

Forestville Baptist Church

Ministries & Ministry Opportunities

*If you are interested in serving in any of these ministries,
please contact the church office at (513) 474-3884.*

Leadership

Advisory Board

Description: The Advisory Board acts as the working cabinet of the Pastor, advising him upon all matters pertaining to general policy of the church and the work of its various ministries. The Board meets approximately once per month.

Spiritual Gifts: Administration

Evangelism Team

Description: Committee organized by the deacons for the purpose of creating new outreach opportunities and to enhance/strengthen existing ones.

Spiritual Gifts: Administration, Evangelism, Teaching

Edification Team

Description: Committee organized by the deacons for the purpose of creating new edification opportunities and to enhance/strengthen existing ones.

Spiritual Gifts: Administration, Teaching

Exercise Team

Description: Committee organized by the deacons for the purpose of encouraging broader participation in existing and new ministries through the identification and utilization of our spiritual gifts and talents

Spiritual Gifts: Administration, Teaching

Deacons

Description: The deacons assist the pastor in the administration of the ordinances, strengthen the hand of the pastor in his labors, and in concert with him, exercise a general watch care of the spiritual interest of the church. Deacons must meet the qualifications laid down in I Timothy, be a member of the church for at least one year, be elected to office, shall serve for three years, and shall not succeed himself in office until at least one year has elapsed.

Spiritual Gifts: Exhortation, Administration, Serving, Showing Mercy, Teaching

Trustees

Description: The trustees hold in trust all property belonging to the church and take measures for the protection and management of the same. Qualifications and terms of election are identical to deacons.

Spiritual Gifts: Serving, Administration

Administration

Office Administrator

Description: The Office Administrator is the church office manager. Responsibilities include running the day-to-day administrative activities of the church. The Office Administrator is a paid staff position.

Spiritual Gifts: Administration

Church Clerk

Description: The Church Clerk makes and preserves all records/archives of the church, keeps a register of members, keeps a record of all business transacted by the church at its business meetings, and acts as secretary to the Advisory Board. The Church Clerk must be a member for at least one year, be elected to office, serves for one year, may be elected for a second term, after which one year must elapse before he can be re-elected.

Spiritual Gifts: Administration

Assistant Church Clerk

Description: The Assistant Church Clerk assists the church clerk in his functions and assumes the duties of the church clerk in his absence. Qualifications and terms are identical to Church Clerk.

Spiritual Gifts: Administration

Finance Team

Treasurer

Description: The Treasurer receives all money, stocks, securities and bonds which may belong to the church, and deposits same in a commercial bank designated by the Board of Trustees. The Treasurer pays all regular bills and other expenses of the church. All checks are given to the Financial Secretary along with the budget account numbers against which the checks are written. The Treasurer must be a member for at least one year, be elected to office, serves for one year, may be elected for a second term, after which one year must elapse before he can be re-elected.

Spiritual Gifts: Administration

Assistant Treasurer

Description: The Assistant Treasurer helps count receipts, assists the Treasurer, and assumes responsibilities of the Treasurer in his absence. Qualifications and terms are identical to Treasurer.

Spiritual Gifts: Administration

Financial Secretary

Description: The Financial Secretary acts as the bookkeeper for the church and keeps a record of receipts. He helps count receipts and co-signs/disperses checks. The Financial Secretary is the only person in the church who has access to an individual's total giving; the purpose is to provide a record to the individual for federal tax filing. Qualifications and terms are identical to Treasurer.

Spiritual Gifts: Administration

Assistant Financial Secretary

Description: The Assistant Financial Secretary assumes the responsibilities of the Financial Secretary in his absence. He also helps count receipts. Qualifications and terms are identical to Treasurer.

Spiritual Gifts: Administration

Counting Assistants

Description: The counting assistants help count receipts after the Sunday evening services.

Spiritual Gifts: Serving

Ushers & Greeters

Head Usher

Description: The Head Usher selects and oversees the general functions of the staff of ushers. The Head Usher also ensures a count is taken of those in attendance during the Sunday services. The Head Usher is elected for a one year term.

Spiritual Gifts: Serving

Assistant Head Usher

Description: The Assistant Head Usher helps with the ushering responsibilities and assumes the duties of the Head Usher in his absence.

