

First Central Baptist Church

Ministry Booklet



Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good...All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he gives them to each one, just as he determines...Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.

I Corinthians 12:7,11,27

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The Ministries of First Central Baptist Church

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We hope this booklet will be a resource

- To help you learn about the ministries of First Central
- To find opportunities where you can put your spiritual gifts, personality and passion to use
- To have the joy of working with other believers to serve God, the local church and our community

Feel free to contact the church office at 592-5353 for more information

You may also contact the ministry leaders directly with any questions;
you can reach them through our website:
www.firstcentralbaptist.com > Ministries
or call the church office for contact information.

Awana

Children, Teaching, Outreach and Leading

The Awana ministry seeks to outreach to families to connect them to Christ and the Church, train in the Gospel and support in application. Through teaching, games, and activities AWANA volunteers support each week the spiritual growth and education of children and families. Trained and screened volunteers work together in classrooms or large groups. We strive to recruit enthusiasm from the Church body to actively participate in creating and promoting exciting family programs within our church and community.

Awana Camp

Discovery, Camping, Devotions and Worshiping

The Awana Camp ministry seeks to provide a Christ-centered, comprehensive, four day camping experience for youth between the ages of 8-12. Various activities include bible lessons, crafts, outdoor adventures, cooking, games, singing and worship, and daily service time. Parents are invited to dinner and a talent show on the last evening. Trained screened volunteers help to plan, implement and oversee the camping outing as well as provide spiritual guidance, support and encouragement to the children. Our goal is to expand this camping opportunity to more children both in our church and our community by working together with more churches.

Audio-Visual Ministry

Sound, Sight, Equipping and Controlling

The Audio Visual ministry exists to set-up, run and maintain the audio visual equipment used by the church. Volunteers arrive well before the beginning of service to inspect and set up specific equipment needed that day, and work with the music ministry team to ensure that proper techniques are established. Equipment set up needed, as well, for special church functions that require AV. Upgraded equipment, and dedicated volunteers needed - experience is a plus!

Card Ministry

Remember, Love, Encourage and Honor

The Card Ministry serves to demonstrate love and encouragement from First Central Baptist Church to those experiencing life's trials, and also to honor the senior members of church on their birthdays. Volunteers share responsibilities monthly in an effort to consistently provide this outreach. Writers, cards, and stamps needed!

Celebrate Recovery

Mentoring, Sponsoring, Worshipping and Healing

The mission of Celebrate Recovery is to encourage one another to seek, know and follow the Lord Jesus; to admit, confess and repent from sin, and to give glory to God for the victories and joys in all circumstances. Believing leaders help by assisting with weekly program management, participating in music worship, facilitating small group discussions, and possibly mentoring or sponsoring individuals. We strive to have a large number of Christian adults supporting and becoming involved in this outreach ministry.

Children's Craft Night

Making, Giving, Sharing and Caring

The Children's Craft Night ministry serves as an opportunity for children to make Christmas gifts for their family while giving parents an opportunity to use that time for their own holiday shopping! Parents pre-register and provide financial contributions for their children to attend, and the children enjoy two hours of making and wrapping gifts! Children encouraged to take part, adult helpers are sought!

Christian Education Board

Education, Learning, Guiding and Growing

The Christian Education board seeks to support the Sunday School Superintendent and program by effectively providing the helpful resources and administration. This board regularly meets to oversee the implementation of the Sunday School curriculum and volunteers, and Vacation Bible School. Working together with the trained screened teachers, the board strives to provide a cohesive learning experience that will spiritually grow the children in our church. Our goal is to continue to support and plan these activities as well as increase the numbers of volunteers and children in our programs!

Christian Hands for Quilting

Needles, Handiwork, Warmth and Giving

This project orientated group meets monthly and provides Christian fellowship and support to church members while making quilts. The quilts are made to benefit newborns of our church, those in the NICU unit of our local hospital, and also for our loved ones in nursing homes. If time and resources were abundant we would meet more often and have more supplies at our fingertips! Occasional field trips that enhance our knowledge and skill are enjoyed.

