

Welcome to FBC!

**Everything (Almost)
You Need to Know
to Get Started
as a Member
of the
First Baptist
Church Family!**



First Baptist Church

Conway, SC

Welcome!



Welcome to the First Baptist Church Family! We are grateful to God for the Spirit's leading in your life that has brought our lives together with yours for worship, discipleship, fellowship and service to God.



Through this packet, we hope to share information that will help you get to know your new church family better—and help the church family get to know you, too!

Please take time soon to read through the material. Note questions you may have—the “How Do I?” page of frequently asked questions can be especially helpful. By completing the “Member Participation and Interest Survey” and returning it to the church office, we

As a family in Christ, we worship, study, fellowship and serve others in Jesus' name.

will be better able to connect you with activities and ministries that match your gifts,

talents and sense of calling as a Christian. Feel free to contact me, or any staff member or deacon. We are glad you are here and look forward to seeing what God will do with us for God's purposes and God's glory!

Grace and peace,

Robert W. Guffey, Jr.
Pastor

Contact Information & Weekly Schedule



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A Typical Weekly Schedule

Sundays

7:30 A.M.	Juice and Java
8:45 A.M.	Contemporary Worship
9:45 A.M.	Bible Study for all ages
11:00 A.M.	Traditional Worship
Evenings	Special Events, Seminars and Studies, as announced

Mondays

	Baptist Women's Meetings (first Mondays)
5:30 P.M.	Chancel Ringers
6:30 P.M.	Baptist Men's Supper (third Mondays)

Tuesdays

11:45 A.M.	B.A.L.L. (Be Active Live Longer) Club (second Tuesdays)
1:00 P.M.	EXtra Years of Zest Choir
6:30 P.M.	Women's Bible Study

Wednesdays *(during the school year)*

5:00 P.M.	Children's Choirs
5:30 P.M.	Church Family Night Dinner
6:15 P.M.	Prayer and Bible Study for Adults Children's Mission Groups Student Journey
7:15 P.M.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal Praise and Worship Team Rehearsal

Thursdays

The Pastoral Counseling Ministry of FBC

◆ *Call for information or appointments (248-0357).*


Mondays–Fridays

Lovell Weekday Ministry, *by enrollment. Call 248-6485.*

◆ *Quality, compassionate care for children, ages
2 months to 4 years old, and after-school care.*



GLORY TO GOD
IN THE HIGHEST,
& ON EARTH
PEACE, GOOD
WILL FOR ALL.



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CONWAY, SOUTH CAROLINA



Worship



As Conway's First Baptist Church, we have answered God's call to:

- *Proclaim the good news of salvation through Jesus Christ*
 - *Teach the essentials of the Christian life as revealed in God's Holy Word*
 - *Nurture Christian growth and service through worship, teaching, training, fellowship*
 - *Minister in love to the needs of the community, and*
- *Cooperate with other Christians in reaching out to the whole world*

The most important calling and most important experience of our week is worship on Sunday mornings. Worship involves the whole person and all ages. We seek to glorify God and learn of God as revealed in Jesus Christ through all the seasons of life and all seasons of the Christian year.

Traditional Worship, 11 a.m.

During this service, we listen to celebrative and contemplative music, hear praises sung by our choirs, sing congregational praises, collect tithes and offerings and offer an opportunity for church membership. Our Pastor brings a message to the congregation and provides instruction regarding God's word.

Contemporary Service, 8:45 a.m.

Much of this service feels less formal, where freedom of expression is encouraged by our worship leader and praise band. Although the format differs from the Traditional Service, the Contemporary Service shares the same quality and passion for the Lord.

Sunday Evening Activities and Other Worship Experiences

Special worship experiences, seminars, musical events and fellowships happen throughout the year on Sunday evenings, Christmas Eve and Good Friday. We observe the Lord's Supper at least quarterly.



Wednesdays



Wednesday Evenings at First Baptist Church

On Wednesday evenings throughout the school year, the church family and friends gather for age-graded missions education, music education and rehearsals, prayer meeting, Bible study and team and group meetings. The “usual” Wednesday schedule is:

5:00 P.M.	Children’s Choirs
5:30 P.M.	Family Night Supper
6:15 P.M.	Prayer Meeting/Children’s Missions/ Student Ministries
7:00 P.M.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal Praise & Worship Team Rehearsal Various Teams and Groups Meeting

Programs and Ministries include:

- For Children: Mission Friends for preschool children.
- For Younger Girls: Girls in Action for girls grades one to six.
- For Boys: Royal Ambassadors for boys grades one to eight.
- For Youth: Student Journey.
- For Women: Woman’s Missionary Organizations

Bible Study



Through the regular practice of Bible study, we learn of God, discover God's intentions for our lives and experience growth toward the likeness of Christ. **The Sunday Morning Bible Study ministry—our Sunday School—**coordinates activities of First Baptist Church related to spiritual growth through Christian education for all ages. Available classes include Pre-school (nursery), in classes appropriate by age, from birth to age five. Consult the Sunday School Directory for details.

