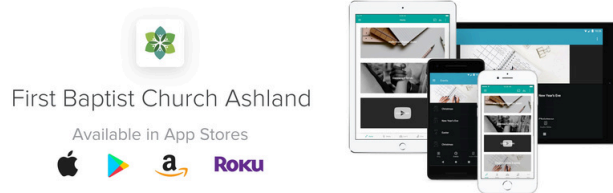


CONNECT GUIDE

JUN - AUG 2025



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH ASHLAND

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live it.
every day.
www.fbcava.org

our mission

To live in Christ every day, for everyone, in every way.

our vision

Empowered by Christ's love, our community flourishes.

our values

unity

We are one community made up of unique individuals.

hospitality

We care for others and try to put ourselves in their shoes.

neighboring

We treat our community like family.

wholeness

We pay attention to our spiritual, physical, and emotional wellbeing

honoring

We respect the past while nurturing the future.



need support?

Our church can provide meals in times of transition (surgeries, loss of loved ones, births, etc), visits while sick or in the hospital, prayer, and support through all that life brings. Please reach out by email, phone, or through our website to let us know how our pastors and deacons can help.

info@fbcava.org | (804) 798-9014
<https://fbcava.org/request-support>

worship

Ross Wright, Pastor of Worship
ross@fbcava.org

Elena Aronson, Choir Director
elena@fbcava.org

SUNDAY MORNING SERVICES

Weekly | 10:15AM-11:15AM

- In-Person
- Livestream (fbcava.org)
- Video/Audio with Discipleship Guide

Worship Team Rehearsal

Wednesdays, 6PM

Choir Rehearsals

Wednesdays

OK Chorale, 6:45PM

Sanctuary Choir, 7:30PM

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Hospitality Team

Serve on a quarterly rotation, greeting members and guests on Sunday mornings and/or at special gatherings, practicing hospitality by helping with directions, providing information, and monitoring safety.

Worship Team Member

Singers and instrumentalists, contact Pastor Ross if you'd like to make a joyful noise in leading our community in worship!

Choir Member

Join your voice with other singers to make a joyful noise! Contact Elena to learn more.

Tech Team

A key behind-the-scenes role, helping primarily with our Sunday morning services, running the sound, slides, and live stream.



ways to connect



join a group

If you're looking for a group of people to find friendship with while learning to follow Jesus, then we'd love to help you get connected. We've got groups for each stage of life, groups that meet at different times of week, and groups that meet on and off campus.

worship with us

Worship helps us to grow with one another as we grow close to God. We currently gather on Sunday mornings at 10:15 am for our worship service. It is streamed live online and is posted on our website early each week. We also make and deliver DVDs for people without internet access. Consider connecting with a friend during or after watching the service to share how God is moving in your life.

e-newsletter

One of easiest ways to know what's happening around here is to get our weekly emails. We won't spam you, and we work hard to give you up-to-date information on ways we can be connected.

prayer list

Each week we send out a prayer list with names of people who have requested prayer. If you would like to pray with us or if you'd like to add yourself or someone you know to the prayer list, we'd be grateful to pray with you.

volunteer

There a million ways you can serve both inside the church and on mission with us. From helping with our food pantry, working behind the scenes on the A/V team during worship, to serving with kids, students, or our community garden there is room for you and we could use your hands and heart to help us live out God's love in our community.

give

Creating opportunities for kids, sharing food with our neighbors, and living on mission together is possible because of the generous giving of financial, spiritual, and relational resources. Your financial gifts and offerings both serve as an act of worship to God and help us to creatively be an extension of God's love in Ashland and beyond.



Groups for all ages meet Sunday mornings from 9AM-10AM and/or at various times throughout the week. You can find a complete list of groups on the website. These are the types of groups we offer:

live it! groups

Groups where you can grow in your relationship with God, develop deeper friendships, and serve our community. They often meet once a week for 10-12 weeks in a row.

meetups

A great way to meet people and take a “next step” with FBCA, whether for a service project or just to have some fun. Meetups can happen week-to-week for a season and others meet for special events.

on mission

Tom Lynch
tom@fbcava.org

Here are some of the ways you can serve!

FEEDING OUR COMMUNITY

Sustainable access to food is essential for life. FBCA seeks to create access to fresh produce, pantry goods, personal items, and meals.

Food Pantry

1st Tuesdays & 3rd Saturdays,
9AM-11AM

Contact Linda Kennedy
lkennedy_hs60@hotmail.com

Community Garden

Planting season begins in May

EMPOWERING NEIGHBORS

A collaboration between FBCA and community partners working together in pursuit of thriving communities.

Contact Eric Moore
director@empoweringneighbors.org

INTERNATIONALS & REFUGEES

FBCA runs English language classes, participates in the Disciples Depot clothing closet, and has advocacy opportunities with refugee families.