Clothing Closet

Donating, Providing, Distributing and Guiding

The Clothing Closet ministry serves to collect, organize and distribute gently used clothing and household articles. By opening the closet to the general public we hope our words and actions will bring many to Christ. Church members are encouraged to partake in sharing or receiving donations. Visitors to the closet are provided with shopping bags to carry the goods they receive and to maintain an equal distribution of articles due to the high need in our community. Donations, volunteers, and more space needed.

Counting Committee

Tallying, Recording, Honoring and Reporting

This committee reflects the charge of our church to be good stewards of the funds received in offering. Working together in teams of three, each week trusted counters verify and record collected offerings. Bank deposits and reports are then prepared. Church membership, discretion and confidentiality are required, and familiarity handling funds is a plus.

Deacon Board

Assisting, Caring, Leading and Sharing

It is the responsibility of the Board of Deacons to assist the senior Pastor in providing spiritual leadership, pastoral care, and administration of the church. Under the direction of the Senior Pastor, the deacons are charged to oversee the spiritual welfare of the church body. Some responsibilities include recommending individuals for church membership, providing for pulpit supply, serving the Lord's supper, administering the benevolent fund, and promoting church ministries. We envision a growing number of men in our church meeting the biblical requirements of a deacon and stepping forward in leadership.

Dinner for Six

Meeting, Greeting, Hosting and Dining

The Dinner for Six ministry seeks to provide a way for adults to meet and develop friendships with other Christians in our church family. Gathering monthly in groups of six, singles or couples enjoy fellowship and dinner together. Hosting responsibilities and meal preparation are shared on a rotating basis. Every three months new groups are formed and the fun begins again! Diners wanted!

Finance Board

Funding, Supporting, Managing and Dispersing

The Finance Board volunteers work to raise funds to support the church and supervise the disbursement of funds appropriated by the church. Meeting every few weeks the committee reviews available funds, requests or purchase orders submitted. An annual budget is prepared and presented for approval by the church body. Members strive to remain focused on the vision and mission of the church so sound financial decisions are made.

Financial Secretary

Receiving, Counting, Blessing and Amounting

This one person ministry exists to accurately and confidentially record individual financial giving to First Central Baptist Church. Church envelopes are ordered, assigned and distributed to church members as a way to track individual giving. Data maintenance is weekly, and statements of giving are issued when requested or at least once a year. Confidentiality is required!

Greeters

See Ushers/Greeters

Hospitality

Food, Serving, Preparing and Providing

Hospitality committee seeks to meet the food needs of the church body. Often working behind the scenes, volunteers offer time to prepare food for both large and small church gatherings and for those in need in our church body and community. Meeting and planning together we strive to fulfill our goal to enrich our church family fellowship with a menu of refreshments and meals, and clean up too!

Information and Technology (IT)

Computers, Connections, Networks and Serving

The Information and Technology (I/T) ministry exists to promote and advance the Kingdom of God through the use of technology. Subtly working behind the scenes on the computer network of our church, the volunteers keep the vital connections and databases running smoothly. Countless hours are logged as often as needed to trouble shoot, set up, or repair connections, and provide technical assistance to church staff and members. Technology lovers needed!

Interchurch Bowling

Games, Lanes, Friends and Fun

The Interchurch bowling league seeks to have fun and fellowship among Christians and provide a Christian and sobering game climate. Teams are formed and play weekly. An awards banquet and Christmas gathering are part of the festivities! Bowlers needed!

Interchurch Softball

Game, Sport, Friendship and Fellowship

The Interchurch Softball team provides fellowship and sport between other churches and members. Regular practices and weekly games give players an opportunity to exercise and socialize within a sportsman-like and Christian atmosphere. We seek to build a winning team that will exhibit Godly traits. Players and equipment needed!

Junior Choir

Children, Song, Teaching and Singing

The junior choir seeks to teach kindergarten through sixth grade children to love music, to sing for the Lord, and to serve the Lord through the music ministry throughout their lives. Children participate by attending weekly practice, memorizing songs, and performing on special occasions. Leaders of this ministry envision a dream of every child attending church, participating in junior choir, and growing into adulthood with the love of worshipping Christ through music. Faithful and committed adults to help guide, rehearse and develop this ministry are wanted!