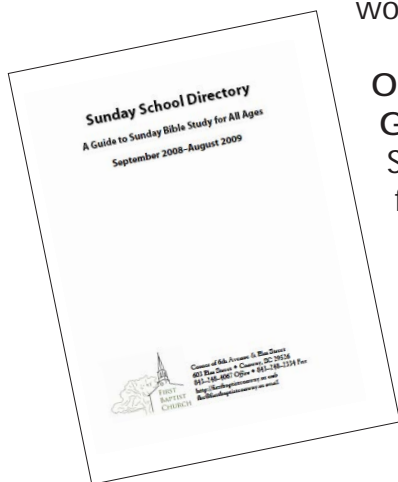
Preschoolers Classes available by developmental ability and age.

Children Classes available by grade, from one to six.

Student Classes available by grade, from seven to twelve.

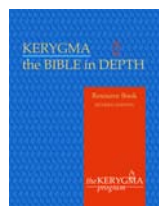
Adult Classes are available according to interests, ages and topics.

Senior Adult Classes available for men, women, and/or couples.



Other Adult Bible Studies and Small Groups meet throughout the year.

Several study groups for women and for men are available. Our Pastor teaches from the Bible at Wednesday Prayer Meeting and teaches a series of classes from the series, *Kerygma: The Bible in Depth*.





And Jesus
of his own volition
and many years
in flesh, took
upon him,
Luke 2:52



Our Philosophy

The church's philosophy is built on the theological belief that GOD IS LOVE and its philosophy for the weekday ongoing education is that individuals are best prepared to discover the love built for themselves if they experience loving care in their early years. The belief that Christian teachers can teach God's kind of love by modeling their own attitudes, attitudes, behaviors and methods on those of Jesus.

Recognizing that Christ's love embraces all, Love Weekly Ministry welcomes children of all ages and creeds.

Our Curriculum

Our curriculum is a faith-based guide that provides opportunities for children to learn about God, Jesus, the Bible, the church, self, family, and the world. This also includes the teaching of skills that will prepare children for school including language, fine-motor, pre-writing and math/mathematics. We use both the New Learn and Friends curriculums to form our programs. The flexibility of these two curriculums involves using the classroom centers, sub-interactive play, and more.

Our Programs

Love Weekly Ministry provides preschool and after care for children 2 months to 5 years of age. We also host after school care for elementary school children.

- **Infants**
Our infant/ toddler activities promote cognitive and social development in a loving Christian environment.
- **Toddlers**
This program offers a balance of language, fine-motor and learning throughout the day.
- **Two Year Olds**
This program is for the developmentally active group. Their energy and curiosity to learn.
- **Three Year Olds**
This program is for the developmentally active group. Their curiosity, interest and program for learning.
- **Four Year Olds**
This program is designed to prepare children for kindergarten.
- **School Age**
Homework help, art and play and healthy education.

Enrollment

Children presently enrolled in Love Weekly Ministry who are eligible to start 13 new preschool Ministry will be given first to children of First Baptist Church members who register before Sept 1. After Sept 1, it is first come first serve until enrollment is full.

Please contact us to determine space availability, schedule a tour of the facilities, discuss tuition, class enrollment, fees, and administrative requirements. We do have a waiting list if space is not currently available in your child's age group. The waiting list expires at the end of December and those waiting to remain on the list will need to reapply in February.

Admittance Policy

Love Weekly Ministry admits students to its programs regardless of the race, color, national or ethnic origin. Each student in groups at the sports, programs, and activities generally accepted or made available to all students at Love Weekly Ministry. Furthermore, Love Weekly Ministry does not discriminate on basis of race, color, national, or ethnic origin in the administration of its educational programs, admission policies, scholarship programs, or other school-administered programs.



