



STARTING POINT

New Member Class





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3 Sessions

LEARN about our church.

DISCOVER your design.

CONNECT through groups and service.

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Our Story

FBC Tifton, GA has a long and rich history.

The church was established in 1889 and has been active in the Tift County community ever since.

There are church history books available for anyone interested in the full detail of how our church body has evolved over time. In the more recent history, our church has developed two worship opportunities, the Cornerstone and the Connection, that are jointly focused on the mission to **Love God**, **Love People**, and **Multiply Disciples**.





**Our
STRATEGY**

*Equip believers to make disciples
who make disciples*

**Drives Our
VISION**

*Develop disciples through intentional
_____ environments*

Through Our

*Grow ▶ Spiritually
Gather ▶ Intentionally
Give ▶ Generously*

*Live ▶ Missionally
Serve ▶ Faithfully
Lead ▶ Selflessly*

**Towards Our
MISSION**

Love God. Love People. Multiply _____.

MISSION, VISION, AND VALUES

**The core mission of
FBC Tifton, GA is to**

LOVE GOD.

LOVE PEOPLE.

MULTIPLY DISCIPLES.

Love God & Love People

Mark 12:30 – 31, “And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. The second (commandment) is this: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.”

Multiply Disciples

Matthew 28:19, “Therefore go and make disciples baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.”





Leadership Structure

Believers who invest their hearts, time, families, and finances in the building of a local church deserve to have confidence in church leadership. People are looking for leaders who conduct themselves with integrity and respect when making decisions that affect their lives.

FBC Tifton is a staff-led, deacon served body of believers.

Our church leadership is made up of two groups:

1 The Lead Pastor works in conjunction with the Ministry Team to oversee the day-to-day ministry and operations of FBC Tifton.

2 Our Deacon Body is called by the church to serve the church and sacrificially pray for and support the direction that the Ministry Team knows God is leading them.

FBC BELIEVES

"There is one God; in Whom there is no flaw, no impurity, and absolutely no evil. He is the Maker of the heavens and the earth and made man in His own Image. God is Triune, The Godhead consists of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. There are not three separate gods, but the Father, Son, and Holy spirit are all fully God and are completely divine in nature. They are co-equal and co-existent. One God – Father Son and Holy Spirit. The foundation of Christian faith and life."

Basic Beliefs

Although Southern Baptists are not a creedal people, a statement of generally held convictions called "The Baptist Faith and Message" serves as a guide to understanding who we are. Copies are available at First Baptist Church and all Southern Baptist churches. The topics here provide only a brief, partial summary.

The Scriptures

The Holy Bible was written by divinely inspired men and is God's revelation of Himself to man. It is a perfect treasure of divine instruction. It has God for its author, salvation for its end, and truth, without any mixture of error, for its matter.

God

There is one and only one living and true God. The eternal God reveals Himself to us as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, with distinct personal attributes but without division of nature, essence, or being.

God the Father

God as Father reigns with providential care over His universe, His creatures, and the stream of humanity, according to the purposes of His grace. God is Father in truth to those who become children of God through faith in Jesus Christ.

God the Son

Christ is the eternal Son of God. In His incarnation as Jesus Christ, He was conceived of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He honored the divine law by His personal obedience. In His death on the cross, He made provision for the redemption of men from sin.

God the Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of God. He exalts Christ. He convicts of sin, of righteousness, and of judgment. He enlightens and empowers the believer and the church in worship, evangelism, and service.

Man

Man was created by the special act of God in His own image and is the crowning work of His creation. By his free choice, man sinned against God and brought sin into the human race. The sacredness of human personality is evident in that God created man in His own image. Furthermore, Christ died for man; therefore, every man possesses dignity and is worthy of respect and Christian love.

God's Purpose of Grace

Election is the gracious purpose of God according to which He regenerates, sanctifies, and glorifies sinners. All true believers endure to the end. Those whom God has accepted in Christ and sanctified by His Spirit will never fall away from the state of grace but shall persevere to the end.

