filled Ministry (Rom. 12:1-13).*
- Fellowship – *A Lifestyle of Born-again, Spirit-filled Fellowship (Acts 2:42-47).*

• The Process of Discipleship for First Baptist Church Panama City

- Share – Connect – Minister – Disciple
 - ◆ Share: Gospel – Truth – Will – Attitudes – Beliefs – Behavior – Lives.
 - ◆ Connect: God – Church – Worship – Small Group – Meaning – Purpose – Spiritual Disciplines.
 - ◆ Minister: Physical Needs – Spiritual Needs.
 - ◆ Disciple: Image of God – Gender – Calling – Gifts – Talents – Interests – Desires – Passions.
- One-on-One Age Appropriate & Intergenerational Discipleship Relationships.
- Small-group Age Appropriate & Intergenerational Discipleship Relationships.
- Large-group Age Appropriate & Intergenerational Discipleship Relationships.
- Personal Mentoring Relationships.
 - ◆ Mature Believers that are Investing in your Life.
 - ◆ Contemporary Believers that you are Sharing Abundant Life with.
 - ◆ Younger Believers that you are investing your life.

FBC Panama City Discipleship Process



What is a Disciple?

A disciple is a follower of Jesus Christ.

What is Discipleship?

Discipleship is described in the Bible as the process of *Sanctification* and is the ordained, supernatural process of spiritual formation that leads to Christ-likeness.

What are the Characteristics of a Disciple?

- A disciple *knows* Jesus Christ as Savior (The Head).
- A disciple *follows* Jesus Christ as Lord (The Heart).
- A disciple is being *transformed* and *conformed* into the image of Jesus Christ (The Will).
- A disciple is actively *participating* in the mission and ministries of the church (The Hands).
- A disciple is *bearing fruit* in their life and in their relationships (The Character).

Select Psalms for Hurting People

Dr. Craig Conner

Wednesday, 6:00 PM – 7:15 PM / Fellowship Hall

Everywhere we look we see hurt and pain. God's people are not exempt from these experiences. The difference is that God's people have a comforting resource in the tough times of life. Join Dr. Conner for a study entitled, "Select Psalms for Hurting People." If you are in dire need of encouragement, this class is for you!

The Doctrine of Creation: *Life & Design*

Ed Coppola & Susan Kimball

Wednesday, 6:00 PM – 7:15 PM / 206 C

This Creation discipleship class will examine the biblical, historical, and scientific evidence for the origin of life, the complexity of life, and the uniqueness of man created in God's image. The class will provide answers to questions such as: Can life come from nonlife? Did ape-men exist? Are there really different races? Is speciation evolution? Does modern genetics support the major historical events in the Bible: the creation, the flood, and the dispersion at Babel? Can mutations and natural selection transform one life form into another? What do we really learn from the fossil record? Is the biblical account of creation true history that is accurate and authoritative? "I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well" (Psalm 139:14).

Biblical Worldview – Part 1

Dr. Al Rhodes

Wednesday, 6:00 PM – 7:15 PM / 300 C

This course is a 26-week introduction to biblical theology and Christian worldview. The foundation of this course is systematic and comprehensive Bible reading. The course begins by defining biblical theology and how theologians have used it throughout the church age to develop Christian teachings. By applying biblical theology, students will begin to read and analyze their Bible's, from Genesis to Revelation, through the lens of the unifying storyline (i.e., metanarrative) that encompasses God's progressive revelation.

The Covenants of God – Part 1

Dr. David Hecht

Wednesday 6:00 PM – 7:15 PM / 305 C

Book: \$10

One of the primary ways in which God relates to mankind is through *covenant*. Mankind was created in a covenantal relationship. That covenantal relationship was broken in the Garden of Eden. Since that time, God has been restoring mankind and all of creation through a series of covenants with Noah, Abraham, Moses, David, and the nation of Israel. This two-part class is designed to give you a deeper understanding of God's Word, the Lord's desire to restore mankind in the New Creation through the Messiah, and to experience abundant life in Christ.

Deacons: *Partners in Ministry*

Pastor Clyde Ellison and Chaplain Don Hodges

Wednesday, 6:00 PM – 7:15 PM / 203 C

This Bible, DVD, and discussion driven class is designed for new Deacons, existing Deacons, Sunday School Care Group Leaders, and anyone who is interested in learning how to care for members of First Baptist Church. Students will learn a biblical, theological, and practical understanding of *Purpose and Calling, Spiritual Giftedness, the Church, Caring for Members, working with Church Staff, Spiritual Growth* and much more. The class is based on Dr. Jim Henry's course entitled, "Deacons: Partners in Ministry and Growth."