Age-Graded Ministries



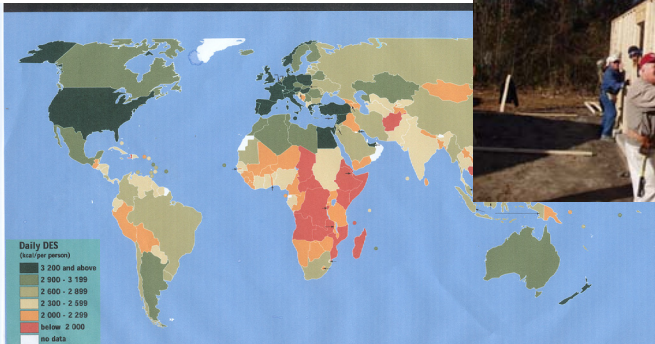
Age-graded ministries include the B.A.L.L. Club and XYZ Choir for **senior adults**, mission and fellowship opportunities for **adults**, marriage ministry retreats, parenting classes for **parents** and age-appropriate opportunities for **students, children** and **preschoolers**.

Our **Student Ministry's** proven approach includes:

*Going to students and offering the good news of Christ.
Listening to our young people and spending time with them.
Caring for our students as we journey together through life.
Praying for our students each and every day.*

As we pray and plan **ministry for our children and their families** at First Baptist Church, we do so with certain purposes and goals in mind. The first of these is a constant reminder to remember to say "Thanks be to God!" for such wonderful partners in ministry God has provided in the adults of our congregation. All of our adults serve as "parents in the pew," praying and encouraging parents in their important work as parents of faith within families. Together, we seek to minister in these significant, seven ways:

- *To partner with parents, grandparents, church teachers and leaders to genuinely love each child as a person who is a gift from God;*
- *To nurture a life-long faith in God by introducing them to God in Christ as Friend, Creator, Savior and Lord;*
- *To prepare them for the day when they are developmentally ready to be accountable for themselves in choosing for God;*
- *To model authentic worship before God in ways that help them develop practices of private and corporate worship that honor and glorify God;*
- *To teach them the stories of faith, of the "cloud of witnesses" in the faith in the Bible and in our history with God as the church;*
- *To foster a sense of care and compassion for the needs of other people, whether those needs be spiritual, physical, emotional or intellectual; and,*
- *To build relationships between the generations in the church so that they will experience a heightened sense of church as family and an appreciation of the gifts that each generation brings to the family of Christ.*



Serving Others



Coming to know God through worship and Bible study leads us to a deepening desire to serve God by serving others. First Baptist Church has many mission partners through whom you can participate in God's global mission. Here are some of our partners. The church staff and Mission Team can connect you to these and more ways to show Christ's love and share the gospel in action. Mission action groups like WMU, Baptist Women, Brotherhood and RAs, GAs and Mission Friends keep us in touch with learning and praying with missionaries around the world.

Local

Intercoastal Outreach
Waccamaw Baptist Association
C.A.P (Churches Assisting People)
Caring 4 Kids
Days of Grace (FBC community outreach)
Fostering Hope
Friendship Medical Clinic
Habitat for Humanity of Horry County
Mercy Hospice
The Shepherd's Table Soup Kitchen
Street Reach Mission of Myrtle Beach



State

South Carolina Baptist Convention
Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of South Carolina
Connie Maxwell Children's Home
FCA-South Carolina
Hurricane Recovery in Louisiana and Mississippi

National and International

Cooperative Baptist Fellowship
Southern Baptist Convention
Woman's Missionary Union
Graffiti/East 7th Baptist Church, New York City
Habitat for Humanity International
Passport Camps/Camping with a Mission (Youth and Children)
Watering Malawi3





Conway's First Baptist Church Presents
an Evening with
Kyle Matthews
Sunday, August 26
6:30 p.m.
inconcert
Call (843) 248-4567 or visit <http://firstbaptistconwayus> for more information.




**CHURCH
HOMECOMING**



**WILD WEST
FALL FEST**

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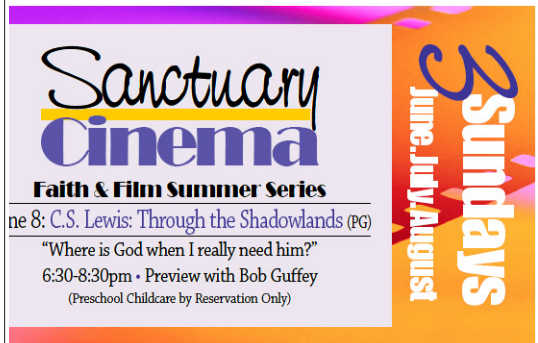