Junior Church

Worship, Learning, Children and Fun

Junior Church helps children by providing a fun, biblical based study of bible heroes. These lessons are designed to enhance their learning and teach them about God and His word. Junior Church provides an avenue for both parent and child so they can learn God's word and how to apply this to their daily lives. Willing volunteers (teachers and helpers) welcome!

Ladies' Bible Study

Knowledge, Wisdom, Study and Growth

The Ladies Bible study seeks to equip women with the knowledge of the Word of God so they can grow and encourage others. This group of ladies gathers to enjoy refreshments, pray and recognize Gods work. A lesson is covered and books are provided. Seasoned leaders with a heart to serve and teach are sought!

Library

Books, Media, Fellowship and Enrichment

The Library ministry seeks to assist people of all ages toward faith and growth in Jesus Christ by providing Godly reading and viewing materials. We organize library resources, maintain data on library use, and share staffing/hosting responsibilities. We seek to be open during times of most use (Sundays) and demonstrate assistance to visitors looking for resources. Goals include maintaining and securing a variety of materials, including both historic and current resources, creating a librarian work station, and designing an environment that is conducive to the needs of both fellowship and quiet times.

Lord's Pantry

Donating, Providing, Distributing and Guiding

The Lord's Pantry ministry serves the less fortunate people of Chicopee by helping to supply foods while offering a location to worship and praise the Lord. We obtain food from The Food Bank as well as occasional donations and package and distribute it through our weekly program. We also offer assistance, understanding and encouragement to help people make positive changes in their lifestyle by informing them of the various service and ministries we offer. Church members are encouraged to partake in sharing or receiving donations. Donations, volunteers, and more space needed.

Missions

Supporting, Guiding, Discipling and Serving

The Missions committee seeks to interact with and support the missionaries that we as a church support. Weekly updates on our families at home and abroad provide information on their needs or challenges, and the joys and victories they have encountered. The group works together to oversee the budget for our missionaries, offer support to them, and also plan and implement an annual missions conference held at the church. Our greatest desire is to see people of every race, color and creed come to know Christ!

Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPs)

Friendships, Devotions, Mentoring and Growing

M.O.P.'s ministry seeks to provide a relaxing atmosphere where mothers will find friendships and receive training in order to grow and discover their leadership potential. Monthly meetings consist of activities such as topical speakers/messages based on MOPS International defined themes, small group discussion, crafts, breakfast and playgroup for the children. A steering team of leaders meets monthly to oversee this ministry. Mother's helpers are a great need of this ministry!

Music Committee

Worship, Praise, Serving and Performing

The Music Committee serves the Lord by reaching the hearts of people with His Word through music. A variety of musicians and vocalists including the various worship teams, junior and adult choirs and youth worship team, routinely rehearse to enhance and facilitate worship at weekly services and special occasions. Fellowship times beyond rehearsals are often enjoyed. The music committee desires to expand its library of music, increase the number of participants and broaden the quality and selection of sound equipment.

Nursery Committee

Babies, Children, Caring and Nurturing

The nursery committee seeks to provide consistent, safe and loving care of babies and young children while the parents/guardians hear the Word of God during regular or special service times. Trained and screened nursery staff care for young children through activities and comfort. Volunteers follow a rotating schedule and participate in all aspects of running the nursery smoothly including planning, organizing and following safety protocol. Clean-up time included!

Nursing Home Ministry

Visiting, Sharing, Blessing and Caring

The nursing home visitors spend time calling on those members and friends of our church who are in nursing homes. We strive to invest our time and gifts in the lives of those who would benefit from talking, prayer, Christian fellowship, sharing meals, activities, and company on holidays and special occasions. Volunteers with plenty of free time wanted!

Prayer Ministries

Praying, Encouraging, Caring and Interceding

Many prayer groups meeting at different times and locations to bring our church, our community, our country and our world before the throne of grace. We also lift up specific church family members who are experiencing difficult times whether health-related or otherwise. Some of these ministries are:

- Prayer Meeting – meets Wednesday evenings. In conjunction with this, a Prayer Sheet is prepared on a weekly basis containing prayer requests from church family members.
- Men’s Prayer Meeting– a group of men meet monthly for prayer.
- Women’s Leadership Prayer Group – meets monthly to pray specifically for women’s ministries and women in our church.

