

You are welcome at First Baptist Church!

Who Are We?

First Baptist Church is:

- a close-knit partnership of men, women, boys, and girls striving for the glory of God
- a group of friends who share in common a deep love for God
- a family of brothers and sisters in Christ who wish to build one another up in the faith
- a church of Jesus Christ that seeks to worship God in reverence and in awe

First Baptist Church has a rich and varied history. As an independent church, we are not part of any denomination. Established in 1878, the church has grown through the ministry of many Christians over the years to become what it is today.

We do not pretend to be perfect. Those things we do well, we do by the grace of God. By God's grace we will do better where we need to improve. Will you join us so that we can help one another serve God for his glory?



Keeping Families Together

Here at First Baptist, children are welcome in our worship services. For the convenience of parents whose children are unable to participate without disrupting worship, we do have a “crying room” and nursery at the back of the sanctuary. But as soon as children are old enough to join us without disrupting worship, we encourage their attendance. This allows them not only to worship God with us, but to learn *how* to worship.

We treasure the time our children have to gather with the “grown-ups.” We take children seriously, and believe they are worthy of respect. Likewise, we take the elders among us seriously, and treasure the wisdom they have for us all.

Learning Together

Jesus commanded his disciples, “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations . . . teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.” (Mat 28:19-20) This makes perfect sense when we remember that another word for “disciple” is “student.” Jesus was commanding his students to, “Go therefore and make *students* of all nations.”

The preaching and teaching ministry of First Baptist Church is designed “to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the



waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine.” (Ephesians 4:12-14a) Here you will find expositional preaching from the inerrant, infallible Word of God, our sole authority for faith and practice.

In addition to the preaching in our worship services each Sunday, we also have a class for all ages each Sunday morning that covers a wide range of biblical topics. Weekday classes and discussion groups explore things like Greek grammar, music, and culture for those who wish to delve deeper.

Worshipping God Together

Nothing compares to the joy of worshipping God. It is what human beings were created for! Because of what Christ has done for us, we can boldly approach the throne of God's grace. We pray to God, sing songs to God, and eagerly seek to meet God as we open the Bible together.

At First Baptist Church we seek to “offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe.” (Hebrews 12:28) God deserves dignity and honor; we hope to offer him nothing less.



Loving God Together

Jesus said, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself." (Mat 22:37b-39) In this duty is our greatest delight! More than anything else, we at First Baptist want to learn what it means to love God and our neighbor as we should. It is at the heart of everything we do.

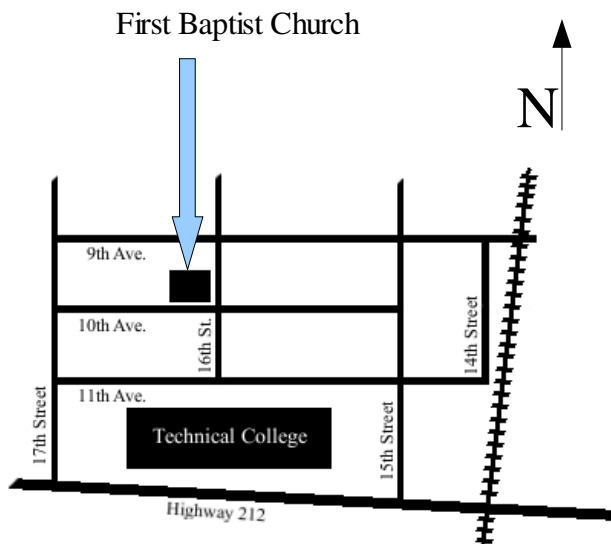
Do you long for this love? If so, come join us in our quest to "put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony." (Col 3:14). In this world of strife, the fellowship at First Baptist is an oasis of peace, joy, and love.



**Let us hold fast
the confession of our hope
without wavering,
for he who promised is faithful.
And let us consider how to
stir up one another
to love and good works,
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.**

Hebrews 10:23-25

Directions to First Baptist



First Baptist Church is located on the NW corner of 10th Avenue and 16th Street, one block behind the Technical College.

If you do not have transportation, we would be honored to assist you - just give us a call!

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You are invited

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Sunday Morning Bible Study 9:30 A.M.

Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 A.M.

Sunday Fellowship Meal 12:00 P.M.

Sunday Afternoon Worship 1:15 P.M.

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