PRESENTS
JOB
THE MUSICAL?™
READER'S THEATRE

Book and lyrics adapted by
Avery Jones, Charlie Ramey,
and Wayne Chismey

Directed by Dr. Bob Guffey

* On Everything You Always Wanted to Know About Suffering and Evil But Were
Afraid to Ask God. Copyright © 2007



**Sanctuary
Cinema**
Faith & Film Summer Series
June 8: C.S. Lewis: Through the Shadowlands (PG)
"Where is God when I really need him?"
6:30-8:30pm • Preview with Bob Guffey
(Preschool Childcare by Reservation Only)

Sundays
June, July, August

Fellowship



Fellowship adds to the sense of family at First Baptist Church and shows up in many opportunities, including:

Class parties and fellowships
River Day (in August)
The Valentine's Banquet
Homecoming Dinner "Under the Oaks" (in October)
Concerts
Dramatic presentations
Softball
Trips to "Conway Away" high school football games
Men's Brotherhood Dinners
The Fall Festival at the Peanut Warehouse
Preschool-Parent Play Days
Sanctuary Cinema movie nights
and more

Small supper groups are organized on an occasional basis to provide opportunities for adults to get to know each other better. These groups combine the intimacy of a home setting with conversations between adults who may worship, study and work in a variety of settings within the church.

My Estimate of Annual Giving

◆ In response to the generosity of God in love, salvation and faithfulness; as a steward of all God has given me—my time, my talents, and my financial resources—and in keeping with the New Testament teaching about regular, proportionate giving of my financial resources in support of the mission and ministries of my church, I prayerfully make the following commitment:

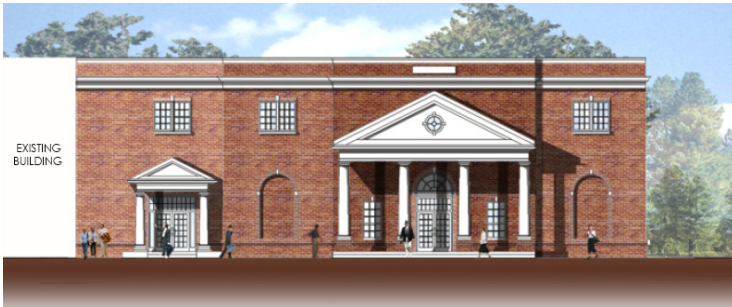
My giving estimate is: \$ _____ per week/ \$ _____ per year to mission and ministry through the regular budget offering of my church. I wish to designate that portion of my giving that goes to national cooperative missions to:

Cooperative Baptist Fellowship
 Southern Baptist Convention
 Split between CBF/SBC: _____ % CBF & _____ % SBC

SIGNED _____ PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____

In response to God's generosity



Generosity



As disciples of Christ, we believe in the importance of sharing from our financial resources for the glory of God and for the growth of the Kingdom of God in our midst. Your offerings make possible ministry and missions around the world. As a Baptist church, the offerings of the people are the only source of income of the church. Our focus in ministry is to do God's will in reaching out in Christ's name.

Financial and physical resources are tools to do so effectively.

In your packet you will find two cards. One is an "Estimate of Giving" card that helps the Stewardship Team plan effectively. The other is a "Growing Strong" capital fund card. In November 2007, the congregation voted to meet pressing space needs through the construction of "Snider Hall," for education and fellowship, and an Activities Building. Your gift to "Growing Strong" makes you a partner in seeing these callings from God become reality. The business office can help with questions.

We give because God gave us life, love and eternity. Because of the generosity of God, we want to be generous, too. No one should feel pressure to give but each of us should prayerfully ask God how we can participate in the joy of giving!

How Do I...?



What follows is a list of frequently asked questions, in no particular order! If you have other questions, please contact the church office, a church staff member or a deacon. We welcome your call!

- **Find a Sunday School Class?** "The Sunday School Directory" is published regularly and made available for pickup in the church office and on the web site. Adults can try a variety of classes for content and teaching style. Student, children's and preschool classes are age-graded.
- **Make an appointment to see the Pastor and Staff?** Call the Ministry Assistant at 248-4067, or contact by phone, in person or by email the staff member you'd like to see.
- **Enroll my child in Lovell Weekday Ministry?** Contact, Billie Phillips, LWM Director. Learn more at www.firstbaptistconway.us/lovell.
- **Make a reservation for Wednesday Night Supper?** Each fall a reservation form is printed in "The Outlook" for making standing reservations. You can call anytime of the year to the church office to reserve a place or cancel a reservation. Wednesday Night Suppers run concurrent to the school year.
- **Learn about mission and ministry projects and trips?** Read The Outlook and the worship guides. Listen for announcements through the adult mission groups. Visit the web site.
- **Find offering envelopes for regular and missions giving?** Call Stacy Barfield in the church business office.
- **Give flowers for the sanctuary on a particular Sunday?** A list of available dates and procedures is kept in the office at the front desk.
- **Join a choir?** Contact Rocky Taylor (Traditional) or Tommy Rowe (Contemporary), if you are looking for an adult choir. Rocky coordinates children's choirs, also.