The Church

A New Testament church of the Lord Jesus Christ is a local body of baptized believers who are associated by covenant in the faith and fellowship of the gospel, and it seeks to extend the gospel to the ends of the earth. This church is an autonomous body. The New Testament speaks also of the church as the body of Christ and includes all of the redeemed of all the ages.

Worship

We believe that worship comprises many actions and should be directed only to God. Worship is much more than a song or melody that moves you emotionally. Worship should be our response to God's radical devotion toward us that He demonstrated on the cross at Calvary. Worship is who we are rather than what we do. God calls for our lives to be a sacrifice of worship to Him and for Him. There are many outward expressions of worship you may experience during a worship service at FBC Tifton. All of them are acceptable as long as they are done in a reverent and respectful way.

Sitting – Luke 10:38-42

Standing – 2 Chronicles 20:19 and Psalm 135:2-3

Bowing or lying prostrate – 2 Chronicles 7:1-3 and Psalm 95:6

Tithing – 2 Corinthians 9:7, Luke 6:38, and Malachi 3:8-12

Serving – Matthew 26:26-29 and John 13:1-20

Singing – Psalm 144:9, Romans 15:9, and Ephesians 5:19

Fasting – Joel 2, John 3:30, and Isaiah 58:6

Praying – 1 John 5:14

Baptism

We believe baptism to be a sacred ordinance that believers take part in following conversion. The New Testament speaks of two types of baptism. One is the baptism of John the Baptist, which was a symbol of repentance and expectation for the coming Messiah. The other type of baptism is what we call believers baptism. This is the baptism that we take part in upon conversion. We believe that believers baptism is an outward example of an internal spiritual transformation. We do not believe that baptism in water is necessary for salvation, but we do believe it is an important ordinance to follow for three reasons:

- 1** It identifies us publicly with Jesus.
- 2** We obey the commandment of Jesus in Matthew 28:19, *"go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit."*
- 3** In baptism, the old life has been buried with Christ and there is new life that is a new creation in Jesus. Galatians 2:20

Communion (The Lord's Supper)

The Lord's Supper is a time where we come together as a church to celebrate and remember the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross as a substitute for our sin. When taking communion, we use bread and wine/juice as symbolic elements. The bread represents the broken body of Jesus Christ, and the juice represents the blood Jesus shed for the remission of our sins. When we observe the Lord's Supper, we must remember several things:

- 1** Communion is only for believers who are walking with God, and more specifically, walking a life of repentance before God. 1 Corinthians 11:27. It is our belief that those who have never professed Jesus as Savior (adults or children) are welcome to observe, but not participate in receiving the elements.
- 2** Like baptism, communion is not necessary for salvation and in no way justifies us before God.
- 3** It was important to Jesus. 1 Corinthians 11:23-24

Salvation

There is much misunderstanding when it comes to the idea of "being saved." In an attempt to paint a clear picture of what it means, we will consult scripture to see what is at work in the soul of a believer.

- The Holy Spirit is actively drawing us to Christ, exposing our sin, and revealing our need for a Savior. (John 6:44, John 6:1-15)
- We encounter the Gospel, and we respond in two ways.

- 1** We repent of our sin, meaning we turn from a lifestyle that is Christ-less and self-serving. (Acts 3:19)

- 2** We confess Christ as our Savior and place our trust in Him alone for salvation. This confession is more than a verbal affirmation of truth. It is linked with our repentance. (Romans 10:9) *"Repentance and faith are really two sides of the same coin. For when I genuinely renounce and forsake my sin, I then turn in faith to Christ, trusting in Him alone for salvation. And this initial repentance and faith provides a pattern for ongoing heart attitudes of repentance and faith that continue for the rest of a Christian's life."*
- Wayne Grudem

