



Welcome to an Adventure with God!

“This is Church!”: The Vision and Values of First Baptist Church, Justin

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“For we are God’s fellow workers; you are God’s field, God’s building. According to the grace of God which was given to me, as a wise master builder I laid a foundation, and another is building upon it. But let each man be careful how he builds. For no man can lay a foundation other than the one which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.”

1 Corinthians 3:9-11

“...and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it.”

Matthew 16:18

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WELCOME TO JUSTIN'S FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH FAMILY!

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Vision Statement: *"FBC Justin exists to lead people to become fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ."* We do this by helping all people, of all ages and backgrounds, advance in their journey with Jesus.

MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS AT FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH JUSTIN:

- Have a life changing personal relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ.
- Have been baptized by immersion after salvation as a symbol of salvation. Or you will agree to be baptized at FBCJ as soon as possible.
- Will be an active participant in small group Bible Study (Sunday School).
- Will commit to an area of service.
- Will commit to promote unity and extend the God-given vision of FBCJ.
- Will commit to manage relationships, words, priorities, and resources in a God honoring manner. This includes returning at least a tithe to God through FBCJ.

We have a PLACE for you! Only one general exemption: We can't accept PERFECT. If you are IMPERFECT, FBCJ may be the place for you!



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REQUIREMENTS FOR CHURCH MEMBERSHIP AT FBCJ

PART ONE: BELIEVING

"The jailer asked, 'Sirs, what must I do to be saved, to really live?' They said, 'Put your entire trust in the Master Jesus, then you will live as you were meant to live.'" Acts 16:30-31 (The Message)

1. Our NEED:

"All have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God."

Romans 3:23

2. Our PROBLEM and PROVISION:

"For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Romans 6:23

"All of us like sheep have gone astray and each of us have turned to his own way."

Isaiah 53:6a

"If we say we never sin we're only fooling ourselves and we refuse to accept the truth."

1 John 1:8

3. Our ETERNITY:

"Jesus answered, 'I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.'"

John 14:6

"For by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast."

Ephesians 2:8-9

Through salvation found in Jesus Christ we gain eternal life:

1. Our PROMISE:

"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness."

1 John 1:9

2. Our PEACE:

"Since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ."

Romans 5:1

"Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts."

Colossians 3:15

3. Our SECURITY:

"And now you Gentiles have also heard the truth, the Good News that God saves you. And when you believed in Christ, He identified you as his own by giving you the Holy Spirit, whom He promised long ago. The Spirit is God's guarantee that He will give us the inheritance He promised and that He has purchased us to be His own people. He did this and we praise and glorify Him."

Ephesians 1:13-14

Through baptism we are obedient.

At FBCJ we believe to be Scripturally baptized requires 3 things:

1. After SALVATION: The model is we are baptized following our salvation.

And after he brought them out, he said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" *"They said, 'Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.' And they spoke the Word of the Lord to him together with all who were in his house. And he took them that very hour of the night and washed their wounds, and immediately he was baptized, he and his entire household."*
Acts 16:30-33

2. An e_____ to follow: The model is Jesus did it as a model for us to follow.

"After being baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and the heavens were opened, and He saw the Spirit of God descending as a dove and lighting on Him, 17 and a voice out of the heavens said, 'This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well-pleased.'"
Matthew 3:16-17

3. All the way under: This means "immersion".

- EARTHLY HOME
- HEAVENLY HOME

PART TWO: BELONGING

You belong to God through Christ:

- God is your FRIEND.

"Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friends. You are My friends if you do what I command you."
John 15:13-14

- God wants you to grow.

"As a result, we are no longer to be children, tossed here and there by waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, by craftiness in deceitful scheming; but speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in all aspects into Him who is the head, even Christ."
Ephesians 4:14-15

- He wants to spend time with you!

"Like newborn babies, long for the pure milk of the word, so that by it you may grow in respect to salvation."

1 Peter 2:2

"In the early morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house, and went away to a secluded place, and was praying there."

Mark 1:35

- You belong to God's FAMILY !

"So now you Gentiles are no longer strangers and foreigners. You are citizens along with all of God's holy people. You are members of God's family, the church."
Ephesians 2:19

"So then, those who had received his word were baptized; and that day there were added about three thousand souls. They were continually devoting themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer."
Acts 2:41-42

ALL FAMILY MEMBERS HAVE RESPONSIBILITIES...

