

Evangelism

We envision First Baptist Church as a community of believers dedicated to sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ with our local area as well as the world. We will strive to live our lives in accordance with Scripture, making intentional efforts to share God's love with those around us, both personally and corporately.

(Matt. 28:19,20; Acts 20:24; I Peter 3:15)

Missions

We envision First Baptist Church as a community of believers who are intentional about carrying out God's work on a global scale. We understand mission to start locally and extend to every person, everywhere, enabling them to hear the gospel of Christ. We will invest ourselves to help others spiritually, physically, and socio/economically come to the fullness God desires, remembering "that whatever we've done for the least of these," we've done for Christ.

(Matt. 24:14; Luke 24:46,47; Acts 1:8)

Known for loving each other

We envision First Baptist Church as a community of believers that highly values caring for one another as the family of God. We will strive to meet the needs of each person in our fellowship, in an effort to effectively allow each person to then show God's love to those around them.

(Matt. 22:36-40; Rom. 12:10-13; Gal. 6:10)

Church plant

We envision First Baptist Church as a community of believers that continues to grow beyond our own walls. We desire that each person would have access to a Biblically based local church, and will strive to make efforts to see new, godly churches started in communities that lack them. We strive to use our time, talents and energies to effectively grow the kingdom of God through new and enterprising gatherings.

(Acts 6:7; Acts 13:45-49; I Cor. 3:6-9)

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.

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Vision Statements

The Ministry We Believe God Is Guiding Us To



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



"The Lighthouse" Youth Ministry
Building - Crafton Street

First Baptist Church, Wellsboro, PA

VISION STATEMENTS

The following VISION STATEMENTS flow out of our church Mission Statement - **“Gathering, Growing, and Giving to Glorify Christ”**. They are descriptions of what we believe God would like to see happen at First Baptist, Wellsboro. They serve as a “blueprint” that will provide direction for our ministries. We’ve done our best to discern God’s will yet these vision statements are not cast in stone. They should be viewed as “working documents,” able to be modified as the Holy Spirit directs. While all are important, the “starred” statements reflect the areas we will attempt to address first. For each one, a number of “initiatives” will be developed. These initiatives are the action plans that will help us fulfill these vision statements.

- ★ God’s inerrant Word is faithfully preached, taught, and learned to achieve Biblical literacy

We envision First Baptist Church as a community of believers whose faith is grounded in God’s inerrant Word. The Scriptures must be the substantive content of any teaching ministry within the church. Growth in the knowledge of, understanding of, and application of the Scriptures is a vital part of our Christian life and we will encourage participation in all types of ministry that encourages such growth.
(Prov. 30:5; II Tim. 3:16-17; II Tim. 4:2; II Pet. 1:20-21)

- ★ Mentors (for young families, new believers, youth, adults) who will disciple and/or provide spiritual encouragement

We envision First Baptist Church as a community of believers who increasingly integrate their faith with life. This happens most effectively when trained, mature believers share what they have learned about living out the Christian life with those

younger in the faith. This process requires intentional planning to identify and equip mature believers and to facilitate mentoring and discipling relationships.

(Ps. 78:1-6; II Tim. 2:1,2; Titus 2:1-8)

- ★ Prayer

We envision First Baptist Church as a community of believers who understand the value of and practice prayer in every aspect of our corporate and personal lives. Since nothing of eternal consequence can be accomplished in our own strength, fostering prayer ministries of various types which will undergird our efforts and seek God’s direction and blessing is essential.

(Ps. 34:4; Acts 2:42; I Thess. 5:17)

- ★ Children’s ministry

We envision First Baptist Church as a community of believers which regards children as precious blessings from the Lord. They are valuable in their own right and deserving of our best efforts to nurture them toward accepting Christ as their Savior and growing in their love for Him and for His Word.

(Matt. 18:10-14; Matt. 19:13-15; Eph. 6:4)

- ★ Excellent worship

We envision First Baptist Church as a community of believers who seeks to focus on God in worship and offer the honor due Him. In whatever service or worship setting this takes place, this happens most effectively when those participating (whether in some aspect of leadership or in the congregation) seek to give the very best of themselves as they offer worship, contributing to a highly meaningful spiritual experience.

(Ps. 95:6; John 4:23,24; Heb. 10:25)

Youth ministry

We envision First Baptist Church as a community of believers that embraces teenagers, valuing the talent, energy, and enthusiasm with which they express their faith. We continually strive to develop them into mature followers of Christ committed to loving and serving Him in every area of their lives, both now and in the future.

(Ps. 148:12-13; Prov. 2:1-6; I Tim. 4:12)

Benevolence ministry

We envision First Baptist Church as a community of believers who seeks to be sensitive to the physical and spiritual needs, first of those within our fellowship and then of the wider local population. As God provides the financial and/or volunteer resources to help with these needs, we strive to be agents of His love and concern for individuals and families who may be struggling in a variety of ways.

(Deut. 15:7,8; Is. 58:6,7; Matt. 25:37-40)

Strengthen our intern program

We envision First Baptist Church as a community of believers who actively build up future generations of church leaders via practical ministry internships encompassing children’s, youth, and worship ministries. We endeavor to educate and equip young adults through an extended ministry experience supervised by our staff members, which will prepare them for future ministry of their own.

(Prov. 22:17-19; Phil. 2:19-22; Phil. 4:3)

Engaging higher numbers in ministry

We envision First Baptist Church as a community of believers that encourages every person in the fellowship to identify and use their spiritual gift(s), both inside and outside the church, to grow spiritually and in ministry impact.

(I Cor. 12:4-11; Eph. 4:11-12; I Pet. 4:10)