- We turn from our sin, place our trust in Christ, and are assured that His Holy Spirit will seal us and carry us into a lifestyle of repentance and faith. (Colossians 1:13 and Philippians 1:6)
- It is imperative to note that this is not just a fresh start at life or a do-over; this is a brand-new life altogether. When we repent of our sin and trust in Christ, we are truly born again. (John 3)

Godly Living

At FBC, we strive to walk in holiness in all areas of life as an act of worship to Jesus Christ (1 Peter 1:13-16, 1 Peter 4:1-3). We believe that believers should strive to put certain attitudes and actions to death while stirring and stimulating love and good deeds through the Spirit. We recognize that when sin is a perpetual, unresolved stronghold in a member's life we will follow the biblical procedures for church discipline where sin is evident in another – the hope of such discipline being repentance and restoration. (Psalm 141:5, Matthew 18:15-20, 1 Corinthians 5:9-13, Hebrews 12:5-11)

Sinful Practices

The Bible is clear that believers should refrain from illegal drug use, drunkenness, gossip, and other sinful behaviors as the Bible dictates. (Romans 1:28-32, Romans 13:13, Galatians 5:19-21, Ephesians 5:18, James 3:3-18)

Marriage

At FBC, we recognize marriage as a holy covenant between the man, the woman, and God. We believe that complete chastity before marriage and complete fidelity after marriage is the biblical command. Marriage is completely heterosexual and monogamous. Complete chastity and fidelity means, among other things, that regardless of my marital status, I will pursue purity and abstain from sexually immoral practices, such as adultery, premarital sex, and pornography. (Romans 13:11-14, 1 Corinthians 6:15-20, 1 Corinthians 10:8, Ephesians 5:3, 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8, Hebrews 13:4) Within the context of relationships, cohabitation is a practice that FBC does not support for its membership.

Divorce

We believe that believers should make every effort to preserve the gift of marriage and provide steps of marriage reconciliation before a member pursues divorce from a spouse. (Matthew 19:1-12, Mark 10:1-12, Luke 16:18, 1 Corinthians 7:10-11; for the role of the church in the process of divorce, see Paul's concern for the resolution of legal matters within the assembly of the church in 1 Corinthians 6)

Homosexuality and Gender

The Bible is very clear that God created two genders: man and woman. (Genesis 1:27) Each gender is unique and complimentary to the other. (Ephesians 5:22-33) One gender is not greater than the other, both are equal but different. We recognize homosexuality as a sin. (1 Corinthians 6:9-10 and 1 Timothy 1:9-10) We welcome all people to worship, attend, and participate in the life of FBC Tifton, but we do not permit practicing homosexuals to join with us in membership.

ESSENTIALLY...

Our highest goal is to love, live, and look like Jesus.

Jesus informs every belief we hold essential.

If Jesus believed it, lived it, and taught it, we do too.



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DISCOVER Your Design

Today, our hope is that you discover a little more about how you can engage with the values of FBC Tifton and how you are uniquely wired and gifted to serve. *"For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them."* Ephesians 2:10



6 VALUES TO FULLY EMBRACE

1 Grow _____

A habit of Bible reading.

The Bible is without a doubt the most incredible, tangible gift God has given us as the New Testament church. 2 Timothy 2:15 says, *"Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth."* At FBC, we want to be known as a faith family that studies God's Word so that we are equipped and ready to answer questions about our faith.

A devotion to prayer.

Prayer is giving our attention to God in a two-way spiritual relationship where we talk and listen to Him. 1 Thessalonians 5:17 says, *"Pray without ceasing."* Communication is the key to any relationship, including our relationship with God.

A commitment to worship.

Meeting as a faith family is important to our spiritual growth. Hebrews 10:25 says, *"not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near."*

We offer three worship services: one at 8:30am in the Ministry Center and two at 11:00am in the Ministry Center and the Sanctuary.

2 Gather _____

Life change happens in the context of relationships. In the New Testament, believers worshiped in the temple, but ministry happened house to house.