Family Life in the Trenches

Associate Pastor Brandon Phillips

Wednesday, 6:00 AM – 7:15 PM / 202 C

Book: Visionary Parenting: Capture a God-Sized Vision for Your Family – \$13

A biblical and transparent look at the many stages of the family's life with testimony and teaching from families who have thrived in the trenches.

Visionary Marriage:

Capture a God-Sized Vision for Your Marriage

Keith and Irene Smith

Wednesday, 6:00 PM – 7:15 PM / 201 C

Visionary Marriage is not just a course. It is a guide to capture a God-sized vision for your marriage and family. This course will reveal God's plan and purpose for your marriage and family and how to be successful once understanding that purpose. Topics include: Why Marriage, The Power of Purpose, Becoming One, The Mission of Spiritual Transformation, How to Encourage Faith in Each Other, The Mission of Raising Godly Children. This course will challenge you to change your priorities, your opinions, and your life purpose. It will not be an easy process, but if you are ready to hear from God through what He has revealed in Scripture, then you will be rewarded with a blueprint that will help you during these challenging times. It is time to capture a God-sized vision for your marriage and family, and Visionary Marriage is the perfect guide to start that journey.

Moms Together

Laci Head

Wednesday, twice a month, 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM / 100 D

A group for moms of all ages with children of all ages. We get together twice monthly for meetings that include brunch, games, life skills, speakers, activities, and fellowship, among many more things! We also meet throughout the year for events for moms, children, and the whole family. Come join us at our open house on January 10, 2024! The fee is \$45 a semester. Childcare is provided for babies through pre-k, as well as a homeschool room for school-aged children.

Divorce Care

Genia Robinson

Wednesday, 6:00 PM – 7:15 PM / 204 C

Book: Divorce Care Workbook – \$20

Separation and divorce can be one of the most painful and stressful experiences anyone will face. Divorce Care is a friendly, caring group of people who walk alongside each other through one of life's most difficult experiences. Please do not go through the loss of separation and divorce alone. Divorce Care can help you or someone you know.

The Book of Revelation:

Unveiling the End Times in our Time

James Oshields

Wednesday, 6:00 PM – 7:15 PM / 200 C

The subject of the book of Revelation is “eschatology,” – a study of the end times. The book concludes with the return of Jesus Christ, the destruction of the Devil and all his cohorts, and the creation of the new heaven, the new earth, and the new Jerusalem. This class will inspire you as it presents the triumph of the Lamb of God and the glorious victory of Jesus Christ over all his enemies.

Men's Bible Study: *Biblical Manhood*

Mark Carrier

Wednesday, 6:00 PM – 7:15 PM / 301 C

This intergenerational class is a Scripture-based study of Biblical Manhood. Through a careful examination of Scripture and intimate, personal discussion, this course will help men understand what it means to be created in the image of God, uniquely designed to lead in the home, the church, the workplace, the school, and the community, and help guide men in their daily walk with God and with others. Whether you are single, a husband, father, son, or grandson, this class will help men apply biblical principles in every relationship of your life.

Men's Bible Study: *Man Church*

Waylon Thompson

Wednesday, 6:00 PM – 7:15 PM / 303 C

The Man Church study this semester is entitled IMPACT. In 2 Peter 1:5-8, Peter provides a list of attributes every Christian should pursue. Peter gave an excellent explanation for why striving to obtain these attributes is so important. He said that if Christ-followers “own” these attributes and continue to grow in them, their lives would be effective and fruitful for the Kingdom of God. Fruitfulness should be the goal of every mature Christian.

Men's Bible Study: *Foundations*

Mark Broersma

Friday, 6:30 AM / Family Life Center

Tuesday / Please contact Mark Broersma for the time and location of Tuesday's this Bible study (850.527.2868) / mbroersma@regencydrt.com.

Book: Foundations – \$15

Foundations is a 12-month Bible study and reading plan written by Robby and Kandi Gallaty. The study highlights foundational passages in Scripture that every disciple should know. This intensive study will help the disciple's ability to better understand God's Word through daily readings, weekly journaling, and Scripture memorization.