"Let there be real harmony among you so there won't be any split in the church. I plead with you to be of one mind, united in thought and purpose."
1 Corinthians 1:10

5 Purposes: Worship, Ministry, Evangelism, Discipleship, Fellowship

SOME OF YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES YOU HAVE AS A FAMILY MEMBER AT FBCJ:

1. Attend FAST Friday :

"Let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another; and all the more as you see the day drawing near."
Hebrews 10:24-25

2. Come p RAISED up and expecting to EXPERIENCE God.

"Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a steadfast spirit within me."
Psalm 51:10

"I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the LORD.'"
Psalm 122:1

3. P PROMOTE and p PROTECT the unity of His church

"They would spend the night around the house of God, since it was their duty to guard it and to open the gates every morning."
1 Chronicles 9:27

"With all humility and gentleness, with patience, showing tolerance for one another in love, 3 being diligent to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. 4 There is one body and one Spirit, just as also you were called in one hope of your calling."
Ephesians 4:2-4

4. Work the strategy of INVEST and INVITE.

"Having so fond an affection for you, we were well-pleased to impart to you not only the gospel of God but also our own lives, because you had become very dear to us."
1 Thessalonians 2:8

"Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we persuade men, but we are made manifest to God; and I hope that we are made manifest also in your consciences."
2 Corinthians 5:11

"Therefore, I testify to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of all men. 27 For I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole purpose of God."
Acts 20:26-27

"So the church throughout all Judea and Galilee and Samaria enjoyed peace, being built up; and going on in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, it continued to increase."
Acts 9:31

4.5 Find a place of Ministry at FBCJ: according to spiritual gifts and passions.
Romans 12:3-8

5. You belong to the SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION

6. You belong in COMMUNITY (get in a small group!)

"We are not a church with small groups. We are church of small groups."

Benefits of a small group:

- Encouragement
- Accountability
- Pastoral care
- Authentic relationships
- Spiritual growth

- AUDIANCE INTO AN ARMY
- MEMBERS INTO MINISTER
- CONSUMERS INTO CONTRIBUTORS -

ARE YOU CLOSER TO JESUS THAN YOU WERE
1 YEAR AGO -

PART THREE: BEING A BLESSING

1. Through you taking the INITIATIVE to find a place of SERVE

At FBCJ we believe every member is a minister! God has shaped you for ministry and He expects you to discover, develop, and deploy your spiritual gifts

"Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I do not want you to be unaware (ignorant)."
1 Corinthians 12:1

"So also you, since you are zealous of spiritual gifts, seek to abound for the edification of the church."

1 Corinthians 14:12

"The human body has many parts, but the many parts make up only one body. So it is with the body of Christ...Now all of you together are Christ's body, and each one of you is a separate and necessary part. 1 Corinthians 12:12, 27

2. Through t TITHES and o FFERINGS:

"Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, so that there may be food in My house, and test Me now in this," says the LORD of hosts, "if I will not open for you the windows of heaven and pour out for you a blessing until it overflows!"

Jesus said, *"What sorrow awaits you teachers of religious law and you Pharisees. Hypocrites! For you are careful to tithe even the tiniest income from your herb gardens, but you ignore the more important aspects of the law—justice, mercy, and faith. You should tithe, yes, but do not neglect the more important things."* Matthew 23:23

- Giving strengthens your spiritual maturity. Bible talks more about giving than any other subject. Of the key words in the Bible, the word "believe" is used _____ times, the word "pray" is used _____ times; the word "love" is used _____ times; the word "give" is used _____ times. God is a giver and He wants us to be like Him!

"Instruct those who are rich in this present world not to be conceited or to fix their hope on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly supplies us with all things to enjoy. Instruct them to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is life indeed."

1 Timothy 6:17-18

- Tithing reveals you truly love J ESUS and His c HURCH (the body and bride of Christ)

"And this, not as we had expected, but they first gave themselves to the Lord and to us by the will of God."

2 Corinthians 8:5

GOD HAS EXCITING THINGS IN STORE FOR FBC JUSTIN AND WE ARE THRILLED HE HAS BROUGHT YOU HERE TO BE PART OF ALL HE IS DOING TO REDEEM A LOST, HURTING AND DYING WORLD!!

"Now all glory to God, who is able, through his mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think. 21 Glory to him in the church and in Christ Jesus through all generations forever and ever! Amen." Ephesians 3:20-21 (Pastor Roger's favorite verses)