Groups can provide 3 things:

- An environment for people to believe in Jesus.
- An environment for people to belong to biblical community.
- An environment to help others become disciples.

3 Give _____

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life." John 3:16

The Gospel is the ultimate demonstration of God's generous nature towards mankind. The Bible consistently teaches that God blesses us so that we can bless others.

"Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." Matthew 6:21

Giving is investing in eternity.

"Give happily to those in need, and always be ready to share whatever God has given you. By doing this you will be storing up real treasure for yourselves in heaven – it is the only safe investment for eternity." 1 Timothy 6:18-19

Biblical Generosity is...

1. Glad - *"Each one should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion."* 2 Corinthians 9:7a / *"...for God loves a cheerful giver!"* 2 Corinthians 9:7b

2. Generous - *"They gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability. Entirely on their own, they urgently pleaded with us for the privilege of sharing in this service."* 2 Corinthians 8:3-4

3. Grateful - *"Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly; and whoever sows generously also will reap generously."* 2 Corinthians 9:6

A Note About Church Finances

"A tithe of everything... belongs to the Lord; it is holy to the Lord." Leviticus 27:30

At FBC Tifton, we practice tithing for the support of Christ's Body, the church, as God commands. We recognize that giving 10% of our income is the Biblical standard of giving.

Many people love to give to God but need to have confidence in the methods and purposes used by organizations to which they give. The giving of tithes and offerings is worship to Jesus Christ and is an expression of the relationship between the individual giver and the Lord. Funds are not "income only," they are worship, and must not be considered as a business transaction, but as an expression of gratitude toward God.

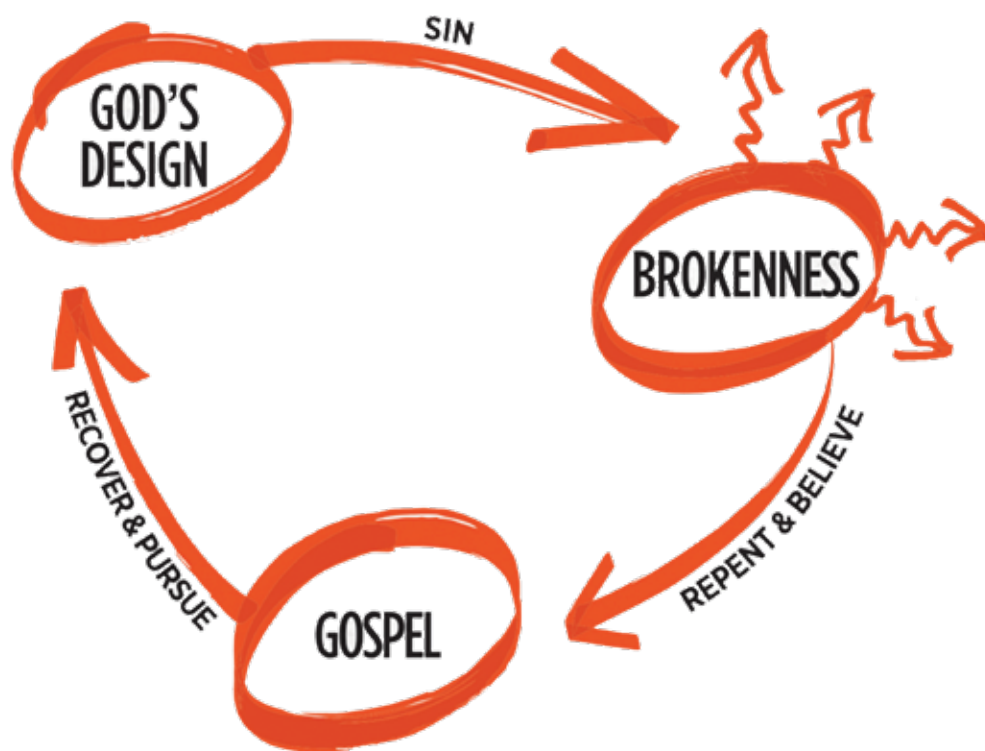
At FBC Tifton, we have a Finance Team that provides leadership and counsel in the areas of finance. They develop systems and reporting processes that ensure stewardship of church resources and maintain ongoing accountability.