Men's Bible Study: *The Book of Acts*

Larry Bruce

Tuesday, 9:00 AM – 10:30 AM / Family Life Center

This long-lived study fellowship will focus on The Book of Acts. Acts provides the historical account of the Holy Spirit's early work in the formation of the church-what the Gospel writers call the Kingdom of God/Heaven. The book records key events from the time of Christ's ascension to near the end of Paul's ministry at Rome. Understanding what happened in this period adds important insight into the issues covered in a number of New Testament books-especially the letters of Paul. One of the chief values of this study is the discernment of how the Holy Spirit works in human history to accomplish His purposes, principles that apply throughout human history. The only text used in this study is the Bible.

Women's Bible Study: *The Greater Work*

Sonya Mabery

Wednesday, 6:00 PM – 7:15 PM / Chapel

Book: \$11

Discipleship is a lifestyle. The command is clear, "Go and make disciples." The Greater Work by Bill Wilks is a 13-week intergenerational ladies class featuring a daily bible reading plan, daily journaling, and small group discussion. Join us as we seek to know God's heart, study God's Word, and then live out God's expectations. Each day we need to make S-P-A-C-E in our hearts for God's Word. The goal of this class is to help you develop a lifelong habit of daily bible reading and make daily time alone with God a major priority in your life.

Women's Bible Study: *Ladies Chronological Bible Study & Apologetics*

Ginger Master & Julie Wilson

Wednesday, 6:00 PM – 7:15 PM / 307 C

Ladies of all ages are invited to join us as we read through the whole of God's Word chronologically, as well as study biblical critical thinking skills & apologetics with Answers in Genesis teachings. At our meetings each week, we will discuss our readings from the Bible and then take time to become more equipped to stand firm in a Christian worldview and defend our faith. We hope you will be part of this sweet time together as we grow deeper and stronger in our knowledge of, love for, and obedience to our Lord and Savior.

Women's Bible Study: *Foundations*

Erin Toole

Wednesday, 6:00 PM – 7:15 PM / 304 C

Book: Foundations – \$15

Foundations is a 12-month Bible study and reading plan written by Robby and Kandi Gallaty. The study highlights foundational passages in Scripture that every disciple should know. This intensive study will help the disciple's ability to better understand God's Word through daily readings, weekly journaling, and Scripture memorization.

Women's Bible Study: *Jesus & Women*

Cindy Doleshek

Wednesday, 6:00 PM – 7:15 PM / 209 C

Book: \$25

Imagine walking the dusty roads of Galilee with Jesus of Nazareth – braving jostling crowds just to touch the edge of His cloak and hear Him say, “Take heart, daughter, your faith has healed you.” Those words, once meant to comfort a hurting woman's soul thousands of years ago, were also meant for you. Over 7 sessions, examine the historical and cultural climate of first-century Middle Eastern society to not only understand Jesus more deeply but to fuel your worship of Him today.

Women's Bible Study: *31 Days to Happiness: Searching for Heaven on Earth*

Mary Freeman

Wednesday, 6:00 PM – 7:15 PM / 207 C

Book: \$2.50 / Study Guide: \$10

Where can I find a little heaven on earth? History's most successful man, Solomon, wondered that. Dr. David Jeremiah's shows us, he was a man who tested life's questions head-on and discovered his answers in the last place he thought to look.

Women's Bible Study: *Life Under the Sun – The Unexpectedly Good News of Ecclesiastes*

Kathy Coppola & Cindy Doleshek

Class Begins Tuesday, January 16th, 9:00 AM – 11:30 AM / Chapel

Book: \$16

Through this 8-session Bible Study, Hannah Anderson invites us to consider the wisdom of Ecclesiastes afresh as we search for a solid foundation for life under the sun. We will discover how Ecclesiastes is more than self-help or good advice-how it frees us to ask the questions that Jesus Himself will eventually answer. And through its raw honesty and unflinching commitment to goodness, we will find hope in the One who guides all days under the sun.

Women's Bible Study: *Women in the Word*

Sarah Ann Gay

Wednesday, 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM / Chapel

Book: \$16

This course is a chapter and verse study of the book of Hebrews and presents Jesus Christ as the eternal Son of God, our eternal high priest on the order of Melchizedek, and the mediator of the New Covenant. The warm fellowship, passionate instruction, practical application, and enthusiastic discussion will inspire women of all ages and levels of spiritual maturity.

Women's Bible Study: *Isaiah – Striving Less and Trusting God More*

Mary Freeman

Class meets every other Wednesday, 9:30 AM – 11:00 AM / WC 178

Book: \$22

In this study, Melissa Spoelstra encourages you to let go of striving and learn to trust God's character, His comfort, and even His correction. As you study in the book of Isaiah—from the prophet's challenges to the nation of Israel to prophecies of the Messiah—the author challenges you to trust God more than your own human effort or the counterfeits the world suggests.