For more information, contact
internationals@fbcava.org

“Disciples Depot” Clothing Closet

1st Saturdays, 10AM-11:30AM

Setup on Thursdays 6:30PM-7:30PM & Friday 9AM-11AM

Ashland Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)
301 S James Street

Internationals Mentoring

For more information, contact
internationals@fbcava.org

FBCA *seniors*

Laura Ross, Pastor of Senior Life
laura@fbcava.org

YOUNG AT HEART MEETUP

Wednesdays | 11:30AM-1PM, Thompson Hall

Theme: Connecting our Story to God's Story

Pack a lunch and join us each week. Community building, different activities, great desserts, and a devotion. See you there!

June

4- Favorite Outdoor Game (Potluck)

11- "Tale of Two Stores" (Bag Lunch)

Revisit the glory days of Richmond's downtown as a shopping and social destination through Miller & Rhoads and Thalhimer.

Presentation by Dwane Miller with the Valentine Museum

18- Favorite Summer Pastime (Bag Lunch)

25- Lunch at Casa Herradura

July

2- No Young at Heart

9- Favorite Hobby (Potluck)

Bring a sample or picture of that hobby

16- Fishing and Gabbing at Echo Lake Park

Bring bag lunch, drink, lawn chair, fishing pole, etc.

23: Lunch at Iron Horse

30: No Young at Heart

August

6: Favorite Vegetable from the Garden (Potluck)

Please bring a dish to share. It can be your favorite vegetable or anything you would like to share.

13: No Young at Heart

20: Lunch at Marco's Italian Restaurant

27: No Young at Heart

FBCA *kids*

Lily Gray, Children's Director
lily@fbcava.org



Lily Gray, our new Children's Ministry Director, is eager to meet with parents, grandparents, guardians, volunteers, and anyone interested in FBCA Kids. She's available for coffee or lunch for one-on-one conversations with you or your family. Reach out to schedule a time.

SUNDAY MORNING LIVEIT! GROUPS

Disciple Zone | 9AM-10AM, Rm 219

Preschoolers and school -age kids will have a blast in Disciple Zone! Kids will learn, in a small group setting, about living out faith as a result of hands-on activities, games, and Bible lessons.

Nursery | 9AM-11:30AM, Rm 113

We love infants and babies at FBCA! Our caring background-checked volunteers will be ready to receive your children during worship. Please remember your diaper bag and special instructions for your child.

Noah's Park | 10AM-11AM, Rm 132

Toddlers and preschoolers are welcome to enjoy time outside, hear a story, color, and play.

Worship Zone | Rm 205 & 207

Kids K-5th grade worship with their families then depart to enjoy a snack and connect everyday kid experiences to a Bible lesson. Kids will engage through a dynamic and interactive Bible story, worship, and prayer experience in large and small group settings.

MEETUPS & EVENTS

(check email & website for more details coming soon)

A Children's Ministry Interest Meeting is coming soon! This will be a space to share ideas, plan and explore how we can partner to help kids grow in faith and community.

Have questions or want to connect? Email Lily at lily@fbcava.org



Bethany Smith-Mullins, Youth Director
bethany@fbcava.org

YOUTH SERVICE/LEADERSHIP HOUR

Sundays | 9AM-10AM, Rm 237

Student leaders help plan activities with adult leaders. Please contact Bethany with any questions.

SUNDAY EVENING MEETUP

Sundays | 5:30PM-7PM, Rm 239 (Youth Cafe)

Youth in grades 6-12 enjoy fun, friends, games, worship and Bible study each Sunday night.

MIDDLE SCHOOL GIRLS LIVEIT! GROUP

Every Other Wednesday | 6PM-7:30PM

HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS LIVEIT! GROUP

Thursdays | 4PM-4:45PM

BOYS LIVEIT! GROUP

Fridays | 7:15AM-8AM

(check the website for Livelt! Group meeting locations)

YOUTH EVENTS

(check email & website for more details as the date gets closer)

June

8- Messy Game Day
Bring a parent!
15- Youth Sunday
10:15AM-11:15AM
15-18- Summer Camp
22- PJ Night
27- Fun Friday
At King's Dominion
29- Picnic Night

July

6- No youth
13- Board Game Night
20- Taste Test Night
25- Fun Friday
*Pool Party @ Carter Park Pool-
bring the family!*
27- Game Show Night

August

6- Block Party
6PM-9PM

adults

Tom Lynch, Pastor of Missions
& Discipleship Strategies
tom@fbcava.org

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COURSES

Moneywise: Practical Steps for Biblical Financial Stewardship

This series covers basic financial stewardship—everything from creating a spending plan, paying off debt, to planning your investments. God's wisdom will not only help you find solutions for your financial struggles but will transform your heart as you begin to see your finances His way.

If your Livelt Group is interested in this course, please reach out to Terry and Susan Davis.

RIGHT NOW MEDIA

As part of our FBCA family, you can access thousands of biblical video resources. Study on your own, or better yet, gather some friends and pick a course to take together!
To get started, go to: www.fbcava.org/groups