4 Live

Because of God's great commission to believers, we are committed to telling others about the forgiveness and grace found in Jesus. *"Therefore, go and make disciples, baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. And I am with you always, even to the end of the age."* Matthew 28:19-20

Because of God's relentless love for us, we're committed to building a place called home for the many who do not have one. *"If a man has a hundred sheep and one of them gets lost, what will he do? Won't he leave the ninety-nine others in the wilderness and go to search for the one that is lost until he finds it? ...There is more joy in heaven over one lost sinner who repents and returns to God than over ninety-nine others who are righteous and haven't strayed away."* Luke 15:4-7.

One straightforward way to share your faith is the 3 Circle Approach:



This visual is available as an app called the 3 Circles App. It gives you a tool to talk about Sin, the Gospel, and our response.

We encourage you to scan the QR code to the left and download the app today in order to have a ready to use tool at your fingertips.

5 **Serve**

All of us were created by God to make a difference in the life of another person. God has a place for you where your unique abilities and passions can touch the lives of others. If you believe that God has called you to become a member at FBC Tifton, we believe that you have a place specifically designed for you to serve Him.

"Now God gives us many kinds of special abilities...and there are different kinds of service to God (ministry)...All of you together are the Body of Christ and each of you is a separate and necessary part of it." 1 Corinthians 12:4-5, 27

6 **Lead**

Be willing to make hard decisions for the cause of Christ and the good of others. Galatians 6:2, *"Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ."*

Lead in such a way that prioritizes others and triumphs the cause of Christ. This is at home, at work, at church, and wherever the Lord has sovereignly placed you.

An Assessment to Fully Engage

We hope you have a greater understanding of how to fully embrace the values of FBC Tifton. You will be taking a spiritual gift inventory. It is imperative that you discover your unique gifts to see how your design best fits in ministry at FBC. Just remember to take the test from the perspective of your real self, not your dream self.



How to take the Spiritual Gifts Inventory:

Scan the QR code to the left or visit <https://gifts.churchgrowth.org/spiritual-gifts-survey/> to take the free Spiritual Gifts Inventory.

GIFT DEFINITIONS AND SCRIPTURE REFERENCES

The following contains definitions of the Spiritual gifts with supporting Scriptures. The team list following the supporting scripture provides suggested teams with serving environments where the corresponding gifts can be most effective.

A spiritual gift is an expression of the Holy Spirit in the life of believers which empowers them to serve the body of Christ, the church. Romans 12:6-8; 1 Corinthians 12:8-10, 28-30; Ephesians 4:11; and 1 Peter 4:9-11 contain representative lists of gifts and roles God has given to the church. A definition of these gifts follows.

Leadership

Leadership aids the body by leading and directing members to accomplish the goals and purposes of the church. Leadership motivates people to work together in unity toward common goals (Rom. 12:8).

Administration

Persons with the gift of administration lead the body by steering others to remain on task. Administration enables the body to organize according to God-given purposes and long-term goals (1 Cor. 12:28).

Teaching

Teaching is instructing members in the truths and doctrines of God's Word for the purposes of building up, unifying, and maturing the body (1 Cor. 12:28; Rom. 12:7; Eph. 4:11).

Knowledge

The gift of knowledge manifests itself in teaching and training in discipleship. It is the God-given ability to learn, know, and explain the precious truths of God's Word. A word of knowledge is a Spirit-revealed truth (1 Cor. 12:28).

Wisdom

Wisdom is the gift that discerns the work of the Holy Spirit in the body and applies His teachings and actions to the needs of the body (1 Cor. 12:28).