Women's Bible Study: *Bible Study Fellowship*

Marife Cromwell

Class begins Thursday, January 11, 9:30 AM – 11:00 AM / Music Suite

Pre-register at: www.mybsf.org. For childcare, please RSVP to Sierra Hernandez in Preschool Department at: shernandez@firstbaptistpc.com.

Men (online only) – Go to: bsfinternational.org/online. Choose “international,” then choose “men” and you will find multiple days/times to join men across the U.S. and globe.

The true Light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. Join us as we take an in-depth journey into the life of Jesus Christ as told through John, the disciple. This study will come alive as we explore the Scripture to find out who Jesus is, and how we know He is the Promised Messiah of the Old Testament. We will also look at His power to perform miracles, teach people and transform their lives. We will be challenged to explore what life looks like when we believe in Jesus, and when we do not believe. As we walk weekly through each chapter, we will see how Jesus Christ can transform our lives through His Word.

How can BSF help you love God more? By offering you two studies back-to-back that will transform your life. As we continue in the study of John's Gospel: The Truth this year, we can look forward to our next study year in the book of Revelation. How can this help you? Your life will be transformed by God when you look deeply into His Word to find the answers to what the future holds for you as you walk with Jesus! It's not too late to join the study of John's Gospel now and continue into Revelation next year!

The Most Excellent Way

Associate Pastor Rick McClung

Sunday, 9:00 AM / Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, 6:00 PM / The Grace Building

First Baptist Church Panama City is committed to helping those that want help with addiction. The Most Excellent Way applies the Word of God and biblical principles in a safe, comfortable, relational environment to help people become God-dependent rather than chemical dependent.

Hispanic Campus Discipleship

Dr. Hugh Redmon

Wednesday, 6:00 PM – 7:15 PM / D Building

Class 101: Discovering our Church Family

Teaching your people God's purposes for their lives on Earth and why they need a church family to fulfill those purposes. This class will allow you to share your church's history, values, mission, goals, and beliefs.

Class 102: Discovering my Spiritual Maturity

This class will help the participants develop simple habits which will help them grow and mature as believers such as developing a devotional time and getting involved in a small group.

Abundant Life Singles' Ministry

Dr. David Hecht & Ministry Assistant Cynthia Quinn

Singles meet on the 1st Friday of each month in the Family Life Center & the Student Building and meet quarterly for Fellowship & Activities.

Abundant Life Singles' Ministry is an intergenerational fellowship of men and women that seek to develop transforming and fruitful relationships based on the Word of God and the Lordship of Jesus Christ. If you are single and you are intentional about growing in Christ, you will love this ministry. Please contact Cynthia Quinn at cquinn@firstbaptistpc.com for details.

First Students Ministry

Pastor Tyler Helms

Wednesday, 6:00 PM – 7:15 PM / Student Building

At First Baptist Church we desire to see student's 6th-12th grade move from where they currently are spiritually through an "Intentional, Rational, and Strategic" process of spiritual development where they interact with Scripture, apply spiritual disciplines, confess and repent of sin, and glorify God with their words and life as they share the Gospel of Jesus. These students work through books of the bible during small group classes and large group environments where they are taught exegetically through books of the Bible.

First Kids' Ministry

Tonilea McNaron

Wednesday, 6:00 PM – 7:15 PM / 4th Floor B Building

First Kids offers exciting activities for children on Wednesday nights! Kids participate in Kids' Choir for the first half of the night. It is a special time when kids prepare for the next musical, learn scripture through song, and have a great time of worship. In the evening's second half, the kids attend "Growing In Truth." The children break into small groups for bible lessons, activities, and games. Each month has a different theme, and the kids love it! Don't let your kids miss out on First Kids' Wednesday Nights!

Preschool Ministry

Sierra Hernandez

Wednesday, 6:00 PM – 7:15 PM / 1st & 3rd Floor B Building

First Baptist Panama City endeavors to teach our littlest ones (babies through kindergarten) God's love within a safe, clean, and nurturing environment. Our goal is to provide a biblical framework and foundation that will lead them to conversion, spiritual growth, and a biblical worldview.

Parent's Morning Out

Sierra Hernandez

Tuesday & Thursday, 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM / D Building

Our goal is to provide a loving, Christ-centered environment for enrolled children while offering parents a needed break.

