

Missions

This board oversees the mission work of our church, promoting involvement in and support of ministries that seek to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Christian Education

The C.E. Board administers our Sunday School, children, & youth ministries, small groups, Vacation Bible School, camping, and our library.

Trustees

This board cares for the maintenance of our church facilities and equipment and provides financial oversight of our funds.

**Committees & Officers*

A variety of committees handle other ministry/facility matters such as music, decorating, etc. Officers, such as our treasurers, church clerk, Sunday School Superintendent, head usher, etc., take care of specific tasks related to the operation of our ministries.

Sunday Schedule...

9:00am - Traditional Worship Service (w/nursery)
10:10am - Sunday School Bible Classes for all ages
11:15am - Contemporary Worship Service (w/nursery)
6:00pm - "The Rock" Youth Ministry (teens 7th-12th)

Weekdays...

There are a variety of Bible Study groups that meet in the church and in homes throughout the week. Call the church office (724-4681) for more info on times and places.

Special Ministries...

MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) - meets the first and third Thursdays of each month, 9:00-11:30am from Sept. - May (childcare provided). Mom's enjoy informative programs, refreshments, crafts, and supportive relationships.

Pioneer Club - Our weekly children's program (age 4 - 7th grade) meets Tuesday's from 3:30-5:15pm for most of the school year. Kids have a great time with Bible lessons, activities, and a light snack.


J.O.Y. (Joyful Older Youth) - Periodic informative and fun programs for senior citizens held throughout the year.

 **First Baptist Church**

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 Gathering, Growing,
and Giving to Glorify
Christ!

Church Structure



First Baptist - corner of Pearl St. & Central Ave.



"The Lighthouse" Youth Ministry
Building - Crafton Street

First Baptist Church, Wellsboro, PA

“...Christ is the head of the church, His body, of which He is the Savior.”

Ephesians 5:23

Christ is the head of First Baptist Church. By His Holy Spirit, He leads the congregation members as they open their hearts to Him.

The following describes some of the relationships and structures that our church has felt helpful in our carrying out of the ministry Christ has called us to.

****Denominational Ties***

First Baptist has an historic relationship with the **American Baptist Churches/USA**, a geographically, ethnically and theologically diverse group of Baptists. While our church is more conservative



theologically than many elements of the ABCUSA, we cooperate in areas of agreement, primarily in missions, in the ministry of our regional organization, the **American Baptist Churches of PA & DE** (ABCOPAD), and in our local grouping of ABC churches, the **Tioga Baptist Association**. Our autonomy as a local church means we determine our beliefs, call our ministers and decide the use of our funds as we feel led by God's Spirit. We rejoice, however, that our witness can be expanded as we cooperate with like-minded ministries within our denominational family.

****Ecumenical Ties***

Jesus prayed that His followers might be one (John 17:11, 21,22). With this in mind, we participate in the **Wellsboro Ministerium**. This local group of churches desires to have a united witness for Christ in our community. While we don't agree on everything we have gathered around the historic, central, orthodox beliefs of the Christian faith, our goal being

unity, not uniformity. By working together with other Christian churches, we've been able to conduct community services and meet local needs in a variety of ways.

****Pastoral Leadership***

Currently we are led by our Senior Pastor, **Dr. Jeff McCleary**, and our Assistant Pastor, **Drew Simcox**. Pastor Jeff provides overall guidance to our ministries and is our main preacher and teacher. Pastor Drew handles our youth and discipleship ministries.

****Ministry Boards***

Deacons

Our Deacons assist the Pastors in ministering to the spiritual and physical needs of the church family. As spiritual leaders, these men give oversight to our services and ministries.

Deaconesses

The ladies of this board provide funeral meals, arrange meals for the sick, visit and send cards of encouragement, prepare communion and assist at baptisms.