Prophecy

The gift of prophecy is proclaiming the Word of God boldly. This builds up the body and leads to conviction of sin. Prophecy manifests itself in preaching and teaching (1 Cor. 12:10; Rom. 12:6).

Discernment

Discernment aids the body by recognizing the true intentions of those within or related to the body. Discernment tests the message and actions of others for the protection and well-being of the body (1 Cor. 12:10).

Exhortation

Possessors of this gift encourage members to be involved in and enthusiastic about the work of the Lord. Members with this gift are good counselors and motivate others to service. Exhortation exhibits itself in preaching, teaching, and ministry (Rom. 12:8).

Shepherding

The gift of shepherding is manifested in persons who look out for the spiritual welfare of others. Although pastors, like shepherds, do care for members of the church, this gift is not limited to a pastor or staff member (Eph. 4:11).

Faith

Faith trusts God to work beyond the human capabilities of the people. Believers with this gift encourage others to trust in God in the face of apparently insurmountable odds (1 Cor. 12:9).

Evangelism

God gifts his church with evangelists to lead others to Christ effectively and enthusiastically. This gift builds up the body by adding new members to its fellowship (Eph. 4:11).

Apostleship

The church sends apostles from the body to plant churches or be missionaries. Apostles motivate the body to look beyond its walls in order to carry out the Great Commission (1 Cor. 12:28; Eph. 4:11).

Service/Helps

Those with the gift of service/helps recognize practical needs in the body and joyfully give assistance to meeting those needs. Christians with this gift do not mind working behind the scenes (1 Cor. 12:28; Rom. 12:7).

Mercy

Cheerful acts of compassion characterize those with the gift of mercy. Persons with this gift aid the body by empathizing with hurting members. They keep the body healthy and unified by keeping others aware of the needs within the church (Rom. 12:8).

Giving

Members with the gift of giving give freely and joyfully to the work and mission of the body. Cheerfulness and liberality are characteristics of individuals with this gift (Rom. 12:8).

Hospitality

Those with this gift have the ability to make visitors, guests, and strangers feel at ease. They often use their home to entertain guests. Persons with this gift integrate new members into the body (1 Pet. 4:9).



Putting it all together

Please bring your test results with you to the next class session. You can print it or simply take a picture on your phone.

What are two primary spiritual gifts or natural abilities I have?

1 _____

2 _____

Next Steps

Only when you fully know who you are, can you finally understand what you are supposed to do. God has created you with unique gifting, talent, and purpose, and He wants you to lean into His power to utilize the gifts He's given you.

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere — in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." Acts 1:8

God has designed you for something special.

Now that you've completed your homework, we hope you have a greater understanding of who you were born to be. Next week at Step 3, you'll discover how to fully engage with our church, connect to a small group, and have an opportunity to join a Difference Maker Team!





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Connect through Groups and Services

In Session 2, you learned more about the gifts God has given you. They are part of His calling for you that He's been dreaming of since before the beginning of the world.

This week, we will be teaching how to join a small group, plug into a Difference Maker Team, and be introduced to the FBC member covenant.



BELIEVE in Jesus

We believe that small groups are a place for people to come to know Jesus through the study and application of the word.

1 John 1:13

BELONG to Biblical Community

Small groups provide a place for people to find biblical community.

Everyone is desperate for a community that understands that we are all desperate for the grace of Jesus. Acts 2:42-47

**Equip
believers to
make disciples
who make
disciples**

Help Others BECOME Disciples

It's not enough for us to believe in Jesus. We are called to live sent lives that are focused on helping others become disciples of Jesus.

Matthew 28:18-20

MISSION AND VISION OF SMALL GROUPS

Gather Intentionally

We offer numerous groups based on age, life stage, and interest.

You can find out all about our groups by visiting fbctifton.org/groups or scanning the Groups QR Code at the back of this booklet.

Most of our groups meet on Sunday morning at 10:00am, but there are numerous groups that meet throughout the week.