Secret Pals Ministry

Friendship, Sisters, Gifts and Sharing

Secret Pals ministry seeks to promote friendship and spiritual growth to the women in our church family and beyond. Through an organized process, women are paired with a secret pal. Anonymity is required throughout the year as special notes, cards, prayers, or mementos are exchanged between pals each month which provide uplifting and encouraging friendship. Secrets pals are revealed at a fun yearly picnic! Goals include growing the number of woman participating in the secret pals ministry.

Senior Saints

Wisdom, Age, Bonding and Cheering

Meeting monthly, the senior saints gather to fellowship, support, recognize and encourage the spiritual growth of our churches’ senior members. Activities such as prayer, worship, birthday celebrations, devotional speakers and help with meals are enjoyed. Senior saints and their guests wanted to join this enriching fellowship!

Spirit Team

Ministries, Gifts, People and Passions

The spirit team works together to administer the ministries of First Central Baptist Church for the purpose of creating an optimum atmosphere for discipleship that advances the Kingdom of God. The team meets as needed to guide members into ministries that best fit their spiritual gifts and passions. Our vision is that one hundred percent of the church membership is using their gifts and that all ministries are seamlessly working together to glorify the Lord.

Sunday School

Growing, Teaching, Learning, Reaching

The Sunday School program exists to make learning about Jesus, salvation, and spiritual growth enjoyable and educational for child and adult alike. We strive to teach the basics of Christian education at age appropriate times, and develop and build upon understanding of these principles. Adults are offered topic related, progressive classes with the goal of growing seasoned, mature Christians. Envisioning an inviting place to learn, this ministry would like to see multiple small groups formed within and outside the church, and also seeks plenty of volunteers!

Tape/CD Ministry

Record, Save, Share and Serve

The Tape ministry seeks to open doors for outreach and evangelism by providing recorded versions of our church messages. Church sermons are documented on either cassette tapes or CD's using the highest quality of sound and appearance. Those with a need to hear God's word may request to receive these copies for themselves or to share with others. Requests wanted!

Trustee Board

Duty, Delegation, Tending and Tasks

The Board of Trustees work together to provide a safe, adequate and comfortable environment for our members and ministries by caring for the church's property and possessions. As facility needs are identified, the board works to find the best solutions to effectively manage and address the issues through either hands on accomplishments or delegation of tasks. We strive to provide a facility that will serve not only the members of our congregation but also as a vehicle for attracting the unsaved in our community.

Ushers/Greeters

Receiving, Hosting, Serving and Guiding

The Usher/Greeter ministry seeks to serve God by serving the church body and providing a welcoming acceptance to both new and familiar church attendees. Routinely scheduled Ushers and Greeters share the responsibility of hosting and welcoming people who walk into our church. Greeters serve by providing a pleasing reception at church doors, and Ushers serve by assisting people in finding seats or places in the building and collecting the offering. We strive to bring people to this ministry who would like to become involved and can find this as a simple way to begin helping in our church.

Volleyball Ministry

Sport, Competition, Exercise and Encouragement

The Volleyball ministry seeks to bring together young people to fellowship through a common loved sport and provide an opportunity for ministry and prayer. Playing in the church gym on Friday evenings, organizers prepare to host players who gather for games, ground rules, and devotions each session. We strive for fun, exercise, support, and for saving souls that come through our doors to play!

Youth Ministry

Involve, Teach, Projects and Play

The Youth Ministry serves to teach the young people of our church how to put into practice the mission statement of our church and Luke 10:27. Meeting on Wednesday evenings with screened adult volunteers, youth are grouped by age and gender to participate in a range of activities such as Bible study, prayer, singing, and lessons. Additional activities and projects are planned throughout the year such as dinner/movie night, local rescue mission outreach, and a summer mission trip. Adult helpers (particularly female) are needed!