Spiritual Gifts: Serving

Ushers

Description: The ushers greet people and ensure everyone has a church brochure. They help seat visitors, and coordinate and receive the regular offering. The ushers are also responsible for keeping general order in the services to maintain an atmosphere for worship. Ushers are selected by the Head Usher.

Spiritual Gifts: Serving

Greeters

Description: Greeters go out of their way to shake hands with church members and visitors to make everyone feel welcome and glad they are here.

Spiritual Gifts: Serving

Worship Ministry

Worship Leader

Description: The Worship Leader selects the choruses and hymns to compliment the message and leads the congregation in praise and worship. The worship leader also organizes and leads the praise team which is made up of members of the choir and others who might have an interest in music.

Spiritual Gifts: Serving

Choir Director

Description: The Choir Director selects the choir songs, provides coaching and training for the choir members, and conducts the choir during the Sunday morning service. The choir director leads the practices Sunday evening at 4:45PM.

Spiritual Gifts: Administration, Serving

Choir

Description: Choir members sing in the 11:00AM Sunday service. Practice is after the evening service on Sunday.

Spiritual Gifts: Serving

Worship Ensemble

Description: Worship Ensemble assists the worship leader during the singing portion of the service.

Spiritual Gifts: Serving

Piano/Organ

Description: The piano and organ ministry is a critical part of worship. Piano and organ provide the accompaniment to hymns, choruses, special music, the choir and provides inspiration to the offertory.

Spiritual Gifts: Serving

Special Music

Description: The special music ministry is an opportunity for individuals or groups (duets, trios, quartets, etc.) to share their musical talent in praise and honor of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Spiritual Gifts: Serving

Sunday School Ministry

Sunday School Superintendent

Description: The Sunday School Superintendent oversees the operation of the Sunday School, endeavoring to enlist the hearty cooperation of the whole church in Bible Study and instruction. He assists the Pastor in looking after the spiritual interest of the school. He shall be elected annually

Spiritual Gifts: Teaching, Administration

Assistant Sunday School Superintendents

Description: The Assistant Sunday School Superintendents assist the Superintendent in the management of the Sunday School and shall act in his absence.

Spiritual Gifts: Teaching, Administration

Sunday School Class Teachers

Description: Sunday School Teachers prepare and teach the Sunday School lessons,

Spiritual Gifts: Teaching

Sunday School Class President/Prayer Coordinator

Description: Sunday School Class Presidents lead the announcements, prayer requests and coordinate the Sunday School prayer time.

Spiritual Gifts: Administration, Serving

Sunday School Substitute Teachers

Description: Substitute teachers fill in for the regular teacher during vacations or absences.

Spiritual Gifts: Teaching

Sunday School Class Activity Coordinator

Description: Activity Coordinators look for opportunities to promote fellowship among the Sunday School class by coordinating social events and activities among the class members.

Spiritual Gifts: Administration, Serving

Sunday School Secretaries

Description: Secretaries handle key administrative duties for the Sunday School. These include recording attendance, collecting the Sunday School offering, ordering teaching and study materials, ordering general supplies and ringing the bells to signal start and stop times.

Spiritual Gifts: Serving

Missions

Missions Team

Description: The Missions Team oversees the missions activities of the church to include recommending which missionaries the church should support and the amount of the support. The Missions Team works to meet the needs of our missionaries. We get to know our missionaries better through their regular prayer letters, we support them through financial assistance, and we help meet their needs through the missions closet and special projects. The Missions Team also works to get the people of Forestville involved with our missionaries on a more personal level through the adopt-a-missionary program, the fall Missions Conference, children's missions conference, and prayer letters.

Spiritual Gifts: Administration

Children's/Youth Ministries

Nursery Superintendents

Description: Nursery Superintendents oversee the general watchcare of the nursery. Superintendents are responsible for ensuring the nursery is staffed with conscientious and responsible workers, and the nursery is kept clean and orderly.

Spiritual Gifts: Serving

Nursery Workers

Description: Nursery workers are highly responsible church members who supervise infants and pre-toddlers during the regular services of the church. Parents who leave their children in the general care of the nursery can have confidence in knowing their child will be well cared for.

Spiritual Gifts: Serving

Children's Church

Description: Children's Church is a Sunday morning children's program (during the 11:00AM service) for toddlers through sixth grade.

Spiritual Gifts: Teaching

Happiness Club

Description: Happiness Club is a Sunday evening children's program for ages 2 through 5 designed to present Christian character quality traits, such as Patience, Kindness, Forgiveness, Helpfulness, Thankfulness, etc. The program uses puppets, music and rhymes, Bible story videos and crafts to reinforce these values.