There are on campus and off campus groups.

Content of each group varies.

These groups are designed to generate close community that focuses on Bible study and becoming disciples who make disciples.

There are three semesters of groups.

Fall and Spring semesters run approximately 13 to 14 weeks.

Summer semester runs 6 to 8 weeks.

You are free to change groups after one semester, but we request that you stick to the group you started for the semester.

If you have a group that you would like more information about, please email kmiller@fbctifton.org.

Serve Faithfully

Based on your results from the Spiritual Gifts Inventory, we would love for you to explore the many Difference Maker Teams on the next page to find where you fit best.

List below the top 4 areas, based on your spiritual gifts inventory, where you feel most interested in serving.

- 1 _____
- 2 _____
- 3 _____
- 4 _____

Now, visit fbctifton.org/serve or scan the serve QR code at the back of this booklet to sign up.

FBC DIFFERENCE MAKER TEAMS

Kids Ministry serves parents and families from Babies - 5th grade. We seek to connect kids to God by encouraging a heart-transforming belief in Jesus through biblically sound teaching, parent partnership, and relational discipleship. Service opportunities are numerous and include small group leaders, check in desk greeters, and many, many more!

Hospitality Ministry serves all members of our church by providing love, coffee, and food during some of the most crucial times of life. On Sunday morning, we serve coffee to fuel our church. When a member loses a family member, we provide a meal to show our love and concern. Service opportunities include serving coffee on Sunday morning or providing food throughout various times of the week.

Office Support Ministry serves alongside of the administrative assistants of our church. We serve sporadically throughout the month to be behind the scenes servants of our church.

Senior Adult Ministry serves adults 60 and older. We seek to connect Senior Adults to God through a relationship with Jesus Christ, to our church, and to each other. Service opportunities for Senior Adults include group visitation, prayer warriors, invite teams, Small Group Leadership, and many more.

Recreation and Activities Ministry serves the members of FBC and reaches the community through evangelistic team activities and leagues, such as men's basketball, co-ed softball, volleyball, and pickleball. We also host weekly ministries that meet the physical needs of our members, such as, step/aerobic class, weightlifting, and walking opportunities. We are always looking for people who love to be active to participate in and initiate the start of Activities for our church body.

Benevolence Ministry tries to meet the varying and abundant needs of our neighborhood. This ministry includes weekly scheduled appointments and daily unscheduled opportunities to meet spiritual, emotional, mental, and physical needs. Opportunities to serve include food delivery (Tuesdays between 10AM-12PM) and relational small groups.



FBC DIFFERENCE MAKER TEAMS

Music and Worship Ministry seeks to equip adults, students, and kids to become volunteer worship leaders through participation in choirs, band, worship team, and leadership. We emphasize worship over performance in our musical groups and encourage spiritual preparation, as well as musical preparation. If you like to make music, and you love Jesus, there is a place for you in the Music and Worship Ministry.

Adult Evangelism and Discipleship Ministry serves adults by equipping them to evangelize and disciple their children, friends, community, and the world. There are many opportunities to serve through small groups and Sunday School Classes, Men's Ministry Mentoring, and Outreach through the Senior Food Box Program. You can serve in many ways such as a host, teacher, greeter, visitor or food box delivery person.

Student Ministry serves 6th-12th graders through small groups, worship, and relational ministry opportunities. Service opportunities in Student Ministry include greeters, small group leaders, Sunday leadership teachers, and special event crew.

Red Door College Ministry difference makers are people who have a passion for college students. Whether you enjoy passing out food or leading a group, there is a place for you to love and lead college students at Red Door.

Small Group Leaders are adults who are willing to create relational discipleship environments for other adults to believe, belong, and become who Christ desires for them to be.

Door Holders and Ushers are people who have a natural desire to greet, smile, and make people feel welcome at church. They help give out worship bulletins and welcome people into our worship services. Ushers assist with joy bucket distribution and helping people who are running behind find a place to sit.