First Baptist Daycare & Learning Center

Sierra Hernandez

Monday – Friday / First Baptist Daycare & Learning Center

Our Daycare and Learning Center provides safe, loving care for babies through preschool-aged children. Our staff strives to teach children to navigate the world around them while teaching them the love of Christ.

share Romans Road



Admit that you are a sinner.

"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."

Romans 3:23

We all have sins in our hearts. We all were born with sin. We were born under the power of sin's control.

"Wherefore, as by one man sin entered the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned."

Romans 5:12

Our sin was handed down from our parents. Every person that was born after Adam (who was disobedient in the Garden of Eden) has been born a sinner (Genesis 3).



Understand that you deserve death for your sin.

"The wages of sin is death..."

Romans 6:23a

We all face physical death, which is a result of sin. But a worse death is spiritual death that separates us from God, and will last for all eternity. The Bible teaches that there is a place called the *Lake of Fire* where those who reject Christ will be in torment forever (Revelation 20:15).



Understand that we cannot do anything to earn our way to heaven.


"...But the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."

Romans 6:23b

Salvation is a free gift from God to you! You can't earn this gift; you must reach out and receive it.

"For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast."

Ephesians 2:8-9



Understand that God has already made a way for your forgiveness.

"But God commendeth His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." **Romans 5:8**

When Jesus died on the cross, He paid sin's penalty. He paid the price for all sin. The only condition is that we believe in Him and what He has done for us.




Understand that we must respond to what God has already done.

"That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation."

"Whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

Romans 10:13

His love poured out in Jesus on the cross is your only hope to have forgiveness and change. His love is what saves you, not any kind of religious work or being good enough. God loves you just the way you are, He just doesn't want you to stay that way!



If you are ready to make this commitment, pray this prayer.

Dear Lord Jesus,

I know that I am a sinner and I believe that you died for my sins on the cross. I believe that you were buried and that you rose again from the grave. Please forgive me of my sins, please come into my life. I now receive you as my personal Lord and Savior. Thank you for dying for me. Thank you for saving me. Please help me to learn how to live a Christian life.

In Jesus' name, Amen!

Congratulations! Your journey as a new believer in Christ has just begun!

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Gifted to Serve



A *Spiritual Gifts Survey* will help you identify your God-given spiritual gifts. Every Christian has a dominant spiritual gift and many possess more than one. Through this survey, you will discover your dominant spiritual gifts. The survey is 108 questions or statements that deal with your interests and desires and should take about 20 minutes to complete online. A paper based survey is also available by contacting the church office.

**Take the Spiritual Gifts Survey by going to the following webpage:
firstbaptistpc.com/spiritual-gifts.**

Discovering and exercising your God-given spiritual gifts allows you to experience maximum fulfillment with minimum frustration in your Christian life and ministry. Let us help you discover your gifts.

For additional help, please contact David Hecht (dhecht@firstbaptistpc.com) or Sonya Mabery (smabery@firstbaptistpc.com).

Once you complete your Spiritual Gifts Survey, please schedule a meeting with David Hecht or Sonya Mabery in the church office (850-785-6146) to discuss your results and ministry opportunities.

Food
Pantry

McDonalds

Bank

7th Street

McKenzie
Insurance

Truth Building

Jenks
Annex

Parking
Garage

Daycare

Church
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Atrium

D Building

Fellowship
Hall

Parking

B Building

Gym/Family
Life Center

Parking

Youth
Building

6th Street

- Parking

Grace Building



SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Downtown Campus

9:00 AM	Sunday School Small Groups
9:00 AM	The Most Excellent Way (MEW)
10:30 AM	Worship Service (Intergenerational)
10:30 AM	Kids' Church
10:30 AM	Worship Care

Youngstown Campus

9:00 AM	Sunday School
10:15 AM	Worship Service

Hispanic Campus

12:00 PM	Worship Service
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WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

Downtown Campus

4:30 - 5:45 PM	Family Night Dinner, Fellowship Hall
6:00 PM	Pastor's Bible Study
6:00 PM	Discipleship Opportunities
6:00 PM	The Most Excellent Way (MEW)
6:00 PM	Student Worship
6:00 PM	Preschool & First Kids' Activities
6:00 PM	Adult Choir Rehearsal
6:45 PM	Orchestra Rehearsal

Youngstown Campus

6:15 PM	Prayer & Bible Study
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Hispanic Campus

4:30 PM	Women's Bible Study
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