Spiritual Gifts: Teaching

The FLOCK

Description: The FLOCK (Faithful Lambs of Christ's Kingdom) is a Sunday evening children's program for school grades kindergarten through 6th grade. FLOCK musicals/children's choir events are conducted twice per year and are an opportunity to showcase our children's talents and for them to present the Gospel. Our focus in FLOCK is to help our children grow spiritually while teaching them to worship God in song.

Spiritual Gifts: Administration, Teaching, Exhortation

Gopher Buddies

Description: Gopher Buddies is a Wednesday evening program designed for our 3 year olds through Kindergarten. Our focus is to help our early learners learn Bible stories and Bible verses in a fun and exciting way.

Spiritual Gifts: Administration, Teaching

Olympians

Description: Olympians is a Wednesday evening program designed for our 1st-6th graders. This program allows our elementary kids to continue their learning of the Bible, Bible verses, Quiet Time and Christian Service.

Spiritual Gifts: Administration, Teaching

Youth Ministry

Description: The Youth Ministry serves teens in grades 7-12. We meet regularly for Bible Study, outreach, service projects, and social interaction (a.k.a. FUN!) As a group of teens, we strive to worship God, witness for God, walk for God. We want to help youth become all they can be—fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ.

Spiritual Gifts: Teaching, Serving, Evangelism

Vacation Bible School

Description: Vacation Bible School reaches out to the community to attract children of all ages for a week of Bible instruction, games, fun, and skits centered around a new and common theme each year. Forestville has a reputation for a Vacation Bible School which is exciting and truly extraordinary. Weeks of preparation are involved leading up to the event in late July/early August. The highlight is Thursday evening's alter call and the blessing to see so many children make decisions to allow Jesus Christ into their hearts.

Spiritual Gifts: Administration, Teaching, Exhortation, Evangelism, Serving

Outreach Ministries

City Gospel Mission

Description: Downtown mission for the homeless and indigents which offers a place to stay and a hot meal. On a rotating basis, each adult/teen Sunday School class has the opportunity to send representatives to the City Gospel Mission to lead an evening service (3rd Thursday of the month) which includes hymns, special music, testimonies and an opportunity to present the Gospel.

Spiritual Gifts: Evangelism

Tract Ministry

Description: The tract ministry selects the tracts to be carried and displayed consistent with the church's belief as outlined by the constitution, stays current on the latest tracts available, and ensures the tract racks are always well stocked.

Spiritual Gifts: Evangelism, Administration

Basketball/Volleyball Tournaments

Description: Tournaments are one day events involving organized competition among several churches in the community. Our young people invite their unsaved friends. At the midpoint of the tournament, a trained evangelist presents the Gospel. It is not uncommon to see 20 - 30 young people make decisions for Christ. these events require leaders and counselors who can meet one-on-one with a new convert to further explain their decision.

Spiritual Gifts: Evangelism, Serving

Child Evangelism Fellowship

Description: The purpose of Child Evangelism Fellowship is to evangelize the unchurched child, disciple him or her, and channel him or her into a Bible-believing church. This is done through neighborhood Bible studies for children called Good News Clubs and Five Day Clubs. Our ministry also includes training workers to conduct these types of outreaches.

Spiritual Gifts: Evangelism, Teaching, Serving

Fairhaven Rescue Mission

Description: The Fairhaven Rescue Mission Thrift Store ministers to the poor and homeless of the Covington area by providing clothing and small household items to meet their physical needs. We also provide a smile, someone to talk to, and a view of our Savior. Opportunities for service include sorting clothing, selling clothing, helping patrons find exactly what they need.

Spiritual Gifts: Evangelism, Serving, Mercy Showing

Visitation/Shut-In Ministries

Faith Through Visitation

Description: This ministry provides an opportunity to visit and encourage people who are unable to attend services as a result of physical ailment. Visits may take place at a home, nursing home, rehabilitation facility, or hospital. Visits are need-based and may therefore vary in scheduling.

Spiritual Gifts: Serving, Showing Mercy

Faith on Wheels

Description: This ministry provides transportation when needed for those who cannot drive, either permanently or temporarily (to doctor, dentist, pharmacy, grocery).