Safety Team are people who are passionate about keeping the flock safe. They monitor the halls and entrances of FBC, communicate about any suspicious behavior, help assist at entrances and exits.



MEMBERSHIP COVENANT

BY SIGNING THIS COVENANT I PROMISE...

- to submit to the authority of the Scriptures as the final arbiter on all issues (Psalm 119:2, 2 Timothy 3:14-17, 2 Peter 1:19-21)
- to pursue the Lord Jesus Christ through regular Bible reading, prayer, fellowship, and practice of spiritual disciplines (Luke 18:1, Acts 17:11, 1 Corinthians 9:24-27, Ephesians 5:1-21, 1 Thessalonians 5:12-22)
- to follow the command and example of Jesus by participating in the ordinances prescribed to His Church:
 - ▶ by being baptized by immersion after my conversion.
 - ▶ by regularly remembering and celebrating the person and work of Christ through communion.
- to regularly participate in the life of FBC Tifton by attending weekly services, engaging in gospel-centered community, and serving those within and outside of the church (Acts 2:42-47, Hebrews 10:23-25, Titus 3:14)
- to steward the resources God has given me, including time, talents, spiritual gifts, and finances. This includes regular financial giving, service, and participation in community that is sacrificial, cheerful, and voluntary (Matthew 25:14-30, Romans 12:1-2, 2 Corinthians 8-9)
- by God's grace through the power of the Holy Spirit, to walk in holiness in all areas of life as an act of worship to Jesus Christ (1 Peter 1:13-16, 1 Peter 4:1-3). Believers should strive to put certain attitudes and actions to death while stirring and stimulating love and good deeds through the Spirit. Below are a few examples of actions addressed in the Scriptures:
- to practice complete chastity unless married and if married, complete fidelity within heterosexual and monogamous marriage. Complete chastity and fidelity means, among other things, that regardless of my marital status, I will pursue purity and abstain from sexually immoral practices, such as adultery, premarital sex, and pornography (Romans 13:11-14, 1 Corinthians 6:15-20, 1 Corinthians 10:8, Ephesians 5:3, 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8, Hebrews 13:4)
- to seek to preserve the gift of marriage and agree to walk through the steps of marriage reconciliation at FBC Tifton before pursuing divorce from my spouse (Matthew 19:1-12, Mark 10:1-12, Luke 16:18, 1 Corinthians 7:10-11; for the role of the church in the process of divorce, see Paul's concern for the resolution of legal matters within the assembly of the church in 1 Corinthians 6)
- to refrain from illegal drug use, drunkenness, gossip, and other sinful behaviors as the Bible dictates (Romans 1:28-32, Romans 13:13, Galatians 5:19-21, Ephesians 5:18, James 3:3-18)
- to refrain from such activities that Scriptures would deem foolish (Romans 14:14-23)
- to take seriously the responsibility of Christian freedom, especially actions or situations that could present a stumbling block to another (1 Corinthians 8:1-13)
- to submit to the discipline of God through His Holy Spirit by:
 - ▶ following the biblical procedures for church discipline where sin is evident in another – the hope of such discipline being repentance and restoration.
 - ▶ receiving righteous and loving discipline when approached biblically by fellow believers (Psalm 141:5, Matthew 18:15-20, 1 Corinthians 5:9-13, Hebrews 12:5-11)
- to do the following when I sin:
 - ▶ confess my sin to God and to fellow believers.
 - ▶ repent and seek help to put my sin to death (Romans 8:13, Colossians 3:5, James 5:16, 1 John 1:6-10)
- to submit to the appointed leaders of the church and diligently strive for unity and peace within the church (Ephesians 4:1-3, Hebrews 13:17, 1 Peter 5:5)
- to do the following should I leave the church for righteous reasons:
 - ▶ to notify the appropriate staff member.
 - ▶ to seek another church with which I can carry out my biblical responsibilities as a believer.

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