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- **Learn about other-than-Sundays Bible studies and groups?** The Outlook and Sunday worship guides are your best sources of printed information.
 - **Volunteer for a committee or team or to following my calling to teach Sunday School, children's choirs or children's missions organizations?** The Nominating Team will be glad to help you. Contact the church office to learn who to call.
 - **Learn the names of homebound adults who need a caring visit or become a part of the hospital visitation ministry?** The Congregational Care Team may be able to connect you, and Rocky Taylor, Minister of Music/Associate Pastor, can, too.
 - **Pick up Sunday School curriculum and special interest magazines?** Look for SS literature in your classroom. If it's not there, try the church office. Special interest magazines may be found in the literature rack near the parlor and on the table outside the church office.
 - **Help build a house for Habitat for Humanity?** Contact Don Neptune, Elwin Miles or the Missions Team.
 - **Schedule a visit at the Counseling Center?** Contact Fran Brown. Fran is in Conway's on Thursdays but is available in Garden City on other days.
 - **Offer to help with infant and preschool childcare during worship services?** Contact Liz Smith and Julie Livingstone (8:45 a.m. Children's Church).
 - **Learn the name of my child's Sunday School, Choir and Missions teachers?** Names are listed in the Sunday School Directory, on the Nominating Report and, as always, may be found in the church office.
 - **Sign up for weekly email delivery of "The Outlook" and email**
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How Do I...?



newsletters from the ministers? Send your email address to fbc@firstbaptistconway.us to receive The Outlook online and email the ministers directly to sign up for occasional newsletters from the ministers.

• **Check my stewardship giving records?** Call Stacy Barfield or do so online from www.firstbaptistconway.us.

• **Check my personal data and class records?** Call Stacy Barfield or do so online from www.firstbaptistconway.us.

• **Learn about FBC's denominational connections?** See the web site or contact the Pastor or Missions Team.

• **Read more about what Baptist Christians believe?** We've got a helpful page on the web site. Copies of *The Baptist Faith and Message, 1963*, are, also, available through the church office and online.

• **Make an other-than-cash donation to the Missions and Ministries Budget?** Contact Stacy Barfield.

• **Learn how deacons are chosen?** In late October and early November of each year, all adults at least age 21 and not currently serving as deacons are made eligible to be elected by the congregation to serve a three-year-term as a deacon. Through a nominating and final election process, seven deacons are chosen each year to serve in the place of the seven who rotate off each year. If a person elected has not been ordained before a special service will be scheduled.

• **Calendar a wedding, parent-child dedication service, funeral or other special function?** Contact the church office.

What Baptists Believe, in Brief



The Baptist Faith and Message (1963) provides a good summary of what we believe. Copies are available in the church office and online.

As Baptist Christians, we also hold to certain distinctives that have been true about the majority of Baptists in all times and places. These distinctives are:

B. Believer's Baptism. Because we believe that becoming a Christian is a conscious decision, we baptize only those who have made that decision.

A. Authority of Scripture. All authority in matters of faith and practice comes directly from the Bible. Baptists have no creeds. We have only confessions of faith.

P. Priesthood of All Believers. One stands directly before God with no intermediary save Jesus Christ, the great high priest. It also means that we "priest" (minister to) one another.

T. Total Religious Freedom. No agency or government may dictate to anyone what must be believed or practiced in one's religion.

I. Independence of Local Churches. The center of life for Baptists is the local congregation. Conventions and Associations exist at the pleasure of the churches.

S. Symbolic Ordinances. Baptism and the Lord's Supper are outward and visible signs of inward and invisible grace. Symbols are, nonetheless, powerful and never to be thought of as mere symbols.

T. Total Lordship of Jesus Christ. The profession of the earliest Christians was "Jesus is Lord." Jesus is what J.B. Phillips called "God in Focus." We look to Jesus to know God.

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