Spiritual Gifts: Serving, Exhortation, Mercy Showing

Faith through the Wires

Description: This ministry involves checking on our elderly and homebound members with phone calls on a regular basis. We seek to provide encouragement and fight loneliness among those we call.

Spiritual Gifts: Serving, Exhortation, Mercy Showing

Emergency Child Care

Description: This provides a caregiver when parents/guardians have a true emergency that requires them to leave their children for a few hours. This may include doctor visits, a trip to the emergency room, etc. where prior arrangements for child care could not be made.

Spiritual Gifts: Serving

Edification Ministries

Discipleship Program

Description: The Discipleship Program is a one-on-one mentoring program which pairs up new converts with a spiritually mature believer. The program consists of eight one hour sessions in subjects such as understanding your decision, assurance of salvation, baptism, fellowship, Christian lifestyle, prayer, the Word of God, giving and serving. The purpose is to provide a firm foundation for newly converted believers and to develop a stronger bond between the mentor and mentee. Talk with Pastor Brent if you are interested in becoming a mentor or mentee.

Spiritual Gifts: Exhortation, Teaching

Ladies Bible Study

Description: Ladies Bible Study is for any lady from our church and their invited friends and neighbors from other churches. They meet at the church to pray and study God's word. Also they have regular "Ladies Share 'n Care" meetings to get together for fun projects and fellowship. This is also an outreach for unsaved friends.

Spiritual Gifts: Teaching, Exhortation, Serving

Home Bible Study

Description: Open your home to a Bible study group and invite your friends for fellowship and scripture study. Use the opportunity to have your unsaved neighbors hear the Gospel. See one of the pastors if you wish to start a Home Bible Study ministry.

Spiritual Gifts: Teaching, Evangelism

Library Ministry

Description: This ministry provides our church family with up-to-date Christian books and videos, including fiction, non-fiction, and study helps for children and adults. The library workers help by being available to open the library to our church family at designated times (15 minutes before and after services) and by helping them check out materials.

Spiritual Gifts: Serving, Administration

Communication (Sight and Sound) Ministries

Media Team

Description: The Media Team is comprised of two entities, the Audio Team and the Video Team. These teams provide audio reinforcement and audio/video reproduction services for many different ministries within the church as well as outside the church (outreach).

Spiritual Gifts: Serving

Tape & Sound Technicians (Audio Team)

Description: The tape & sound technicians are responsible for the operation and maintenance of the church audio systems in a manner which results in the highest quality sound production. The ministry also includes the audio taping of the services for those who cannot attend or for those who want a copy of the service to share with others.

Spiritual Gifts: Serving

TV Cameraperson (Video Team)

Description: The TV Ministry serves 2 purposes: 1) to reach people in our community for Christ via cable TV (Anderson Community Television) who do not or cannot attend regular church services, and 2) to record our services for all our members. Camerapersons are set up on a rotating schedule to tape both Sunday morning services and the Sunday evening service.

Spiritual Gifts: Serving

TV Editors (Video Team)

Description: On a rotating basis, editors use the facilities at Anderson Community Television to edit the Sunday morning service for broadcast on Anderson Community Television each week. Editors also edit the special programs (musicals, teens events, cantatas, etc.).

Spiritual Gifts: Serving

Multimedia Ministry

Description: The purpose of this team is to enhance the ministry of our church through multimedia. We create, design, and display our presentations during the services and for various special events. Multimedia includes the use of sound, video, and interactive visual displays to enhance our church's ministry goals.

Spiritual Gifts: Serving

Other Ministries

50+ Ministries

Description: 50+ Ministries is directed towards our seniors to provide opportunities for fellowship and involvement in church-sponsored activities.

Baptismal Assistants

Description: Baptismal Assistants assist the pastor in preparing individuals for baptism and helping them through the process.

Spiritual Gifts: Serving

Hostess Ministry

Description: The hostess committee oversees fellowship events in the Family Activity Center several times a year. Our work involves preparing tables, keeping table and kitchen service items in stock, serving food, and cleaning up after the event.

Spiritual Gifts: Serving

Flower & Decorating

Description: This ministry provides for the artificial flowers and natural plants in the sanctuary.

Spiritual Gifts: Serving

Special Needs Ministry

Description: The Special Needs Team organizes and serves funeral meals or whenever there is a need such as illness, surgery or birth of a child. New helpers are always appreciated and needed.

Spiritual Gifts: Serving