

## Photographer - Quick Tips & How-To

Welcome to the Photography Team! Your role is to capture meaningful, engaging moments during Sunday services and special events to help tell the story of what God is doing at First Baptist Charlotte. Here's a quick-start guide to help you succeed:

### BEFORE SERVICE

- **Set Up for the Environment:** ISO, aperture, and shutter speed should be ready for indoor low light
- **Check Lens & Settings:** Make sure autofocus and exposure settings are appropriate for the service
- **Arrive Early:** Be ready and unobtrusive during pre-service atmosphere

### DURING SERVICE

- **Capture Moments, Not Just Poses:** Look for hands raised, smiles, reactions, connection
- **Be Discreet:** Move quietly and avoid walking across key sightlines
- **Use Corners & Aisles:** Great for framing subjects without distracting attendees
- **No Flash:** Stay invisible — natural lighting preferred unless specifically permitted
- **Prioritize Key Moments:**
  - Worship (wide and close shots)
  - Preaching (pastor mid-message)
  - Baptisms, Communion, Altar Call (if applicable)
  - Congregation reactions & volunteers in action

### SHOT VARIETY TIPS

- **Wide Shots:** Capture the full room for atmosphere
- **Tight Portraits:** Emotional and personal moments
- **Candid Interactions:** Hugs, laughter, prayer, hands raised
- **Volunteer Highlights:** Greeters, kids team, production crew

### AFTER SERVICE

- **Review & Save Your Photos:** Offload to FBC media drive in control room
- **Return Loaner Gear:** If using church camera, return it neatly and report any issues
- **Let Us Know if You Captured Something Great!**

Thank you for helping visually share the life and ministry of our church!